



Newton Conservators E-Bulletin

Friday, September 9, 2016

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



September - October Happenings

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! Of special note this weekend is the opening of the Kennard Sculpture Trail on Saturday and a Newton Conservators Canoe/Kayak outing on Sunday. Below is a calendar of some exciting upcoming events from the Newton Conservators and other organizations in September and October.

Events

**Saturday, September 10, 1 - 5 pm (Show Opening)
Kennard Sculpture Trail (through November 11)
246 Dudley Road, Newton MA 02459**

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 Sculpture Trail from September 10, 2016 through November 11, 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.



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 on the organization.

The Kennard Sculpture Trail, an eight-week art exhibit, was initiated by the Friends of Kennard Park. Carolyn Kraft's friend, 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 the 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 hope that you can come by to the grand opening on Saturday from 1 to 5 pm.

**Sunday, September 11, 1 pm
Canoe and Kayak Trip
Newton Conservators Fall Series**

Nahanton Park

This canoe/kayak trip will start in Nahanton Park. We'll paddle upstream on the Charles against the current to the far reaches of Needham, Dedham and Wellesley. Bring your own canoe or kayak, or rent one at the canoe/kayak rental stand in Nahanton Park. The area up-stream is a region of significant beauty and almost pristine conditions. Fall is a good time to view the many turtles and other wildlife along this stretch of water. We should see numerous fish, including pickerel, bass and carp. We also will see many birds that make their spring/summer/fall homes in this habitat. We'll pass by Powell's Island, Millennium Park, and the large Dedham Ditch, then stop for lunch on Cow Island. On the return trip, the current will help carry us back. It's an interesting trip for adults and children and usually is completed within three hours. Trip Leaders: Bill and Dottie Hagar (617-964-2644).



Sunday, September 11, 2 pm The Sculpture Trail at Kennard Park Historic Newton

In the early 20th 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>



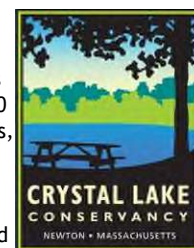
Thursday, September 15, 1:30 pm Ribbon Cutting for Upper Falls Greenway Depot Coffee Shoppe, 1225 Chestnut Street, Newton Upper Falls

The official ribbon cutting ceremony for the Upper Falls Greenway has been scheduled for Thursday, September 15th from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. It is being held at the Depot Coffee Shoppe, 1225 Chestnut Street, Newton Upper Falls. Read more about the Upper Falls Greenway in an article by Andy Levin in the Newton Tab at <http://newton.wickedlocal.com/opinion/20160722/my-view-on-newton-upper-falls-greenway>.



Thursday, September 15, 7-9 pm Crystal Lake - Vision 2020 Crystal Lake Bathhouse, 20 Rogers St, Newton Highlands

Please join the Crystal Lake Conservancy and the Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council, along with Newton Residents and City Officials at a gathering to discuss a New Crystal Lake bathhouse. One of the goals of the Crystal Lake Conservancy has been to have a new bathhouse built. A Task Force met for two years to develop a plan for the bathhouse. Over 1000 people per day utilize the bathhouse from June to August. 600 of those visitors are children. There are multiple needs and demands by the children, summer camps, families, children/adults with different abilities, teenagers and the elderly that utilize the bathhouse. Active and passive recreation at Crystal Lake needs a gathering place. Programs within a flexible, year-round facility could maximize the enjoyment of Crystal Lake. Accessibility from the street to the beach/park needs to be ADA compliant and welcoming. Administrative staff and life guards need a place that functions effectively and provides easy oversight to ensure safety. Maintenance and daily operations need to be cost effective and eco-friendly. And it can be beautiful. Come be part of the conversation! Visit www.CrystalLakeConservancy.org for more info.



Sunday, September 18, 1-5 pm (Rain date: Sunday September 25) Paddles and Pumpkins - Crystal Lake Conservancy Crystal Lake Bathhouse (20 Rogers Street, Newton Highlands, MA)

Enjoy a lovely canoe, kayak, or paddleboard ride on Crystal Lake on a crisp autumn day! The Crystal Lake Conservancy and the Newton Parks and Recreation Department invite you to join us for a Sunday afternoon of activities on Crystal Lake. Participants may sign up for half hour slots from 1-4:30pm (off the water by 5 pm) to enjoy the pleasures of canoeing/kayaking/paddle boarding. A lifeguard will be on duty and all participants will be required to wear life jackets and sign a waiver. Children under 16



must be accompanied by an adult while on the water. Support Crystal Lake Conservancy's efforts to keep Crystal Lake healthy. \$10 donation per canoe/kayak /paddleboard. There will be refreshments and pumpkins! Learn about the Crystal Lake Bathhouse - Vision 2020 and ongoing testing and watershed activities to protect Crystal Lake!! Visit www.CrystalLakeConservancy.org or call Janice Bourque at 617-967-0797. Volunteers are needed to help that day! Go to our website to volunteer or go directly to <http://signup.com/go/2ggqEq>



