

8 Hope Furnace Road, Hope, RI 02831

# News Splash

A March UPDATE to the Quarterly Newsletter of the Pawtuxet River Authority and Watershed Council

## Spring Clean-up Schedule is Shaping Up!



### Save the Dates & See you soon!

Cleanups are generally scheduled for 9-11 on Saturday mornings, with rain dates on Sunday.

Please check our website to double check dates and times, as our schedule may change with the weather (or see Facebook event pages).

We provide gloves, bags and tools, and are happy to sign any community service paperwork needed.

[Events Page](#)

### Volunteers Needed for Clean-ups:

**March 30 - West Warwick  
9 am**

Clean-up @ Centreville Fishing Area and Canoe Launch, West Warwick

**April 6 - in Coventry 9 am  
- 11 am**

Harris Dam Area off Main Street

**April 13 - in Warwick 9 am  
- 12 pm**

River Clean-up: meet @ Warwick Ave with the Pawtuxet Green Revival

**April 20 in Cranston 9am  
- 11 am**

Randall Pond Clean-up off Libera Ave, Cranston

**April 27 on  
Cranston/Warwick Line**

9 am Pontiac Canoe Launch Clean-up Knight Street and Pontiac Ave

**May 2 at Tongue Pond in Cranston** with Save the Bay by Texas Roadhouse

**May 5 - Crompton Village  
Riverpark**  
Manchester Street, West  
Warwick

**May 12 - Phenix Harris  
Riverwalk**  
Fairview Ave, West  
Warwick

## Set Your Alarm Clock for April 1st to Get In On Giving



Fun fact: If you forget to donate on April 1st, have no fear--you have until 5pm on Tuesday, April 2 to donate!


### YOU Donate & We Could Win!

United Way RI hosts #401Gives every year on April 1st to increase interest in charitable giving in Rhode Island. They have rounded up lots of cash donation prizes that micro non-profits (like us) could WIN as we all compete to raise money and grow our list of donors. To maximize our chances of winning some cash, we aim to have 5 donations by 8 am, 10 donations by 10am, and 15 donations by 5 pm.

Last year we received 45 donations, so our goal for 401Gives in 2024 is to reach 60. Will you help us compete? Just \$5 counts toward our grand total number of donors and helps us compete for those cash prizes!

[Click here to Donate on April 1st  
and 2nd](#)

**Give at Just the Right Time on April 1st, and You Could Maximize Your  
Donation Dollars**



**HOW TO MAXIMIZE YOUR \$5 DONATION**

You Give \$5  it could be multiplied

**Give at the right time on April 1**

 @ NOON: Papitto Opportunity Connection will Give \$20 too (up to \$20,000)

 @4:01 PM the Rhode Island Foundation will Give \$25 too (up to \$25,000 on both Mon & Tuesday)



**HOW TO DOUBLE YOUR DONATION**

Your Gift (up to \$500)  could be matched!

**Give at the right time on April 1 & 2**

 @ 6 AM: RI Foundation will match your gift up to \$500 (the first \$25,000 donated Monday 4/1)

 Tues @5 PM: Hope Global will Give up to \$50 too! (the last \$1,000 donated on Tuesday)

**Make your donation count the most on April 1 with matching challenges**

United Way makes giving fun on #401gives with different incentives to donate throughout the day. You can make your donation go further with charitable matches that multiply your gift!

**6:00a.m. Early Birds Catch the Worm Match from the RI Foundation**

To kick-off the giving in the morning at 6 a.m. the Rhode Island Foundation could match your gift up to \$500! That's a double on your donation, a two-for-the-price-of-one kind of deal for the first \$25,000 donated starting at 6am! A very good reason to set your alarm clock, but don't worry, you don't even have to get out of bed to donate online from your phone! See full details at <https://www.401gives.org/prizes#prize-rules-anchor>

**12:00 noon Lunchtime Recharge \$20 Bonus**

The Papitto Opportunity Connection could generously pitch in \$20 for each donation starting at 12 noon on April 1 (up to \$20,000). Last year we received an extra \$240 with this type of matching contribution! It's a great way to make a small donation of \$5, \$10, \$15 or \$20 go much farther!

**4:01 pm (MONDAY AND TUESDAY) \$25 Community Matches**

Similarly, The Rhode Island Foundation will graciously match each donation starting at 4:01pm with a \$25 gift - we are so grateful for these sponsors! All donations must be made online. We made over \$100 in extra donations last year with this type of matching.

**5:00 pm TUESDAY**

As 401 gives winds down, Hope Global will match the last \$1000 donated, to a max of \$50 per donation. See rules online: <https://www.401gives.org/prizes#prize-rules-anchor>



**FREE TEES!** Don't forget, we have even more incentive to donate. Our 1st twenty donors giving \$50 or more (not including sponsored matches) will get a Pawtuxet River Authority and Watershed Council tee shirt. Styles vary, and sizes/colors are limited, so give early for the best selection.

**What if I can't donate on April 1st or 2nd, but still want to help?**

Become a fundraising champ spreading the word about 401Gives and encouraging folks to donate to our watershed council. Forward this email, or share a post on social media.

You can also start your own fundraiser page for us linked to our 401gives.org page. You will be able to share your story about your connection to the river with your friends and family and explain why you support our organization as much as you do. You design your page, and 401gives takes care of collecting the money to send our way. You can share your fundraising page in emails or on social, and even

**YOU COULD WIN!**

Our fundraiser who raises the most money of our peer-to-peer fundraisers online with 401gives for the Pawtuxet River Authority & Watershed Council will receive a \$25 gift card donated by Mexicali Blues (we appreciate you!).

make your own video and include it if you like. You could win a \$25 gift card donated by Mexicali Blues.

**Get your own fundraising page for PRA on 401gives.org!**

*Thank you for your support!*

### **2024 Board Meetings & 5k Race Committee Meeting Dates**

- 4/1** April Board Meeting
- 4/15** 5k-Planning Committee
- 5/6** May Board Meeting
- 5/20** 5k-Planning Committee
- 6/3** June Board Meeting
- 6/17** 5k-Planning Committee
- 7/1** July Board Meeting
- 7/15** 5k- Planning Committee
- 8/5** August Board Meeting
- 8/19** 5k-Planning Committee



### **Become a Board Member**

We have open positions for residents of Cranston and Warwick. We need talented people like YOU to help with volunteer recruitment, donor development, social media outreach, trail maintenance, website communications, or project and fiscal planning. Come to our next board meeting at our office in Scituate (8 Hope Furnace Rd) to visit!



## Newsletter Subscription

Did you receive this email from a friend? To add yourself to the our mailing list for the newsletter or clean-up announcements, sign up by **clicking online here!**

## About the Pawtuxet River Authority

The Pawtuxet River Authority & Watershed Council was developed in 1972 and is completely run by volunteers. Our mission is to protect, conserve and restore the Pawtuxet River and its watershed, promote recreational activities, and educate the public about the historical, cultural, and environmental significance of the river. We maintain a number of conservation areas, and have created public fishing and canoeing access points in the watershed. As a 501c3 non-profit organization your donation may be tax deductible!

### Board of Directors Executive Officers:

Robert Nero, Chairman  
Katie DeGoosh-DiMarzio, Vice-Chair  
James Sullivan, Secretary

