Turtlefest 2026

Spring is almost here, and that means it's time to celebrate one of nature's most ancient and fascinating creatures — the turtle! The Newmarket Conservation Commission is proud to host TurtleFest 2026, a free, family-friendly day packed with expert presentations, live birds of prey, children's activities, guided walks, and a wetlands field trip. Whether you're a lifelong naturalist or just turtle-curious, there's something for everyone.





Returning to Burley Cemetery: a Second Season of Stewardship

Neighbors come together to lovingly restore and honor Newmarket's oldest burial grounds with a special evening presentation that delves into its rich history.

Following the resounding success of our inaugural Burley Cemetery cleanup, we are delighted to invite you to another heartwarming event. The community's enthusiasm truly reflects a profound love for preserving their cherished heritage. Burley Cemetery, located at 10 Bald Hill Road, deserves our tender care.

This season, we warmly welcome volunteers to join us in restoration activities such as pulling weeds, raking leaves, and trimming brush. Every contribution, no matter how small, is invaluable. No prior experience is required. If you have gloves and tools, feel free to bring them along, but we will provide supplies for you. This public event, scheduled for May 17, 2026, starting at 9 a.m., is open to everyone. Please bring friends, neighbors, or the entire family to share in this meaningful day.

After our day of heartfelt work, the evening will feature a special presentation on Burley Cemetery's captivating history at the Polish American Club in Newmarket. This is an excellent opportunity to explore the cemetery's stories, families, and the various eras that have shaped it.

Historic cemeteries like Burley serve as delicate bridges to our past. Regular maintenance is crucial to prevent them from becoming overgrown and forgotten. Events like this one play a vital role in preserving and cherishing our history. We eagerly anticipate your presence.

Event organized by Brian Ward
Listed as a public Facebook event
For more information, search "Burley Cemetery Cleanup" on Facebook.

