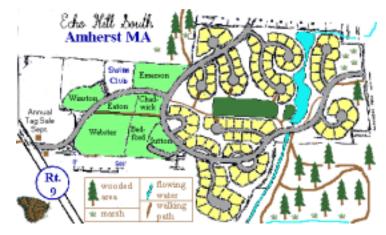
# Echo Hill South Association News

A belated Happy New Year to Everyone and thanks to all who have helped with EHSA-related work, especially to Ed Toole for his work on the Board and to his wife, Jennifer, for faithfully getting the newsletter out for us in past years. Your energy will be missed!

This winter has been cold and we look forward to the warming of the Spring. We hope everyone successfully survives the ice dams that are threatening all our roofs this season. Remember also to remove your bird feeders this spring before the Black Bears awake!



Do you recognize this local view? *Photo by Joe Kunkel.* 



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# EHSA Annual Meeting 7:30 Mar 27 at Fort River

The annual meeting is here again! As usual we will be electing New Officers and Board Members as well as discussing the possibility of re-instituting the Fall EHSA Picnic on the Common Grounds near the Pond. This Annual Event, so ably run by our own veteran resident, Bonnie Webster in the past, fell out of favor due to lack of interest. Original residents' children grew up and left and the neighborhoods grew quiet. Over time, however, we have had many newcomers to Echo Hill Southyoung busy families bringing new life to our surroundings. There are other newcomers, too, who might miss the opportunity to get to know their neighbors and make friends. We have a volunteer who is eager to take on the role of running The Fall Picnic, but we need to know how much interest there is. small portion of EHSA funds have in the past gone toward funding this event (hot dogs, hamburgers, etc.) This may be the time to re-establish the picnic, but we need a show of hands and some suggestions!

#### CURRENT ECHO HILL SOUTH ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joe Kunkel, Pres.	74 Stony Hill Rd	253-3391
Bob Tuthill, Vice Pres.	12 Thistle Ln.	253-3638
Chuck, Gillies, Sec.	16 Cranberry Ln.	253-9232
Jackie Tuthill, Treas.	12 Thistle Lane	253-3638
John Donahoe	15 Red Fox Lane	253-5003
Eric Einhorn	11 Red Fox Lane	256-8258
Michael Malone	19 Hickory Lane	256-2353
Sally Malsch	12 Emerson Court	253-5250
Don Proulx	11 Laurel Lane	256-6751
Patricia Link	5 Sutton Court	256-1491

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### **PROPERTY VALUES ARE ON THE RISE**

These data are from the realtors' Multiple Listing Service and are most comprehensive, but exclude private sales. Five houses sold in Echo Hill South at the average sale price of \$186,420. The three bedroom houses on Moss Lane, Stony Hill Road and Cranberry Lane sold for between \$168,700 and \$176,500. A three bedroom on Flintlock sold for \$190,400. For the first time a 4 bedroom home on Flintlock with gas heat sold for over 200k, namely \$225,000.

As reported to condo owners in November, there were two sales of two bedroom condos at Webster and Eaton Court. Prices ranged from \$124,000 to \$195,000. The owner architect who got 195k had totally renovated the condo. Six three-bedroom condos sold for between \$130,000 and \$224,700. The latter condo has two and one half baths and is one of the three condos to have added a sun porch to the deck.

In sum, members of the Echo Hill South Association should be delighted by these data, since they reflect a steady appreciation of value for our condos and homes.

Sally Malsch, 12 Emerson Court

TRAFFIC LIGHT at ROUTE 9 and GATEHOUSE ROAD

According to the Town Engineer's office, road work is complete at this time, and we now await the installation of traffic signals. There is little work left except to install the lights, which should be done by April. You may have noticed that one large traffic pole is already in place. When the work crew is again assembled, one more large pole needs to go up, the lights strung, and that is it! Depending on weather conditions, completion could happen even earlier, but look for traffic signals by the end of April to ease the Amherst "rush hour" at the foot of Gatehouse Rd.

#### Nominated Slate for EHSA Board:

President, Joe Kunkel 74 Stoneyhill; Vice President, Bob Tuthill 12 Thistle; Secretary, Chuck Gillies 16 Cranberry; Treasurer, Jackie Tuthill 12 Thistle.

**Board:** John Donahoe 15 Red Fox Lane, David Triozzi 80 Stoneyhill.

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