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The Trail Guide was edited by Dan Brody and Todd Macalister. ♦

Annual Meeting 2026

Save The Date! Newton Conservators' Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 7, 2026, 6 pm



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Sweat Bee

Our featured speaker will be Nick Dorian, Ph.D., pollinator ecologist and bee expert — and storyteller. He works to advance urban conservation and methods for studying wild bees and is co-author of a popular bee field guide. Dr. Dorian will introduce us to some of the fascinating wild bees of eastern North America and their varied lifestyles, habitat needs, and intricate relationships with native flowering plants and other insects and will explain why they're important for our environment. We'll learn to notice, appreciate, and how to help these important pollinators in our community.

New Insect Pest: Spotted Lanternfly is in Newton

Sadly, the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) invasive pest is now all over Newton. SLF arrived in the US in 2014 (PA) and in MA in 2021. It is destructive to certain crops and plants, weakens trees, and is a bothersome annoyance, spreading sticky honeydew which becomes moldy and smelly. We can help slow the spread by educating ourselves, and at this time of year by destroying the egg masses (found Sept - June on tree trunks, wood/lumber, rusty metal, really anything). Educational resources are at <https://massnrc.org/pests/pestFAQsheets/spottedlanternfly.html>. **Sign up for our May 14 webinar with an SLF expert! See page 10.** ♦



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Spotted Lanternfly

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