



Newton Conservators
E-Bulletin
Friday, May 3, 2024

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May Days with Newton Conservators!

Hooray - A new month is here with its well deserved May flowers! As usual, Newton Conservators has a great lineup of free events this month and next starting this weekend where the weather is expected to be at least pleasant and not rainy!

On Saturday, go on a free [Bird Walk at Cold Spring Park](#) with Pete Gilmore (8-10 am) to check out what interesting migrating birds are passing through Newton. We also have invasive pulls at [Quinobequin \(9-11 am\)](#) and [Saw Mill Brook \(1-3:30 pm\)](#). See our extensive listing of invasive pulls later in this email.

Sunday is [NewtonSERVES Day](#) and Newton Conservators has FOUR volunteer opportunities - in the morning (9-Noon) at Cold Spring Park, Dolan Pond, and Nahanton Park, and the afternoon (1-4 pm) at Houghton Garden. Official online volunteer registration has been light this year, and we really could use a lot more volunteers. You would be welcome to come help in any case - registration forms will be available at all of our sites. See details in our Events listings below.

This coming [Thursday, May 9, is our Annual Dinner Meeting](#), which will be held indoors again at Post 440 for the first time since the pandemic. We'll have a social hour at 6 pm, followed by a delicious dinner and dessert, an awards ceremony, and a great presentation, "Seeds of Change: Promoting Plant Biodiversity in our Communities", by Michael Piantedosi, Director of Conservation for Native Plant Trust. To guarantee your dinner spot, please register online by today, May 3.

Don't miss our [Annual Mother's Day Bird Walk at Nahanton Park \(Sunday, May 12\)](#) with Haynes Miller and Alison Leary during peak migration time. In June, join us for two additional walks, a ["Spring Ramble through Webster Woods" with naturalist educator Barbara Bates](#) on Saturday, June 1, and ["Exploring Hemlock Gorge" with John Mordes of Friends of Hemlock Gorge and Katherine Howard](#) on Sunday, June 9.

We have one more webinar in our Spring Series on [Thursday, May 23 with Dr. Sarah Evans on "Pesticides and Children's Health: How we can protect our community"](#). If you missed our earlier wonderful spring webinars on ["Creating Landscapes for Bird Diversity" with Claudia Thompson](#), founder of Grow Native Massachusetts, or ["Coexisting with Coyotes in Suburban Environments" with Dave Wattle](#) of MassWildlife, you can catch them on our YouTube channel.

And come chat with us at some upcoming community events - the [Newton Family FunFEST](#) at City Hall on Saturday, May 18, Waban Village Day, on Sunday, May 19, Nonantum Village Day on Sunday, June 2, and Newton Highlands Village Day on Sunday, June 9. Look for our new green Newton Conservators tent at these fun events (details below)!

The [Spring Issue of the Newton Conservators Newsletter](#) is available on our website, in case you don't receive the printed edition in your mailbox.

Our updated volunteer web page lists current opportunities to help with walks, conservation restrictions, invasive plants, biodiversity, community events, photojournalism, publicity, and even helping with this e-Bulletin! To volunteer for any of these, or talk to us about sharing skills or interests we haven't already listed, please check out <https://newtonconservators.org/volunteer/>

Hope to see you out and about in Newton's open spaces or at one of our many free events this spring.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 4, 2024, 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Spring Birding at Cold Spring Park

Newton Conservators Walk Series

Leader: Pete Gilmore

Cold Spring Park, 1200 Beacon Street, Newton

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/birding-at-cold-spring-park-6/>



May is the peak time for migrating birds passing through the Newton area on their way north. Join [Newton Conservators](#) for a free [Spring Birding Walk](#) on Sunday, May 4, from 8 to 10 am at [Cold Spring Park](#), one of Newton's premier birding locations. Participants will meet near the turnaround at the end of the left side of the Beacon Street parking area. This is an easy walk on flat woodland trails. We will look for resident birds as well as spring migrants. Beginners and children are welcome! The trip Leader is experienced birder, Pete Gilmore (petegilmore79@gmail.com). To learn more about other free Newton Conservators spring walks, webinars and events, please visit our [Events Page](#).



