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Community Roadside Clean Up

Saturday morning, October 22

Pick up your purple bags at 10 a.m. at the corner of Long Pond Road and Clark Road and head out to your favorite spot! All ages are welcomed. Be part of this community-wide project to help keep our roadsides clean.



[Learn more about Beech Leaf Disease](#)

Thursday, November 3

7 p.m. by [Zoom](#)

Learn more about beech leaf disease, a newly identified threat to beech trees in Massachusetts. Specialists from the Mass. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation will discuss how to identify the disease, the current status in our region, and the expected impact to our beech trees. The talk will cover research efforts and the exploration into treatment options.

About the presenters: Nicole Keleher leads DCR's Forest Health Program and is responsible for statewide projects investigating the impact of insects and disease on Massachusetts forests. Some of the forest health team's current work includes invasive species detection surveys, long term monitoring plots, biocontrol species establishment, and targeted treatment protection projects. Ms. Keleher has experience working with emerald ash borer, Asian longhorned beetle, hemlock woolly adelgid, white pine needle case disease, and beech leaf disease.

Jim Rassman is the DCR Service Forester for Southeastern Massachusetts. He provides outreach on a wide range of forestry and natural resources related issues to private, non-profit, and municipal landowners. The Six Ponds thanks both Ms. Keleher and Mr. Rassman for this special program for our membership.

The [Zoom](#) link for this program will be emailed in late October.



News from Pinewoods Camp

In addition to its usual music and dance programs, Pinewoods Camp, located between Round Ponds and Long Pond, also hosts service groups from the Sierra Club.

A Sierra Club team spent a week in August improving and beautifying the Six Ponds area. During one project, the 17 volunteers worked to remove the invasive species, [Oriental Bittersweet](#) (*Celastrus orbiculatus*), pictured above, from along Pinewoods' Long Pond shore. The camp will continue to monitor and remove Bittersweet to protect and steward the native species nestled between Round and Long Ponds. -- *Chris Jacobs, Executive Director, Pinewoods Camp.*

[Learn more about Pinewoods Camp](#)



Fish Stocking

Each year MassWildlife (the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife) stocks about 500,000 brook, brown, rainbow, and tiger trout from its five hatcheries in Sandwich, Palmer, Belchertown, Sunderland, and Montague into ponds and lakes across the state. In late September, 750 rainbow trout were released into Long Pond.

[Learn More about Fish Stocking](#)

**It's never too late to join or
renew your membership.**

Be part of our wonderful Six
Ponds Community. Your support



is essential to our work. Thank you!

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