

Free event on Fall River waterfront connects people to city's cultural resources

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Fall River waterfront event showcases local history and resources



The Fall River waterfront is set to host Cultural Currents, an event spotlighting the city's cultural and historical assets, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 20 at Fall River Heritage State Park, according to a community announcement.

The event will feature a panel discussion with leaders from five local organizations: the Fall River Historical Commission, the Community Preservation Committee, the Preservation Society of Fall River, the Fall River Cultural Council and the Fall River Historical Society. The discussion will be facilitated by officials from the Creative Arts Network, which manages the Fall River Waterfront Cultural District.

Each group is expected to discuss its mission, initiatives and any funding opportunities it offers.



“These groups all have important goals in common but play very different roles in Fall River,” said Sandy Dennis, executive director of Creative Arts Network. “They provide funding for badly needed repairs, work to preserve demolition of iconic buildings, award grants to artists and cultural nonprofits, and much more. But we have discovered that many community members don’t know they exist or understand what they do and the support they offer.”

The event aims to raise awareness about these resources and services, potentially benefiting more city residents. The evening will also highlight key landmarks in the waterfront district listed on Fall River’s Register of Significant Structures, including their historical importance, architectural features and role in community revitalization efforts.

An exhibit of new photographs of the district’s cultural and historical assets will be on display at the event. The exhibit opens Aug. 15 and runs through Aug. 31 at Heritage State Park.

“This event will be of interest to city residents and artists as well as history lovers, advocates and entrepreneurs,” Dennis said.

Cultural Currents is sponsored by Creative Arts Network, Heritage State Park and the Fall River Waterfront Cultural District. It was funded in part by a grant from the Fall River Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Admission is free, and light refreshments will be provided.