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RIVERBOAT TOURS RETURN TO WOONSOCKET!

Woonsocket, RI: Mayor Baldelli-Hunt is pleased to announce that the Blackstone Valley Explorer riverboat will return to the City of Woonsocket after a decade long absence. Mayor Baldelli-Hunt stated "The return of the Blackstone Valley Explorer to our City is truly something to celebrate. The riverboat tours provide a unique way to see the City and the surrounding area, and serves as an example of the many positive things that are occurring in our community."

The Blackstone Valley Explorer is a 40 passenger river tour boat providing public river tours every Sunday in August, on the hour, at 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm and 4 pm. Tours will depart from the river dock at Cold Spring Park on Harris Avenue. The tour showcases another urbanized portion of the Blackstone American Heritage River, the centerpiece of Southern New England's new Blackstone River Valley Historical Park. "The history of the Blackstone River in Woonsocket is so rich and interesting. We're excited to have the Blackstone Valley Explorer back in the City after all these years to showcase the culture and beauty of the area" stated Geraldine Barclay-King, Program Director at the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council. Tickets for the public tours are: \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children. Tickets and tour details are available by calling 401-724-2200, or online at www.rivertourblackstone.com.

Mayor Baldelli-Hunt and the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council invite the public to attend the official announcement and press conference regarding the Blackstone Valley Explorer at the river dock at Cold Spring Park on Thursday, August 6th at 10 am.

Mayor Baldelli-Hunt concluded, "I am grateful that the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council has returned the Blackstone Valley Explorer to the City of Woonsocket and I look forward to seeing our citizens making new memories and enjoying the natural beauty that the Blackstone River has to offer."

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