

FLANDERS "BUZZ"



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out our latest
news and
happenings!



WOODBURY RESERVOIR - A GEM OF AN ACQUISITION

Flanders played a major role in helping the town preserve the special 250-acre Woodbury Reservoir, thereby extending the open space to the abutting Whittemore Sanctuary and creating a greenbelt of over 1000 acres. Woodbury received a \$1.5 million grant, the largest DEEP Open Space grant ever

awarded.

What a wonderful asset for the greater Woodbury community.

FLANDERS FIELD & FOREST 5K

The second annual Field & Forest Trail Run proved to be another huge success with over 400 participants raising over \$27,000. The grounds surrounding the Sugar House offered a spectacular post-race gathering where sipping a beer (or bottle of water), selecting a bite from several food trucks on site, and "grooving" to the sounds from the band Root Six made for a fun, most enjoyable evening for young and old alike.



FARM TO TABLE FUNDRAISER

Flanders first ever Farm to Table Dinner & Auction was a sold out event before it even started. Chef John Bourdeau of the Main Street Grill headlined an impressive list of the region's top chefs who served up a scrumptious meal sourced from many of our local farmers.



The late rain couldn't dampen the moo or the bidding of 170 guests whose spirits were lifted by a signature cocktail, fine wine, and live music provided by Switch Factory. With a waiting list already started, and a thoroughly entertaining evening that raised over \$43,000 towards Flanders mission, you won't want to miss this new and exciting extravaganza next year.

SUMMER CAMP BREAKS ATTENDANCE RECORDS

Being one of the few nature centers in the state to offer such unique and hand-on learning opportunities allows young campers (and their families) to witness first-hand the wonderful benefits of being out in nature and experiencing all that Flanders summer camp has to offer. Whether it was the memory of touching a newt for the very first time or taking part in musical painting, or collecting fresh eggs from the farm in the morning, Flanders is proud to play a role in a young person's development.



FLANDERS EARNS ACCREDITATION - AND DISTINGUISHES ITSELF

One of our most remarkable milestones was that Flanders has been awarded the prestigious honor of being accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. This has been many years in the making and countless hours of work by Flanders's Land Trust volunteers. Being accredited recognizes that land conservation organizations meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and caring for the lands forever.

Flanders is proud to join 350 other accredited land trust across the country that demonstrates their commitment to professional excellence, and helping to maintain the public's trust in their work.



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