



Newton Conservators *E-Bulletin*

Friday, May 31, 2019

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Cold Spring Park and More!

Another weekend with sun - amazing! **Sunday and Monday**, the focus is on Cold Spring Park. Sunday the focus is on invasives with a walk to learn about invasives with expert Bruce Wenning in the morning at 9:30 am and a pulling event later at noon. Learn and do all in one day! Monday at the Zervas School is a premiere evening event on the Natural Wonders of Cold Spring Park with expert Sam Jaffe (who grew up there!) sponsored by the recently formed Friends of Cold Spring Park - not to be missed!.

Saturday, you can help with invasive control at Newton's own Houghton Garden. And if you like the idea of free music, then the Newton Porchfest is for you with over 100+ bands performing for free on porches and lawns in Auburndale, Upper Falls, and Waban (and Bike Newton is even touring the Porchfest!) And don't forget plant and seedling sales on Saturday.

Tuesday is a great presentation on the Charles River at the Durant-Kenrick estate. SO MUCH HAPPENING in the next few days and really all June long - check out the June Calendar of events below. Enjoy getting outdoors! And be sure to check out our newly designed website at www.newtonconservators.org which has a convenient listing of upcoming events at the bottom of the front page.

Please join us for the first
FRIENDS OF COLD SPRING PARK public event!

The Natural Wonders of Cold Spring Park



MONDAY, JUNE 3

Zervas Elementary School, 30 Beethoven Ave. Waban

6:30pm – A guided walk in the park with Henry Finch.
Meet at Zervas' main entrance.

7:30pm – KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Local Naturalist Sam Jaffe,
founder of *The Caterpillar Lab*. In Zervas Auditorium.



Everyone welcome • Refreshments
Co-sponsored by the Zervas PTO



Learn about

- The park's many diverse habitats and inhabitants
- How Sam is working with Zervas to use the park as an outdoor classroom
- Our plans and progress to rehabilitate the trail
- Threats to the park's ecosystem and how you can help preserve it
- And share your own suggestions!

FRIENDS OF COLD SPRING PARK: a community organization dedicated to preserving and improving Cold Spring Park.
• friendsofcoldspringpark@gmail.com • [facebook.com/FriendsofColdSpringPark](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofColdSpringPark) •

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 1, 9:30 am - 12:00 noon
Houghton Garden/Webster Invasives Pull.
Opposite 210 Suffolk Rd., Newton, MA 02467
<https://newtonconservators.org/events/houghton-garden-invasives-pull/>

We are tackling garlic mustard and black swallow-wort near the entrance of Houghton Garden



where it borders the T Track crossing to Webster Woods. Help keep these invaders out of Houghton Garden! Wear long pants and garden gloves. Trash bags will be provided; the City will dispose properly as trash, not as yard waste. Meet at the entrance to the garden/T crossing. Leader is Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571.

Saturday, June 1, Noon - 6 pm (Raindate: Sunday, June

2)

Newton Porchfest

Auburndale, Newton Lower Falls, Waban neighborhoods

<https://newton.porchfest.info>

Newton PorchFest is an afternoon of free music performed outside of people's homes in conjunction with the Linda Plaut Festival of the Arts. Newton now joins the 100+ other cities across the country who hold this every year. For 2019, there will be 100+ musical groups performing all over Auburndale, Lower Falls and Waban. Enjoy a diverse line up of local talent from country to pop, classical, reggae, blues, rock, jazz, Latin, R&B and more. Walk and

bike around neighborhoods for a great smorgasbord of free musical entertainment. See <https://newton.porchfest.info/> for full details and map and band locations.



Also Bike Newton is sponsoring a tour of porches starting in Waban, Lower Falls and Auburndale and take in some of the great music between 1pm and 4pm! Meet in front of the Newton Main library on Homer St. in Newton Center at 12:45 and we'll map our exact route. Each rider can pick a porch to stop at; see the link below. Bring a snack or lunch. This is a family-friendly, "no-rider-left-behind" ride and all ages are invited, but all young children must be accompanied

by an adult. Bike helmets are required. They will return back to the Library when done. Be sure to check bikenewton.org for last-minute changes.

Saturday, June 1, 10 am - 1 pm

Newton Community Farm - Seedling Sale Revisited

Newton Community Farm - 303 Nahanton Street, Newton

newtoncommunityfarm.org

Newton Community Farm will be selling seedlings again Saturday, June 1 from 10-1. They still have a wide variety to choose from: tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, flowers, broccoli and more. We'll also have bagged spinach and arugula, as well as rhubarb for sale. And when, you might be wondering, will the farm stand be open for regular hours? They are still waiting on a number of crops to mature after this cold, wet spring, so holding off opening the farm stand for regular summer hours (Tuesday through Friday 1:30-6:00 and Saturday 9:00-1:00) until Tuesday, June 11. But in the meantime, don't miss this opportunity to get some fresh greens, some beautiful seedlings, and a chance to check out their crazy new chicken varieties!