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 Mrs. Hammond's 10-acre English style garden and Houghton Garden, now owned by the City of Newton, 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. The tour ends at the 1868 Chestnut Hill Chapel. Meet outside Houghton Garden, 210 Suffolk Rd. Park on Suffolk Road. No pre-registration required. Suggested donation, \$10. Sponsored by Historic Newton. <http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/historic/events/walking.asp>



Saturday, September 24 23rd Annual National Public Lands Day

Our neighborhood parks or beaches to our nation's awe-inspiring national parks, public lands of all sizes and varieties are the places where we live, learn, play, exercise, and relax. In fact, over 30% of America's land is public land. To encourage people to join in and visit their public lands, NPLD is a fee-free day for all federal public lands and many state parks. Whether you volunteer on NPLD, enjoy some boating, hiking, fishing, or camping, or simply learn more about your public lands and the plants and wildlife that live there, we invite you to take this day to enjoy the great outdoors and celebrate the lands that give us so much. Visit <https://www.neefusa.org/public-lands-day> for more info.



Sunday, September 25, 11 am - 3 pm Newton Community Farm Fall Festival 303 Nahanton St, Newton MA 02459

Come enjoy your local farm with an afternoon of fun activities. There will be live music, a kids sing-a-long, pumpkin decorating, face painting, and corn hole for your family to enjoy! And new this year... a Newton Community Farm Scavenger Hunt for adults and kids to do together. We are excited to welcome [b.good](#), who will be offering healthy alternatives to fast food at the event, and will be donating all their profits from the Fall Festival to NCF. In other farm news, there is now enrollment for a late fall CSA, the Farm Stand is open Tue-Fri, 1:30-6 pm, and enrollment for fall kids programs is underway. See www.newtoncommunityfarm.org for more info.



Sunday, October 2, 8 am Fall Bird Walk at Nahanton Park (with Haynes Miller) Newton Conservators Fall Series Nahanton Park

Nahanton Park offers a mix of woodlands, wetlands, edge habitat and meadows along the Charles River, making it one of the best birding spots in Newton for fall migrants as well as resident species. Bring binoculars if you have them. Beginners as well as experienced birders are welcome. Walking shoes are recommended. Co-sponsored by Friends of Nahanton Park and the Newton Conservators. Meet at the Nahanton Street entrance between the JCC and the Charles. Parking is available inside the park. Cancelled if steady rain. If concerned about the weather, please call. Trip Leader: Haynes Miller (617-413-2419).



Saturday, October 8, 9 am
Bedrock Geology of Newton and Environs
Newton Conservators Fall Series
Hammond Pond Reservation

The geology of the Newton area tells a fascinating story of a time about 585 million years ago when Newton was part of the great southern continent of Gondwana and not far from the south pole. The rocks record a history of great volcanic eruptions and sedimentary basin deposits (the famous puddingstone!) in areas between the volcanoes. Join us and learn a bit about how the rocks tell us their story. This trip will not be one of the usual walks since we will need to carpool to travel to 4 different sites in and around Newton to see the different rock types. Meet in the parking lot at the entrance to the Hammond Pond MDC Reservation area-east, at the west end of Hammond Pond Parkway near Rt. 9, behind "The Street" complex near the movie theatre (see Newton Conservators Walking Trail Guide, p.35). We will visit rocks in the woods near here, then carpool to the other exposures. Cancelled if steady rain. Trip will last 2-3 hours. Trip Leader: Chris Hepburn (617-964-1137)



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. As usual, spruce-up materials will be supplied and refreshments provided for all volunteers! Please dress appropriately for the work and weather (rain or shine; no rain date).

Please check the website (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.



Sunday, October 16, 2 pm (NOTE: Rescheduled from Sunday, September 25)
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 <http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/historic/events/walking.asp>



Monday, October 31
Fall Deadline for Newton Conservators Grants Program

The Newton Conservators, Inc. provides grants to Newton's schools, educational institutions, groups, and institutions for the purpose of fostering its mission. The grants are generally modest in size; requests of between \$250 and \$750 may receive priority, although smaller and larger grants will be given full consideration. They can be made for a single event, a longer-term project, or for multiple year funding. Projects for multiple year funding must be reported upon and resubmitted annually. Fall deadline for applications is October 31.

Visit <http://www.newtonconservators.org/grants.htm> for program details.



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A Few of Newton's Nesting Birds

By Peter Collier

This is the prime season for chickening by the birds that nest in Newton.



By the time that the weather turns in your back, many birds will be raising their second brood of the summer.

One large and considerable woodland through our youth is the Wild Turkey. These birds were exterminated from Massachusetts in the last few decades, and they were hunted. The last known native Wild Turkey was killed in Massachusetts in 1851.

Mr. Wallis tried to reintroduce them four times between 1914 and 1947, using birds from game farms, but each attempt failed. In 1972 Mr. Wallis got permission from the York State to law-trap 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 Window Road in Newton 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 the Turkey buzzards, for the legs and shape for their wings to get them aloft. As that engineering marvel by Mr. Goddard!

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

Hunting these birds is now legal in Massachusetts, with the spring season already over and the fall season coming up from October 26 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 safety that can be used in the hunting.

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

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