

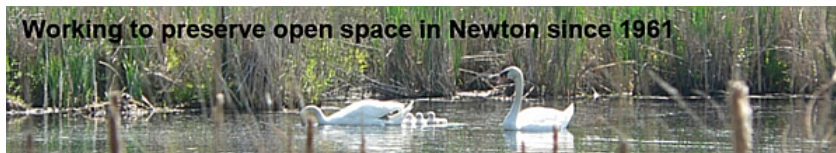


## Newton Conservators E-Bulletin

Monday, May 15, 2018

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### Lots more happening this Spring!

The Ides of May are upon us and days like this are meant for getting outside. This is peak migration time and a look up into not quite filled out oak trees could reward you with views of some colorful and melodious warblers passing through Newton (e.g. this morning, a black-throated green warbler, a blackburnian warbler, baltimore oriole and a scarlet tanager were all singing together in my backyard!). There are still many events in the Newton Conservators spring lineup and we have added a few more related ones since last time. A special treat tomorrow (Wed. May 16) will be the Caterpillar exhibit by Sam Jaffe at the New Art Center. Visit our Facebook page and like us at <https://www.facebook.com/NewtonConservators>. Hope to see you out and about in Newton this spring!

### Calendar

**Wednesday, May 16, 5:30 - 8:30 pm**  
**Caterpillar Exhibit with Sam Jaffe, founder of the Caterpillar Lab**  
**New Art Center - 61 Washington Park, Newtonville**

Newton native Sam Jaffe grew up near Cold Spring Park and gained a fierce appreciation of all things nature. He is the founder of the Caterpillar Lab (the caterpillarlabor.org), a New England based, nonprofit organization that is passionate about showcasing the amazing diversity of Northeastern caterpillars through educational programs, art, and science. Don't miss this exciting photo exhibit displaying the amazing beauty of caterpillars. The mission of the Caterpillar Lab is to foster a greater appreciation and care for the complexity and beauty of our local natural history through live caterpillar educational programs, research initiatives, and photography and film projects. They believe that an increased awareness of one's local environment is the foundation on which healthy and responsible attitudes towards the broader natural systems of this world is built. Caterpillars are especially well suited to use in natural history education. They are diverse and fantastical creatures that are little known and stay hidden from everyday view. The Caterpillar Lab is headquartered in Marlborough, NH so save yourself a trip and stop by the New Art Center on the evening of May 16. To see some of Sam's amazing photos online visit [http://www.pbase.com/spjaffe/massachusetts\\_caterpillars](http://www.pbase.com/spjaffe/massachusetts_caterpillars).



**Saturday, May 19, 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm**  
**Cold Spring Park Invasives Pull #2 (repeat visit).**  
**1200 Beacon Street, Newton, MA 02461**  
[www.newtonconservators.org/14coldspring.htm](http://www.newtonconservators.org/14coldspring.htm)

Cold Spring Park is being invaded by garlic mustard, knotweed, and other species. We will spend a few hours keeping the Cochituate Aqueduct walk under control after previous years' pulls, and work on the meadow and parking lot areas. Wear long pants and garden gloves. The invasive plant material will be properly disposed of 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, 617-527-1796 (home) or 617-721-2571 (cell).



**Saturday/Sunday May 19-20, 12-3 pm**  
**Annual Seedling Sale**  
**Newton Community Farm - 303 Nahant Street, Newton**

It's almost time to get your seedlings and start your home garden! Mark your calendar for Newton Community Farm's annual Seedling Sale, where you can get your seedlings for vegetables, herbs, flowers, and that favorite summer crop, tomatoes! The farm will also be selling Vermont Compost again this year to help your garden grow its best. The greenhouse has been very busy, and they have started hundreds of varieties from the same seeds that they use to grow our own seedlings for the produce they sell. So get the varieties you know are great and support your local community farm. The Seedling Sale is sponsored by Bokx 109 American Prime. Visit [www.newtoncommunityfarm.org](http://www.newtoncommunityfarm.org). Come visit the Newton Conservators table while you are there!



