



News from Crystal Lake Conservancy

Fall 2016

The Crystal Lake Conservancy is dedicated to preserving and protecting Crystal Lake for the benefit of the public by promoting and supporting the enjoyment of the lake and the lake's unique natural beauty.

Come Join Us for An Afternoon of Fun on Crystal Lake!!

"PADDLES AND PUMPKINS"

Sunday, September 18, 2016

Rain Date: Sunday September 25, 2016

1:00pm - 5:00pm

20 Rogers Street, Newton Highlands, MA

Support Crystal Lake Conservancy's efforts to keep Crystal Lake healthy

\$10 donation per canoe/kayak/paddleboard

Refreshments and Pumpkins

Enjoy a lovely canoe, kayak, or paddleboard ride on Crystal Lake on a crisp autumn day!

The Crystal Lake Conservancy and the Newton Parks and Recreation Department invite you to join us for a Sunday afternoon of activities on Crystal Lake. Participants may sign up for half hour slots from 1-4:30pm (off the water by 5pm) to enjoy the pleasures of canoeing/kayaking/paddle boarding. A lifeguard will be on duty and all participants will be required to wear life jackets and sign a waiver. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult while on the water.

Learn about the Crystal Lake Bathhouse - Vision 2020 and ongoing testing and watershed activities to protect Crystal Lake!!

Visit our website at www.CrystalLakeConservancy.org or call Janice Bourque at 617-967-0797.

Volunteers are needed to help that day! Go to our website to volunteer or go directly to

Signup: <http://signup.com/go/2gggEq>

To learn more about the Crystal Lake Conservancy, visit our website at www.CrystalLakeConservancy.org



Crystal Lake Bathhouse – Vision 2020

Artist rendition based on Task Force Report



CRYSTAL LAKE CONSERVANCY View of new bath house and park from street



CRYSTAL LAKE CONSERVANCY Water side view of new bath house and park



CRYSTAL LAKE CONSERVANCY Aerial view of new bathhouse and park to Livingston Cove



Crystal Lake – Vision 2020

***One of the goals of the Crystal Lake Conservancy is to have a new bathhouse built.
A Task Force met for two years to develop a plan for the bathhouse.***

**Over 1000 people/day utilize the bathhouse from June to August.
600 of those visitors are children.**

**There are multiple needs and demands by the children, summer camps, families,
children/adults with different abilities, teenagers and the elderly that utilize the bathhouse.**

Active and passive recreation at Crystal Lake needs a gathering place.

Programs within a flexible, year-round facility could maximize the enjoyment of Crystal Lake.

Accessibility from the street to the beach/park needs to be ADA compliant and welcoming.

**Administrative staff and life guards need a place that functions effectively and provides easy
oversight to ensure safety.**

Maintenance and daily operations need to be cost effective and eco-friendly.

And it can be beautiful.

PLEASE JOIN US

**As the Crystal Lake Conservancy and the Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council
along with**

Newton Residents and City Officials

Gather about a

New Crystal Lake bathhouse

Thursday, September 15, 2016

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Crystal Lake bathhouse

20 Rogers St, Newton Highlands



For more information about this event visit our website at
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Fun Corner:

See if you can answer these questions!

1. What is the name of the woman that the cove nearest the park on Lake Street is named after?
2. What is the name of the boots that people wear who are fishing in the water?
3. Have you asked a fisherman or fisherwoman what bait they are using? Name two.
4. How deep is Crystal Lake in the middle?
5. Can you explain why the lake is called "Crystal Lake"?
6. What type of fish is stocked in Crystal Lake?
7. How often does the State Fisheries stock the Crystal Lake?
8. How many people use the Bathhouse each day during the summer?
9. Have you said hello to the Crystal Lake's manager? Who is she?
10. What color are the flowers of the lily pads when they blossom?

Answers: 1. Levingston 2. Waders 3. Worm or bugs 4. 30 ft deep 5. Ice was harvested from the lake 6. Trout and Bass
7. Once a year in the spring 8. 1000 people/day 9. Carol Stapleton 10. White with a pink center

New Board Member joins Crystal Lake Conservancy

Sarah Deighton moved to Newton Centre 12 years ago, and Crystal Lake was a big reason she fell in love with the area. She and her husband, Anthony, had been reluctant to move back east from the Bay Area, but Newton offered such an amazing mix of urban richness and coveted gems of conservation land. Their prerequisite for where they live within Newton has become based on their proximity to the lake! Now as they raise their 3 children in the area, the lake has become special to all of them – whether it's kayaking, swimming or walking along Lake Avenue – they recognize the beauty of this space and importance of conserving it for generations to come.

Sarah has worked in both corporate and higher education settings. She led programs and outreach initiatives at Harvard, Stanford and Berkeley, in the areas of alumni relations and career services. She began her career at Korn/Ferry International, and got involved in their online presence and outreach when they launched FutureStep in the late 90s. All of her work has involved developing and managing partnerships, and leveraging the use of technology to improve outreach.

Sarah has been an active parent volunteer at Mason-Rice Elementary School, Children's Coop in Newton Center, and the Bowen Cooperative Nursery School. Sarah received her Master's degree from Harvard University, and Bachelor's degree from Northwestern University. Sarah will manage our website and communications.

Fall Preparation: Leaves and Fertilizer

Gutter cleaning and removing leaves at catch basins reduces the nutrients in storm runoff flowing into the lake. Before applying fertilizers, test your soil to find out what your lawn or garden really needs. Crystal Lake receives too much phosphorus. Low cost soil tests are available through the University of Massachusetts, Soil and Plant Nutrient Testing Laboratory. Talk with your landscapers to ensure that they are using NEW fertilizers without phosphorus.

Website: <https://soiltest.umass.edu/ordering-information>