

A busy spring ahead

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**IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! It's also a great gift idea.**



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Hampton'.

Hampton Watkins, President

**MEMBERSHIP FORM is here for printing** ([CLICK here](#)) and mail to The Six Ponds,

P.O. Box 1580, Plymouth, MA 02362



### **ROAD WORK NEXT WEEK - TAKE NOTE**

**A section of Halfway Pond Road will be milled and repaved from West Long Pond Road to the Long Pond Road intersection, minus the new section near the stop sign on Bourne Road.** The plan is to complete this section of Halfway Pond Road before the new intersection project at Long Pond Road starts in full force. The contractor will be working from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Halfway Pond Road to minimize traffic disruptions. The DPW is coordinating with the Plymouth Police Dept. to have detail officers on site for traffic control. Any concerns, contact the DPW Director, Bill Coyle, 508-830-4162 x 12107

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**Celebrate spring and sign up for one of these upcoming events**

**MAY 16 : NATIVE PLANT WALK** Click the link for info and registration.

**JUNE 8 : BIRD WALK** Click the link for info and registration.

Activities are free and registration is required for some events.

Please check the website for more information.

**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](http://sixponds.org)  
and watch your email!

questions? contact Debbie  
[ddisabelras@gmail.com](mailto:ddisabelras@gmail.com)

# 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](http://sixponds.org)  
[hampton.watkins@gmail.com](mailto:hampton.watkins@gmail.com)



## Are you ready for the cicadas?

Later this month and into early June Plymouth and Barnstable county residents may get a chance to witness a phenomenon that happens every 17 years: groups of insects called periodical cicadas will emerge from the ground to mate. They are scary looking and noisy but harmless! Learn more [here](#).



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### Join in and learn more about the Six Ponds

Members are welcome to attend Executive Committee meetings. Host locations to be announced. If you would like to attend in person or via Zoom, contact [Hampton Watkins](mailto:hampton.watkins@gmail.com) at [hampton.watkins@gmail.com](mailto:hampton.watkins@gmail.com). Everyone is invited.

### Upcoming meetings and events:

**Sunday, May 11 at 4 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting**

**Friday, May 16, Native Plant Walk (registration link [here](#))**

**Thursday, June 5, Six Ponds Neighbor Night at [Pinewoods Camp](#)**

**Saturday, June 7, Water Testing Day - stay tuned for more information**

**Sunday, June 8, Bird Walk with Rusty Briggs (registration link [here](#))**

**Sunday, June 8 at 4 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting**

**Sunday, June 29th Six Ponds Association Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper held at the Wildlands Trust.**



*Helping hands at the recent roadside clean up day. Thank you Izzy ( who just stepped out of her wet shoes as she was helping to clear trash out of the brook between Little Long Pond and Long Pond) and Lourdeen!*

*Photo by H. Watkins. Thanks to everyone who came out to help.*

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## 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

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