

SEABROOK VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

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President's Letter

Dave Rodriquenz

Spring has finally arrived and brought with it all the activity we so enjoy on Cape Cod. During the winter, your Board of Directors has been very busy. A new landscape contract will cover the maintenance of the two entrances, the main island, the kiosk area, and all islands in the cul-de-sacs. This is the third phase of the plan begun last year. The fourth phase will be a contract to rebuild all seven islands within Seabrook Village. (See Streets & Common Grounds Report). While there will be sufficient funds for this project and to maintain the existing landscaping, we must replenish our funds for future maintenance of the islands and entrances. Therefore, I am recommending that we increase our dues by \$25 per year.

Winter storms have brought with them the usual number of broken limbs from our trees. Remember that branches and brush should not be disposed of in the Common Areas. The Town of Mashpee's Transfer Station (380 Asher's Path, 508-477-3056) allows for the free disposal of brush and branches. Check with the station attendant for the disposal rules.

Town plows and plowing contractors have done some damage to lawns. You may contact the DPW (508-539-1420) as in the past they have repaired plow damage.

Two issues continue to plague Seabrook Village. The Board hears from residents that some dog owners show little regard for their neighbors by not picking up after their pets. Removing dog poop is not a pleasant thing to do, but if you choose to own a dog that removal is your responsibility. Not picking up after your pet is covered by several

Town Ordinances which provide for fines if you do not comply. Be kind to everyone. Clean-up!

We are a growing and thriving community. Seabrook Village is an attractive neighborhood and homes sell very quickly. New residents arriving have brought more children with them, and some of us have visiting friends and grandchildren. Adults going to work, returning home and doing errands may drive too fast. Teenage drivers believe they are "bullet proof" and that nothing bad will ever happen to them. We were all teenagers once and know how that works. Please caution your young drivers to go slowly and set a good example for them. Accidents happen in the blink-of-an-eye. Better to drive slowly and arrive late, than to have to live with causing an accident and harming another person.

It's not too early to think of next year's Board. I know that there will be openings. If you are interested in joining, let a Board member know. We invite you to attend a meeting to see how we operate. Meetings are generally held monthly on the third Thursday at 7 pm; contact a Board member (508-534-5525) to find the location.

TOWN OF MASHPEE DOG/CAT CONTROL REGULATION

ART.1,SEC. 79-5.1 CONTROL OF DOGS

"No person owning or having care, custody or control of any dog shall permit each dog to soil or defile or commit any nuisance upon any sidewalk, street, thoroughfare, beach or wetland....."

"Penalty for violation of this section shall be twenty-five (\$25.00) per offense."

Streets and Common Grounds

Matt Hagan and Bob Savage, Co-chairs

For Phase 3 of our long term plan, The Board decided to hire Landscape Architecture, which completed the work at the front entrances, for our clean up, weekly maintenance, and mulching for our common areas in 2017.

For Phase 4, The Board is considering a landscaping, architecture and design company to design the reconstruction of our cul-de-sacs, kiosk and west entrance Island to improve the aesthetics of common areas.

The pine trees on Cape Cod continue to suffer from “insect damage” and we have many in our community. Dave Rodriquenz and Penny Feeney met with Horticultural Specialist Russ Norton, from Barnstable Extension Service about the threat of Black Turpentine Beetles to our scrub pines in the common areas and Association properties. Once a tree exhibits signs of infestation, it takes 2-4 years for the tree to die. The deep roots of the Scrub Pine will usually keep the trees from falling as they lose needles and branches and eventually fall apart, reducing the threat of dead trees falling from common areas onto homeowners properties. For more information on the Pine Beetles, see the USDA information at: www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fsbdev2_043190.pdf.

Finance Report

Debbie Kirkland, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of 2-28-17

Checking	\$17,531.05
Money Market	\$16,462.30
CD 1	\$20,969.90
CD 2	\$20,776.21
Money Market (Tennis)	\$ 6,668.87

Total Bank Accounts \$82,408.33

Architectural Control Committee

Ken Klint, Chair

As of this report, two lots have been sold – 5 Driftwood Place and 87 Surf Drive. Homes sold recently are 208 Surf Drive and 29 Barnacle.

The following homes/lots are listed for sale:

- 31 Surf Drive
- 12 Sextant Circle
- 93 Surf Drive

As a reminder to everyone, any changes to the exterior of your property – whether repairs, new construction, painting or landscaping – need to be approved and reported to the ACC Chair. The forms can be received and filed electronically or by mail.

Please contact me at the Association email address or leave a phone message.

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