

THANK YOU: SUMMER '08

To Abby Neff of Darien and Bucknell University for checking the links on the NRWA website and preparing a list of those that do and do not work, so we can update the website this fall.

To Tucker Pforzheimer of Wilton High School for removing invasive Japanese barberry on open space lands that link the River Study Site with Topstone Road in Ridgefield. The trail, that goes in and out of Redding/Ridgefield, is part of the Norwalk River Valley Trail System.

DON'T MOVE FIREWOOD

Guard against the hitchhiking Emerald Ash Borer and other invasive forest pests that are destroying our native trees. Instead of taking firewood from your yard to your campsite or vacation home, buy local firewood close to where you will use it. For short videos (including "Behind the Bug," an amusing interview with the bug himself), visit <http://www.dontmovefirewood.org>.

For more serious information on the beetle that is moving eastward and has been found in outbreaks in Maryland, Virginia, western Pennsylvania, and in Ottawa and Montreal near the Canada/New York/Vermont border, visit <http://tncweeds.ucdavis.edu/products/gallery/agrpl1.html> & nbps.

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Norwalk River Watershed Association, Inc.

The mission of the Norwalk River Watershed Association is to improve the water quality and the quality of life in the region by fostering education, cooperation, and action on the part of individuals, businesses, community groups, and governmental agencies in the seven Norwalk River Watershed towns.

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OTHER CURRENT HAPPENINGS

Opportunities to Learn and Make a Difference

To promote partnerships and efficient use of limited resources and volunteers to improve the watershed, NRWA lists other programs of interest.

October 25, Saturday, 9 AM-Noon. Stream-Sampling Workshop. Weston Grange, 12 Good Hill Road. The Saugatuck River Watershed Partnership will teach about local water quality by sampling what's living in a local stream by using the CT DEP's Rapid Bio-Assessment in Wadeable Streams and Rivers method. Pre-registration is requested. For more information and to register, call Sally Harold (203-226-4991, x207) or email sharold@tnc.org.

November 1, Saturday, 1-1:30 PM and/or November 2, Sunday November 2, 12:30-1 PM. Join the Children's Muster and Drill Program at the Putnam Park Anniversary in Redding. Children and adults can celebrate the 230th anniversary of local encampments and learn about life during the American Revolutionary War. Many events are taking place all day (10-4) the weekend of November 1-2, including educational programs and mock skirmishes performed by reenactment groups. One program allows children to learn how to muster, drill, and march. After the children are drilled and march around, they will receive reproduction currency, which they can either keep as a souvenir or turn in at the gift shop for a musket ball or USA button. If turned in for an item, the currency will be marked as used and returned to them. Depending on the numbers and timing, the organizers may have a muster sheet with the children's names on it and have a roll call to issue pay. Events are free to children under 16. Adults are requested to give a \$5 donation. For more details, go to <http://www.putnampark.org/putnam-park-230th-events.htm>. Registration deadline: **October 14** if definitely planning to participate, especially for groups. Contact Brent Colley at 860-364-7475 or bcolley@colleyweb.com for reservations to participate in the children's drill program.

November 19, Wednesday, 7 PM, Route 7/Merritt Parkway/Main Avenue in Norwalk Stakeholders' Meeting, DOT Project No. 102-269. Norwalk City Hall Council Chambers. Contact Thomas Harley (860-594-3189) or Richard Armstrong (860-594-3191) or visit <http://www.ct.gov/dot/cwp/view.asp?a=3403&q=410316>.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS: Upcoming opportunities to responsibly dispose of unused cleaning products, lawn chemicals, etc. Call the appropriate town for details. Other towns had collections earlier in the year.

New Canaan: October 18, Saturday, 8:30-2. Call 203-594-3701. Driver's license or vehicle registration required.

Norwalk: (May attend sessions at New Canaan or Wilton.) See appropriate towns for details and requirements.

Wilton: October 25, Saturday, 8:30-3. Driscoll School. Call 203-563-0180.

Lewisboro, NY: October 25, 9-3. Croton Point Park, Croton. Call 914-813-5425 or visit <http://www.lewisborogov.com/calendar/index.html>.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

- I support the improvement of the Norwalk River, its tributaries, and its watershed and want to learn more about the needs of the region and ways people can help and benefit.
 I would also like information about opportunities to volunteer.
 Enclosed is my tax-deductible yearly membership contribution.

<i>The Riparian Society</i>	Benefactor \$500-\$749	<i>Basic Membership</i>
Steward \$1000 and up	Patron \$250-\$499	Supporter \$50-\$99
Protector \$750-\$999	Contributor \$100-\$249	Donor \$25-\$49

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Please make check payable to: NRWA, Inc., and mail to the Norwalk River Watershed Association, Inc., P.O. Box 197, Georgetown, CT 06829.

If you contact your employer about matching gifts, you may substantially increase your contribution.

Name _____ Telephone _____ E-mail _____
Address _____
Street City/Town State Zip



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