

# Waterbury

## 2011 City Guide



The Waterbury Observer presents an in-depth look at city services, local businesses and a wide sweeping exploration into the rich history of the city.

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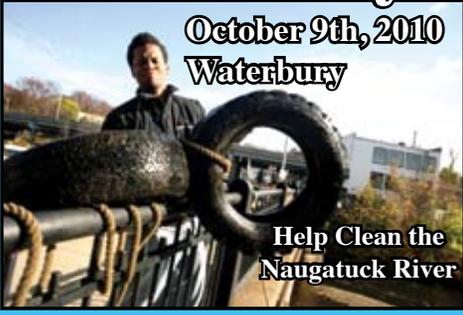
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**River Day**  
**October 9th, 2010**  
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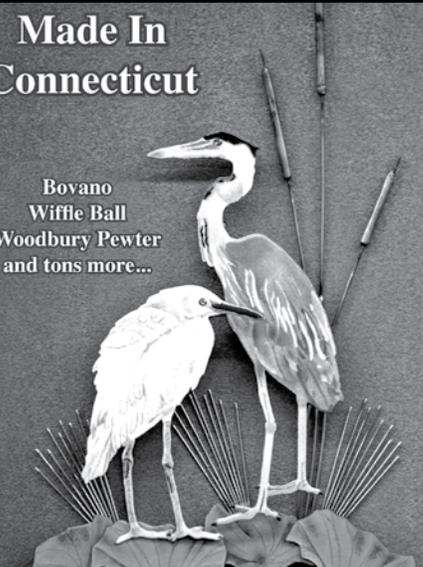
**Help Clean the Naugatuck River**

Three hundred and fifty years ago the Algonquin Indians were scattered all across the northeast and Canada. A small subset of the Algonquin nation was known as the Naugatuck, and they roamed around the eastern portion of Connecticut. They spoke Quiripi, a language that has been extinct for 200 years. One of the surviving words is Nau-ka-thungk, which later morphed into Naugatuck, which is widely used to describe this area - the Naugatuck Valley, the town of Naugatuck, the Naugatuck River, etc...  
 In 1657 the area now called Waterbury was used as hunting grounds by at least two Native American tribes. One of the tribes sold the land to members of the Farmington Settlement, and three Native Americans signed a deed relinquishing their rights to the land. During the next 350 years the land evolved into the Brass Capital of the World, and the river became an industrial toilet. The brass factories are long gone, and the river is slowly recovering. It's now home again to beaver, herons, bald eagles and salmon. There is an annual canoe and kayak race held each spring. And now several community organizations are banding together to create an Annual River Clean-up Day, with the first one being held October 9th, 2010. Any individual, school or organization that would like to participate in the clean-up please contact Sondra at sh@yahoo.com, or call Kevin at 203-530-7850

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