



# FRIENDS OF SAXONVILLE

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## OARS Annual River Cleanup

by Julia Khorana

**Saturday, September 20**  
**9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Sudbury River at Little Farms Road**

**O**n Saturday, September 20, volunteers will wade into the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord rivers and tributaries to continue the effort to restore our beautiful rivers. We will collect trash, tires, bottles, car parts, bicycles – whatever we find that shouldn't be there – for more appropriate disposal.

A team of people at one site working for three hours can make a real, visible difference for the rivers and their community. Last year more than 160 OARS volunteers working in eleven towns hauled tons of trash out of all three rivers. After 27 years, we are making progress, but the work is not done.

Please join us! Wear shoes that can get wet. Gloves, tools and refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Lynne Damianos at 508.341.8210 or visit [www.oars3rivers.org/river-cleanup-saturday-september-20](http://www.oars3rivers.org/river-cleanup-saturday-september-20). ❖

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## Discover Saxonville – "Nutcracker Sweet"

by John Stasik

**Saturday, December 6, 2014**

**Mass Ballet Studio • Saxonville Mill**  
**2 Watson Place**

*Admission: \$15 Single/\$40 Family pack of 4*

**J**oin us for a unique cultural experience in an unusual historic setting – a ballet performance in the round – fun for the whole family. The performance is graciously provided as a fundraiser by Meghan Powers, Director and the students and staff of Mass Ballet for the restoration of the Athenaeum Hall as a community hall for Framingham.

This hour-long performance will include selected dances from "The Nutcracker Suite" (the full perform-

**5:00 pm** Reception

**6:00 pm** Performance of "Nutcracker Sweet"

**7:00 pm** Athenaeum restoration update followed by dessert and coffee

ance will air the following week at the Framingham High School auditorium). There will be a reception before the performance with seasonal treats and beverages for all tastes, a short update on the Athenaeum Restoration Project and "Sweet Endings" and coffee after the show. ❖

## Vibes

# from the Village • by John Stasik and Steven Weisman

A number of future public works and private development projects are scheduled over the next five years that will protect Saxonville's historic resources, upgrade aging transportation infrastructure, increase public safety and improve livability of neighborhoods.

Among the more significant projects include:

- The redesign and reconstruction of the A Street, Concord Street, and School Street intersections to include turning lanes and integrated traffic signals
- Reconstruction of the Central Street Dam and a new Pocket Park at the Dam
- Reconstruction of Water Street between Central Street and Nicholas Road to include new sidewalks and replacement of the concrete wall on the east side of the street
- Construction of Danforth Green (350 residential units off Old Connecticut Path and Danforth Street)
- Replacing the sidewalk and adding landscaping between Cochituate Brook on School Street to the Sudbury River on Concord Street
- Adding a pocket park at the bridge on Concord Street
- Completion of the Cochituate Rail Trail at School Street to Route 30 at the Natick Line
- Development of 80 acres at the oxbow on the Sudbury River north of the Danforth Green Project on OCP as open green space for public use
- Restoration of the Athenaeum Hall as a community hall for all residents of Framingham.

Indeed, if all goes as planned, in five years, Saxonville will be a very active, vibrant village of Framingham.

Thank you from FOS to the Town's Conservation Officer and the Department of Public Works for their recent trimming of trees and weeds growing over the railing of the Old Danforth Street Bridge. The bridge looks much better as a result of the haircut!

Also, we have been notified by the DPW that they will make additional improvements to the bridge's appearance this fall: removing the Jersey barrier near the kiosk and cutting away some of the chain link fencing left over from the bridge repairs made years ago. Altogether, these improvements will allow the bridge's unique design be more visible. ❖

## Welcome new business members

For a complete list of FOS Business/Group Members, please visit [www.Saxonville.org/businessmembers.htm](http://www.Saxonville.org/businessmembers.htm)

### Gene's Trucking

Gene and Betty Matterazzo  
5 Costa Circle  
Framingham, MA 01701  
(508) 877-2384

### RobYnWitha-Y

Robyn Spindler  
70 Florissant Avenue  
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### St. George Church

Father Rowan  
74 School Street  
Framingham, MA 01701  
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## We need your email address

Please consider becoming a member or re-newing your membership with Friends of Saxonville for \$25 as an individual or \$50 as a business member. You can send your payment to Friends of Saxonville at P.O. Box 3236 Framingham, MA 01705-3236 or visit our website ([www.saxonville.org](http://www.saxonville.org)) and pay by using PayPal. ❖