Saturday, June 1, 9 am - 2:30 pm

Grow Native Plant Sale

Waltham Field Station - 240 Beaver Street, Waltham, MA 02452

grownativemass.org



Grow Native has an especially good selection of small trees and shrubs this year. Remember that native trees and shrubs do the most to enhance the wildlife value of your landscapes. Be sure to add numerous native trees and shrubs into your gardens if you want to support birds and butterflies! They will have more than 2,000 plants to sell,

representing 125+ species! Go early for best selection.

Sunday, June 2 from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Cold Spring Park Invasive Plant Educational Walk
Beacon Street, Newton, MA 02461

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/cold-spring-park-invasive-plant-educational-walk/>

Join horticulturalist Bruce Wenning for training in identifying the invasive species that are found in this park as well as in everybody's yards! Learn the traits of invasive species, how and why they are so successful and hurt the native ecosystems, and how you can identify and control them in your yards and neighborhoods. Wear long pants and closed shoes. Enter the park at the Beacon Street entrance. Turn left and go to the far end of the parking lot (circle) to meet group. Repeat session on June 9. Trip Leader: Bruce Wenning, 617-962-0646.



Sunday, June 2, 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm
Cold Spring Park Invasives Pull #3 (repeat visit). 1200
Beacon Street, Newton, MA 02461

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/cold-spring-park-invasives-pull-3/>



Cold Spring Park is being invaded by garlic mustard, knotweed, and other species. We will spend a few hours checking the Cochituate Aqueduct walk, to keep it under control after previous years' pulls, and work on the meadow and parking lot areas. Wear long pants and garden gloves. Trash bags will be provided; the City will properly dispose 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. Leader is Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571.

Sunday, June 2, 2019, 3:00pm
Whipple Beal Fence Rededication Ceremony
Newton Cemetery

<https://newtonconservators.org/property/newton-cemetery/>

All are cordially invited to come join Mayor Ruthanne Fuller and the restoration team on Sunday, June 2nd for the re-dedication of one of the most historic elements in Newton Cemetery! The Whipple Beal Fence, the only cast iron fence in the Cemetery, is being returned to its original glory thanks to City of Newton Community Preservation funds that made the restoration possible.

Monday, June 3, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Natural Wonders of Cold Spring Park
Zervas School, 30 Beethoven Ave, Waban

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/natural-wonders-of-cold-spring-park/>

The Friends of Cold Spring Park and the Zervas School PTO invite you to join them to hear naturalist Sam Jaffe, founder of The Caterpillar Lab, talk about Cold Spring Park. Sam grew up playing in the

park, collecting insects and identifying its plants & animals. He's identified 150 species of birds, 32 butterflies and many species of reptiles, amphibians, insects and mammals in the park. Learn about the park's many diverse habitats and inhabitants, how Sam is working with Zervas teachers to use the park as an outdoor classroom, threats to the park's ecosystem, and how you can help preserve it, plans to rehabilitate the trail, and progress to date. Please share your own suggestions for improving the park! Refreshments will be available and all are welcome. For more information about Friends of Cold Spring Park, please visit our public Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofColdSpringPark/> (you don't have to be on or join Facebook) or email FriendsofColdSpringPark@gmail.com. Co-sponsored by the Zervas PTO.

Tuesday, June 4, 7 pm

Down By the River - New Takes on Charles River History

Durant-Kenrick House and Grounds, 286 Waverly Ave, Newton MA 02458

<https://www.natickhistoricalsociety.org/events/2019/6/4/down-by-the-river-new-takes-on-charles-river-history>

After years of researching and exploring the Charles River, presenter Kathleen Rowe has assembled a visual journey along this famous river as it winds through cities and towns in the watershed. In her free talk on Tuesday, June 4 at 7 p.m. at the Durant-Kenrick House and Grounds, she points out historic sites and events that have taken place along the river, while also describing some of the initiatives that have brought the Charles to its world-class status as an exemplary urban waterway. Enjoy scenic views and a few stories about the river today. Free admission. This event is supported by the Wellesley Bank Charitable Foundation and is part of the "Crossing Borders" series, a collaboration between Historic Newton, the Natick Historical Society, the Needham History Center & Museum, and the Wellesley Historical Society. It is free and open to the public.