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Sunday, May 5, 2024

NewtonSERVES

Newton Conservators Projects

<https://www.newtonma.gov/government/parks-recreation-culture/newton-serves>



NewtonSERVES is Newton's annual day of service and is being administered through the Newton Parks, Recreation and Culture Department, which is excited to share that NewtonSERVES 2024 is scheduled on Sunday, May 5th. Volunteer efforts are focused on cleaning and improving our parks, school grounds, open space areas, and conservation lands.



The online volunteer deadline was May 1. However, you can still come to the NewtonSERVES events at the designated times and volunteer by filling out a registration form on-site. To register as a volunteer, you must be 18 years of age or older. Volunteers under 18 years of age do not have to register, but **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. Please list any volunteers under the age of 18, on the Consent Form at the site. On the day of the event, dress for the weather and bring gloves, sunscreen, drinking water and hand-tools for the given project.

Below are the four Newton Conservators' sponsored NewtonSERVES projects:

- **Sunday, May 5, 2024, 9:30 am - Noon**
NewtonSERVES at Cold Spring Park
Beacon Street entrance
- **Sunday, May 5, 2024, 9:30 am - Noon**
NewtonSERVES at Dolan Pond
Webster Park entrance
- **Sunday, May 5, 2024, 9:30 am - Noon**
NewtonSERVES at Nahanton ParK
Nahanton Street entrance
- **Sunday, May 5, 2024, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**
NewtonSERVES at Houghton Garden
Suffolk Road entrance

Thursday, May 9, 2024 (Save the Date)

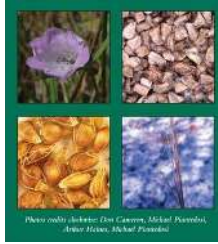
Newton Conservators' Annual Dinner Meeting

Post 440, California Street

Featured Speaker: Michael Piantadosi, Native Plant Trust

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/2024-annual-meeting-thursday-may-9-2024/>





Newton Conservators Annual Dinner Meeting will be held in-person on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at American Legion Post 440, 295 California Street, Newton. It will feature a presentation on "Seeds of Change: Promoting Plant Biodiversity in Our Community," by Michael Piantedosi, Director of Conservation for Native Plant Trust. The event will start with a social hour and cash bar at 6 pm, followed at 7 pm by dinner, a business meeting, Environmentalist of the Year and Directors' Award, and presentation. This year's Environmentalist of the Year is the Newton Community Pollinator Project and a Directors Award is going to EcoPledge, an environmental Boston College student group.

Tickets are \$50. You can reserve your tickets online (by today May 3) [HERE](#).

Michael Piantedosi will speak about the use of native seeds to maintain overall biodiversity on public and private landscapes at all scales, from hyper-local to international. Since earning his undergraduate degree in Plant Biology & Environmental Conservation at the University of New Hampshire, Michael has worked in regional herbaria, at the Museum of Science in Boston, and with Woodman Horticultural Experiment Farm. At Native Plant Trust, he managed the New England Plant Conservation Program (NEPCoP), a regional volunteer consortium of professional botanists and ecologists, before becoming Director of Conservation in 2019.



Sunday, May 12, 2024, 8:00 am - 10:30 am

Mother's Day Bird Walk at Nahanton Park

Newton Conservators Walk Series

Cosponsored by Friends of Nahanton Park

Leaders: Alison Leary & Haynes Miller

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/mothers-day-bird-walk-at-nahanton-park/>



Join [Newton Conservators](#) and [Friends of Nahanton Park](#) on Sunday, May 12 from 8 to 10:30 am for a free [Mother's Day Bird Walk](#) at [Nahanton Park](#). This 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 migrants as well as resident species. A summer tanager recently visited Nahanton Park to the delight of many birders.



The group will meet at the Nahanton Street entrance to Nahanton Park which is next to the river. Parking is available inside the park. Bring binoculars if you have them. Beginners as well as experienced birders are welcome. Waterproof shoes are recommended. The walk will be canceled in steady rain. The trip Leaders are experienced birders, Alison Leary (617-821-5619) and Haynes Miller (617-413-2419). To learn more about other free Newton Conservators spring walks, webinars and events, please visit our [Events Page](#).

