

SOUTH  CAPE  
Homeowners Association  
**2018 Spring Newsletter**

March certainly came in as a lion this year. With four Northeasters, the Cape had some pretty rough weather. Considerable tree damage occurred on Whippoorwill, Manitoba, and other streets where fallen trees blocked roadways. The SCHA landscaper, Jim Connolly, opened all the streets affected within a few hours and cleared the tree debris promptly. Those members whose trees blocked roads, or fell on adjacent properties, responded promptly with cleanup. When you pay your dues please confirm your email and emergency phone number to assist the board in contacting you concerning property issues. It is the SCHA's intention to distribute newsletters/correspondence by email in the near future.



Please remove storm debris from your yard as it often contains insects like the Black Turpentine Beetle which attacks otherwise healthy trees (see website, <http://ag.umass.edu/landscape/fact-sheets/black-turpentine-beetle> for more information). Also, many trees may have been uprooted but not blown over from the heavy winds. Look for any clearances around the trunk of the tree and when in doubt, consult your landscaper.

Keep in mind that the trees on our roads must be trimmed in the fall to a minimum height of 12 feet high and two feet back to keep our streets off of the "Do Not Plow" list. We have placed a 12 foot "Story Pole" behind the shed at the Manitoba Beach so you can use it to check and see if any of your trees may have been compromised over the winter. Please return when you are done using it. When you are doing your spring cleanup, please take a minute to remove debris near any drain manholes that may be near your property.

#### **SCHA 2018 Dues**

At the April 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting, the annual association dues for 2018 was reviewed and once again has been set at \$200 for this year (our dues has been \$200 since 2010.) Please keep in mind that only because of significant volunteer efforts has this been possible. Due to increased costs including; taxes, insurance, landscaping, the annual picnic, and repair/ replacement of dock and recreational equipment, we must consider increasing annual dues in the future.

#### **Volunteer Spring Cleaning**

This year the SCHA sponsored a volunteer "Earth Day Cleanup" on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The objective was not only to clean up winter's damage but enhance the common areas which make all SCHA member properties so special. Work was done at the Manitoba and Whippoorwill beach/dock areas, the islands on our cul-de-sacs, all four of our entrances, Wills Work Road, and the common lots.



Please thank close to 40 individuals who contributed their time, labor, and commitment to preserve and enhance our exclusive area this year. Remember what the old sage said, "If not me who?" and, "If not today when?". The next time you see something that needs attention try lending a hand.

#### **2017 Holiday Decorations**

Every year SCHA volunteers decorate our entrances. This last holiday season the Borowski family set up a memorial tree at the Neshobe entrance with individual ornaments for those association members no longer with us. If you would like to participate in this memorial please drop a note to [info@SCHAmembers.com](mailto:info@SCHAmembers.com) so the Borowski family will know and they can add an ornament(s) to the tree.

### **Whippoorwill Dock/Beach Area**

The storm damaged Whippoorwill dock float has been replaced. The new float was designed with enough space to tie up dinghies (in the water) on the inside and east side leaving the outsides and west (river) side open for loading and unloading of pleasure craft. Dinghy storage is no longer allowed on the coastal bank in any SCHA dock areas. All dinghies must be stored in the water and tied to the dock.



This change increases the beach area for families, makes dinghy use easier, prevents coastal bank damage, and eliminates beach disruptions when launching dinghies. There are new stairs to the dock that are secure and less steep and we've added new railings. There are 8 new kayak racks. New signage indicates use by participating members only plus safety, dock, boat, dinghy, and other information to insure enjoyable use for all.

### **Dinghy Restrictions**



SCHA dinghies are defined as 10' or less in length, with or without a motor, and are used for access to boats with registered Mashpee moorings. Boats that are 10' or over must be moored or launched and are limited to 8 minutes tied up to either SCHA docks for loading/unloading when other boats are waiting to use the dock. No boats may be left unattended. Any exception to these rules must be approved by the

SCHA board in writing.

