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Heading for Home!

IT'S OFFICIAL! Barnstable Land Trust has rounded third and is heading for home with the “Keep Lowell Park Green!” initiative.

On February 26th, the Barnstable Town Council voted to support two requests totaling \$525,000. With that, BLT can officially say that more than three-quarters of the funds necessary to purchase the 19 acres surrounding Lowell Park have been raised or pledged. \$407,000 remains to be raised by **this September!**

Never before has BLT undertaken a project with so much Town-wide appeal. More than 1,220 individuals, families, businesses and four foundations, together with the Cotuit Fire District (and now the Town) have risen to the occasion to help preserve the Lowell Park woodlands.

Town support is important not only for the funds it brings to the project but also because it clearly shows broad understanding of both the environmental and cultural significance of Lowell Park to the entire community.

As many people now know, part of the Town-owned ball field was constructed on the Lowell land that BLT is working hard to protect. Deep centerfield, right field, the fence, flagpole and visiting bullpen *all* extend onto the 19-acre Lowell property. BLT's goal is to protect the “green wall of trees” beyond the field and in doing so, ensure that an unfriendly investor does not purchase the land and decide to “play hardball.” According to Kettleers Coach Mike Roberts, “There isn't enough Town-owned land to move the ball field...the remaining baseball field would not even be big enough for little league play!”

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Right of yellow line denotes the portion of the field that is on the 19 acres BLT seeks to protect

WHY LOWELL PARK MATTERS

Our Environment: The 19 acres surrounding Lowell Park are the southern anchor of the Little River Corridor, an 800-acre greenbelt that is one of the area's major open space zones. Protecting the land that surrounds the ballpark will keep this forested area from being fragmented, preserving wildlife habitat and creating a new trailhead for quiet enjoyment.

We all know the Cape's land and water are closely interconnected. Preserving land in its natural state protects the water quality of one of Cotuit's public drinking water wells. It also protects the underground aquifer that feeds fresh water into the down-gradient Cotuit Bay Estuary, part of the much larger three-bay ecosystem. Increased nitrogen, primarily from lawns and septic systems, causes unsightly algae blooms and badly affects aquatic resources such as fish and shellfish – the very things that make Cape Cod so special.

Our Culture: Whether you're a baseball fan or not, you have to agree that our peninsula is incredibly lucky to be the home of the Cape Cod Baseball League – considered the best amateur league in the country. And the woodland setting of Lowell Park, where the Cotuit Kettleers have played for more than 70 years, truly stands out!

It's not just about league play. The field at Lowell Park is used by the American Legion, Senior Babe Ruth, a men's league, the Sturgis Charter School, and countless youth and advanced baseball clinics. Lowell Park is a community treasure.

“Keep Lowell Park Green!” is about:

- a) Saving the 19-acre enchanted forest surrounding Lowell Park
- b) Safeguarding water quality of the 3-bay estuary and public wellfields
- c) Protecting precious wildlife habitat
- d) Maintaining the longtime tradition of free local baseball
- e) All of the above

If you chose “e,” you are correct. “Keep Lowell Park Green!” is Barnstable Land Trust's effort to protect our environment and preserve a special community treasure.

“Keep Lowell Park Green!”

Our Kids: Every Kettleers’ game is an opportunity for family and friends to meet and enjoy one of America’s favorite pastimes. At Lowell Park, relationships and memories are created that stay with us all our lives. The added thrill for both kids and adults is watching the nation’s soon-to-be draft picks before they are recruited to Major League Baseball.



Role models are close-up and personal at every game. Kettleers’ summer camps, youth and advanced clinics draw more than 660 kids away from their all-too-

isolating tablets and smartphones into outdoor play. For many this is their first team experience. Youth participants learn fundamental skills, good citizenship and sportsmanship from experienced coaches and top collegiate baseball players.

As members of a team, talking and walking with their coaches – some of whom are destined to become the top baseball stars of tomorrow – kids learn teamwork and acquire civic values: good conduct, a sense of fair play and gender equality. Contributing to something bigger than themselves, they learn to accept diversity and adversity. Kids build character and self-esteem, discovering what it means to be self-motivated and strive to be the best they can be. 🐾

HELP US

“Keep Lowell Park Green!”

