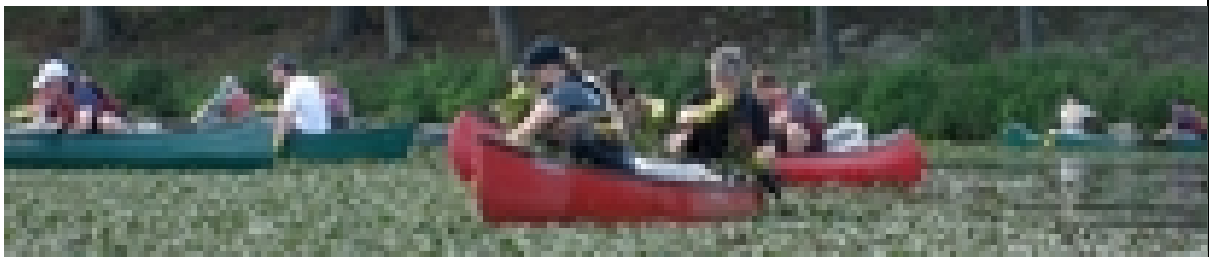




# Newton Conservators E-Bulletin

Friday, August 19, 2016

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



## A few events ....

hope that you have been having a great summer - it certainly has been a hot one! The Newton Conservators are Newton's own open space and land trust organization and we encourage you to get out and about in Newton and nearby environs! Below is an interim calendar of a few upcoming events (especially one tomorrow at Echo Bridge) with more details coming in an upcoming newsletter.

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## Events

### **Saturday, August 20, 9am -11 am Black Swallow-wort Removal Session Hemlock Gorge (Ellis Street)**

Tomorrow, **Saturday Aug 20, 9-11 am**, Newton Conservators will hold a Black Swallow-wort (BSW) removal session at Hemlock Gorge, specifically at the base of Echo Bridge on Ellis Street, where a small flat field (site of the former Superintendent's House) has been completely taken over by BSW, an invasive new to Newton that is also fatal to Monarch Butterflies along their migration route. Please join us!

This year, the field is in much better shape than last year: wonderfully, DCR mowed down the BSW just before it flowered, and did it again a couple weeks ago to ensure the regrowth did not reach flowering stage. We are thrilled to have this support from DCR! The wonderful rep Erica Aubin wants to help and team up with volunteer groups like ours. Please become part of this group!



Now, only the perimeter needs hand-pulling, where shrubs and trees prevented mowing, and a couple hours of work should do it. This is important work to leverage the DCR mowing, show DCR we have consistent volunteer support, and stop the spread of BSW to the rest of Hemlock Gorge and Quinobequin.

This year we will also have the help of several high school Envirothon team members, who continue to be eager to put their knowledge into hands-on practice and to continue their learning in the great outdoors. We are very happy to have their help! Dress for potential poison ivy--gloves, long pants and sleeves, closed shoes. We will have extra gloves and also the poison-ivy wash available.

For those not familiar with Black Swallow-wort, this is a good opportunity to learn about it. It is invading Newton. Very soon the BSW seed pods will release their fluffy air-borne seeds and the spread will continue. If you find it in your yard, carefully bag seed pods and dispose as trash. Do not put into yard waste! See info and flyers at Newton Conservators website: <http://bit.ly/2bs2LCU>. If you have any questions please contact Katherine Howard (617-527-1796 home; 617-721-2571 cell). Thanks!

### **September 1 - November 11** **Saturday, September 10, 1 - 5 pm (Show Opening)** **Kennard Park Sculpture Trail**

The Kennard Park is a Newton City owned open space. The Friends of Kennard Park in collaboration with the Newton Parks and Recreation, presently residing in the Kennard Park estate; are happy to be hosting The Kennard Park Sculptor Trail; September 1, 2016 through October, 2016. Along with the eight-week exhibit, there will be an exhibit opening where all of the artists will be and a presentation of the work will begin. In addition there will be scheduled workshops and talks by some of the artists offered to the public. There will also be speakers presenting on related topics to the park—to be announced.

The Kennard Park Sculptor Trail, an eight-week art exhibit, was initiated by FKP. Carolyn's wonderful friend and mentor, Allison Newsome; is an internationally known sculptor and curator of a number national and internationally known art exhibits relating to historical/public sights. Similar to the Allandale Farm Artist's Installation that Allison initiated; it is our hope to inspire the public's appreciation of how nature and art serve all of us in profound ways. How we, the public, can continue to enjoy the purity that nature offers—inner peace, relaxation, and rejuvenation of ourselves! We in turn may we ask ourselves “how might I give back to this space?” Whether it be by purchasing the artist's work or donating to the Friends of Kennard Park, non-profit; these offerings will make a difference to the Kennard Park for all to enjoy for generations to come!

The Friends of Kennard Park, Inc., a non-profit organization, established in 2015, serves as a corporation to organize charitable, educational, scientific, purposes including, but not limited to supporting and conserving natural habitats, open spaces, and historic structures such as the Kennard Estate for the benefit, use and education of the general public. Carolyn Kraft, a neighbor to the park and resident of Dudley Road, has spent many years exploring the Kennard Park with her family and Italian Greyhounds. Carolyn created Friends of Kennard Park in the efforts to restore the beauty and integrity that the park once was and sustain its use and enjoyment for generations to come. Visit <http://kennardsculpturetrail.org/> for further info.