Saturday, June 8, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Landscaping for Bird Diversity

Grow Native Mass Workshop

Jennison Hall at Bentley University, 175 Forest St, Waltham, MA



Do you aspire to create landscapes with genuine ecological value for a wide array of avian species— from songbirds, to raptors, owls, woodpeckers, and more? Claudia will lead an in-depth exploration of the principles and practices for achieving this objective, based on understanding the essential habitat requirements for bird survival. Our examination starts with the importance of native plants. Then we will take a deeper look at the value of different canopy layers, preferred planting strategies, techniques for providing water, and the critical role of active ecological systems to avian survival. We finish by considering our human interactions with birds. What are the pros and cons of feeding birds directly through seed and suet? Do nest boxes really help our native songbirds to breed? And given the threats from both human activity and non-native bird species, how can we tilt the balance in favor of our native songbirds? Claudia Thompson founded Grow Native Massachusetts in 2010. She is nationally recognized as a leader in the native plant movement, and was featured as one of the "Wild Ones" in Garden Design magazine along with Doug Tallamy, Darrel Morrison, and others. Claudia's happiest moments are spent in her own garden where she has recorded 80 species of birds using the habitat she and her husband have created on their small urban parcel in Cambridge. Pricing: Member \$32/ Non-member \$42. Register at <https://connect.clickandpledge.com/w/Form/f1c0af16-6029-48aa-a06c-f0c213316e58>.

Sunday, June 9 from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Cold Spring Park Invasive Plant Educational Walk
Beacon Street, Newton, MA 02461

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/cold-spring-park-invasive-plant-educational-walk-2/>

Join horticulturalist Bruce Wenning for training in identifying the invasive species that are found in this park as well as in everybody's yards! Learn the traits of invasive species, how and why they are so successful and hurt the native ecosystems, and how you can identify and control them in your yards and neighborhoods. Wear long pants and closed shoes. Enter the park at the Beacon Street entrance. Turn left and go to the far end of the parking lot (circle) to meet group. The same walk is offered on June 2. Trip Leader: Bruce Wenning, 617-962-0646.



Sunday, June 9, 2:00 am - 4:00 pm
Charles River Quinobequin/Hemlock Gorge Invasives
Pull. Near 2 Ellis St., Newton, MA 02464

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/charles-river-quinobequin-hemlock-gorge-invasives-pull/>



We will control garlic mustard, knotweed, and black swallowwort infestations inside beautiful Hemlock Gorge Park, and the adjoining walking trail along the Charles River at Quinobequin Rd. Help keep the invaders out of these beautiful parks! Wear long pants and garden gloves. Trash bags will be provided; the City will properly dispose as trash, not as yard waste. Meet at the parking lot at corner of Quinobequin Rd. and Ellis St. at Rt. 9 intersection. Leaders are Jerry Reilly and Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571.

Monday, June 10
Crystal Lake Swimming Season Opens
16 Rogers St, Newton

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/swim-at-crystal-lake/>

The beach at Crystal Lake opens on Monday, June 10, 2019. Check the city website for hours of operation, which vary throughout the summer. The season runs through Sunday, August 18.

Tuesday, June 11, 7 pm
Community Preservation Committee - Riverside Greenway Design Funding
Newton City Hall, Room 204



Regular CPC Meeting on June 11th (7 pm, City Hall Room 204) In addition to program planning and committee business, this agenda includes discussion of a pre-proposal from the Riverside Greenway Working Group for \$50,000 in design funding for Charles River trails between Riverside and Auburndale. NOTE: The CPC does not base funding votes on pre-proposals but uses these discussions to advise project sponsors and determine whether or when it will consider a full proposal for each project.

Share Your Ideas About How Newton Should Use Its CPA Funds! Use the link on our home page, www.newtonma.gov/cpa, to take an 8-question survey.

Most questions are multiple-choice. The home page also has a link to results from our previous survey (2011-12). Also For the next month, NewTV will be broadcasting a discussion about the Community Preservation Act in Newton moderated by the League of Women Voters of Newton

(LWVN), with a panel of current and former Community Preservation Committee members: current chair Mark Armstrong, former vice chair Walter Bernheimer, and former chair Joel Feinberg.

Saturday, June 15, 11 am - Noon

The Crystal Lake Community Dance Project

Crystal Lake

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/global-water-dances/>



Celebrate the first weekend day of swimming at Crystal Lake at a participatory inter-generational dance project. Dancers and musicians will assemble at Cronin's Cove, Levingston Cove, and the Crystal Lake Bathhouse. The Crystal Lake Community Dance Project is produced by the Newton Choreographers Collective as part of the Newton Festival of the Arts. The project participants will be on the three public parks surrounding Crystal Lake. They will all face in toward Crystal Lake as horn players and a drummer call and respond to each other from across the lake accompanied by a movement score by the dancers and community members. Included in the event will be a song about how we are One Lake One Community and how our differences disappear into the Lake. There will be a gathering for snacks on the picnic tables at the bathhouse after the event.

Sunday, June 16, 9 am

7th Annual Bike Tour de Newton

<https://www.bikereg.com/tour-de-newton-2019>

The Magical Mystery Tour Continues! Registration is underway. Don't Miss Out on this Newton Tradition! The 7th annual Tour de Newton will take place on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16th starting at 9AM. Sponsored by Bike Newton.



