

Association Budget: The Board has approved the Fiscal Year (June 1-May 30) 2018-19 budget of \$82,770. Because the road maintenance fees have increased steadily over the past years, the Board voted this year to increase dues to \$500.00 annually. While this cost has held steady for many years, the costs have risen and the budget is supported entirely by the base annual Association fees from our 167 home-owners. Major anticipated no-frills expenditures:

- \$56,550 for property management, including
 - \$13,200 for contracted monthly maintenance, and other repairs
 - \$4,000 for road sweeping,
 - \$10,000 for snow removal,
 - \$2,000 for drain cleaning, and
 - \$20,000 for pothole and maintenance road repair,
- \$13,700 for insurance –general liability, worker’s comp, director’s
- \$4,500 for professional and legal fees, (accounting, web, attorneys fees)
- \$6,200 for Board stipends, web maintenance and other administrative costs.
- The remainder for misc utilities, taxes and banking fees

Property Management: The Board has continued to manage the roads for snow, litter and debris, potholes and drainage. The winter was heavy with a couple of storms occurring at times of day when we needed more than one plowing in order for residents to be able to go to and from the division for work. Our front garden is out for a proposal right now, but we plan only to clip it back for safety of both bikes and pedestrians. We installed solar highlights for the rock out front. This past year we had a window installed in the shelter so that students could see when the bus is coming. Roads have been swept, and pothole maintenance is underway. This will be a costly fix this year. The pine trees (shallow, wide-spread roots) are pushing through the roads, causing surface problems. We have budgeted to remove some trees that are causing these problems, to mitigate (unfortunately not eliminate) further damage. We will address roads at our Annual Meeting in the Fall.

Reminders to Homeowners: The Board thanks all the property owners in Dodgers Hole who work hard to maintain their properties for the benefit of all. Here are a few agreements we have:

HOME IMPROVEMENTS: All exterior improvements to homes or properties (e.g. fences, sheds, pools, external home additions, solar panels that are not roof mounted) must be prior approved by the Board. Please submit drawings or plans via email. The Board generally meets once per month except for December and July. We can approve by email communications on the months that we don’t meet.

- **ROAD SAFETY:** Our roadside easements are our pedestrian walkways. Please do not park cars on the easements. If you are not personally occupying your house, please make this a provision of occupancy.
 - Please do not put yard waste and tree debris in the easement (4 feet from the edge of the road). It interferes with our clean-up crew and their mowing, as well as drainage.
 - Consider installing an apron at the end of your driveway to prevent sand run off into the drains, which the Association pays to have cleaned out at least once annually. We may need to add another clean out.
 - Please observe the 15 MPH speed limit – there are many pedestrians and bicyclists on the narrow roads. We are trying to be a pedestrian-friendly neighborhood.
 - A reminder: All stop signs on Dodger’s Hole Road have been removed. Stop signs are now at every intersection
- **MAIN ROAD OPENING:** Please continue to slow down well ahead of the main road opening, and watch out for bikes from either direction.
- **CONTACTING YOU:** From time to time, it might be helpful for us to contact you. Please send us your phone number and email via the website: www.dodgershole.com
- **EFEA** has an agreement with MV High School to maintain a public, accessible meeting space for homeowner member meetings that occur on third Thursdays that do not fall during school vacations. If a homeowner requesting an accessible space plans to attend a meeting that falls in a school vacation, please contact the Board for accommodations.

The EFEA ANNUAL MEETING will be held on October 18 at the MV High School

We need new Board members. The terms of two current Board members are expiring.

Sincerely, Tim Dacey (President), Lorna Andrade (Clerk), Kathleen Samways (Treasurer and Contracts).

We are your Board and your neighbors.

If you have any questions or concerns, email us at dodgers.hole@gmail.com or

call the Board Voicemail at 774-310-1456