


SOUTH CAPE
Homeowners Association
2023 Spring Newsletter

Greetings

Welcome Spring!!! We hope everyone had a healthy and safe winter.

Calendar	Clean-Up Day	Saturday April 22nd 9:30 AM
	Annual Meeting	Saturday July 15th 9:30 AM
	Annual Picnic	Saturday July 15th 4:00 PM
	SCHA Stickers	Saturday June 24th 10:00 AM
	Town Meeting	Monday May 1st

Annual Dues

We continue to face high costs related to repairing our roads. Due to this, the Board has made the difficult decision to raise our annual dues by \$125 so that we can do a better job of keeping up with current repair expenses.

Clean-Up Day We Need Your Help

Volunteer Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday April 22nd with a rain date of Sunday April 23rd at 9:30 at the Metacomet Beach. Please bring garden tools and gloves.

Our to-do list:

Clean and prep both beach areas for recreation and relaxation.

Rake, mulch and edge all 4 entrances.

Rake, edge, prune and assess all 7 circles.

Any help you can give us that day will be greatly appreciated.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

WANT TO BE PART OF THE DECISION MAKING?

Our Annual Meeting will be held Saturday July 15th at 9:30, location to be determined. Look for an upcoming email with details. At this time, the election of SCHA Board Members will be held for **3 positions**, each for a 3-year term. As per our By-Laws, we especially need year-round residents. Applications are on our website SCHAMashpee.com

Annual Picnic

Our annual picnic will be on July 15th at 4:00 PM at the Metacomet Beach. Again this year we will have live music by Gary Carter and the Hurricanes, bring your dancing shoes. The Association will provide burgers, hot dogs, chips and soft drinks. Kool Beans Ice Cream Boat will be back as well. We are also asking members to bring a dessert or side dish to share.

Roads Study Update

As you will recall, our petition to request a Survey by the town to evaluate costs associated with the Town taking over our roads was approved at the October 2022 Town Meeting. Over the winter, Cape and Islands Engineering has had a crew out in the neighborhood surveying the roads. Once their evaluation is complete, a cost estimate will be prepared at which time a public hearing will be scheduled with the Mashpee Select Board, and a notice of the public hearing will be sent to all of us as property owners so that we can attend and ask questions.

The estimate will outline the total maximum project cost as well as the maximum individual cost per property (divided equally) and the estimate is good for one year.

To move forward a second petition will need to be signed agreeing to the costs and asking the Town to accept the roads. If 50% + 1 of our neighbors sign the petition, an article will be placed on the warrant for the next Town Meeting (October 2023 or May 2024 due to timing) and, if passed at Town Meeting, property owners will have up to 20 years to pay their individual

betterment. Please keep an eye on your mailbox for information from the Town and your inbox for information from the Road Committee. The Road Committee is looking for a few more volunteers so send an email to Info@SCHAmashpee.com if you are interested.

SCHA Stickers

Stickers will be given out on Saturday June 24th at the Metacomet Beach from 10:00 to 11:00.

Kayak Racks

Up to 16 new racks are being built at Metacomet Beach and we are working on adding more racks at the Whippoorwill Beach. There is a waiting list for kayak racks. To add your name to the list, please go to SCHAmashpee.com, under the drop down "more". Renewals are automatic for 2023. You will be billed for this year's fee with your annual membership dues. As soon as you know you will be giving up your kayak space, please send an email to Info@SCHAmashpee.com. It will help us manage the waiting list more effectively.

Dock/Dinghy Permits

Dinghy permits need to be applied for every year. Please visit our website for more information on requesting a permit. For 2023 Dinghy Rules, please visit our website under the drop-downs on the top right.

Landscaping

The Board, with the help of our association members, will continue to replant the common islands. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Roz (781-504-6681), Betsey (781-801-5017), Carl (508-361-2566) or email Info@SCHAmashpee.com.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

Ted and Janna Arps Whippoorwill Circle

Gary and Kimberly Ridenour Neshobe Road

Important Information from The Town of Mashpee

Local authorities are accountable for enforcing town by-laws and ordinances. Please call them as necessary.

From the Conservation Department: The Conservation Department implores all residents to refrain from docking or storing their boats on the beach or salt marsh at the South Cape Homeowners Association property. If you are planning to perform tree removal on your property and you are in the A, AE, or V flood zone, please contact the Conservation Department at (508) 539-1400 ext. 8538.

From the Board of Health:

To ensure the health and safety of occupants and neighbors of Short-Term Rental properties in the Town of Mashpee, and to protect the owners of Short-Term Rental properties, the Town has instituted a Short-Term Rental Registration and Inspection Program. If you own property in Mashpee that you operate as a Short-Term Rental, your compliance with the Mashpee Rental Property By-law and Mashpee Board of Health Short-Term Rental Regulation is **mandatory**. For general inquiries or for assistance with the online registration process, please contact the Health Department at 508-539-1426.

SCHA Website, Email and Member Directory

Website: 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.

Email: To communicate with members of the Board of Directors send an email to Info@SCHAmashpee.com .

Member Directory: Please enter your information on our website under more...SCHAmashpee.com

- By submitting the information you provided in the form located on our website, you are giving SCHA permission to include you in our Member Directory.
- Once member information has been validated, we will include you in the directory.
- The Member Directory will ONLY be available to members.

SCHA Board of Directors

Darien Homer President

Mark Burtis Vice President

Craig Robert Treasurer

Roz Rosenberg Secretary

Paul Marino

Paul Michienzie

George Petersen

Betsey Pratt

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Only homeowners in good standing or their renters may use the SCHA common areas.

South Cape Homeowner Association Renters Information Sheet

Emergency Contacts

- Ambulance Fire and Rescue 508-539-1454 *or* 911
- Fire Department Fire 508-539-1454 *or* 911
- Police Police 508-539-1480 *or* 911

Docks and Water Access

- Please follow all SCHA posted rules
- Swimming is not permitted
- Children under the age of 12 must wear life vests on the docks
- Loading or unloading watercraft at the docks is limited to 8 minutes
- No dinghies or watercraft may be stored on the SCHA common areas
- Mashpee Harbormaster regulates boats, moorings and shorelines
<https://www.mashpeema.gov/harbormaster/pages/mooring-rules-regulations>

Recreational Area

- Sports equipment is stored in the benches, please return after use
- Any personal events or gatherings must be approved by the SCHA Board, contact the Board at Info@SCHAmashpee.com
- No parking on SCHA areas without a sticker

Dogs and Cats

- All dogs must be leashed when not on private property
- Please clean up after your dog
- Animal Control 508-539-1442 M-F 7am to 3:30 pm *or* Police