BLT is working hard to purchase the 19 acres so that we can sell the Town the three acres it needs to ensure that the ball field remains the “field of dreams” that it is. Our goal is simple: preserve this valuable environmental resource and community treasure for generations to come.

- **MAKE A DONATION TODAY** – your gift is fully tax deductible
- **SEND A CHECK TO BLT:**
PO Box 224, Cotuit MA 02635
- **DONATE ONLINE:** www.BLT.org
- **MAKE A GIFT** in memory or in honor of a loved one
- **SPREAD THE WORD** to family and friends!
- **REGISTER** to participate in the **GREEN RUN 5K** on August 2nd – go to www.semcsports.com



TRIBUTE: *Sean Kelly*

Sean Kelly loved Cotuit. He loved to watch the Cotuit Kettleers. And he knew that special places don’t stay special by chance.

During his summers Sean typically researched and presented at least one *Cotuit Chronicle*, often assisted by a PowerPoint prepared by BLT’s Red Bansfield. His *Chronicles* – “Cotuit Then and Now,” “The Greening of Cotuit,” and others – are evidence of his love of village life.

When BLT member Maryjo Wheatley Boden suggested we produce a video to help promote the initiative to “Keep Lowell Park Green!” Sean happily agreed to narrate it. We miss him dearly but his rich broadcasting voice is distinctly resonant in the video (available for viewing at blt.org/help-barnstable-land-trust-keep-lowell-park-green).



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2014 Year in Review: Land Protection

2014 marked the beginning of Barnstable Land Trust's fourth decade of saving the precious nature of our community. Four properties in two villages – nearly 17 acres – were protected. BLT is now the steward of 1,045 acres.

Studley Wildlife Sanctuary

BLT's Green Fund enabled us to act quickly to purchase the 2.81-acre **Chester Property**. Located on Powder Hill Road in Barnstable Vil-

lage, the property was offered to BLT for \$5,000 by owner Evelyn Chester. This special parcel, which includes a freshwater marsh, ringed with maple, tupelo, holly and beech trees, also boasts a unique slice of Cape Cod history: it is the last undeveloped parcel of land on what was once the Barnstable Fairgrounds, which opened in 1844.

The land was purchased in the 1970s

by Henry Studley, a civil engineer and lifelong conservationist. He died three years ago at age 90 and was, according to his wife Evelyn, "a great friend of nature and its creatures." Because of his passion for the land and wildlife, she stipulated that the property be dedicated to his memory. The Henry J. Studley Wildlife Sanctuary will now stay forever wild.

"Henry would be so pleased," said Evelyn. "This is a wonderful way to remember him."

The land is great wildlife habitat that is hydrologically connected to nearby Maraspin Creek and the 9,000+ acre Sandy Neck/Barnstable Harbor Area of Critical Environmental Concern. It is also part of what BLT Executive Director Jaci Barton calls "a mosaic of protection" in an environmentally sensitive and significant area.

Centerville River Protection

Realtor Vivian Nault had talked to BLT several times over the years about property that she owned and other vacant parcels. After her 2010 death, a representative of her estate approached BLT. With \$2,000 from our Green Fund, we purchased the

3.34-acre parcel across from her landmark office on scenic South Main Street in Centerville.

Owner of Vivian's Real Estate for 52 years, Vivian was born in her family's Centerville home and moved from the Cape only once to join her husband Al when he was in the service. Vivian said she saw no reason to go over the bridge since "there was no place better than Cape Cod." It is only fitting that BLT now protects this special land.

The **Nault Property** is part of a major wetland system and features an uncommon Atlantic White Cedar swamp, which provides a haven for critters such as deer, rabbits, mink, otter and muskrats. Songbirds also love this unique ecosystem. The Northern Parula Warbler now breeds primarily in cedar wetlands largely because its favored nesting material, the hanging lichen *Usnea*, is fast disappearing outside these swamps.

"The Nault Property occupies an important position in the landscape proximate to the Centerville and Bumps Rivers and protects these two waterways," said Rob Gatewood, the Town's Conservation Administrator. The Centerville River contains what is likely the Town's most productive shellfish population. Although closed to public shellfishing, acquiring this property puts us a step closer to improved water quality in the Centerville River... and maybe to the day when it can be reopened for public shellfishing."



