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WHO IS JA

and why should you care about the guys and girls he knows?

I am Jay Messier, the President & Owner of Jay Knows A Guy. I proudly introduce you to the very first edition of; Jay Knows A Guide!

While Jay Knows a Guy has become well known in Rhode Island for showcasing delicious foods, places to shop, and local service providers, what we REALLY are doing is showcasing COMMUNITY! We're trying to let you get close and personal with the people in Rhode Island, whether it's the girl that bakes your cupcakes, the guy that cooks your pizza, or the people doing amazing work to make our corner of the world a better place to live! This publication is a bite-sized extension of the aforementioned. We will strive to spotlight community stories, local events, and local businesses!



But who am I? I was born and raised in Coventry, living there until 2013 when I moved "all the way" down the road 3 miles into West Warwick. That same year I literally began anew on almost every aspect of my life. I sold my former business, broke up with my ex fiancé and set out on an unknown path. I knew my life needed more. While I made decent money at that job, that endeavor led to too many long nights at the bar and not enough time with the people that mattered most; my children; Autumn & Jacoby, then 13 & 4. I went back to delivering pizza for six months, then worked odd jobs for the next year while moving into a small studio apartment and assessing what I needed and wanted in my life moving forward.

Shortly thereafter I started several Facebook groups & pages. They were at first a venting page for grievances and negativity but it slowly evolved into the epicenter of positivity in our community. When you find your calling in life, you just know and feel it. Helping the community is my calling. The struggle for me was going to be finding a way to do that while also supporting my family financially. Throughout 2014 & 2015, I slowly morphed into a community leader. Most notably, driving my Crazy Christmas Wagon around during the holidays collecting gifts and donations for families in need while spreading good cheer to all. However in December of 2015 I was again without a job, at a huge crossroads.

I wanted a job where I could be creatively fulfilled, support my family sufficiently and be able to help the community! But there didn't seem to be one set fit for me; so I paved my own path and created it; Wicked Local RI, now known as Jay Knows A Guy.



I always thought it would be awesome to have a "Restaurant Week" in West Warwick. So I literally did the arduous task of walking from restaurant to restaurant with the "cold sell" to local businesses to be part of "Wicked Local Week West Warwick". The niche to our promotion would be promoting this week throughout my then, much smaller social media network, and an uber personal approach to the advertisements. When all was said and done, we ended up including more than just restaurants, highlighting 40 businesses in March of 2016 including salons, specialty shops, trade based businesses, oil companies and of course restaurants and bars.

It was such a success that I immediately went to the Secretary of State's Office and became an official LLC under the name Wicked Beautiful Rhode Island LLC. I went on to promote over 200 businesses in the state before the year was over! Over the past 5 1/2 years I have slowly and organically cultivated an audience of over 70,000 followers and growing! While everyone needs to make a living, my main goal is always to be a good community neighbor, help those in need to the best of my ability and make a small positive difference to those around me. I'm blessed to be able to have a job which enables me to do both!





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Hero Among Us: TOM VALLETTA

Social media at times can be a toxic pit of negativity But beyond that toxicity, are good people, doing good things! Sometimes, they stand out, to steal a line from Rodney James Dio,like a rainbow in the dark! One such case, is Tom Valletta, the Summer 2021; Gel's Kitchen & Jay Knows A Guy Heroes Among Us Award Winner!

Tom was a former mail carrier in Coventry for over 34 years, his last of which taking place in the crazy events of this past year. He walked an estimated over 100,000 miles and delivered over 8 million pieces of mail.

Even though Tom now lives in Coventry, and has become a stalwart in the fabric of the town, he actually grew up in, neighboring West Warwick. Coventry was not Tom's first or even second choice for mail routes. You almost can't blame him. He grew up as a West Warwick Wizard and maybe the thought of delivering to his High School Rival Coventry Oakers didn't initially appeal to him.

But, as is often the case with Coventry, it grew on him. After several years of delivering mail in town, he fell in love with the businesses, the streets, and most importantly the people that live there. So he and his family decided to make it their home. Fast forward now to April of this past year, just weeks before Tom approached his final walk through town.

He struggled with the proper way to say goodbye to the thousands of people he met along those long miles.

Tom didn't want the pandemic to be over and his customers to just wonder "What happened to Tom?!" So he turned to Jay Knows A Guy's own Coventry, RI; Biggest Town in The Smallest State Facebook Group for what was a heartfelt thank you and farewell to the town he served for over 3 decades!

What happened next was something even Tom didn't fully expect. An over pouring amount of appreciation directly back at him from the community! On social media, sometimes every opinion, even the most innocuous, turns into the wrong opinion for some people. But this post had an unprecedented, universally positive reception!

Thanks to Gel from Gel's Kitchen for sponsoring this award!

If anyone knows a hero in the community, it's Gel! Gel has two locations to eat her delicious breakfast or sip on her thrist quenching mimosas.

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Since the post, as the cover of this magazine attests, Tom has become quite a local celebrity! He's received gift baskets, gift cards, and hand written letters. People stopped him on his route to get a picture, and properly say goodbye, to a man who had quietly become a huge part of their lives over the years.

If you want a photo with Tom now though, you'll have to get it out of his mail uniform, at a local store or restaurant. Or perhaps when he delivers you flowers! Yes, Tom couldn't fully retire. It doesn't seem to be in his DNA. He's delivering flowers part time for Jack lannotti Flowers in Coventry.

Despite his now newfound fame, Tom still to me remains a humble man. He doesn't consider himself a "hero". As he stated to; "It's not like I'm running into burning buildings." But, heroes are made of many different fabrics. And that's what our Gel's Kitchen/Jay Knows A Guy Heroes Among Us Award is all about.



