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Subject: E-Bulletin - June 6, 2015 - June Doin' Saturday at Nahanton Park



Newton Conservators *E-Bulletin*

Friday, June 5, 2015

... Newton's land trust working to preserve open space since 1961



June Doin'

Celebration for Families at Nahanton Park

Saturday, June 6th

Rain or Shine!

7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

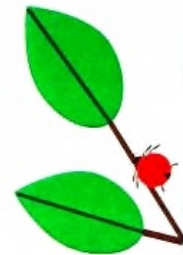
Fishing Event for Kids • Guided Bird Walks • Kayak & Canoe Tours • Fern Walk • Bug & Small Critter Safari • Tree-Climbing Demo • Invasive Plant ID • AND MORE!

NewtonConservators.org for more information



Everyone is Welcome! Bring your friends and neighbors, too! Come to enjoy this park, which includes riverfront, community garden plots, meadows, wooded hillsides, wild blackberry bushes, wetlands, a pond, and a plateau overlooking the river valley. Enjoy talking with other Conservators and learning from our board members and advisors. Trail Guides and Almanacs will be available for sale. Check out

information on the Environmental Science Summer Program. Cookies from Whole Foods and organic juice boxes from Wegman's will be available throughout the day. Bring a pick lunch to eat in the Nahanton Park picnic area. All events are free except for canoe and kayak rentals (\$15-20 see www.paddleboston.com for rental info). Also cosponsored by Friends of Nahanton Park. For more details visit NewtonConservators.org or email president@newtonconservators.org. Mark Your Calendar and check out the schedule of events below!



7:00 am - 8:30 am	Fishing Competition (for kids up to age 16)
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Bird Walk (led by Pete Gilmore)
9:00 am on	Kayak and Canoe Tours at Charles River Canoe and Kayak (rentals)
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Fern Walk (led by Don Lubin)
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Bug / Small Critter Safari (led by Eric Olson)
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Bird Walk (led by Pete Gilmore)
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Tree Climbing / Tree-Canopy-Check Demo (led by Eric Olson)
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	3.5 mile hike to Cutler Pond (led by Henry Finch)
12:30 am - 1:30 pm	Plant / Nature Walk (led by Eric Olson)
All Day until 2:00 pm	Invasive Plant Pulling Contest
All Day until 2:00 pm	Craft project making recycled flower pots and planting seeds for mini home garden

Here is a map of Nahanton Park which shows a number of alternate parking locations in yellow:

Nahanton Park



Here is the link to our website which contains lots more information on Nahanton Park including driving directions for the entrances on both Nahanton Street and Winchester Street.

<http://www.newtonconservators.org/30nahanton.htm>

Here is the Newton Conservators trail map:

<http://www.newtonconservators.org/map30nahanton.htm>

Hope to see you there on Saturday! The weather is going to be great.

Sunday, June 7, 9 am - Noon
Cold Spring Park Invasives Pull
1200 Beacon Street Newton, MA 02461
www.newtonconservators.org/14coldspring.htm



Cold Spring Park is being invaded by alien plants. . In case of poison ivy, wear long pants and garden gloves. Trash bags will be provided; the plants must be disposed of as trash, not as yard waste. Enter the park at the Beacon Street entrance. Turn left and go to the far end of the parking lot (circle) to meet group. For info call 617-721-2571.

Wednesday, June 10, 9 am - Noon
Houghton Garden Invasives Pull
<http://www.newtonconservators.org/19houghton.htm>

Here in Newton is a wild garden that's listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#). Its gracious paths, overhung by azalea and rhododendron, wind around a stream and lagoon-like pond. Water features were designed by Warren Manning, who formerly worked for the Olmsted studio. Uncommon migrating birds are seen here. The alpine rock garden on a ledge overlooking Houghton Pond was one of the first of its kind. Help keep invasives out of this Newton treasure!



Saturday, June 20, 9 am-noon
Quinobequin/Hemlock Gorge Invasives Pull
Ellis Street and Route 9
<http://www.newtonconservators.org/21hemlock.htm>



The Quinobequin/Hemlock Gorge area borders the Charles River and features the famous Echo Bridge. Our lovely river areas are especially susceptible to alien plant invaders. Meet near Ellis Street and Route 9, which allows access to both areas. For info call 617-721-2571.

Thursday, June 18, 2015 7-9 pm (Rain or Shine)
Newton's Conservation Land: A 10-year Vision
Panel discussion with Jennifer Steel, Newton's Environmental Planner
Druker Auditorium, Newton Free Library

Join Jennifer Steel of the City of Newton Conservation Commission for a panel discussion that will showcase Newton's conservation land and lay out a 10-year visioning plan. A Q and A will follow. The program is cosponsored by The Newton Conservators and the Newton Free Library. Come learn about Newton's Conservation land that makes the city green and worthy of the title "Garden City." If you care about the future of Newton's open space, please attend!



