

# President's Message

## Happy (almost) Spring!

February and March have been planning time for the Newton Conservators. As you will see, we have a full line-up of Spring Walks and Invasive Plant Pulls. We hope to see you at some of them . . .



We also will have our three usual projects for Newton Serves Day on Sunday, April 28: Cold Spring Park, Dolan Pond, and Blue Heron Bridge. You can sign up starting on April 1: <http://www.newtoncommunitypride.org/NewtonSERVES.html>

The Newton Conservators annual meeting will be on Wednesday, May 8, at American Legion Post 440 at 295 California Street. Our speaker will be the knowledgeable and dynamic John Maguranis, who is the Animal Control Officer in Belmont and the Massachusetts representative of Project Coyote. He will speak about "Living with Coyotes." Invitations will be sent, and reservations can be made soon; in the meantime, please save Wednesday, May 8, on your calendar!



In mid-February a team of members, experienced in removing invasive plants from the city's open spaces, met to talk about our ongoing approach to the problem. We brainstormed several interesting ideas. City Councilor Andreae Downs suggested a potluck to try recipes made from knotweed and garlic mustard. Yum!

This issue features board member Barbara Bates, who follows her first popular article about Canada Geese with a look at beavers, and new (to us) author and member of the Conservators' invasives-control team Mark Hooker has written an article on invasive plants found in Newton's open spaces. We welcome their articles.

As always, we'd love to hear from you: [president@NewtonConservators.org](mailto:president@NewtonConservators.org).

*Beth Wilkinson*

## Spring's coming. Step outside!

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