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Happy Holidays!

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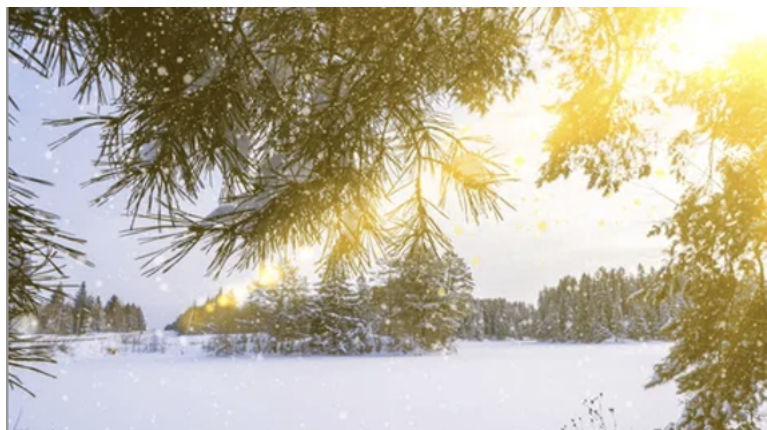
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*** Happy Holidays from the Six Ponds ***



Six Ponds Buys Water Testing Equipment

Thanks to the generosity and support of our members, The Six Ponds has recently purchased an instrument to measure temperature and dissolved oxygen (DO) in our pond waters. Prior to this, we have had to borrow

equipment from the Town of Plymouth Department of Energy and Environment. This borrowed equipment was not always available and has grown less reliable over time. The new piece of equipment is from YSI, a standard in the field, and was recommended by the UMass Dartmouth School of Marine Science & Technology lab. It has a photo-optical sensor, and will be less vulnerable to interference from other dissolved compounds, particularly at deeper depths, than the Town-owned equipment.

Fish and other submerged aquatic animals “breathe” by getting their oxygen through gills from dissolved oxygen in the water, much as mammals, reptiles and other animals get their oxygen through their lungs from the air. The quantity of DO in the water is a critical indicator of pond “health”, and measurement of the DO level along with the temperature is one of the key parameters measured when we conduct pond testing.

When we start testing in 2025 we’ll have a complete set of our own equipment and be able to test as often as we need without having to coordinate with the Town for use of their equipment.

PLYMOUTH INDEPENDENT

Stay Connected

Did you know that Plymouth has a nonprofit online news organization focused on local news that is free to readers? [The Plymouth Independent](#) (PI) helps our Six Ponds neighborhood stay in touch with topics ranging from local government and business to education and the environment.

The [PI](#) encourages civic engagement through thoroughly researched journalism that includes accountability reporting and public conversation.

Their recent issue ran a detailed [story](#) about sand mining projects in Cedarville which affect our neighborhood. You can read the article and other local news items [here](#).

Pinewoods

Happy Birthday to Pinewoods Camp!

Pinewoods Camp is celebrating its centennial in 2025. Learn more about our neighbor on the shores of Long and Round Ponds, its origins as a Girl Scout camp and its connection to Helen Storrow (of Boston's Storrow Drive) in their latest [newsletter](#).

If you are interested in joining the Pinewoods email list, please contact Chris Jacobs at executivedirector@pinewoodscamp.org.



Local Traffic Alert

The Clark Road widening project is now underway. Dedicated left lane turns and traffic lights will be added to Clark Road to help ease some of Pinehills' traffic issues. Learn more [here](#).

Six Ponds Scenes



A colorful sunrise on Bloody Pond. Photo by Judith Sibley





Be safe and be seen during hunting season

It is hunting season. While hunters are required to wear blaze orange during certain hunting seasons, all of us who are outdoors this winter should also wear blaze orange as a precaution to increase visibility while out for walks in our local woods. Pets, too! Learn more about hunting season dates in our area at this [link](#).

Firewise 2024 Update

Thanks to you, Six Pond Residents, for helping our community keep our Firewise status. This is a national program to increase community awareness of the risks of wildfires. We achieved great progress this year by fulfilling the following actions:

Educational Outreach: Wildfire related article(s) placed in our community e-newsletter

Risk Reduction Investment for 2024:

- We achieved a total investment of \$105,590.40 of the Program required amount of \$4,770!
- We achieved a total investment per dwelling unit of \$703.94 of the Program required amount of \$31.80 per dwelling!

This is great progress over the previous year, and our status application was approved. Please be aware of the risk of wildfire YEAR-ROUND. Thank you for participating and helping the Six Ponds reduce the risk of wildfires!

Put a FREEZE on Winter Fires

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!

<p>Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.</p>	<p>Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 6 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths.</p>	<p>Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.</p>
<p>Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.</p>	<p>Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.</p>	<p>Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.</p>
<p>Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.</p>	<p>Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.</p>	

For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit usfa.fema.gov/winter and nfpa.org/winter.

Your Opinion is Needed

The Town of Plymouth is in the early phases of a public planning process to renew Plymouth’s vision for the future and to create a new master plan. The town-wide master plan establishes a long-range policy framework that will guide decision-making and budgeting. This is the community's plan for its future and your input is needed.

The Plymouth Master Plan committee is interested in your ideas.

Complete the survey link at <https://engagestantec.mysocialpinpoint.com/plymouth-master-plan/plymouth-master-plan-getinvolved/>

Attend Six Ponds Monthly Board Meetings

Six Ponds members are welcome to attend Executive Committee meetings which are held at 4:30 pm (see dates below). Host locations to be announced. If you would like to attend via Zoom, contact [Hampton Watkins](#) in advance of the date at hampton.watkins@gmail.com. Join us!

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Sunday, June 8, 2025

SAVE THE DATE: Spring potluck supper April 6, 2025 at 5:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Membership Meeting and potluck supper June 29, 2025 at 5:00 pm

2024 -2025 Six Ponds Executive Committee

PRESIDENT [Hampton Watkins](#) (Round Pond) 617-510-4656 Email: hampton.watkins@gmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT Debbie D'Isabel (Little Long Pond and Plymouth Estates)

TREASURER David Buckman (Bloody Pond)

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Little Long Pond: Kit Warren and Lois Post (and Plymouth Estates)

Round Pond: Nancy Barbour and Larry Rosenblum

Long Pond: Jody Schechter, Margi Delafield, Ed Russell and Meg Harding

Halfway Pond: Owen Grey and Peggy Briggs

We welcome your feedback and participation. Please contact President Hampton Watkins at hampton.watkins@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.



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Thank you for supporting the Six Ponds Improvement Association.

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