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July 2015 Legal Beagle Blog Posts

Legal Beagle's Post

Who is Barnaby Evans?

Posted by Library Blog on 07/07/2015 at 03:39 PM

According to his website, barnabyevans.com, "Barnaby Evans is an artist who works in many media including site-specific sculpture installations, photography, film, garden design, architectural projects, writing and conceptual works." Rhode Islanders probably know him best for one site-specific sculpture installation in particular, [WaterFire](#).



WaterFire is a popular community event where thousands come to downtown Providence to enjoy a public art experience. All members of the RWU Law community, whether they live near the Bristol campus or the Providence campus, are close enough to enjoy all that WaterFire has to offer. The [2015 schedule](#) features at least one event per month (although many locals think the October event is the best because it coincides with a weekend of activities sponsored by [The Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Research Foundation](#)). This schedule allows for every Rhode Islander, even the busiest law students among us, an opportunity to take a study break and enjoy a special Rhode Island offering.

The first version of WaterFire, called First Fire, took place in 1994 as a celebration of the tenth anniversary of First Night Providence. The second WaterFire, called Second Fire, was held in 1996 at the International Sculpture Conference and the Convergence International Arts Festival. Barnaby Evans then started the current version of WaterFire as an on-going installation in 1997. For more details on the history

of WaterFire see the [artist's website](#). For an interesting talk by the artist, check out the [Tedx Providence website](#).

For answers to common questions about the event, including where to park and how to best experience the festivities, see this [FAQ page](#). To see pictures from past WaterFire lightings, see the [WaterFire Providence Site on Pinterest](#).

Legal Beagle's Post

Spending the Last Days of Summer in Bristol

Posted by Library Blog on 07/20/2015 at 01:51 PM

With the close of the summer session behind us and with the beginning of the Fall semester around the corner, the last few weeks of July are prime time for enjoying all that Bristol has to offer.

RWU's neighbor, Mount Hope Farm, is one place that shouldn't be missed for summer fun. Even Steven Spielberg thought so as Mount Hope Farm's [Isaac Royall, Jr. House](#) (c.1745 –c.1914) was used in the movie *Amistad* to stand in as the home of John Quincy Adams (played by Anthony Hopkins). Besides being cinematic, Mount Hope Farm has 325 plus years of [history](#) to interest visitors. It is also practical as it is home to a weekly [farmers market](#).



Another cinematic summer destination in Bristol is [Linden Place](#). Scenes from 1974's *The Great Gatsby*, starring Robert Redford and Mia Farrow, were filmed there. Not only are the sculpture gardens stunning, but the home has a [scavenger hunt](#) that can be entertaining to children (of all ages)!

For simple fun if you are a current student and want to enjoy watersports, RWU is the place. There are [kayaks and paddleboards](#) available on the waterfront.

No matter which of these activities you choose, be sure to relax, have fun, and enjoy this beautiful Rhode Island summer!

Legal Beagle's Post

Enjoy a Beautiful Sunset at Independence Park

Posted by Library Blog on 07/31/2015 at 09:00 AM

Some of the most helpful people who work at the library are the student circulation assistants. Because they are all students themselves, they can be a great resource for finding out about good eats, fun times, and secret study spots.



To prove the point, the Legal Beagle asked one of the library's student circulation assistants for her advice on the best place in Bristol to relax and have fun. She unequivocally stated that her favorite hangout spot to study or socialize is [Independence Park](#). Independence Park is located on Bristol Harbor at the head of the [East Bay Bike path](#). It is a perfect spot to take a walk, watch a sunset, or attend a [Rhode Island Philharmonic Summer Pops concert](#).

This week is the kick-off of the Jump Start Program. If you are on-campus attending the Jump Start Program, we welcome you! Stop by the library and meet the staff on your way to enjoy the sunset at Independence Park.