Saturday, June 20, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm (Rain Date, Sunday June 21)
Fern Walk at Webster Woods
Newton Conservators Spring Walk Series

The Webster and Cohen Conservation areas and the DCR Reservation form a large wooded expanse that stretches from the shopping malls of Route 9 almost to Newton Centre. The woods extend on both sides of Hammond Pond Parkway and both sides of the MBTA Riverside tracks and are home to 20 species of ferns and related plants. We will visit the southeast corner near Hammond Pond and see about a dozen kinds of ferns. Wear long pants to protect against poison ivy and bugs. If you have a hand lens, bring it. Bring any native fern you would like to identify. Park and meet near the woods behind the shopping center, between the pond and Hammond Pond Parkway. Trip Leader: Don Lubin, (617-254-8464), <http://nefern.info>



Sunday, June 21 (Father's Day)
Tour de Newton
Bicycle Tour of 13 Villages of Newton



Thirteen villages - one community! The annual Tour de Newton is a great event for kids, adults, and casual bicyclists. The ride starts simultaneously in all 13 villages. You'll be riding with your village neighbors and have a trained leader/sweep to guide you. The 20 mile, 13 village fun ride stops at each of Newton's villages, where you'll be welcomed with refreshments, a village badge, and an overview of the village by the locals. Ride the whole 20 mile loop, or just a few villages, whichever you like. It's a great fun way to see and learn about the whole city. Sponsored by Bike Newton. To register

visit <http://bikenewton.org/services/tour-de-newton-registration/>

Sunday, June 28, 2015. 2 pm
History of Newton Cemetery: 1855-2015
Commemorating 160 years!
791 Walnut Street, Newton Centre



Ponds, streams, flower gardens, mature trees and planting, green hillsides, groomed lawns and walkways, and the wildlife indigenous to these surroundings characterize Newton Cemetery. The beauty of our properly developed and maintained gardens is enhanced by its design to exude a sense of peace and serenity not found in a typical cemetery setting.

At Newton Cemetery we believe that our garden cemetery is for the living as much as for the deceased (if not more so), surrounding a visitor with natural beauty that soothes the mind, comforts the heart and uplifts the soul. For someone paying respects to a departed loved one, such qualities are invaluable. Visit the Newton Cemetery website at <http://www.newcemcorp.org>. The Newton Conservators have more info on this wonder place at <http://www.newtonconservators.org/cemeterywalk.htm>.

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Newton Conservators Newsletter

Our most recent Spring 2015 newsletter has been published and sent out and is available online as well at http://www.newtonconservators.org/newsletters/15_04.pdf.

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Conservation in Newton: The Conservation Commission

By Jennifer Steel



Newton Conservation Areas from left to right: Flood Meadow, Helen Heyn Rowley and Dolan Pond

This story doesn't have a villain bent on destroying a kingdom or a fair maiden in distress, but the story of the evolution of Massachusetts's conservation commissions is an interesting, though an admittedly slow-paced, tale that has unfolded over the past six decades. Commissioners have evolved over the years and are now bodies with broad regulatory powers that are a key element in the Commonwealth's framework of protective laws and programs. Indeed, Massachusetts has been at the cutting edge of environmental protection and has engaged its citizens in a rather unique way.

The Commonwealth invented the municipal conservation commission in 1957 with passage of the Conservation Commission Act (MGL Ch. 40 §8C), which authorized each city and town in Massachusetts to establish a locally appointed municipal agency "for the promotion and development of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of said city or town." Specifically, conservation commissions are charged with (1) planning for natural resource protection, (2) coordinating with other groups with similar goals, (3) acquiring important land and water areas (in fee or through restrictions), and (4) managing these properties to "maintain, improve, protect,

limit the future use of or otherwise conserve and properly utilize open spaces in land and water areas within its city or town."

Conservation commissions are made up of volunteer citizens. Some commissions have multiple paid professional staff, some do not have any clerical assistance. Newton has a commission with 7 appointed members, alternate members, and one professional staff member. Newton's Conservation Office is part of the Planning Department (located in the basement level of City Hall). Newton's Senior Environmental Planner, Jennifer Steel, serves as staff to the Conservation Commission and can be reached at (617) 796-1134 or at jsteel@newtonma.gov.

The Newton Conservation Commission meets every three weeks on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 pm, usually in Room 204 of City Hall. Conservation Commission meeting dates, agendas, and materials are all available on the Newton Conservation Commission website. At its meetings, the Commission reviews and votes on wetland permit applications, issues of land management, and administrative issues. The Commission welcomes guests and interested members of the public to its meetings.

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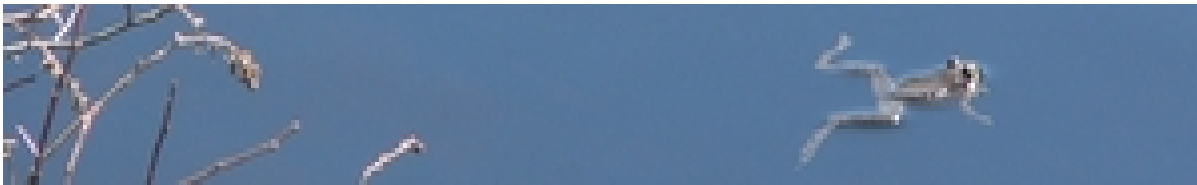
Visit <http://www.newtonconservators.org/membership.htm> for details on membership options. Did you know that you can register and pay for membership, events, buy a copy of our Almanac or newly revised Trail Guide, or make a donation to the Newton Conservators online? The Trail Guides and Almanac are also available at your local Newton Bookstores. Shop Local!



Mission: *The Newton Conservators promotes the protection and preservation of natural areas, including parks, playgrounds, forests and streams, which are open or may be converted to open space for the enjoyment and benefit of the people of Newton. It further aims to disseminate information about these and other environmental matters. A primary goal is to foster the acquisition of land, buildings and other facilities to be used for the encouragement of scientific, educational, recreational, literary and other public pursuits that will promote good citizenship and the general welfare of the people of our community.*

The Newton Conservators organization was formed as a not-for-profit over 50 years ago (June 1961).

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