

**Edgartown Forest Estates Association
Newsletter June 2019**

Annual Meeting Notice

Saturday August 10, 2019 9:30AM Common Lot on Tern Drive

CALL FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There is a seat on the EFEA board just waiting for you! There are 6 vacancies to be filled this year – 5 Directors and the Clerk/Secretary position. (The terms for Kathleen Samways, our Treasurer, and Tim Dacey, our President - who lives in NJ - expire in 2019.) Tim will be staying on the Board, Kathleen will not. Lorna Andrade, who has continued to serve as clerk although her term expired last year, desires to step down. (THANK YOU, LORNA!)

Each Director serves for a 2-year term. New board members will be elected at the Annual Member Meeting. Watch for your ballot and proxy in the mail.

The Board meets ten times a year to manage the affairs of the Association. There is no Board meeting in July or December. Please consider serving. Contact the Board at our email, dodgers.hole@gmail.com or our voicemail 774-310-1456 if you have questions.

The Association Budget

The Board has approved the Fiscal Year (June 1-May 31) 2019-20 budget of \$92,145. The major anticipated expenditures for this year include:

- *\$56,450 – Property Management, including:*
 - *\$20,450 - contracted monthly maintenance, and one-time 'out of contract' garden improvements*
 - *\$4,000 - road sweeping*
 - *\$10,000 - snow removal*
 - *\$2,000 - drain cleaning*
 - *\$20,000 - pothole and road maintenance repair*
- *\$14,250 - insurances*
- *\$13,600 - professional and legal fees*
- *\$ 6,275 - Board stipends, web maintenance, administrative*

EFEA GOES GREEN

This past year we have been working to simplify the EFEA invoicing process. In order to decrease paper, improve communication and curtail stationary, printing and postage costs, we are requesting all property owners to send us your email addresses. You can use the updated contact form on our website www.dodgershole.com or just send us an email at dodgers.hole@gmail.com.

While you are at the website, check out the information about **our new PayPal option** to remit Annual Assessment online. Thanks for your help with EFEA going GREEN - and maybe even get some points on your credit card!

In GREEN activity of other kinds:

- Bids are currently out for the front garden. The specs include minimal height to improve visibility of the bike path, low-water requirement and deer-resistant plants. We have two companies interested, so are hoping for a cost-effective solution. We continue to have our regular, ride-around property maintenance frequency increased during the summer months, to keep ahead of litter to the extent possible.
- The Friends of Correllus Forest has connected us with the state liaison for FIREWISE USA, which works with neighborhoods on wildfire prevention activities. As abutters to the forest, EFEA may be able to access funds and resources to educate and inform us about fire prevention and safety.
- ALSO, the Forest is looking at tall, straight pitch pines, such as the ones that are disrupting our roads, to build their new visitor center. We are working with them to have these trees removed with their assistance (to reduce waste of good lumber by reclaiming the tree rather than chipping it up) prior to our road repair, so that we can avoid the recurrent cost of road surface disruption.

Reminders to Homeowners



The Board would like to thank all of the property owners in Dodgers Hole. As a community, we work hard to maintain our properties and covenant agreements for the benefit of all. See the website for the covenants. Here are a few handy reminders:

- **All exterior improvements to homes or properties (e.g. fences, sheds, pools) must be prior approved by the Board. Please submit drawings/plans via email.**
- **Keeping your yard tidy and free of clutter, construction or yard debris protects our property value.**
- **Our roadside easements are our pedestrian walkways! Please do not park cars on the easement. Do not pile trash or tree debris on the easement - it interferes with drainage, clean-up and mowing. Kindly pick up after pets.**
- **Sand and gravel runoff from the end of driveways clogs our drains, and adds expense to our budget. Consider installing an apron at the end of your driveway to prevent sand run off into the drains.**
- **Remove invasive plants (oriental bittersweet, Japanese knotweed, garlic mustard) from your property before the plants spread throughout the area. Be safe - consult a professional or local environmental organization (e.g. Polly Hill) for information.**
- **All stop signs on Dodger's Hole Road have been removed. Stop signs are now at every intersecting roadway. Please heed the stops for safety.**
- **Kindly observe the 15 MPH speed limit – there are many pedestrians and bicyclists on the narrow road.**
- **Every year EFEA rents an accessible room at the high school for our monthly meetings. Please attend so your input can help shape decisions.**

**Best regards from your Board,
*Kathleen, Lorna and Tim***