Chester Property



2014 summer interns (l-r) Lillie Peterson-Wirtanen & Casey Dannhauser proudly install a BLT sign on the Nault Property.

Lumbert Pond Conservation



The 2.20-acre **Tyburski Property** on Lumbert Mill Road is at the western edge of Centerville. For more than three decades BLT and the Town have focused on preserving land along the Skunknett River, one of Barnstable's most important wetland corridors and home to numerous rare species. BLT now holds a conservation restriction (CR) on the property, which the Town purchased in 2013.

The Tyburski property, which includes an old bog, falls entirely within a Wellhead Protection Area up-gradient of two public water supply wells. The buffering upland and freshwater wetlands along the Skunknett help filter the freshwater that eventually joins the Bumps River; together their freshwaters wend their way to the Centerville River estuary.



Both the Tyburski Property and the **Harju Property** (acquired by the Town in April of 2014) are now part of the protected mosaic of 340 acres owned by BLT, the Town, Mass Audubon and the C-O-MM Fire District. The Harju Property, purchased with Community Preservation Funds, will soon be protected by a CR to be held by BLT.

Located on Lumbert Mill Pond, the Harju Property has for years been considered by BLT as the most important one-acre parcel in our community. Surrounded by 60 acres of conservation land, it is part of the scenic backdrop to the pond. The conservation area features a forest of towering white pines and is located in the same Zone of Contribution to the C-O-MM public water supply. Its acquisition completes the open space vision for the Lumbert Pond Conservation Area that first took root in the 1980s.



Conservation, Preservation & Recreation

In 2011, BLT proposed a partnership with the Town of Barnstable to preserve a critical parcel of land in Barnstable Village. Access to the 8.48-acre **Korkuch Property** is between the Old Jail and the Blacksmith Shop. Had the property been developed, the character of the Coast Guard Museum complex would have been radically altered.

BLT initially proposed to own the land itself, expecting to raise the majority of funds. Plans were quickly altered, however, when it became clear that time was of the essence; if the project were to succeed, the Town would need to pony up most of the cash.

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Korkuch Property

With the help of an \$85,000 grant from the State’s Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and additional support from our Green Fund, BLT purchased a CR and the Town purchased the land with funds from the Community Preservation Act.

Underscoring the property’s significance is the fact that the \$350,000 purchase was a partnership among four entities: BLT (which dug into its Green Fund), the State (which provided a grant to BLT), the Town (which now owns the land), and The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts (which pre-acquired the property in order to meet the State grant deadline).

Composed of upland forest, meadows and a freshwater maple swamp, the Korkuch land represents an important part of the village’s history. The maple swamp is believed to be the western half of the Sylvanus Pinney bog, the first experimental commercial cranberry bog in Barnstable. The property, which runs from Route 6A to the railroad bed, abuts “Old Salt Estates,” 28 acres of Town land purchased for conservation in 2003.

Identified as a conservation priority by the Town in 1985, the property is located on the south side of Goodspeed’s Hill. (Roger Goodspeed, one of Barnstable’s founders, settled near here in 1639.) A public right-of-way along the western side of the property (known as “Goodspeed’s Outlet”) has been used since the mid-1800s, enabling travelers to avoid a swamp and gully as they journeyed east along County Road, now Route 6A.

Today, the Korkuch land off Route 6A is the new trailhead to Cape Cod Pathways, the exten-

sive network of trails stretching across the Cape. Access is between the Town-owned Coast Guard Museum (formerly the Trayser Museum) and the Old Jail (where there is public parking). The trail winds south through the Old Salt Estates conservation land, across Hyannis Road through Barnstable Fire District wellfield lands, into the Town’s Old Jail Lane Conservation Area and a patchwork of BLT, Town and State lands before reaching Cape Cod Community College. ↗



Meet BLT Staff Member Casey Dannhauser



IN 2013, CASEY DANNHAUSER was the summer intern for The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts. Her love of the Cotuit Kettleers brought her to many games, where she volunteered her time to help educate folks about the importance of keeping Lowell Park green!