Sunday, June 16, 9:30 am - 12:00 noon

Charles River Quinobequin/Hemlock Gorge Invasives

Pull (repeat visit). Near 2 Ellis St., Newton, MA 02464

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/charles-river-quinobequin-hemlock-gorge-invasives-pull-2/>

We will continue our control of garlic mustard, knotweed, and black swallow-wort infestations inside beautiful Hemlock Gorge Park and the adjoining lovely walking trail along the Charles River at Quinobequin Road. Wear long pants and garden gloves. Trash bags will be provided; the City will properly dispose as trash, not as yard waste. Meet at the parking lot at corner of Quinobequin Rd. and Ellis St. at Rt. 9 intersection. Leaders are Jerry Reilly and Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571.



Sunday, June 16, 1 pm - 5 pm

Crystal Lake Conservancy Paddles and Picnics

Crystal Lake Beach / Bath House

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/paddles-and-picnics-2019/>

The Crystal Lake Conservancy and the Newton Parks and Recreation Department will host Paddles and Picnics again this year on June 16th, 2019 (rain date: June 23rd). Boat and paddle board



rentals will be available between 1 and 5 PM (last boats out at 4:30 PM). The Crystal Lake Conservancy hopes you will join them.

Saturday, June 22 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm (Rain Date: June 23)

Ferns of Webster Conservation Area

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/ferns-of-webster-conservation-area/>

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 kinds of ferns and related plants. We will visit the southeast corner near Hammond Pond and see about a dozen or more 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 me to identify. Park and meet near the woods behind The Street Shopping Center (near Davio's Restaurant), between the pond and Hammond Pond Parkway. Trip Leader: Don Lubin, 617-254-8464, don@nefern.info, <http://nefern.info>



Sunday, June 23, 9:30 am - 12:00 noon

Knotweed Pull at Dolan Pond. 76 Webster Park, Newton, MA 02465

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/knotweed-pull-at-dolan-pond/>



Meet at Webster Park (a street off Webster Street) entrance of the Dolan Pond Conservation Area. (Park there or at the other entrances at Stratford Road and Cumberland Road.) We will work to control knotweed along the path through the Conservators C/R (Conservation Restriction) area of this gem of a pocket park. Bring shovels and clippers and wear long pants and garden gloves. Leader is Ted Kuklinski, 617-332-7753.

Saturday, July 6

Great Walden BioBlitz 2019

Concord and Lincoln, MA

<https://www.walden.org/great-walden-bioblitz/>

Save the Date! Dozens of ecologists and natural history experts will be in Walden Woods and Thoreau Country for a BioBlitz with the goal of finding 2,000 species! In honor of world-famous ecologist and author Dr. E.O. Wilson's 90th birthday, the Walden Woods Project, E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Foundation, the National Park Service's Minute Man National Historical Park, and naturalist Peter Alden are organizing a massive effort to identify 2,000 species within the greater Walden Woods ecosystem. Join organized field trips with local experts or strike out on your own explorations! We are strongly encouraging use of the iNaturalist app for participants to document and post observations throughout the BioBlitz event.



Sunday, July 21, 2019, 2:00pm

Historic Newton Cemetery Walk Newton Cemetery & Arboretum

<https://newtonconservators.org/property/newton-cemetery/>

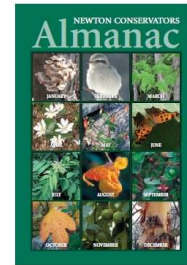
Newton's two high schools simply use North and South for identification, but many elementary and middle schools are named after a notable person from Newton. Stroll through the Newton Cemetery to see the final resting places and learn more about the lives of Dr. Henry Bigelow, F.A. Day, William Claflin and others whose legacy continues in our public schools. Meet in front of the chapel just inside the main gate, 791 Walnut Street, Newton Centre. Park in the lot to the left of the chapel. Suggested donation \$10 per person. Register at historicnewton.org or come on tour day.

Membership & Publications!



Did you know that you can Join the Newton Conservators online. And consider a gift membership for a conservation-minded friend. New members get a trail guide as well!

Visit <https://newtonconservators.org/membership/> 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! Our Trail Guide and Almanac make great holiday gifts!

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 in June 1961.



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR JOIN TODAY!

YES, count me in! I want to be a nature steward and help Newton Conservators protect and preserve the natural areas in our community.

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Help us support these conservation areas:

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Ordway Endowment Fund \$ _____
Land Stewardship Areas (Dexter Rd., Bracebridge Rd.)
\$ _____

*Contributors at this level receive a copy of the Newton Conservators Almanac. All new members receive Walking Trails in Newton's Parks and Conservation Lands.

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Please email me.

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