

Welcome to the Gaspee Days Committee!



We warmly welcome and appreciate new members who bring with them a commitment to make our community better than ever. All that is required is attendance at our meetings, and the giving of some of your time to help run our events. To that point, we have assembled here a list of current subcommittees, and what they do. We ask that you join some subcommittee as soon as possible. But please don't be afraid to shake things up with some new ideas. If you're not sure how to proceed, or who to talk to, ask any of our fellow members.

Arts & Crafts Festival

Our biggest fundraising effort, the 3-day Gaspee Days Arts & Crafts Festival runs each Memorial Day Weekend along Narragansett Parkway on the Warwick side of Pawtuxet Village.

Arts & Crafts Vendors

All those food vendors, rides, and attractions at the Arts & Crafts Festival are actually permitted by us to do so only after paying a vendors fee to us.

Banners & Decorations

Has responsibility for the various decorations and banners at any Gaspee Days event.

Burning Re-Enactment

The Burning of the Gaspee takes place each year at Pawtuxet Park as the formal end to our public ceremonies on the Sunday after the Parade.

Aspray Boat House

The Aspray Boat House is the headquarters for the Gaspee Days Committee, located at 2 East View Street in Warwick. But we also allow public groups use of the facilities, and rent it out for parties.

Children's Colonial Costume Contest

Runs the contest with the D.A.R., usually held the first Sunday afternoon in June.

Donations

Collects donations from audience along the parade route during each Parade.

Ecumenical Service

Organizes the non-denominational church service each Gaspee Parade morning.

Encampment & Mock Battle

Organizes the annual Gaspee Days Encampment of Colonial Forces which occurs on the weekend of each Parade. Currently held at Pawtuxet Park, and is chaired by a member of both the Gaspee Days Committee and Pawtuxet Rangers. This member also serves as liaison between the Committee and the Pawtuxet Rangers.

Gaspee Essay Contest

Organizes the annual Gaspee Essay Contest designed to increase awareness among local

students (and their teachers), of the historic role of the Gaspee Affair.

Gaspee Feast

A get-together hoedown and chowdown held for Gaspee Days Committee member and their friends. Prerequisite: Certificate of First Degree from a fine French culinary institute (or a great imagination).

Gaspee Gala

Organizes the annual dinner dance night for the Gaspee community. Currently an INACTIVE EVENT.

Golf Tournament

Organizes the annual Gaspee Days Golf Tournament at a local country club. Focus is on more fun than scores.

Occasional Parties

Arranges the details of a party for adults or kids of Gaspee Days Committee members on Halloween, 4th of July, etc.

Historian

We've accumulated a lot of stuff since 1966, and this person has to deal with it.

Installation Dinner

Organizes the annual Installation Dinner for the Officers and Board of Directors of the Gaspee Days Committee.

Membership

Is in charge of membership services for the Gaspee Days Committee.

Muster

Organizes the annual Gaspee Days Muster of Colonial Fifes & Drums celebration which occurs immediately after each Parade. Currently an INACTIVE EVENT.

Nominating Committee

The head of Nominating Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors, other members by floor approval, to select the best candidates to stand for election as General Officers and/or members of the Board of Directors of the Gaspee Days Committee.

Overlook

Manages the upkeep and planning for the Gaspee Overlook grove on Narragansett Parkway.

Parade

Manages all planning and operating phases of the annual Gaspee Days Parade, held on the second Saturday of each June. Prerequisite: Prior Parade experience.

Parade Vendors

All those guys hawking their toys and balloons all along the parade route are actually permitted by us to do so only after paying a vendors fee to us. Prerequisite: a bold and strong-willed personality.

PVA Liaison

A member of both the Pawtuxet Village Association and the Gaspee Days Committee, serves to communicate between both organizations on mutual functions and concerns.

Permits

This is often a task of the President, but may be delegated to a member with knowledge of City Hall administration. This person must apply for and ensure adequate permits and/or licenses are in hand for all Gaspee Days events.

Popcorn

Operates the Popcorn Machine during 3-day Gaspee Days Arts & Crafts Festival and during the Parade.

Proclamation

Runs the Official State of Rhode Island Proclamation of Gaspee Days, each May. Prerequisite: State House connections. Hey! This is Rhode Island, right?

Publicity

Coordinates all advertising and media relations for the Gaspee Days Committee. This position requires an aggressive approach to press releases and advertising among the local media.

Raffle

The Gaspee Days Raffle has become a big fundraiser for the Committee in recent years. This subcommittee garners donations from local businesses and people for the raffle.

5K Road Race

This event has grown into one of the premier 5 kilometer runs in the Northeast. Runners appreciate running before a very large, cheering crowd that is assembled for the Parade that immediately follows.

Sales

Here's where you get to use your imagination in coming up with various Gaspee logo emblazoned items to sell to the unsuspecting public. Prerequisite: Must be fashion and trend conscious.

Sunday-in-the-Park

This is the wind down party for Gaspee members and friends held at Pawtuxet Park on the day after each Parade.

Sunshine

The member in this position keeps a lookout for fellow Gaspee Days Committee members who are experiencing a hard time with serious illnesses or misfortunes, or good times to celebrate.

Tag & Bake Sale

An occasional house-cleaning garage sale held at the Aspray Boat House and grounds.

Tech Support

Responsible for simple technical support and training, Parade Database Program operations, and maintenance of our three websites: the Gaspee Days Committee at www.gaspee.com, the Gaspee Virtual Archives at www.gaspee.org, and the Pawtuxet Village website at www.pawtuxet.com.

For more detailed information on each of these subcommittees, or on the Gaspee Days Committee in general, please visit our main website at: www.gaspee.com, or ask any of our members.