

February 28, 2025

To All Echo Hill South Association Property Owners (Condos & Houses)

2025 ANNUAL MEETING of Echo Hill South Association (EHSA)

Please join us to talk about Echo Hill South and what's in the works for 2025–2026.

Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Location: Online via Zoom. *Please provide an updated email address* if you have not already done so! You can include it with your payment of the annual assessment fee or send it to: P.O. Box 3463, Amherst MA 01004-3463

Time: Meeting starts promptly at 7 p.m. Instructions follow and we'll email a link on April 9.

AGENDA

- Proposed 2025–2026 budget discussion and vote
- Election of board members and officers
- Neighborhood news

2025 COMMON LAND TREE ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT PLAN

The next EHSA Tree Assessment & Management Plan to identify high- and medium-risk trees that should be cut for safety and urban forest management is scheduled to be completed this spring. It will be conducted again by Forester David Hawkins, who is familiar with our common land areas.

BRUSH AND LIMB CLEANUP (HOUSES)

This will be our last year to pick up brush and small limbs from the verges, islands, eyebrows, and other forested areas. The pick-up will be done by May 15. Our tradition has been to clean up small woody debris, such as small limbs from common-owned and town-owned land here, but current best practice for forested urban areas is to let it decompose naturally so that nourishes the forest floor, provides valuable habitat for wildlife by creating snags, and supports the ecosystem through nutrient cycling.

Access to the Common Land Fields

Residents might not realize that a set of steps off Stony Hill Road near the intersection with Gatehouse Road will bring them to a woodsy path and our delightful recreational fields, perfect for relaxing, exercising, gathering, making music, and playing. We recently installed a picnic table with benches at the far end, and hope to add another one soon. The common land paths and fields are open to all EHSA residents and their guests.

INSTRUCTIONS TO JOIN THE MEETING:

Join Zoom Meeting <https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/95359429966>

Meeting ID: 953 5942 9966

An email with the Zoom link will also be sent out prior to the meeting.