

DODGER'S HOLE

Your Neighborhood Newsletter from Edgartown Forest Estates Association , Inc

JUNE 2020



Hello, Dodger's Hole Property Owners!

We hope you and your families are healthy and safe. Whether you are here on the island or off island we hope you are all thriving in this new normal.

2020 Annual Meeting

Due to the uncertainties caused by the pandemic, this year's EFEA Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom on

Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 6pm.

The meeting ID is 896-0632-2423. Zoom Instructions will be posted on our website and sent by mail or email by July 1.

EFEA Board News

We currently have 9 Board Officers and Directors. Tim Dacey has been acting as President and Treasurer during the past year. We have two current EFEA Board directors on the ballot this year for Treasurer. They are Cindy Trish and Rebecca Norris. Please see the enclosed Proxy and Ballot to learn more about Cindy and Rebecca. Lorna Andrade, our Clerk, has volunteered to remain on board in 2021 and complete her second term. Thank you, Lorna!

Earlier this year our property maintenance company, Foggy Bottom, installed electric lights at our main entrance, which beautifully lit up the rocks. Unfortunately, those lights were vandalized and removed shortly after installation. New lights will be installed again soon. If anyone has information about this incident, please let the board know.

The Board is working hard on getting the neighborhood spruced up (see Upcoming Projects and Plans) but we also need your help.

- If you are a walker, consider taking a small garbage bag with you to pick up any trash.
- If you have dead trees/branches/leaves on your property please remove as this is a fire hazard for all of us.

Foggy Bottom will be working on cleaning up the 4' easement that the Association owns along all of the roadways. If you are a homeowner that already maintains the easement of your property, Foggy Bottom (and your neighbors) thank you very much!

The Board has approved the Fiscal Year (June 1-May 31) 2020-2021 budget of \$94,050, only slightly higher than last year. Fortunately, we saved some money on plowing and sanding due to the mild winter. The major anticipated expenditures for this year include:

\$51,200	Property Management, including:
\$20,200	Contracted monthly maintenance, and front entrance upkeep
\$4,000	Road sweeping
\$10,000	Snow removal
\$2,000	Drain cleaning
\$15,000	Pothole and road maintenance repair
\$14,500	Insurances
\$19,800	Professional and legal fees
\$6,175	Board stipends, Administrative Expenses

We understand that many people may not be visiting their island homes this summer. You will be missed. We have two Dodger's Hole residents who are available to do basic property inspections, if you need. Give us a call (or send an email) if you would like more information.

Monthly EFEA Board Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, except during July and August. Normally they are held at the high school with telephone conferencing for our off-island members. For the immediate future, our meetings will be conducted via Zoom. We invite you to join us remotely to hear what is happening in the neighborhood or to share concerns. Zoom info and instructions will be posted on the website.

Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting in August!

Sincerely, The EFEA Board of Directors

Officers

Tim Dacey, President and Treasurer
Paul Graf, Vice-President
Rebecca Norris, Assistant Treasurer
Dr. Lorna Andrade, Clerk

Directors

Christine Mignanelli
Tina Seiler
Jeff Turner
Lucinda Wittenberg
Cindy Trish

We have recently created a Facebook Page!

If you have a Facebook profile just search for "Dodger's Hole Homeowner's Association." Then just ask to be invited! We are still determining how we will use this page but do know it will remain private so that only members can view and all comments will have to be approved by the page admin, Salli Hart, before being posted. Our Facebook page is completely optional. Just another option to see what is happening in the neighborhood!



Springtime in Dodger's Hole

We've had a few beautiful sunny days here in Dodger's Hole intermixed with rain, wind and grey skies. Lawns are greening up and daffodils abound. While many houses remain typically empty for this time of the year, we have welcomed some seasonal homeowners sooner than they would normally come with a wave or a shout across the road. The forest has been awash with early spring flowers, most recently a carpet of blue periwinkle. New trails continue to pop up along the fire roads.

For the most part, folks are staying at home or in their yards and practicing social distancing. A marked change in neighborhood activity is the number of folks taking their daily exercise by walking or biking on our streets and in the forest. Dogs seem delighted to have their humans around all the time – at least this is the case for my pup!



As the construction ban ended recently, there has been an uptick of landscapers sprucing up yards and many deliveries of mulch and gravel. Dodger's Hole has become a "work at home" neighborhood, so traffic is down as well with the exception of FedEx trucks bringing necessities (or treats) to brighten our days.

We here in Dodger's Hole have our share of essential workers who are keeping the island up and running and to all of you we say THANK YOU! -Cindy Trish, Board Member

EFEA Contact Information



A warm welcome to new neighbors! For those of you who are new to Dodger's Hole (and for those of you who have been neighbors for years), we are renewing our goal of going green. Not only can we save money by sending invoices and correspondence by email but we also hope to send email blasts to provide neighborhood updates throughout the year.

Please take a moment to share your email contact or update your contact information by completing the form at www.dodgershole.com

Or just shoot us an email!

**We understand that not everyone uses email.
Always feel free to leave a voicemail at 774-310-1456.**

**If you need a quick response:
Please call or text Salli Hart, EFEA Administrator, at 774-563-8097.**

Upcoming Projects and Plans

We are working with **Teles Landscaping** to help us clean up and maintain the front entrance. We are looking forward to seeing fresh mulch, pruned bushes and fresh flowers on a yearly basis.

We are also planning to have them come through the neighborhood with their chipper. Initially, they will address, with help from Foggy Bottom, some branches, fallen trees and brush piles that have been on roadsides for a bit too long. We are considering, depending on cost, to arrange for the chipper to come again later in the season. This could give property owners the opportunity to bring branches and brush to the roadside for help with clean up. We will keep you updated on this project.

Annual Assessments

This year's annual assessment of \$500 is due on July 1, 2020. You will be receiving your invoice by June 10, 2020, either by mail or email.

Please mail checks to:

EFEA
2 Dodger's Hole Road
Edgartown MA 02539
(Please include property address on check.)

Or pay via Paypal on our website!
(There is a \$15 fee to cover the transaction costs.)

Reminders and Requests

The Board would like to thank all of the property owners in Dodgers Hole. We all work hard to maintain our properties and covenant agreements for the benefit of all. You can find the Dodger's Hole Covenants and other important documents on our website. 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 runoff 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.