### **2018 SCHA Stickers**

In this spring mailing, the SCHA 2018 parking/kayak permits are enclosed for all members that are current with dues paid thru 5/31/2018. Each household has one vehicle permit for parking at the beach areas and kayak ID stickers (if applicable) with address and emergency phone number to be attached to the top of their kayak(s). The kayak stickers identify your kayak to aid in recovery and help prevent unnecessary emergency response. If you currently use a dinghy at either dock it must be marked on the stern with address and emergency phone number to confirm ownership and recovery.

### **Annual Meeting and Picnic July 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Annual Meeting:** 9:30 AM - Please mark your calendar for the 2018 SCHA Annual meeting in the Mashpee library. At this year's meeting the treasurer's report, activities of the SCHA since last year's annual meeting, election of three board members, and a review of the SCHA By-Laws will be presented. The current Board consists of:

Darien Homer, President  
Joe Lyons, Vice President  
Roz Rosenburg, Secretary\*  
Susan Loden, Treasurer  
Mark Burtis (incumbent)\*  
Paul Michienzie (incumbent)\*  
Craig Robert (incumbent)  
Don Cassidy (incumbent)  
Paul Marino (incumbent)

\*Indicates up for re-election

If you would like to volunteer as a board member please submit the application available on our website ([SCHAmashpee.com](http://SCHAmashpee.com))

The SCHA By-Laws were first implemented back in the 1980's. Given the passage of time, the Board has determined that the By-Laws should be reviewed, and, if necessary, revised to simplify and improve the management of the Association. We look forward to discussing the existing By-Laws at the Annual meeting and some ideas to review.

**Annual Picnic:** At 4:00 PM we will celebrate our 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Picnic in the Manitoba recreational area. Since last year's picnic was so successful, we will repeat a "Pizza" fest for all homeowners who have paid their dues before July 1, 2018. In addition soft drinks, salads, and dessert is included. All attendees are



invited to bring their favorite food treats or drinks to share with friends, neighbors, and new acquaintances.

**Every household current with SCHA annual dues is allowed four (4) family members without charge and may bring additional guests for \$15.00 each. You MUST register and pay for guests in advance, by July 1<sup>st</sup>, so we can provide enough pizza for all those attending. Return the enclosed registration form and payment check for additional guests before July 1<sup>st</sup> with your 2018 dues. We cannot accept guest registration at the picnic because food is pre-ordered.**

### **New to the Neighborhood**



Every year some neighbors leave but lucky for us we get new ones! Welcome new neighbors!

1 Pontiac Rd – Fernando and Eduarda Carreiro

11 Pontiac Rd – Roberta and Richard Nugent

92 Whippoorwill Cir – Alfred and Amy Belforti

21 Metacomet – James and Patricia Whitney

36 Whippoorwill Cir – Barbara Strachan and Fred Ford

### **SCHA Whippoorwill Ospreys**

On March 28<sup>th</sup> the male, Elmer, returned and rapidly reclaimed his nest by chasing the crows from the marsh and cleaning the nest. To learn more about these amazing birds, visit the website for more information and pictures.

### **SCHA Website - [www.SCHAmashpee.com](http://www.SCHAmashpee.com)**

You can preview the local weather, Great River tide schedules, SCHA history, current events, posted photos, recent newsletters, emergency contacts, and more on our website.

To communicate with members of the board of directors send an email to [info@SCHAmashpee.com](mailto:info@SCHAmashpee.com) Suggestions, comments, photos, reviews, or other input are always welcome. If you have any ideas how the SCHA can be improved please let us know.

Property owners must be considerate with pets, outdoor fires, noise, etc.

Mashpee Animal Control	508-539-1442
Mashpee Fire Dept	508-539-1454
Mashpee Police Dept	508-539-1480

Local authorities are accountable for enforcing town bylaws and ordinances. Please call them as necessary.

Please pick up after your dog.



Also, please refrain from blowing leaves or dumping brush on vacant lots unless you have permission from the owner.



Please slow down. The speed limit in the community is 20 MPH. Feel free to gesture to people who are going too fast to slow down.