

Spring has arrived!

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Here is how *USA Today* declared Spring 2022. “At long last, [spring 2022 is finally here](#). The vernal (aka spring) equinox – which marks the beginning of astronomical spring in the Northern Hemisphere – occurred Sunday at 11:33 a.m. EDT. The equinox marks the precise moment the sun's rays shine directly on the Earth's equator.(For folks outside the eastern time zone, it was at 10:33 a.m. CDT, 9:33 a.m. MDT and 8:33 a.m. PDT.) “

Yes, there was the early signs of Spring. Such as the sap is running in the tapped maple trees.



Near Nottingham Square February 24, 2022

For those living on or near Pawtuckaway Lake, Spring had another major signature event. Here is how Chris Fortin described it on *Pawtuckaway Lake Lovers*’ Facebook,. “Its official, Pawtuckaway Lake has met the criteria for ice-out (80% of the main bodies of water Ice-free (excluding coves)) The decision was made at 11:30am[Sunday, March 20, 2022] EST making Gary St. Pierre our first grand prize winner! Congrats Gary and thank you [Mountain Road Trading Post](#) for helping co-sponsor this contest!” The other sponsor of the event was the [Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association](#) (PLIA).



North Pawtuckaway Lake Sunday March 20, 2022 Photograph from drone by Chris Fortin



South Pawtuckaway Lake Sunday March 20, 2022 Photograph from drone by Chris Fortin

It has been said, New England has three seasons, winter, summer and mud. Mud season has been declared by Nottingham this way, “[Weight Limit on Town Roads](#). Effective Monday March 7 2022. Nottingham Class V town roads will be posted with a weight limit effective Monday, March 7, 2022. Vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of over 26,000 lbs. will be prohibited from these roads until further notice”.



Dolloff Dam Road March 21, 2022 Evidence of mud season

The snow is melting and the streams are flowing.



A stream flowing Dolloff Dam Road March 21, 2022

Here is another sign of Spring. The white paper birches are displaying their red leaf buds.



The white paper birches with red leaf buds.

Then, there is the ultimate sign of Spring, Peggy getting the garden ready. Note there is some green already in the garden, uncovered by her raking.



Peggy's gardening

So Spring is finally here. Enjoy it!!