Saturday, May 18, 2024, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Newton Family FunFEST

Newton City Hall - War Memorial Circle

<https://www.newtonma.gov/government/parks-recreation-culture/cultural-development/family-funfest>

Look for the Newton Conservators table and tent at the Newton Family FunFEST. We'll have some kids' activities. Newton Family FunFEST is a celebration of art and entertainment for all ages, including live musical performances, a carnival, arts & crafts workshops, live public art event, vendor booths and more. See the link above for details.



Saturday & Sunday May 18-19, 2024 Noon - 3 pm

Newton Community Farm Annual Seedling Sale

303 Nahanton Street

Come visit the Annual Seedling Sale at the Newton Community Farm. There will be 28,000 seedlings for sale for 80+ varieties of vegetables, herbs, and some flowers, as well as two types of very high-quality soil and amendments. Street parking available on the farm side of Winchester and Nahanton streets. Visit the farm's website for more information and details on the seed sale at <https://newtoncommunityfarm.org/news-events/seedling-sale/>



Sunday, May 19, 2024, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Waban Village Day

Waban Center, Beacon Street

<https://wabanimprovement.org/village-day-2024/>

Look for the Newton Conservators table and tent at Waban Village Day in Waban Center. The annual Waban Village Day and Family Fun Run is on Sunday, May 19, 2024. These family-friendly events will be kicked off by the Family Fun Run at 10:00 AM and continue throughout the day in Waban Square with rides and amusements for kids of all ages, vendor tables, music, food, and ice cream.



Thursday, May 23, 2024, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Pesticides and Children's Health:

How can we protect our community?

Newton Conservators Spring Webinar Series

Speaker: Sarah Evans, PhD

Register: <https://bit.ly/3wduVlc>

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/pesticides-and-childrens-health-how-can-we-protect-our-community/>



Sarah Evans

Sarah Evans, Assistant Professor of Environmental Medicine and Public Health at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, will share the latest science on how pesticides impact health, children's unique vulnerability, and steps that families can take to reduce pesticide exposures.

Sarah Evans PhD, MPH, obtained her doctorate in neuroscience from Weill Cornell Medical College and her master's degree in public health from Mount Sinai, where she also completed a three-year fellowship in Environmental Pediatrics. Her research focuses on how early-life environmental exposures shape the brain and behavior. Dr. Evans is committed to translating research into action to promote safer practices and policies that protect families from toxic chemicals.



Saturday, June 1, 2024, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Spring Ramble Through Webster Woods

Newton Conservators Walk Series

Leader: Barbara Bates

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/spring-ramble-through-webster-woods/>

Join Barbara Bates from Newton Conservators for an easy 1.5 mile ramble in Webster Woods to see what's in bloom and "what's cooking" in the vernal pool Bare Pond. We will follow the Red trail to Bare Pond, pick up the Green trail to Cake Rock, Gooch's Cave, the dell along Thompsonville Brook, and return via the Red trail past Cat Pond. The trail can be rocky and muddy in places and there are one or two steep places. Bring insect repellent and dress accordingly. No pets allowed. Rain cancels the walk. If in doubt, email Barbara before 9:30 AM on the date of the walk. Trip Leader: Barbara Bates, (B.L.Bates@rcn.com).



PHOTO: KEN MALLORY



Sunday, June 2, 2024, 10:30 am - 4:00 pm

Nonantum Village Day

Coletti-Magni Park, 386 Watertown Street, Nonantum

<https://www.facebook.com/NonantumNeighborhoodAssociation>

Look for the Newton Conservators table and tent at Nonantum Village Day at Coletti-Magni Park in Nonantum. The annual Nonantum Village Day, sponsored by the Nonantum Neighborhood Association, is on Sunday, June 2, 2024. This family-friendly event has something of interest for all ages, including vendor tables, music, and food.



Sunday, June 9 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Exploring Hemlock Gorge

Newton Conservators Walk Series

Co-sponsored by the Friends of Hemlock Gorge

Leaders: John Mordes & Katherine Howard

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/exploring-hemlock-gorge/>

Join us for a tour of this gem of a park, "hidden" at the intersection of routes 9 and I-95, once a Sunday destination for thousands of Boston city dwellers, and designed by Charles Eliot of the Olmsted design firm.



