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February 6, 2025

Pinewoods

All are invited!

Pinewoods Camp Winter Zoom Series

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 ~ 7:00 pm ET

'Bringing Pinewoods History to Life'

Helen Storrow, Pinewoods Camp, and the First Girl Scout Training School

Presented by Francine Edwards, Co-founder of the Girl Scout Museum at Cedar Hill. In this first **Zoom session** of "Bringing Pinewoods History to Life" we'll explore the complex connections between Boston philanthropist Helen Storrow, Pinewoods Camp, and the First Girl Scout Training School in the early 20th century. Mrs. Storrow was a progressive-minded woman with a vigorous interest in the benefits of all health-giving activities, especially camping, folk dancing, singing, swimming, gardening, and hiking. With help from the archival treasures of the Girl Scout Museum at Cedar Hill in Waltham, MA, we will journey into the past to learn more about Mrs. Storrow and her amazing legacy to Pinewoods Camp

and the Girl Scouts. Francine Edwards, one of the co-founders of the Girl Scout Museum at Cedar Hill, spent eight glorious summers during the late 1940s and early 1950s at Camp Four Winds on Long Pond. She was a camper, kitchen worker, and eventually waterfront counselor teaching swimming, boating, and canoeing. A current museum volunteer, Francine has special interest in Helen Storrow and the early history of Girl Scouting in Massachusetts.]

[Click HERE to register](#)

<https://pinewoods.org/bringing-pinewoods-history-to-life/>



Photo: Ruth (Walsh) Wright Collection, Girl Scout National Leader Training School, 1919, Pinewoods Camp, Long Pond, Plymouth, MA; Courtesy of Girl Scout Museum at Cedar Hill



New neighbor enjoying the "black ice" recently and steady winds with his "wing sail" on Long Pond.

FIREWISE Neighborhood Program at Wildlands Trust

February 27 @ 6:30pm

Address: 675 Long Pond Road.

The Six Ponds Improvement Association will host a **Firewise** presentation with our Plymouth Estates Association, Redbrook and Pinehills neighbors as part of our commitment to raise awareness about the risk of wildfires in our area. Everyone is welcome to this **free event**. We will tell the Six Ponds story of how our neighborhood received and maintain our certification of this national education program. A 30-minute presentation will be followed with questions and answers, and shared experiences. Please join us to

learn more about what you need to know about the risk of fire in a pine barrens ecosystem. No registration is required. You may want to bring a flashlight for the walk from & to the parking lot.



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Residents reducing wildfire risks



Friends and neighbors enjoying unique "black ice" on Long Pond. From Left, Mark Wood, Walter Morrison, Sam Chapin and Caroline Chapin. Photo by Susanne Lucas.

ICE SOUNDS

If you live on a pond, or take walks near the ponds on cold winter days, no doubt you have heard the somewhat eerie sounds coming from the formation of ice when the temperatures dip low. The formation of ice is a process, and as temperatures get colder, the ice expands. The ice acts as a membrane covering the surface of the pond. When the ice contracts or expands, creating sound, that sound travels across

the membrane, allowing it to be heard sometimes quite far from where it originated. Frozen ponds can make creaking, groaning and moaning sounds, somewhat resembling the song of whales! < oh, if only our ponds were home to whales! 😊 > As temperatures rise and fall, the ice expands and contracts, and the volume rises when the temperature changes are rapid. You're more likely to hear these sometimes unusual sounds on a frozen pond that's clear of snow. This is because snow absorbs sound, making it less likely you'll hear the sounds of the ice underneath.

Have any of you recorded the ice sounds in our neighborhood? If so, please share!

If you have never heard the sounds, here is a short recording of a "singing lake" in Minnesota

! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yn6UNLlrxrs>



Kids enjoying the ice on Long Pond. Photo by Martin Barbour

New Boater Education Law Requires Training for all Motorized Vessel Operators

The Massachusetts Environmental Police (MEP) is informing the public about the new **Hanson-Milone Boater Safety Act** set to take effect on April 1, 2026. This law requires boater education for all motorized vessel operators in Massachusetts, aligning state boating regulations with U.S. Coast Guard safety standards to ensure that every boater is equipped with necessary knowledge and safety skills. MEP is working to raise awareness and provide resources to help boaters prepare for the upcoming changes. Motorized vessel operators will be required to complete an approved boating safety education course by April 2026 that covers safe vessel operations—including navigation rules, emergency procedures, and environmental protections—and **proof of education will be required for boating in Massachusetts waters**. See the [Boat Safety Certificate Course web page](#) for details, along with the [press release](#) announcing the public information efforts.

If you wish to speak to someone about this new law, contact Thérèse Beaudoin, Monitoring Coordinator, MassDEP Tel (857) 278-6478 therese.beaudoin@mass.gov

Six Ponds Monthly Board Meetings - All are welcome!

Six Ponds members are welcome to attend Executive Committee meetings which are held on Sundays at 4:30 pm (dates below). Host locations to be announced. If you would like to attend in person or via Zoom, contact [Hampton Watkins](#) at hampton.watkins@gmail.com. Everyone is invited!

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 and presentation 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

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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.



Six Ponds Improvement Association

Thank you for supporting the Six Ponds Improvement Association.

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