Clearly, Casey and Barnstable Land Trust were made for each other – so the day after she graduated from Holy Cross she came aboard as BLT’s 2014 summer intern. With a degree in Environmental Studies and her love of the land and sea, she was a natural.

Her primary responsibility was as BLT’s “Keep Lowell Park Green!” representative, which meant she had to be willing to attend each of the Cotuit Kettleers’ 22 home games...a dream come true for the longtime fan.

“Lowell Park has such special meaning to me,” Casey said. “I have been going there with my family forever, and chased balls through the woods during my entire childhood.

“This past summer I went to every home game...except one, when my brother got married! Although I had my back to the game most of the time, it was worth it. I explained the project to people and answered questions.” Her favorite moment was throwing out the first pitch on “BLT Day,” the first home game of the playoffs. (For

those keeping score, she threw a perfect strike!)

In September, Casey was hired as BLT’s Conservation Coordinator. Her varied duties include assisting with land acquisition and land management. She does everything from research to mapping to erecting signs and bluebird boxes to using GPS to establish boundaries on BLT properties.

“One of my favorite things is that no two days are exactly the same,” she said. “I’m gaining new knowledge daily.”

Born in Bronxville, NY, Casey spent summers in Cotuit. Her parents, Sandy and Jim Dannhauser, first came to Cape Cod on their honeymoon. Two years ago, the Dannhausers moved to Cotuit permanently.

Casey has a twin sister, Leigh (who is three minutes younger!), and three older brothers, Jim, Rob and Mike. A former commodore of the Cotuit Mosquito Yacht Club, she enjoys sailing (where she got her love of nature), watching the Kettleers play, and reading.

When asked about career goals, the 23-year-old paused before replying. “I don’t think about it much,” she admitted. “If you get too concerned with the future, you don’t enjoy the present. I like to take each day as it comes.”

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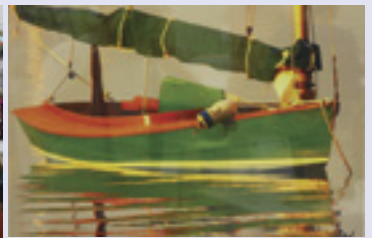
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NEARLY 250 PEOPLE GATHERED under a grand tent in Ropes Field in Cotuit for BLT's largest fundraiser, *Gifts from the Sea*. A dazzling array of unique silent and live auction items, delectable foods, succulent raw bar, fun "Fling the Ring" wine game, upbeat sounds of the Stage Door Canteen, and the amazing support of our local community combined to make it a stellar event. Nearly \$105,000 was raised, helping BLT's continuing efforts to preserve open space in the Town of Barnstable.

"We are grateful to our many volunteers, loyal sponsors and numerous donations of services and auction items we received," said BLT Executive Director **Jaci Barton**. "*Gifts from the Sea* is important not just financially," she added, "but also for the energy and enthusiasm it garners among donors and attendees for the work BLT does year-round. This support is a priceless gift, for which we express our deepest gratitude."

Special thanks to *Gifts from the Sea* committee chair **Polly Dana-Schumacher** for her leadership and vision, and to the committee members for their energy and commitment. We also wish to thank our individual and business donors, generous sponsors and many volunteers. *We simply cannot do it without you.*



Save the Date: Gifts from the Sea 2015 • Sunday, July 19th at Willowbend!

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Sincere thanks to the more than 170 donors who contributed items to Gifts from the Sea. Please let them know that you appreciate their support.

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Thank You!

31st Annual Meeting Highlights

OVER 80 PEOPLE ATTENDED Barnstable Land Trust's Annual Meeting to review the year's accomplishments and learn about land preservation initiatives on the horizon for 2015.

President's Message

"Preserving land gets harder and more complicated," said outgoing President **Lee Ann Hesse**. "What doesn't change is the commitment of BLT's amazing staff, the generosity of our members and the focus on continuing the important mission of saving land. It may sound simple – preserve and protect open space within the town – but don't be fooled. It is hard, necessary work." Lee Ann will continue serving on the Board, stepping down after three years as president.