**Saturday, May 19, 1pm**  
**Guided Spring Tree Tour of Newton Cemetery**  
**Newton Cemetery, 791 Walnut Street, Newton**

Newton Cemetery arborist Robert Reardon will guide his popular tree tour showcasing the interesting variety of trees in Newton Cemetery's arboretum, highlighting some of the most recently planted ones. The tour will take place rain or shine and last approximately 90 minutes. Comfortable walking shoes, water and plenty of questions are recommended. Please meet at the Newton Cemetery (791 Walnut Street, Newton), just inside the main gate in front of the office. Parking is available in the chapel parking lot or along the cemetery roads. Suggested donation: \$10. For more information, call 617-332-0047. Newton Cemetery is an accredited Arboretum with the Morton Register of Arboreta.



**Sunday, May 20, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**  
**Nahanton Park Invasives Pull.**  
**Near 507 Winchester Street. Newton, MA 02461**  
[www.newtonconservators.org/30nahanton.htm](http://www.newtonconservators.org/30nahanton.htm)

Many native habitats, including the grassland Woodcock Meadow, home to threatened American Woodcock, and open woodland habitats, are threatened by invasive plants. They out-compete native plants, reduce biodiversity and negatively impact birdlife. Nahanton Park suffers from invasions of black swallow-wort, multi-fora rose, Tree of Heaven, buckthorn, garlic mustard, and black locust. Join us to improve the beauty and diversity of this special park (and help the American woodcock) by spending a few hours cutting back/removing these invasive species. Turdy shoes, long pants, long sleeves and work gloves are recommended. Meet in the large parking lot of Winchester Street. Leaders are Katherine Howard, 617-527-1796 (home) or 617-721-2571 (cell) and Suzette Barbier.



**Sunday, May 27, 9:30 am - 12:00 noon**  
**Japanese Knotweed Pull at Hammond Pond. Near 309**  
**Hammond Pond Parkway, Newton, MA 02467**  
[www.newtonconservators.org/18webster.htm](http://www.newtonconservators.org/18webster.htm)

Japanese Knotweed is a bamboo-like invader from Asia that can create dense 8' tall single-species stands. It is a tough adversary, not because it's spiny or strong or even particularly hard to pull. But any small root fragments left behind spring back to life the following year. Scientists seek biological control agents, but until they find some, we are stuck controlling the plant by hand. Persistence pays with this species, and eradication is possible, but it takes several years to truly finish the job. Bring pitchforks, garden spades, and hand pruners, if you have them. Meet at small parking lot of Hammond Pond Parkway at Route 9 adjacent to pond at "The Street" mall. Leader is Eric Olson, 617-872-9928.



**Wednesday, May 30, 7 pm**  
**Levingston Cove Re-Design**  
**Drucker Auditorium, Newton Free Library**

The City has retained the services of Weston & Sampson to design a renovation plan for Levingston Cove at Crystal Lake. There are currently three proposed designs. A Community Meeting is scheduled Wednesday May 30 at 7pm in Drucker Auditorium at the Newton Free Library. Comments from the public are welcome at this time. Should you have any questions, call the Recreation Office at 617-796-1510 or e-mail Robin McLaughlin, at [parks@newtonma.gov](mailto:parks@newtonma.gov). To review the proposal please go to the following web address:



<http://www.newtonma.gov/civicax/filebank/documents/89656>.

**Saturday, June 2, 9:30 am - 12:00 noon**  
**Houghton Garden/Webster Invasives Pull. Opposite 210**  
**Sufolk Rd., Newton, MA 02467**  
[www.newtonconservators.org/19houghton.htm](http://www.newtonconservators.org/19houghton.htm)

We are tackling garlic mustard and black swallow-wort near the entrance of Houghton Garden where it borders the MBTA tracks crossing to Webster Woods and near the deer park. Help us keep these invaders out of Houghton Garden! In case of poison ivy, wear long pants and garden gloves. Trash bags will be provided; the City will dispose properly as trash, not as yard waste. Meet opposite 162-210 Sufolk Rd. (of Hammond Street) at the entrance to Houghton Garden. Leader is Katherine Howard, 617-527-1796 (home) or 617-721-2571 (cell).



