

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 10, 2016 | Willimantic, CT

Visit www.WillimanticWhitewater.org

HIKING, BIKING, AND BOATING – WE HAVE IT ALL!

Willimantic Whitewater Partnership will hold its annual Riverfest celebration on Saturday, May 14, 2016, from Noon through 5 p.m. Riverfest takes place at 28 Bridge Street in Willimantic, CT.

The event starts with boater registration for our river paddle from Eagleville Dam to Bridge Street at 9:30 a.m. Boaters will drop off their boats at Eagleville Dam then ride to Bridge Street to register and catch the shuttle back to Eagleville Dam. Cyclists will arrive at 11:30 and to kick off the first ribbon cutting ceremony of the day that will officially open the Hop River Trail Extension. Bike racks are available at 28 Bridge Street for any cyclist enjoying the festival.

The festival officially commences at noon at 28 Bridge Street in Willimantic with Bruce John playing solo, a petting zoo, local vendors, and food available from local vendors like Tacos la Rosa, Food for Thought, Connecticut Gourmet Bakery, Grounded Coffee Company, and Horizons baked goods. Our musical lineup continues throughout the day with November Love playing at 1:00; Big Daddy and the East Coast Jam, formerly known as R2B2, playing at 2:00, and SepiaTone at 3:00. We will also have fun and educational kids' activities so bring the family!

At 12:30, we have our second ribbon cutting ceremony of the day to celebrate the Willimantic River National Recreation Trail and the new Canoe/Kayak Landing. Both ribbon cutting ceremonies can be accessed via the driveway to the Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum on Bridge Street.

There's a Trail Walk sponsored by Willimantic Whitewater Partnership and The Last Green Valley at 2:00. This is an easy walk, lasting approximately one hour and is kid- and dog-friendly. Additional participants for the day's events are horses that will be ridden in from a local stable at around 2:30.

If you are a paddler, cyclist, or Riverfest attendee, the Willimantic Hospitality No-Freeze Center has graciously offered us the use of their facilities for the day. You can shower and change there, free of charge. They will also have towels and amenities such as shampoo available for your use.

Come join the festivities and support Willimantic Whitewater Partnership! For more details and a list of the vendors who will be at Riverfest, please visit our website or Facebook page.