Election of Officers and Directors

Officers elected were: **John Miller**, President; **Terrie Reilly**, Vice President; **Wendy Barker**, Treasurer; **Polly Dana-Schumacher**, Clerk. Newly elected to the Board were: **Pamela Danforth** and **Katherine Garofoli**. Re-elected were **Brendan Annett**, **James O'Connor**, **Sheila Place** and **Stacy Austin Reinhart**.

Executive Director's Overview

In addition to four completed land projects – two conservation restrictions and two purchases (see pages 4-6) – other noteworthy accomplishments and initiatives kept BLT busy:

- "Keep Lowell Park Green!" – three-quarters of the way home!
- Two osprey poles in West Barnstable rebuilt
- Over 1,000 daylilies planted along Parker Pond to help with erosion control at BLT's East Bay Road Property – thanks to the efforts of Osterville Garden Club members Alex Frazee and Marlene Weir, assisted by Cape Cod Geocachers, Barnstable Navy Sea Cadet Corps, Boy Scout Troop #52, Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School, AmeriCorps and BLT volunteers
- Cleaning and replanting along the shore of Eagle Pond to reduce erosion of the pond shore – thanks to AmeriCorps volunteers
- Ongoing efforts to secure the 140-year-old Fuller Farm homestead in Marstons Mills

Thanks to all our volunteers and to J. Miller, Pictureframer & Gallery, Fancy's Market and Three Bays Preservation for their support of BLT's 31st Annual Meeting.



Newly-elected BLT President John Miller recognizes the hard work of outgoing President Lee Ann Hesse



Casey Dannhauser, dressed as a Lowell park woodlands tree, poses with BLT Treasurer and "tree hugger" Wendy Barker

Tom Mullen Receives Founders' Award

BLT's prestigious award is given annually to "an individual, organization, business or governmental agency for having the vision to empower the people of Barnstable to preserve the essence of Cape Cod – its open spaces and natural resources, wetlands, woodlands and wildlife."



Tom, circa 1988

"Tom Mullen has actively supported Barnstable Land Trust's efforts since our inception in the 80s. As Superintendent of the Barnstable Fire District Water Department he knew that every parcel of land was important to the sole source aquifer, which provides our villages with safe drinking water," said BLT Executive Director **Jaci Barton**. "He really led the community to understand that what we do on the land directly affects the water beneath us."

Tom, who has served on the BLT Board for 12 years, was president in 2005 and 2006. He has assisted with 54 of 145 of BLT's projects – 526 acres! Although the Founders' Award has never been given to a standing board member, "we couldn't go another year," Jaci said, without acknowledging all Tom has done for BLT, the environment and our community.

"Tom worked closely with AmeriCorps volunteers on the Cape Cod Pathways, which is truly his passion. He helped create and build kiosks and led walks along the very trails he has maintained and marked for us to all enjoy," Jaci added.

"It's not about buying up land so people can't build houses," said Tom as he accepted the award.

"It's about having an environment that will not contaminate the water supply and leaves some open space. We want Cape Cod to look like Cape Cod."

Tom's wife Evelyn followed up with a fitting quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson that captures her husband's essence:

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

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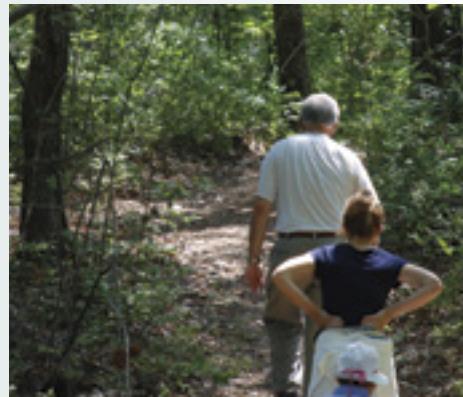
PATHWAYS VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED

Trails have a way of getting overgrown. Without signs and trail markers, hikers and runners can easily get lost.

We're always looking for people to prune, mow and manage the signs along the Cape Cod Pathways. Let us know if you'd like help out or adopt a trail segment.

We hope you'll be among the countless walkers, hikers and runners who enjoy miles of trails everyday!

