

PROVIDENCE HAS BEEN NAMED A "PLAYFUL CITY USA" BY KABOOM!, A NATIONAL NON-PROFIT DEDICATED TO SAVING PLAY FOR AMERICA'S CHILDREN. THE NATIONAL PROGRAM RECOGNIZES CITIES AND TOWNS THAT MAKE PLAY A PRIORITY AND USE INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS TO GET CHILDREN ACTIVE, PLAYING AND HEALTHY.

PROVIDENCE PARKS AND OTHER RECREATION VENUES ARE CELEBRATING THIS HONOR WITH PLAYFUL PROVIDENCE, A CITYWIDE, WEEKEND-LONG CELEBRATION OF PLAY. EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT 21 NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND 6 OTHER PLAY AND RECREATION VENUES THROUGHOUT THE CITY FROM SEPTEMBER 7-9, TO ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO VISIT NEW PARKS AND EXPLORE NEW WAYS OF PLAYING.

PLAYFUL PROVIDENCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Playful Providence is planned by the PARTNERSHIP FOR PROVIDENCE PARKS, a new group committed to providing opportunities for children (toddlers to teens) to have structured and unstructured play in safe, healthy spaces that reflect the IDENTITY OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS in which they live, in collaboration with the Providence Department of Parks and Recreation; Providence Department of Arts, Culture and Tourism; Providence Children's Museum: Rhode Island School of Design; Providence parks groups; and other partners. The weekend of events will promote the Partnership for Providence Parks and draw attention to the important role that VOLUNTEER GROUPS have in making great places to play. Please visit WWW.PROVIDENCEPARKS.ORG to learn about Partnership for Providence Parks.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

TIME ACTIVITY

4:30 - 6:30 PM	Playful Providence Kickoff Celebration featuring playful activities by Providence Children's Museum, RI Parkour, RIMOSA, skateboarding, and lively music from members of Superchief Trio and the Brown University Band, collaborative art projects, and short presentations by Mayor, Angel Taveras and other speakers (1)	Burns Kenne
3:00-5:00 PM 7:00-9:00 PM	Open swim Parkour and Free Running (2)	East S Fr. Ler Recre

7:00-9:00 PM Family Movie Night & Games (3)

LOCATION

Burnside Park (Greater Kennedy Plaza)

East Side/Mt. Hope YMCA Fr. Lennon Park/Rogers Recreation Center (Smith Hill)

Davey Lopes Park (S. Providence)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

TIME

ACTIVITY

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM 10:00-12:00 PM 9:30-10:30 AM 10:00 AM -12:00 PM 10:00 AM -12:00 PM 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM 12:00 - 1:00 PM 2:00 - 4:00 PM 4:00 - 6:00 PM 4:00 - 6:00 PM	Imagination Playground Classic lawn games, including bocce & croquet (4) Kids' Fitness Class (5) Free Swim Free Swim Bike and hoke to Smoke Den State Park (6) Obstacle Course (7) Dance revolution, including flash mob, zumba (8) Collaborative mural, games, crafts, and theatre (9) Crossfit Kids class (10) Zumba class and kids' activities (11) Hike with Rhode Island Families in Nature (12) Chalk art mural, weaving, bubble blowing & Joe's Backyard Band (13) Splash art experience (14) Smart cycling workshops (15)
4:00 - 6:00 PM	
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TBD	Waterpark opening (16)

LOCATION

Providence Children's Museum Patterson Park (Wayland Square) Lippitt Park (Summit Neighborhood) Fox Point Boys & Girls Club Southside Boys & Girls Club Riverside Park (Olneyville) Brown Street Park (College Hill) Bucklin Park (West End) Fargnoli Park (Elmhurst) Dexter Training Ground (West End) Candace Street Park (Smith Hill) Blackstone Parks (Blackstone) Cobral Park (Fox Point)

Dexter Training Ground (West End) Riverside Park (Olneyville) East Side/Mt. Hope YMCA Billy Taylor Park (Mt. Hope)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

TIME

ACTIVITY

10:00 AM -12:00 PM	Chalk Art (17)
10:00 AM -12:00 PM	Free Swim
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10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Ciclovia community cycling event (18)
12:00 - 6:00 PM	WBRU 360Fest, including music, dance, workshops and community art (19)
1:00 - 3:00 PM	Classic park games (20)
4:00 - 6:00 PM	Open Swim
4:00 - 6:00 PM	"Peter and the Wolf" by RI Philharmonic (21)

LOCATION

Humboldt Park (Wayland Square) Fox Point Boys & Girls Club Southside Boys & Girls Club Broad Street India Point Park

Corliss Park (Wanskuck) East Side/Mt. Hope YMCA Neutaconkanut Hill (Silver Lake)



BIG FUN SPONSORS

Downtown Providence Parks Conservancy Four Five Design Geoffrey and Michele Meeks Kidolnfo Logica Design Providence Children's Museum Providence Department of Arts, Culture + Tourism Providence Department of Parks & Recreation Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra & Music School Rhode Island School of Design Roger Williams University

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Blackstone Parks Conservancy Davey Lopes and Camden Street Recreation Centers Downtown Providence Parks Conservancy Elmhurst Clean and Green Friends of Blackstone Woods Friends of Brown Street Park Friends of Bucklin Park Friends of Cabral Park Friends of Corliss Park Friends of Dexter Training Grounds Friends of Gladys Potter (Humbolt) Park Friends of India Point Park Friends of Paterson Park Neutaconkanut Hill Conservancy Smith Hill CDC Youth/RAP Summit Neighborhood Association West Broadway Neighborhood Association Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council





Mayor, Angel Taveras