

Echo Hill South Association News

SPRING CLEANUP pickup is scheduled to begin **Saturday May 10**. Do not start piling your brush on the curb before the end of April to prevent damage to any grass or plantings on those spots. *Place limbs (less than 4" diameter) butt end toward the street.*

If you have a bird feeder filled with seed, a black bear will likely be visiting your yard! Remove your bird feeders before the Black Bears awake and find your stash of birdseed!



Visit our website: www.geocities.com/echohill_2000/

President's Message

The EHSA annual meeting was held 7:30 PM March 27 in the Fort River School Library. President Joe Kunkel reported to the assembled Association that he was pleased with the operation of the board this past year. Praise for our hardworking officers and committee chairmen included thanks to Vice Pres. Bob Tuthill's keen oversight of Town Board motions on abutting property changes *i.e.* the Johnson/Gates development of rental units at the base of Gatehouse Rd. Our Treasurer, Jackie Tuthill, has further improved our budget position by encouraging prompt dues payment by the entire membership. Chuck Gillies, our Secretary and Architecture Chair has continued with a skilled hand in providing our meeting minutes and supervising the review of architectural change requests that he receives. Don Proulx our Nominations Committee Chairman has again sought out and found new association members to serve on the Board. We are also blessed with new young homeowners and members in the EHSA. Kathy Niedzielski (253-3201) has volunteered to organize an Early Fall EHSA Picnic to be held on the Field. Details of this EHSA Event will be published in the next newsletter and at our website (see above). Volunteers to help out with the picnic are welcome.



Photo by Joe Kunkel

Our Spring 1999 bear mom with her radio collar. Due to excessive interaction with humans she and her 2 cubs were ultimately destroyed!! If humans had refrained from providing her food, she and her cubs might still be alive!

EHSA Annual Meeting



Photo by Chuck Gillies

Migrating Ducks, Bufflehead female (l.) and male (r.), use our ponds this March 27 *en route* to the coast.

2003-4 EHSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joe Kunkel, Pres.	74 Stoneyhill 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
David Triozzi	80 Stoneyhill	

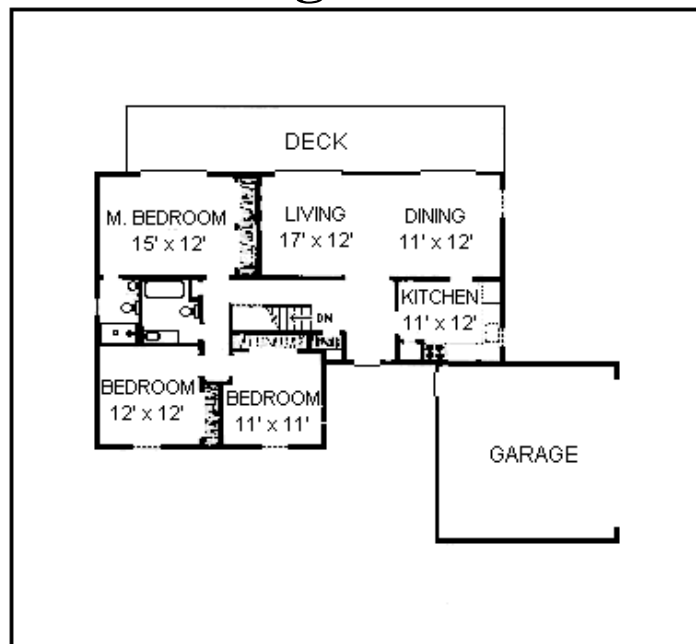
Pre-sited Houses

Where man and nature meet

By Stephen Mead, *Architectural editor*

"In the Echo Hill community of Amherst, Mass., you won't see any utility poles, crowded streets or rows of look-alike houses. Instead, you'll find a quiet residential area where houses are tucked away amidst trees and forest greenery. What makes Echo Hill a special place to live is the land-use concept of Planned Unit Development, or PUD." ... So opens the article on our Echo Hill South Community published in Better Homes and Gardens in June of 1971. Are we proud? You can count on that! You can read the entire article by accessing it in the archives of your local library. It is of some historical interest because it was the first such Development on the East Coast. It was planned and put together by Architect Thomas Kirley, Tomlinson Builders and Developer William E. Aubin. Bill Aubin,

32 Years ago!



a graduate of the local University of Massachusetts, remained a dominant force and owner of the unsold properties during the several year development phase and kept a watchful eye on the fledgling Echo Hill South Owners Association which remains a vigorous but low-key organization led by a Board of Directors assembled from the homeowners and residents.