I feel strongly in bringing these unsung heroes front and center, and encouraging more of this positivity! Each issue of Jay Knows A Guide I will scour through the depths of social media and find the some of the many heroes in our community going above and beyond the call of duty! Thank you Tom for your 34 years of service in the community! You truly are, a hero among us!

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adjacent to or within view of an ocean.

The path itself is can become challenging, so be careful if you're bringing children. It measures approximately 2 miles around both Long & Ell Pond reserves.

Beyond the trail, the "sweet spot" at the end is one of the best you'll find in Rhode Island; Long Pond Rock! The moderately difficult climb to the top this rock will be worth every step. The view out onto Long Pond is awe inspiring. Make sure you give yourself a few minutes to sit, relax, and take in some of nature's true beauty.



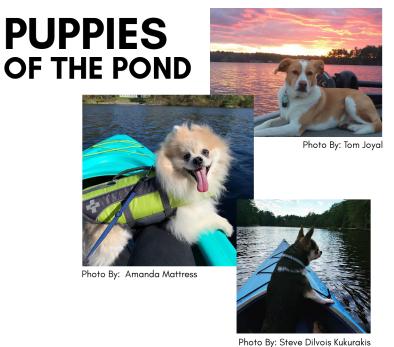
Jay Knows A Guy together with LaundryFly.com, are spotlighting a handful of our favorite hiking trails in Rhode Island. Visit JayKnowsAGuy.com and check out the "Fun in Rhode Island" Section for our ever growing list of trails in and around the Ocean State.

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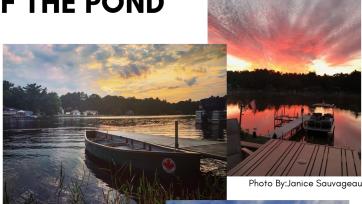


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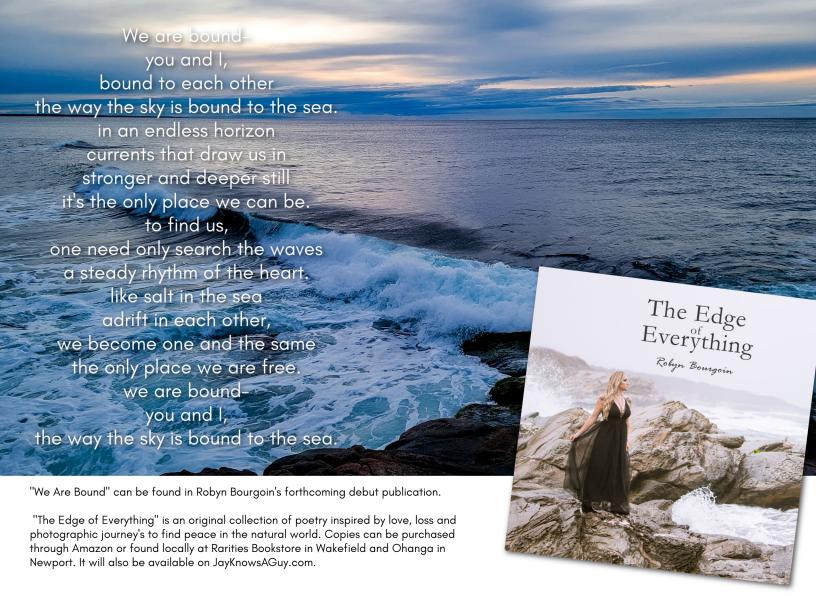
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There is absolutely ZERO cost to be spotlighted. We're just looking to shine a little light on some of our amazing local musicians. Call or Text 401-537-8301 if you're interested in being featured.

Our spotlights will be a combination of showcasing those artists in action at local bars, restaurants, and other events. While also sitting down and talking to some musicians to learn who they are as people and what their inspiration is!

Thank you Lori for teaming with Jay Knows A Guy on this spotlight. Lori is The Official Home Mortgage Lender of JayKnowsAGuy.com. Looking for a loan? Call Lori Venditelli at 401–585–3823 or email lvenditelli@harborone.com.





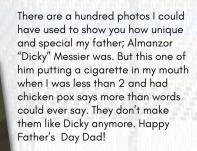


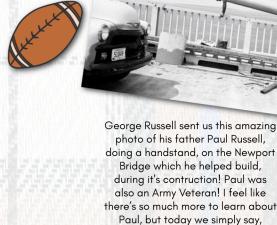
Waste Away Septic Services knows the crap that Dad deals with all year long! That's why Richard Seymour of Waste Away joined forces with Jay Knows A Guy to wish the Dads a Happy Father's Day! While all Dads are special, we are giving a special shout out to four or them right here, including mine!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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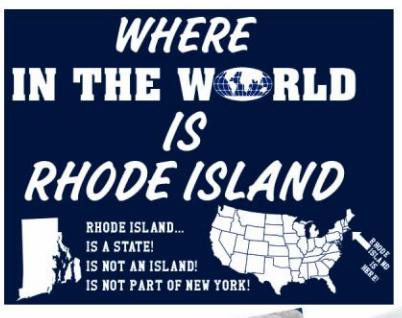


When Covid first hit the US last year, Christina Costa's father; Manny Costa, made his own mask and ran for the toilet paper! That's definitely some Dad Energy in full effect! Happy Father's Day Manny!

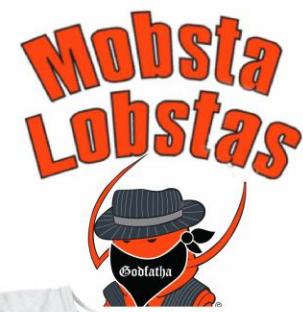


Heather Freitas sent us this photo of her Dad; James Garvin of the local rock band 21 Guns. Heather wants to thank you for always being the rockin' Dad we need. Happy Fathers Day James!





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