



WPA AND COVID-19

Dear Woodbridge Residents,

Like everyone in 2020, the Woodbridge Park Association (WPA) had to make some changes and give some things up this year. Our spring and fall park clean up days are normally a fun time to get together and work on park maintenance. This year, those events were very small and socially distanced. Likewise, the yearly trail run was canceled, as was the fall nature hike, and the educational owl event. We missed these opportunities to

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celebrate hard working athletes, to welcome children to the Alice Newton Street Park, and to learn about the amazing owls in our area; but most of all we missed the chance to connect with the people of Woodbridge who use and support our parks, trails, and mission.

What hasn't changed is the WPA's dedication to preservation, stewardship, and to the town of Woodbridge. And we can see that during this time, people need parks more than ever. As we have all had to change what "going out" looks like, we have seen more people exploring the trails. During the spring, there were children and families at all hours of the day making discoveries and broadening the definition of distance learning.

We all know that getting outside, getting some daylight, getting some exercise, and remembering that we are part of a community are ways to manage the cold, short, Connecticut winter days. But somehow, it can be difficult to translate this knowledge to action. These days, when my kids are bouncing off the walls, our go-to is the Blue Trail at the Alice Newton Street Park. We admire the dogs, float sticks under the bridges, and feel like ourselves.

Mask up, and see you on the trail!

Karen Hoffman, Director, Woodbridge Park Association

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Our outgoing Trailmaster and Superintendent, Mike Walter, pictured here on the left, with Nate Case, his recently voted-in replacement.

ALICE NEWTON STREET PARK IN THE TIME OF COVID-19: MEET THE SUPERINTENDANTS

While many know Nate and see him frequently on his daily hikes through the park, a few words about Mike's service are in order. Mike joined the board in 2000 and served as assistant to then-superintendent, Win Hubbard, his duties mostly similar to the Trailmaster position he held with the town and the Land Trust. Providing versatility with chainsaw, hand saws and various clippers, Mike has overseen the trails and meadows of Alice Newton Street Park for 2 decades. He has helped to direct the activities of Scout Troop 63 and along with Nate and Scout Troop 907, has participated in 41 Eagle Scout projects, improving trails, building bridges, and keeping accessibility high along the Blue Trail to Wepawaug Falls.

All of the residents of Woodbridge, and especially those who hike our trails and explore our backwoods, owe Mike Walter thanks and appreciation for all of his efforts over the years.

Trailhead and other information about Newton Road Park can be found at our website, woodbridgepark.org/maps.

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ALICE NEWTON STREET PARK

A walk in the park will quickly show some of our ideas toward maintenance and upkeep of the park. When larger trees fall across the trail (as they frequently do), we will normally cut them to make the trail passable and leave the branches as habitat for animals and to decompose over time. We trim vines from trees to help maintain a healthy overstory. We look long term at erosion and try to naturally channel runoff in appropriate directions where we can. We try to keep the Blue Trail wide enough and level enough for even the least able to comfortably walk and enjoy the surroundings. Other trails are less level and more challenging, but are well marked and accessible. These goals follow our mission for use of the park.



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