A Place to Point your browser:

**Visit your EHS Website, URL:
www.geocities.com/echohill_2000/**

**Use it as your *entrée* to the local community.
Suggest changes that will make it better!**

- 1) It helps explain our association.
- 2) It provides a link to local TV/Movie/Motel listings.
- 3) It links to our local K-12 schools and colleges.
- 4) It provides a glimpse of our pond and marshland.
- 5) It archives our EHS Newsletters.
- 6) It lists some of our current and chronic problems.
- 7) It provides a contact list of committee members.

Try it! www.geocities.com/echohill_2000/

The Board Meets to Keep EHS Legal

Your EHS Board meets monthly to review the various needs of the Association. The major business involves managing the common land (Grounds Committee) and reviewing the work of the Architecture Committee. The Pond Committee, a Grounds Committee subcommittee is considering the options available for maintaining the 3 ponds which we have on our common land. These



Photo by Bob Tuthill

EHS Board members (l. to r.) Sally Malsch, John Donahoe, Eric Einhorn, Joe Kunkel and Chuck Gillies working at a regular monthly meeting.

ponds have been a prime asset of our common land but have been gradually changing over the years as the woods encroach from the sides and silt is deposited from streams and runoff running into the ponds. If anyone is interested in contributing to the work of this important subcommittee please contact its chair, Bob Tuthill. Recent work of the subcommittee resulted in a new walking trail that makes more of the ponds available to walkers of the common land. Now the Pond subcommittee is preparing a new proposal to bring before the Amherst Conservation Commission asking for permission to take action to slow the ponds' changes.



A fritillary is found visiting thistle in a field adjoining our EHS paths.

Photo by Joe Kunkel



Photo by Joe Kunkel

Lady Slippers are found on many of the trails adjoining our common land

Join one of our Committees:

Grounds Committee: Manages our common land. Bob Tuthill, Chair.

Architecture Committee: Approves modifications to visible home architecture and trees (more than 6" in diameter 2 ft. above the ground). Chuck Gillies, Chair.

Welcoming Committee: Welcomes new homeowners and assures they know of the Association Bylaws. Jackie Tuthill, Chair.

Newsletter Committee: Produces 3-4 EHS newsletters per year. Joe Kunkel, Chair. *(We are always looking for stories and pictures; come help us. Folders, labelers and stampers are needed too.)*

Picnic Committee: Organizes a Fall Picnic. Kathy Niedzielski, Chair.

Website Committee: Maintains the EHS Website, Joe Kunkel, Chair.

EMERGENCY TREE SITUATIONS

In the case of emergency tree situations after a storm, for expedited removal approval please contact the officers listed below in the order indicated until you reach one of them. For your interest, the Association has an arrangement with a tree expert who will respond quickly in the case of an emergency and remove the tree at a reasonable hourly rate.

- 253-9232 Chuck Gillies
- 253-3638 Bob Tuthill
- 253-3391 Joe Kunkel

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER – Jackie Tuthill

Thanks to all who paid their 2002-03 dues. Dues are spent for the maintenance, improvement and safety of the common land areas and for taxes and insurance for the common land. You are now being asked to fulfill the 2003-04 dues obligation with the enclosed bill. Bills which are not paid accrue 18 percent interest. If you have questions, please call me at 253-3638.

NOTE on DUES: It is the owner's responsibility to be sure the annual dues are paid in advance of selling property. Unpaid dues represent a legal lien on your property and can create a last minute problem at the time of the property closing.

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TRAFFIC LIGHT at ROUTE 9 and GATEHOUSE ROAD (update)

As everyone can see, the installation of traffic signals at Gatehouse Road and Rt. 9 is progressing steadily. There is little work left except to install the lights, which should be done by April. Two traffic poles and the suspending wire are already in place. Look for traffic signals by the end of April to ease the Amherst “rush hour” at the foot of Gatehouse Rd.

Dog Duty

We are once again blessed with younger Association Members who are raising families and actively using the common lands. Our roads, lanes and paths are wonderful places for young and old to walk. Our dog owners can help to make the fields and berms free of offensive accumulations of dog feces. Encounters with feces-littered-lanes and paths can spoil our enjoyment of our nice surroundings. Please pick up after your dog when possible.

ENCLOSED BILL

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