We will visit the historic Echo Bridge, talk about some history and geology, and enjoy the stunning topography and views. The walk includes some steep slopes and uneven terrain. Meet at the Hamilton Place entrance/lot off Central Ave (on the Needham side of the Charles River). In the event of steady rain, check the website. Trip Leaders: John Mordes MD, president of [Friends of Hemlock Gorge](#) (617 888 4488), and Katherine Howard of Newton Conservators (617 721 2571).



Sunday, June 9 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Newton Highlands Village Day
Lincoln Street between Walnut and Bowdoin
<https://highlandsvillageday.org/>

Look for the Newton Conservators table and green tent at **Highlands Village Day**. The festival runs from 11-4. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, all children's activities are FREE! That includes bounce houses, caricatures, and face painting! Plus, enjoy delicious food, enjoy live music, and much more!



Keep up to date on our events on
 our [website](https://newtonconservators.org/events/) at <https://newtonconservators.org/events/>



Black Swallow-wort



Japanese Knotweed



Garlic Mustard



Multiflora Rose



Tree of Heaven



Glossy Buckthorn

Invasive Removal Events

The Newton Conservators' Invasives Team conducts invasive plant removal sessions throughout much of the year. We work in many of Newton's parks and conservation areas. The City of Newton and the state (Department of Conservation and Recreation) support us administratively and with debris removal.

Invasive non-native plants take over large areas quickly and disrupt the local ecosystems and food chains of plants, insects, birds, and other animals, harming biodiversity. Human activity caused this problem, and our intervention is needed to prevent the invasives from taking over. Our efforts make room for threatened native species, and we also add new native plantings in selected areas.

You can help by joining our efforts, or just by learning to identify the plants in your own yard and favorite areas. Newton Conservators' website section on invasive plants includes photos and tips for identification and management: <https://newtonconservators.org/invasive-plants/>

You are welcome to join in these efforts. The sessions will be published as Events on our website; and if you would like to receive notices and updates about our plans, you can get on our invasives email group list by emailing Invasives@newtonconservators.org. There is no obligation, and you can come to as many or as few of the sessions as you like.

If you haven't already completed the electronic Volunteer Release form, please do so; you can indicate "full year 2024" or "calendar 2024" for the time period. [Click here for the electronic Volunteer Release form.](#)

Here is the current list of possible invasive removal events. Watch for them on the Events page of our website at <https://newtonconservators.org/events/> or email us to be certain. The events in May with links below will take you to our Events page listings for details.

- [May 4 - Sat 9-11 - Quinobequin](#)
- [May 4 - Sat 1-3:30 - Saw Mill Brook](#)
- [May 5 - Sun 9:00-12 - Cold Spring Park, NewtonServes](#)
- [May 5 - Sun 9:00-12 - Dolan Pond, NewtonServes](#)
- [May 5 - Sun 9:00-12 - Nahanton Park Woodcock Meadow, NewtonServes](#)
- [May 5 - Sun 1-3 - Houghton Garden. NewtonServes](#)

- [May 11 - Sat 9:30-11:30 - Cold Spring Park](#)
- [May 11 - Sat 1-3 - Riverside Park and Pony Truss Trail](#)
- [May 12 - Sun 9:00 - 12 Upper Falls Greenway](#)
- [May 12 - Sun 2-4 - Blue Heron Bridge](#)
- [May 18 - Sat 1-3:30 - Nahanton \(Woodcock Meadow\)](#)
- [May 19 - Sun 1-3 - Houghton Garden](#)
- [May 25 - Sat 9:30 - 11:30 Cold Spring Park](#)
- [May 26 - Sun 2-4 - Quinobequin](#)
- [June 1 - Sat 9-12 - Hammond Pond](#)
- [June 2 - Sun 9:30-12 - Saw Mill Brook](#)
- [June 2 - Sun 1-4 - Blue Heron Bridge](#)
- [June 8 - Sat 9:30-12 - Cold Spring Park](#)
- [June 15 - Sat 9:30-11:30 - Dolan Pond](#)
- [June 15 - Sat 2-4 - Hemlock Gorge](#)
- [June 16 - Sun TBD - Crystal Lake](#)
- [June 29 - Sat 9:30-12 - Cold Spring Park](#)
- [June 30 - Sun 1-3 - Crystal Lake](#)
- [July 6 - Sat 9:30-12 - Hemlock Gorge](#)
- [July 7 - Sun 1-3 - Hemlock Gorge, BSW](#)

