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June 1, 2025

You're invited!

**Neighborhood
Gathering at
Pinewoods Camp
Thursday, June 5**



6:00-8:30 pm

80 Cornish Field Rd

Light Appetizers

Bring Your Own
Beverage



Get a tour of our
new Nature Nook and
of our innovative
composting toilet
system.

Please RSVP to Chris Jacobs
executivedirector@pinewoods.org



Common Yellowthroat. Photo by Rusty Briggs

LEARN MORE ABOUT BIRDS

Bird Walk: Sunday, June 8 at 8 AM; Rain date June 14 at 8 AM. Participants will be notified by email if the event is postponed.

Register [here](#) for this walk.

Six Ponds resident and experienced birder Rusty Briggs will lead a walk focused on birds on the Wildlands Trust's Gramp's Loop trail. Bring binoculars if you have them and come ready for some gentle uphill terrain. Participants are encouraged to bring drinking water and take precautions against ticks, mosquitos and the potential for too much sun.

Meet at Wildland Trust's parking lot on Mast Rd by 8 AM. [Click link for directions.](#)

Limited to 12 participants. Please carpool.

Allow 2 hours for the walk.

Hiking Difficulty: Low.

No dogs please.

Questions? Contact Rusty Briggs at 781-724-5986.

WELL WATER TESTING

Sponsored by SIX PONDS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Six Ponds will make it easy for you to have your well water tested!

WHERE: LONG POND BOAT RAMP PARKING LOT

WHEN: Saturday, June 7th 9-11am

Register + pick up your testing kit

Sunday, June 8th 1-3pm

Drop off your filled bottle.

Six Ponds will handle all logistics with Envirotech Lab. Their fee of \$95 per sample can be paid by check, made out to Envirotech, and will be collected by Six Ponds when you drop off your sample on Sunday. Six Ponds will deliver to Envirotech and email your results when available from the lab.

For more info: sixponds.org
hampton.watkins@gmail.com



RESIDENTIAL WELL WATER TESTING with Six Ponds

WHAT'S IN YOUR DRINKING WATER?

Six Ponders know the condition of our ponds because we've been testing them in a laboratory for over fifty years. But what is the quality of our drinking water?

While our well-water comes from the same aquifer, the water quality at our faucets can be very different, for a variety of reasons and in ways that can affect our health, such as: bacterial contamination in the soil around our homes from animal waste or other organic sources such as fertilizer; corrosion of pipes in our homes; elevated mineral levels that can impact our

cardiovascular systems, such as road salt; and concentrations of nitrate, nitrite, and manganese ions that can increase the risk of some cancers.

To better understand our drinking water, the Six Ponds Improvement Association is hosting a well-water testing program in June that will give families an opportunity to learn more about their own households' water. Membership in Six Ponds is not required to participate in this effort.

Working with Envirotech Laboratories in Sandwich, MA, Six Ponds will provide the sterile bottles and instructions needed to properly take water samples, will transport your samples to Envirotech, and will distribute the test results to each participating household when they become available.

The cost per household will be \$95 for Envirotech's "**Standard 2 Potability Test.**" This suite of tests includes an analysis of Coliform Bacteria, pH, Conductance, Nitrate-N, Nitrite-N, Sodium, Iron, Manganese, Potassium, Calcium, Magnesium, Hardness, Alkalinity, Sulfate, Chloride, Color, Turbidity, and Free CO₂.

To participate in the program, please come to the Long Pond Boat Ramp parking lot (210 Clark Road) on Saturday, June 7, between 9-11 AM, with a \$95 check written to Envirotech Labs Inc. You will be given two numbered water bottles with collection instructions and will be asked to fill out a simple form. Return the samples to us the next day, Sunday, June 8 between 1-3 PM, at the same location. Six Ponds will handle the rest.

If you have any questions about this program please contact Hampton Watkins, President of Six Ponds Association, at hampton.watkins@gmail.com or 617.510.4656.

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Scenes from the recent Native Plant walk led by Love Albrecht Howard and Chris Jacobs. Sweet fern fruits (Comptonia peregrinia) along Halfway Pond. Photos by C. Chapin.

Six Ponds Events Spring/Summer

Spring Plant Walk
May 16

Birding Walk
June 8

Annual Meeting & Potluck
June 29 5pm
Wildlands Trust Barn
All Welcome!

Full Moon Paddle
July 10

Beach Picnic at Bloody Pond
August 9

FOR MORE INFORMATION
sixponds.org
and watch your email!

questions? contact Debbie
ddisabelras@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



Spring 2025

Greetings,

I invite you to join or renew your membership in the Six Ponds Improvement Association!



Formed in 1951 by a group of residents, the Association's purpose then, as now, is the preservation of the nature and character of our rural neighborhood.



Much has changed over the past seven decades. We've seen the creation of Route 3, shifts in cranberry farming, and increased development around us. And yet, with effort and a deep love for this place, we've preserved open space and the rural charm that define Six Ponds. Earlier generations would be surprised by today's changes, but proud of how we've maintained a neighborhood they would still recognize.

We're lucky to still have Pinewoods Camp, the Girl Scout Camp, and the return of the Wildlands Trust headquarters. Thanks to countless volunteers, we've tested pond water quality for decades and worked with the Town of Plymouth to monitor and protect our precious water resources.

When change has brought opportunities, we've come together to embrace it. When it has posed a threat, we've stood up together to protect what matters most.



We are a welcoming, entirely volunteer organization. We operate as an unincorporated, not-for-profit association of interested and engaged neighbors, with bylaws posted on our website. We host educational and social events, support worthy local projects and organizations, and encourage civic involvement—many of our members have served on Town boards, commissions, and Town Meeting, helping to represent our shared interests.

To join or renew, return the enclosed form with your check or set up a bank transfer or bill pay. We're not currently set up for PayPal or Venmo.



Thank you for being part of this community and for helping us keep Six Ponds the place we all love.

All the best,

Hampton Watkins, President

[MEMBERSHIP FORM is here for printing](#) ([CLICK here](#)) and mail to The Six Ponds, P.O. Box 1580, Plymouth, MA 02362. Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their membership or has made additional donations.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JUNE 5: Neighbor Night at Pinewoods Camp / 6 p.m.

JUNE 7: Water Testing Kit Pick Up Day / 9-11 a.m.

JUNE 8: Bird Walk with Rusty Briggs. [Click here to register.](#)

JUNE 29 : Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper at Wildlands Trust / 5 p.m.

[Please check the website for more information.](#)

2024 -2025 Six Ponds Executive Committee

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