**Sunday, June 3 from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm**  
**Cold Spring Park Invasive Plant Educational Walk**  
**1200 Beacon Street, Newton, MA 02461**  
[www.newtonconservators.org/14coldspring.htm](http://www.newtonconservators.org/14coldspring.htm)

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. Trip Leader: Bruce Wenning (617-962-0646).



**Sunday, June 3, 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm**  
**Cold Spring Park Invasives Pull #3 (repeat visit). 1200**  
**Beacon Street, Newton, MA 02461**  
[www.newtonconservators.org/14coldspring.htm](http://www.newtonconservators.org/14coldspring.htm)

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, 617-527-1796 (home) or 617-721-2571 (cell).



**Saturday, June 9 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm (Rain Date: June 18)**  
**Ferns of Cold Spring Park**  
[www.newtonconservators.org/14coldspring.htm](http://www.newtonconservators.org/14coldspring.htm)

We will visit the large popular Cold Spring Park that runs south from Beacon Street. We expect to find a dozen different ferns and a horsetail. We will mostly walk on the level paths, but wear long pants and insect repellent. Bring any fern you would like to identify. Meet at the Plymouth Road entrance in the southwest corner of the park. You should be able to park on Plymouth Road between Cochituate Road and Kingston Road. Trip Leader: Don Lubin (617-254-8464), don@nefern.info, <http://nefern.info>



**Sunday, June 10, 9:30 am - 12:00 noon**  
**Charles River Quinobequin/Hemlock Gorge Invasives**  
**Pull. Near 2 Ellis St., Newton, MA 02464**  
[www.newtonconservators.org/21hemlock.htm](http://www.newtonconservators.org/21hemlock.htm)

We will control garlic mustard, knotweed, and black swallowwort infestations inside beautiful Hemlock Gorge Park, and the adjoining lovely 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, 617-527-1796 (home) or 617-721-2571



(cell).

### Saturday, June 16 Deadline to Apply for HS Summer Internships at Newton Community Farm

The Newton Community Farm (303 Nahanton Street, Newton) is seeking high school students for their Summer Fieldwork Intern Program. Do you want to do meaningful work for a local organization this summer? Eat fresh vegetables that you harvested? Toil outside with your peers and our interesting farmers? Develop your leadership skills? If so, apply soon for our fieldwork intern program. Newton Community Farm is looking for enthusiastic, hard-working, curious high school students to join our team—no farming or gardening experience necessary. Summer internships are unpaid opportunities for high-school-age youth to learn about organic and community farming in a fun, friendly environment. The minimum requirement for the internships is two consecutive weeks; three days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) from 8am to noon for the field crew. There are limited spots available per session, so apply early to get preferred weeks. Applications are due by June 16. Go to the NCF [website](#) for more information about the program and to download application forms. Also, read what former interns Andy Miller and Catherine Hanns have to say about their time at the farm.



### Sunday, June 17, 9:30 am - 12:00 noon Charles River Quinobequin/Hemlock Gorge Invasives Pull (repeat visit). Near 2 Ellis St., Newton, MA 02464 [www.newtonconservators.org/21hemlock.htm](http://www.newtonconservators.org/21hemlock.htm)

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 Rd. 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, 617-527-1796 (home) or 617-721-2571 (cell).

