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## **Warwick kicks off the summer with Gaspee Days - by Scott Avedisian**

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Summer is officially here, and in Warwick even before the Summer Solstice, we begin our season a bit earlier with Gaspee Days. We started with the Arts and Crafts Festival spent celebrating "America's First Blow for Freedom," with a concert featuring the Rhode Island Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra followed by a fireworks display, an historical walking tour guided by students from Wyman Elementary School dressed in period customs and a parade that drew thousands of viewers to Narragansett Parkway. Culminating with Sunday in the Park and a re-enactment of the burning of the Gaspee was the perfect ending to Gaspee Days, so thank you to the committee, all the volunteers and everyone else who contributed to what was once again a very successful Gaspee Days.

Next, during the 4th of July holiday we had the perfect weather to celebrate our great country's independence. If you haven't noticed, here in Warwick we love to celebrate our impressive and noble history and all through the holiday weekend, Warwick's 39 miles of coastline was alight with fireworks galore and whether viewed from the shore or on the bay, it was nothing short of spectacular. Special thanks to our fire and police departments for organizing traffic and keeping everyone safe.

And that is just the beginning of the season. We still have summer concerts throughout the city on Wednesday nights, Movies in the Park at Rocky Point, URI's 125th Jazz Concert Anniversary, Antique Car Shows, Food Truck nights and National Night Out to look forward to, so get ready to enjoy all of these special events here in Warwick.

As we continue to move through the summer season, visitors and guests are encouraged to take advantage of all that Warwick has to offer. From our 39 miles of coastline, award winning restaurants, endless lodging options, seasonal recreational activities and central location to Providence, Narragansett and Boston, Warwick is the perfect summertime vacation destination.

For more information visit: <http://www.visitwarwickri.com>.

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