**Sunday, September 11, 2 pm**

## **The Sculpture Trail at Kennard Park Historic Newton**

In the early 2<sup>nd</sup> century, Kennard Park was a gentleman's estate designed and planted with fruit trees and shrubs to attract a variety of birds. The park and conservation land are now owned by the City of Newton. This fall, Friends of Kennard Park have created the outdoor Kennard Park Sculpture Trail. Join curator Allison Newsome, an internationally known sculptor, for a walk along this trail to see how artists used the landscape and its history to create site-specific work. Meet in the parking lot at 246 Dudley Road. Suggested donation, \$10. Sponsored by Historic Newton.  
<http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/historic/events/walking.asp>

## **Thursday, September 15, 1:30 pm Ribbon Cutting for Upper Falls Greenway Watch for further details**

## **Sunday, September 18, 2 pm A Stroll through 300 Years in Chestnut Hill Historic Newton**

Originally settled by a few farmers in the 1650s, Chestnut Hill retains buildings and structures from each phase of its history. Starting at the 1868 Chestnut Hill Chapel, John Wyman, chair of the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission since its establishment in 1992, leads a walk down Suffolk Road. Observe one of the oldest houses in Newton (built around 1700), as well as the late 19th and early 20th century architect-designed houses and gardens that followed the introduction of commuter rail service to Chestnut Hill. Wyman will describe how the establishment of the Chestnut Hill Historic District in 1992 has encouraged the preservation of historic structures. The tour ends at Mrs. Hammond's 10-acre English style garden and Houghton Garden, now owned by the City of Newton. Meet at the Chestnut Hill School parking lot, 428 Hammond Street. Suggested donation, \$10. Sponsored by Historic Newton.  
<http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/historic/events/walking.asp>

## **Sunday, September 25, 2 pm Newton Cemetery: An Early Public Park Historic Newton**

Did you know that the land that Newton Cemetery occupies now was once used for pharmaceutical and leather factories? Learn about how that industrial land was developed as part of the garden cemetery movement, and why it's important as a green space today. Follow Katy Hax Holmes of the Newton Department of Planning and Development on a walk through Newton Cemetery, featuring some of the cemetery's most notable "residents." Uneven terrain; wear sturdy walking shoes. Meet in front of the chapel just inside the main gate, 791 Walnut St, Newton Centre. Parking is available in the parking lot to the left of the chapel. Suggested donation, \$10. Sponsored by Historic Newton  
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## **Sunday, October 2 Fall Bird Walk at Nahanton Park with Haynes Miller**

## Nahanton Park

Watch for further details on this and other Newton Conservators Fall Walks

**Saturday, October 15, 9 am - Noon**

**Hemlock Gorge Fall Cleanup**

**Hemlock Gorge**

The Friends of Hemlock Gorge fall cleanup will take place on Saturday October 15 from 9:00 A.M. to 12 noon and be followed by lunch at the Stone Building off Route 9. The details of the start of the cleanup have been complicated by the reconstruction of the Elliot Street Bridge. Please check the website ([hemlockgorge.org](http://hemlockgorge.org)) in early October. (There's a lot going in Hemlock Gorge. The Friends are applying for funds for a new fence at the circular dam, treating the hemlocks for hemlock woolly adelgids and hemlock scale, and working with the MWRA to fix the railings on top of Echo Bridge. More details in subsequent communications.



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## Newton Conservators Newsletter

Check out the latest edition of the Newton Conservators Newsletter online at [http://www.newtonconservators.org/newsletters/16\\_06.pdf](http://www.newtonconservators.org/newsletters/16_06.pdf).



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**A Few of Newton's Nesting Birds**  
*By The Observer*

**T**his is the prime season for chickening by the block that nest in Newton.

By the time that the summer time is in your hands, many birds will be raising their second brood of the season.

One large and remarkable weather through our year is the Wild Turkey. These birds were exterminated from Massachusetts so the land was cleared and they were hunted. The last known native Wild Turkey was killed on Mount Tom in 1871.

Max Wildlife tried to reintroduce them first time between 1914 and 1947, using birds from game farms, but they attempt failed in 1972 because Wildlife got permission from New York State to buy only some Wild Turkey and release them in Massachusetts. This worked very well.

The estimated population is now over 15,000 birds in our state. A flock of about forty of these large birds was seen on Wadsworth Road in Wilson late this spring. At dusk, they flew up into trees to roost for the night — it was quite a sight! People do not know what to make of something as large as a Wild Turkey up in a tree. They seem to be like blackbirds, but the legs and chimney for their wings to get them aloft. Another engineering marvel by Mother Nature!

The young, called poults, start appearing in early June. Often an older, experienced hen will regurgitate the pullets of several other hens, you can see several hens with their offspring, all together.

Hunting these birds is now legal in Massachusetts, with the opening season already over and the fall season coming up from October 18 to November 5. Only one Wild Turkey can be taken each day with a total allowable limit of two Wild Turkey per year. There are strict regulations on the gun and ammunitions that can be used in the hunting.

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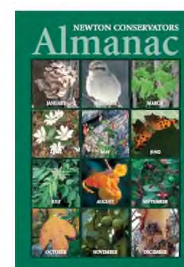
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*The Newton Conservators organization was formed as a not-for-profit in June 1961.*

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