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**June newsletter.**

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Welcome summer!



Message from the President

I hope you are well and enjoying early summer.

This year we have decided to again hold the Six Ponds Annual Meeting via Zoom. The meeting will take place on **Sunday, June 12 at 6 PM**. Look for a reminder, which will include the Zoom link, in your email a few days before the meeting. Please plan on attending, as we must have fifty (50) members present to form a quorum. I sincerely hope that this will be the last time we convene via Zoom.

To offset the not-very-neighborly virtual Annual Meeting we are planning a pot luck dinner at the Wildlands Trust in August. Stay tuned for details and the date. Life must go on!

I wish you all safe travels, fine family time, and good health. May we all appreciate the many gifts with which we are blessed as we travel through this life together.

*Hampton Watkins, Six Ponds Association*

*President*



### [Turtle study resumes in Little Long Pond](#)

Dr. Donald Padgett, Professor of Biological Sciences at Bridgewater State University, will resume his study of the turtle community in Little Long Pond later this summer. Dr. Padgett is a botanist with a special focus on freshwater aquatic ecosystems. His bi-yearly study of Little Long Pond study (which skipped 2021) will once again focus the abundance of the invasive red-eared sliders relative to the native painted turtles and red-bellied cooters. Dr. Padgett has secured the required permits for his work from the Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife. He asks if you see his turtle traps (hoop-nets and floating cages) that you please do not disturb them. If left alone, they do not harm the turtles in any way.

Thanks to Six Ponds member Kit Warren again for providing Dr. Padgett with the use of her pondfront for access and equipment storage.

We look forward to an update from Dr. Padgett in the Fall!

[Learn more about Dr. Padgett's research](#)



## Spring Clean Up Day

### Thank you!

This year's spring Clean Up day on May 7 featured a special collection of "nips" (typically 50ml liquor bottles) that were segregated from the other collected trash. Plymouth's Clean Up Day coordinator Patrick Farah has created a handy [map](#) depicting the locations and quantities of nips collected in our region. A total of 4,469 nips were collected.

Several cities and towns in Massachusetts, including Newton and Wareham, have banned the sale of liquor in nips (defined as bottles with a volume of less than 100ml). With two years of data on nips, it is becoming apparent that this is a persistent problem in Plymouth, and one which should be addressed by regulation. If Plymouth and adjacent towns act wisely, we may see a decrease in one of the major components of

roadside litter. Stay tuned for updates on this issue.



### Water Quality Testing in our Six Ponds is Underway

Results from the summer testing will be available later in the year. Thanks to all the volunteers for their work on this important project.

### It's Time to Renew for 2022

Our 2022 membership drive has begun. Please keep an eye out for your [renewal letter](#) in the mail. Or renew now via our website [sixponds.org](http://sixponds.org).

Your support helps us to keep you and your neighbors up to date on issues that affect our neighborhood and Southeastern



Massachusetts. Help us to preserve the beauty of our area while we continue to monitor water quality on our ponds using state - of - the - art testing and data collection systems.

As an all-volunteer organization, your \$25.00 *does* make a difference. Please renew today.

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Davis at [snowdavis@aol.com](mailto:snowdavis@aol.com) or call/text 215-859-1066.

Thank you for your support!

[Renew here](#)



## Save the Date

The Six Ponds Annual Meeting needs you! Join us via Zoom on Sunday, June 12 at 6 p.m.

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