### Sunday, June 17, 9 am Tour de Newton 2018 Magical Mystery Tour + Bike Happy Kids Sponsored by BikeNewton ([www.bikenewton.org](http://www.bikenewton.org))

There is a new format this year for the Tour de Newton. There will be 4 start locations (Newton Centre, West Newton, Newtonville and Waban) + a contra tour and a petite tour. Each bike route will travel to several other villages, experience fun surprises, see hidden Newton treasures and back roads and then lead to an 11am rally at Newton City Hall with all the riders and birthday wishes for Bike Newton, that turns 10 years old this year. Return when you wish or with a ride leader to your start location to finish by 12:30 (at the latest). As always, our rides are guided, family friendly, no rider left behind. While the tour is in action, City Hall will be busy with a new event for cyclists who aren't yet road ready, BikeHappyKids. This event will include leveled ride areas aimed at teaching skills, building confidence and having fun. We invite kids with balance bike and adaptive bikes to be there too. We are even working on bringing some for you to try (more information on this later). We will also be demonstrating different styles of bikes, useful accessories and information on biking gear that makes biking safer and easier. Registration is required for all events. Sign up now at <https://www.bikereg.com/tour-de-newton-2018>. Register by 5/24 and pay 2015 rates: \$5 child, \$10 adult, under 3 FREE.



### Thursday, June 21, 7 pm CPC Meeting on Crescent Street Project City Hall - Rm 204

The CPC meeting on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> will focus entirely on the [Crescent Street housing & playground proposal](#). At the June meeting the CPC will discuss the financial analysis of this proposal's housing component, which the Committee commissioned from an independent consultant. The CPC expects to post the consultant's final report online well in advance of June 21<sup>st</sup>. All information for the Crescent Street proposal, including the most recent budgets as well as the independent consultant's scope of work and qualifications, is on that proposal's webpage from [Proposals & Projects](#). For assistance, contact Alice Ingerson, Program Manager, at [aingerson@newtonma.gov](mailto:aingerson@newtonma.gov) or 617.796.1144.



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### Newton Conservators Newsletter

The Newton Conservators publishes its newsletter approximately four times a year. It is distributed by mail to the membership and is available online. Extra copies are also available at the Newton Free Library. Here is the link to our Fall Newsletter—chock-full of interesting information: [http://www.newtonconservators.org/newsletters/18\\_03.pdf](http://www.newtonconservators.org/newsletters/18_03.pdf). Check out some of these exciting articles:

- [The Story of Jolly's Hollow: How Conservation Land Builds Community](#)
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## The Story of Jolly's Hollow: How Conservation Land Builds Community

*By Sarah Luria, Associate Professor, Department of English, College of the Holy Cross*

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For years I have cherished the ability to walk off-road along Newton's aqueduct trail from the Four Corners area to Mason-Rice Elementary School. The highlight of that trip, as many lucky aqueduct walkers know, is the winding path through Jolly's Hollow, a secluded dell with a little stone bridge to one side and shaded by gloriously tall healthy trees. Though the path actually runs through private property, for the past many years a charming pair of signs have invited us in: "Welcome to Jolly's Hollow. Please keep to the paths, Beware of the gardener, she talks!" I always wanted to thank that chatty gardener, and would sometimes glimpse her among her gorgeous flower garden and ornamental trees, but I was too shy to tell her how much it meant to me to walk through her beautiful grounds.



*Jolly's Hollow Sign*



*Newton Conservators President Beth Wilkinson makes an appearance on Chronicle earlier this year talking about the Bracebridge Road conservation restriction.*

My wish came partly true the other day, when I met someone planting 50 native low bush blueberry plants under the pine grove near the lip of the hollow where it borders Bracebridge Road. This was André Wilson, who grew up on the property after 1966 when André's father, Harvard physicist Richard Wilson, and mother, Andréé Désirée Wilson, moved there with their six children. (André is transgender and in tribute to Andréé's enabling support has taken and adapted her name.) The elder Andréé was the legendary "gardener" who, during the 50 years she lived there, created this special place. Beginning in the 1990s, as Newton was becoming ever more subdivided, she and Richard began the extraordinary and arduous process that would eventually donate the Wilson Conservation Area to the city and put all but 0.4 acres of their remaining

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*The Newton Conservators organization was formed as a not-for-profit in June 1961.*

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