Other News

Pollinator Garden Mapping

The [Newton Community Pollinator Project](#) is a volunteer coalition of gardeners, native plant and pollinator enthusiasts who have come together to promote nature-based solutions for the environment in Newton. They, along with Newton Conservators, organized last year's inaugural Newton Pollinator Garden Tour. Do you have a pollinator garden? We would love to know more about such gardens in Newton and possibly get more such gardens added to a regional map of private and public pollinator gardens in the Mystic and Charles River watersheds. If this is of interest to you, please fill out their brief survey and they will let you know further steps to register your garden officially on the map. Here is a link the brief survey: <https://forms.gle/BHUt386pYRXrVmie9>



Befriend an Artful Piano

Newton's Artful Piano project is underway for 2024. The pianos have been donated, the artists are at work, and planning is underway for the installation of these nine pianos in public locations in Newton this summer. To keep them in great shape for the summer months, there is a need for dedicated "piano pals" to care for them. In particular, the Newton City Hall piano could use a team of pals. The duties of the piano pal are to watch the weather carefully, cover the piano in bad weather with a tarp and bungees that we provide, and uncover it when the weather clears. We also provide a dust brush and ask that pals sweep away accumulated leaves or other debris. The most dedicated pals cover the piano every evening and uncover it every morning to protect it from dew. That helps a lot. If you'd like more details about being a piano pal or can offer to help at City Hall, email culture@newtonma.gov. Learn more about Newton's Artful Pianos [here](#).



Newton Porchfest

And speaking of FREE outdoor music, don't miss the annual Newton Porchfest on Saturday, June 1 from Noon-6pm which will have well over a hundred music groups of all genres performing outside on porches, driveways, and lawns in Auburndale, Upper Falls, and Waban. For a map of venues and list of groups, visit <https://newton.porchfest.info/>



Creating Landscapes for Bird Diversity with Claudia Thompson, Founder of Grow Native Massachusetts

View this Webinar on our YouTube channel at: <https://youtu.be/sQgJr4fa7ro>

Our landscapes have a tremendous impact on bird diversity, and with so many native bird populations in steep decline, understanding their needs is more important than ever. With her urban garden as a case study, Claudia Thompson will explore the essential principles for creating avian-friendly landscapes for a wide variety of land-bird species— from songbirds, to owls, woodpeckers, and more.



Native plants provide the foundation, with healthy flora-fauna relationships that are essential for food and habitat. Also important is the structure of the landscape itself, so that it offers varied canopy layers, protective cover, and water. Finally, she will consider the pros and cons of our human interactions with birds, using bird feeders and nest boxes, and through the design of our built environment. Every landscape matters, and each of us can make a difference!

Ms. Thompson founded Grow Native Massachusetts in 2010 and served as the organization's President and Executive Director throughout its first decade. Her work as a landscape ecologist is also deeply informed by her personal experience over three decades, transforming her relatively small urban garden into rich habitat where she documented more than 80 species of birds. Her lifelong career in the environmental sector has included other notable roles, serving as Director of Education for the Appalachian Mountain Club, Director of Drumlin Farm for Mass Audubon, and on the board of the New England Wild Flower Society.

Claudia provided us with the following helpful document, which presents eleven key points from her webinar and suggested resources:

https://grownativemass.org/sites/default/files/documents/Thompson_Landscapes_Bird_Diversity_2022.pdf

This webinar was originally presented live on March 14, 2024, as part of the Newton Conservators 2024 Spring Webinar Series hosted by Beth Wilkinson.

Coexisting with Coyotes in Suburban Communities Dave Wattles, Black Bear & Furbearer Biologist, Mass Wildlife

View the video on our YouTube channel at: <https://youtu.be/aweDzpfYzDE>

Eastern coyotes are found in nearly every town and city in Massachusetts, and they can thrive close to humans in a variety of habitats. In this webinar, learn about eastern coyote biology, how coyotes use suburban areas, and how communities like Newton can take effective steps to coexist with coyotes. Our presenter is MassWildlife's Black Bear and Furbearer Biologist, Dave Wattles, PhD.



