

Invasives Update

It is now prime black swallow-wort (BSW) season. Be on the lookout for this vine, a non-native invader infesting Newton often hiding in hedges and shrubs. It reduces biodiversity and degrades our local environment and sadly is fatal to monarch butterflies (it's in the milkweed family, and when monarchs mistakenly lay eggs on it, the larvae die because it is not the right milkweed). Right now, the small purple flowers have turned into large seed pods, which are starting to dry and open. The wind will disperse the seeds on white fibers to make the infestation even worse. Dig it up, cut it down, or pull off the seed pods and put into trash to prevent further spread. See our website ("Resources") for more information about BSW and other invasive species. ♦

👉 HELP WANTED 👉

We need involved volunteers to be a strong organization! Please help us fill these volunteer opportunities!

Ebulletin Coordinator: Mailchimp or similar experience preferred*

Social Media Coordinator: to post content to raise awareness of Conservators' activities and environmental issues*

Membership Coordinator: Little Green Light, Mailchimp, or similar experience preferred

Bookkeeper: accounting and/or Quicken or similar experience preferred**

Our other volunteer opportunities listed on our website — Biodiversity survey, Invasives, CR Monitoring, Outreach and Tabling, Walks assistant — are suitable for under age 18 as well as adults.

* age 18+ only

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If you have any questions or would like to apply please contact us at volunteers@newtonconservators.org. Thank you!



Fifth Annual Newton Monarch Festival Saturday, Sept. 13, 9-11:30 am (Rain date, Sept. 14) Wellington Park, Kilburn Road, West Newton

Info and Registration:

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/fifth-annual-newton-monarch-festival/>

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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.

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