Tom Mullen leading a walk along the Barnstable portion of the Cape Cod Pathways

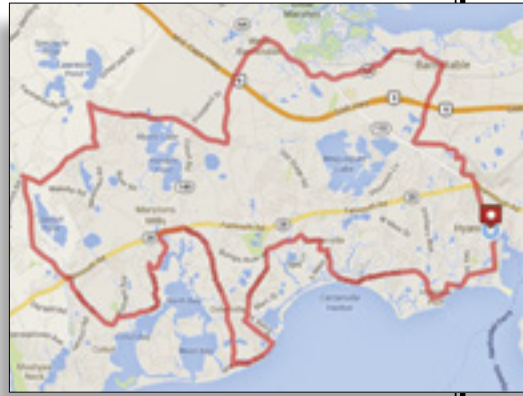


Calling all runners, walkers and bikers: 3 Great Events to Benefit BLT!

- **THE TOUR DE BARNSTABLE "GREAT FUNDO" – Sunday, May 17, 2015**



The Tour de Barnstable is a unique 38.5-mile ride through all seven villages, starting and ending at Aselton Park in Hyannis. Invented in Italy in the early 1900s, *Gran Fondos* have been part of Italian cycling culture and tradition for more than a century. We're hoping to make this "Great Fondo" a tradition in Barnstable. Start training!



Tour de Barnstable bicycle route



- **GREEN RUN 5K – Sunday, August 2, 2015**

BLT's 2nd Annual **Green Run 5K** will once again benefit the "Keep Lowell Park Green!" project, aimed at protecting the 19 acres that surround the Cotuit Kettleers home field. Last year, 330 kids and adults walked or ran this event, which raised \$4,000. We hope to double the number of participants this year!



- **RUN THE FIELD 5K – Sunday, October 3, 2015**

New fall event at the Cape Cod Airfield. Stay tuned!

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TRIBUTE: *Arthur F. Cook, Jr.*

When Art Cook joined the Board in 1996, BLT had preserved 306 acres and we had just begun our quest to protect a unique landscape not far from his home. The buildings and land at 100 East Bay Road in Osterville had been scorched by an intense fire. In the fire's wake, a view of Parker Pond emerged. The idea of keeping the pond view open for public enjoyment captured Art's attention.

With the help of an anonymous donor, BLT purchased the parcel. Because the land abuts wetlands, the challenge to restore the landscape was complicated. Undaunted, Art, along with fellow board members Holbrook Davis and Jane Eshbaugh, raised the additional funds necessary to remove the remains of the charred buildings. Then the site was restored. For as long as he was able, Art brought his lawn mower to the site and tidied up around the old stone wall. Over time, the East Bay Road Preserve has become a quiet pond-front oasis.

BLT's East Bay Road Preserve is part of Art's legacy and a testimony to his love of nature. Today, Barnstable Land Trust is the steward of 1,045 acres entrusted to our care.



Cover photo from *Resources*, Fall 1996: (l-r) Art Cook, Jane Eshbaugh and Holbrook Davis

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Bob Parsons Stays Active

Bob Parsons (*photo bottom right*) is a loyal and hard-working volunteer, who, happily for us, likes to get outside and do stuff!

As a science teacher, Bob led hiking, mountain climbing, skiing and fishing trips at a private school in Southborough. After retiring and moving to the Cape, he realized he needed something to fill his time.

Through his volunteer work as a herring counter for Three Bays Preservation, Bob recalled receiving a notice that BLT needed volunteers for trail maintenance. "I've been been volunteering ever since."

He spends much of his time at various BLT properties, helping with whatever needs to be done. "Bob has a chain saw, a wood chipper and a truck,"

Red Bansfield noted, "and he loves to use them!"

Bob especially enjoys working at Fuller Farm in Marstons Mills, where he trims the hedges and regularly mows the lawn. "I take my lawn tractor and zoom around. I like seeing the results of my work. When I drive by and see people with sketchpads and cameras, it's so gratifying.

"I want to contribute and this is a chance to give back," he added. "It's also an opportunity to become part of the community and accomplish something people can appreciate."

If you're like Bob and want to get outside, meet new people and enjoy the fruits of your labor, contact Red Bansfield at red@BLT.org. (Chainsaw, wood chipper and truck **not** required!). 🪚

