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## Welcoming June! Upcoming programs, walks, and talks

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### **OPC's 2023 Cyanobacteria Monitoring Program Successfully Launched Last Week**



This past week, OPC in partnership with APCC, kicked off this year's cyanobacteria monitoring program. We are monitoring six key ponds across Orleans. These include Crystal & Pilgrim Lakes, Boland, Cedar, Ice House, and Uncle Harvey's Ponds.

Testing for the Orleans Ponds began flawlessly this past Tuesday, May 30th. We are thankful for the army of volunteers who help make it happen. It's a highly coordinated effort. All sampling occurs in the same manner at each pond at the same time. Samples are then transferred to APCC for analysis and reporting. If you are interested in learning more about the specific test protocol, please see the APCC webpage.

**May 30th test results indicate no ponds show elevated levels of cyanobacteria. Great news!**

Testing will continue bi-weekly through October. You can follow progress on the APCC webpage [here](#). Or if you prefer on the OPC website [here](#). You can also sign up for email alerts for APCC testing of all ponds across the Cape. Please also note, if elevated levels are detected among any of the Orleans Ponds, the Town Board of Health is notified. Any action (an advisory or closure) taken is then determined by the Orleans Board of Health.

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## **Upcoming Events:**

**Tuesday June 6th, 9:30AM-11:00AM; Mill Pond Valley Walk**



The Orleans Conservation Trust is hosting a walk through their Mill Pond Valley trail in Orleans. We think this is a fascinating walk that interfaces our land with our waters. The walk highlights interesting hydrological features, including seeps, a vernal pool, and old ditches that were used for controlling water levels. The preserved land filters and discharges a lot of fresh water into Little Mill Pond. This walk is well worth your time. OPC will also be participating.

The walk is free. If interested you can find more detail, directions and registration information on the OCT website below:

[\*\*Register for OCT Mill Pond Walk\*\*](#)

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**Tuesday, June 13th; 6:30pm**  
**Pollinator Talk @ CHO Meetinghouse, 3 River Road, Orleans, MA**

Please consider attending this very special program designed to arm you with information to make your local landscape and your community more pollinator friendly.

The talk will be led by Kelly Gilland and Julie Michaelson of the [Xerces Society](#)



Pollinators are experiencing drastic and wide spread declines. The number of species documented as threatened or endangered continues to grow, making pollinators a conservation priority across the globe. Protecting these important insects, and the essential ecological services they provide, requires an all-hands-on-deck approach. The good news is you can be part of the solution by contributing to pollinator conservation right in your own yard, neighborhood, town or city through individual actions and/or group initiatives.

This program is co-hosted by the Orleans Conservation Trust and the Pollinator Pathway Cape Cod Participating Organizations.

Doors open at 6pm and the lecture will begin at 6:30pm.

Space is limited; registration is required. Register below:

[\*\*Register for Pollinator Talk\*\*](#)



## SAVE THE DATE:

Friday July 14th, 10AM. Snow Library Crane Room. 67 Main St, Orleans, MA.

### Education Seminar: *The Climate-Conscious Landscape*



OPC and co-sponsor the Mayflower Point Ecology Committee will offer an educational opportunity to learn more about Climate Wise Landscaping. The talk will be led by Kristin Andres, Education Director at the Association to Preserve Cape Cod. As the weather continues to become hotter and drier, learning about how to create beautiful landscapes while becoming a good steward of your property is more important now than ever before.

This education seminar, will teach you the important things you can do to make your home landscape more sustainable by being climate-conscious in your choices: reduce your carbon footprint, support biodiversity, and adapt to extreme weather events of drought and deluge.

Registration is required. If interested register below:

[Register for Climate-Conscious Landscaping Seminar](#)

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We are excited for you to join the Orleans Pond Coalition during this very special year – our 20th anniversary - by becoming a member, volunteering, participating in our programs and events, or telling your friends about us. With your help, we will safeguard Orleans's most precious resource: our waters.

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