



**Newton Conservators**

## **E-Bulletin**

Thursday, January 24, 2019

... Newton's land trust working to preserve open space since 1961

### **Creating Greenways Along the Charles River**



Thursday  
January 24, 2019  
7:00 pm

Druker  
Auditorium

Creating new greenways where Newton borders the Charles River would bring outdoor recreational and transportation opportunities to the backdoors of thousands of residents. Join us for a panel discussion led by Herb Nolan, Dan Driscoll and Emily Norton. They will envision how greenways would be created and more.

Cosponsored by the Newton Conservators, Bike Newton, Green Newton, League of Women Voters Newton and Safe Routes to School Task Force.



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**Thursday January 24, 7 pm to 9 pm**  
**Creating New Greenways Along the Charles River**  
**Druker Auditorium, Newton Free Library, Homer Street, Newton**

Join us for a panel discussion about the history of the Charles River in Newton. The panelists will also present a vision of how local greenways could be created and explore the role greenways play in maintaining rivers and supporting important community goals such as health and village vitality. The program is cosponsored by the Riverside Greenway Working Group which is a coalition of Lower Falls and Auburndale neighbors, the Newton Conservators, Bike Newton, Green Newton and the Solomon Foundation. For more info please visit <http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/friend.cfm?curOrg=NEWTON&tEvt=5784882&tfPopup=1>



**Thursday, January 31, 7 pm**  
**Katharine Lee Bates: Poet of "America the Beautiful"**  
**Druker Auditorium, Newton Free Library, 330 Homer Street**  
**Historic Newton**

Most of us know the song, "America the Beautiful," but may not know that its author, Katharine Lee Bates, has local ties. Perhaps she was inspired by her



time here in the "Garden City?" How did Bates' Falmouth childhood, her student days at Newton High School and Wellesley College, as well as her trips to the 1893 Chicago World's Fair and up to Pike's Peak in Colorado inspire her to write the first version of the song? Why did she revise it ten years later into the version that we sing today after her months in Spain and her knowledge of the bloody Philippine-American War? How did it help New England's Yankee Division soldiers celebrate the Armistice on Nov. 11, 1918? And what was her final vision of her song? Free lecture by Melinda Ponder, author of *From Sea to Shining Sea*. Free



### Friday, February 15 through Monday, February 18 Great Backyard Bird Count

Launched in 1998 by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, the Great Backyard Bird Count was the first online citizen-science project to collect data on wild birds and to display results in near real-time. Now, more than 160,000 people of all ages and walks of life worldwide join the four-day count each February to create an annual snapshot of the distribution and abundance of birds. You are invited to participate! For at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count, February 15-18, 2019, simply tally the numbers and kinds of birds you see. You can count from any location, anywhere in the world, for as long as you wish! For more information visit <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/>



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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. Our Winter 2019 Newsletter has been printed and mailed to members and is posted on our website at <http://www.newtonconservators.org/newsletter.htm>. Here are some of the articles in the current issue to check out!

- [What Does the Newton Conservators Organization Do?](#)
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# NEWSLETTER

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## What Does the Newton Conservators Do?



Newton Conservators' Board Meeting at Wilson Library

The mission of Newton Conservators can be stated briefly: it is to promote "the protection and preservation of natural areas... for the enjoyment and benefit of the people of Newton for scientific study, education, and recreation."

Preserving Webster Woods, the core of the largest natural area in Newton, has been one of our big projects for the past three years. The Conservators collaborated with the Friends of Webster Woods to make sure that

Telling you about the ways that the Conservators' board members and volunteers fulfill that mission cannot be so brief because we do so in many ways.

### 1. The Conservators advocates for and works to preserve critical open spaces in Newton.

Unlike many communities outside Route 128, Newton does not have many hundreds of acres of open space (except for golf courses). The green space that does exist is essential for the health of all the people and wildlife in the city. Concerned members keep track of what is happening with important open-space parcels and work to find ways to protect those that are at risk. Helping the city to acquire the Newton Community Farm was one of those projects.



Children learn about the kind of wildlife that can be found in the vernal pond in Webster Woods.

people throughout the city recognized the environmental importance of the former Congregation Mishkan Tefila land at 300 Hammond Pond Parkway. (The land is now owned by Boston College.) The coalition was delighted to receive the unanimous

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<http://www.newtonconservators.org/newsletters/19win.pdf>

## 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 <http://www.newtonconservators.org/membership.htm> 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.

Please renew/accept my tax-deductible membership at the level checked below:

- \$250 Directors' Circle **\*NEW!**
- \$125 Patron
- \$100 Donor
- \$75 Sustaining Member
- \$50 Family Membership
- \$35 Individual Membership
- \$15 Student Membership
- Additional Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Want to make an even bigger impact? Help us support these conservation areas:

- Woodcock Meadow \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 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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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer!  
Please email me.

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