Dave has been studying and working with large mammals in Massachusetts since 2006 when he began collaring and studying moose for his graduate work at UMass Amherst. He has 15 years of experience conducting black bear research and has been the Black Bear and Furbearer Biologist with the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) since 2016.

In this webinar, you will learn so much about the behavior of coyotes, how coyotes came to be part of our neighborhoods over the decades, how they have adapted to our communities, and how to discourage them from coexisting too closely with us. Some main takeaways – other than what beautiful creatures they are? That the best way to coexist well with coyotes is not to provide food for them, intentionally or unintentionally. And to supervise our pets.

Check out MassWildlife's webpage on coyotes at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/learn-about-coyotes> and their document on preventing conflicts with coyotes at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/prevent-conflicts-with-coyotes/download>

This webinar was originally presented live on September 13, 2023 as part of the Newton Conservators 2023 Fall Webinar Series hosted by Beth Wilkinson.


Newton Conservators Social Media

Please consider following Newton Conservators on our social media channels and join our followers on Facebook and Instagram, and subscribers on YouTube. The easiest way to get to our channels is from our website's home page menu bar (see the red circled area below). Just click on the small icons on the right of the menu bar for Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube respectively.



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The Charles River Greenway at 30

By Richard B. Primack (a lifelong Newton resident and professor at Boston University)


The Upper Charles River Reservation, one of Newton's open-space gems, is home to the Charles River Greenway, beloved and heavily used by pedestrians, joggers, dog walkers, and bicyclists, as well as fishers, bird watchers, and people seeking the tranquility of nature. The Greenway, opened to the public around 1992 and completed in 2004, is now around 30 years old!

where the terrain is steep or wet. From the Greenway, the Charles River is almost always visible, with frequent overlooks and footbridges that cross the river.

In some places, the Greenway feels wild, where it enters stands of red and silver maples. Elsewhere the Greenway feels more urban as it passes parking lots, warehouses, industrial companies, private homes, and apartment buildings.




Aerial view of the Greenway courtesy of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)



Stone dust trail along the Greenway

from Galen Street in Watertown through Newton to Moody Street in Waltham and then on to Commonwealth Avenue in Newton and Weston. Its paths are wide and well-maintained, built with a combination of asphalt and stabilized stone dust or with elevated boardwalks.



The Charles River flows through the Greenway

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This [Spring 2024 Newsletter](#) contains the following interesting features:

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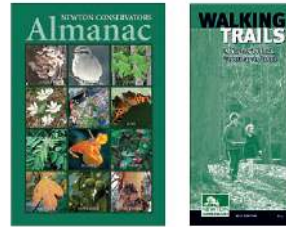


We would be most grateful if you renewed your membership or joined us officially for the first time to support our important open space work! The challenges of protecting, enhancing and expanding open space in Newton continue. We hope that you will continue to support the Conservators efforts in these regards by renewing your membership for 2024 or joining us if you are not.

Perhaps consider renewing at a higher level, adding a new donation, or purchasing a gift membership for someone else who is passionate about open space. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, we also accept donations for a number of affiliated local open space groups. As part of the donation process, you can specify specific funds. This year we call your attention to our special "Trails Fund" in support of additional trails work in Newton. Thanks so much!

Our [Trail Guide](#) and [Nature Almanacs](#) make great holiday presents and are available on our website. The Trail Guide is included as part of your initial membership package.

You can renew or join the Newton Conservators online at <https://newtonconservators.org/membership/>. Donations may be made at our securely via our website at <https://newtonconservators.org/ways-to-give/>.



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.

Newton Conservators is committed to fostering a sense of belonging for all people in Newton's open spaces by:

- *planning and evaluating all of our activities through a diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice (DEIJ) lens*
- *continually educating ourselves and our constituents about DEIJ issues*
- *building authentic relationships with regional organizations serving historically marginalized people*
- *working to include previously underrepresented people on our Board and among our members, program participants, and open space visitors*
- *diversifying all with whom we partner and do business.*

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