SUGARLOAF NEWS

The Newsletter of Sugarloaf Homeowners Association February 23, 2011

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thanks to those who came out to our annual members meeting on January 25. We had good discussions on the agenda topics, including sewer laterals, solar power system policy, and the T-Mobile proposal. For the time being, any T-Mobile proposal is on hold. See *Architectural* and *Sewer Laterals* for further updates

If you haven't yet voted in the annual election, please do so ASAP. The Association cannot run its business effectively if you don't cast your vote. Please contact PML if you misplaced your ballot, which is due to PML by no later than March 1.

Please note that your annual dues were due by Feb 15 to avoid late charges and interest. If you have misplaced your dues invoice, please contact PML immediately.

Thanks once again for your support of our Association.

Bob Kiss (President@sugarloafhoa.org)

NEED SERVICE, HAVE A QUESTION?



Do you want to get in touch with your association manager or need a service request taken care of?

You may contact the following for <u>immediate</u> <u>service</u>: Call PML at (650) 349-9113 and dial the Receptionist at ext. 100, Debbie (our manager)

at ext. 121, or send an email to: <u>debbie@pmlmanagement.com</u>. If there is something that you would like to bring to the Board's attention, submit your concern in writing at least one week before the next Meeting (see date below) and then come to the monthly Board Meeting to present your issue.

If you want to know more about PML, visit its web site at: www.pmlmanagement.com.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

As mentioned previously, the Board has endorsed a draft policy to help govern the installation of solar power systems within our Association. You have received a copy of the policy in your annual meeting package. The 30-day window for member comment will close at the next Board meeting (Mar 1), where the board will move to approve the policy. Please send any comments on the proposed policy to Debbie at PML.

LANDSCAPE

The following work was done in February:

- Removed trash in landscape areas along sidewalks
- Trimmed shrubs and raked out leaves on Toyon common spaces
- Cleared drains on landscape easement next to 1917 Parkwood
- Removed 9 dead Pines on Parkwood (part of 3-year plan; replacements in the next couple of months are planned).

Planning to complete the following service items in late February and March:

- Trim commons space oleanders at bottom of Parkwood
- Infill the empty slope at Parkwood/Broadview to improve appearance
- · Inspect and test backflow valves, and certify to City

• Inspect and test irrigation system.

As a reminder, please do not trim or cut any trees in the common areas. If you have a concern, call PML or talk to a Board member. We have a process to follow in these situations. Thanks for your cooperation.

Finally, please note that Laurelwood Park recently re-opened after its extensive renovation of the play areas and walkways and construction of restrooms. Enjoy!

OUR GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

As a reminder, the Association Bylaws and the Declaration (CC&Rs) are posted on our website for your convenience, but you will need a password to open them (password in paper copy newsletter).

TRASH / RECYCLING – GROWING PAINS

Following the change in the trash/recycling pickup service, we have had several discussions with the pickup vehicle drivers regarding issues with the overall service. The drivers have respectfully requested that, a) loose paper, tissues, napkins, etc. be deposited in the containers in a bag to keep them from scattering during the mechanical dumping of the container, b) attention be given to spacing the containers at least 2 feet apart to allow room for the mechanical claw to grasp each container, and c) avoid placing the containers in front of a mail box. This will result in a possible interruption of mail delivery since the containers will be returned to the same position, obstructing the mailbox.

The Association and Recology thank you for your cooperation.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Residents are requested to be proactive in reporting suspicious behavior or activity to the police. There have been some recent daytime break-ins in the Highlands area not far from us. Because Sugarloaf is a somewhat vacant and inviting target during daytime hours, this should be a reminder to us. If ever in doubt, please contact the San Mateo police at 650-522-7700 from any telephone. This may be quicker than dialing 911 since 911 calls are often routed to CHP due to our close proximity to Highway 92. Better safe than sorry. If calling, please make sure to get vehicle/ people description, license number, direction of travel, etc.

SEWER LATERALS UPDATE

The city of San Mateo continues to work on proposed changes to sewer lateral maintenance policy. We don't expect any changes to be approved by the City Council before April or May, but we do expect the changes will impact our residents who live on public streets (De Anza, Parkwood, Toyon). The City will likely change the municipal code to place more/all of the responsibility for repairing failed laterals under city streets onto the homeowner served by the lateral. We have been working with the Department of Public Works to push for some level of city funding for needed repairs, and for city coordination and relief of the red tape & fees associated with repairs on city streets. We will keep you posted. On a related note, although residents cannot insure the sewer lateral running under the city or private street, they may insure the section

of later running on their property between the street and their house. This insurance is offered through Cal Water, who recently sent information by mail. You can also call Home Emergency Insurance Solutions direct at 877-444-2465 for information. Each homeowner should make their own decision about insurance.

TENNIS COURT ACCESS

If you'd like to access the tennis courts at Denali, you'll need to obtain a key. Keys are available for purchase at \$35 per key, payable by check only. Please contact PML to obtain a key.

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

- Farmer's Market Every Wed and Sat 9am 1 pm. College of San Mateo (W. Hillsdale & CSM Drive – Beethoven Parking Lot)
- The Sky Tonight show takes place monthly at the CSM Planetarium on the second Friday of the month with shows at 7pm and 8:20pm. For more info, visit www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/astronomy/index.asp.
- The CSM Event Calendar is the place to find out about athletic events, theatrical programs, musical performances, guest speakers and much more. Some of the upcoming events include free tax preparation for members of the community during February and March. For details about these events and much more, go to www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events/
- Free Income Tax Preparation Q&A Saturdays Feb 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26; 9am-1pm, Bldg 14, Room 104, CSM a free service provided by CSM "Volunteer Income Tax Preparation" students. No appointment required.
- Upcoming CSM Community Education Classes Call 650-574-6149 to register (or http://CommunityEd.smccd.edu
 Ballroom Dancing 10 Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 pm, starts 3/1
 Beginning Watercolor Painting 8 Mondays 6-9pm, starts 3/7
- Intro to Wines Tues 3/15 6-9pm w/ Chef Cynthia Bloebaum• Lecture Let Someone Else Take the Wheel While you Get-Up & Go. Mon., February 28th, 10-11am, San Mateo Senior Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas. Do you, or someone you know, need low cost transportation? Join Betty Burr, Program Manager of the Peninsula Jewish Community Center, as she provides details about "Get-up & Go" a senior transportation service, which is open to most older adults in San Mateo County. This event is free. To register: (650) 522-7490.

COMMITTEES

Architecture

(Chair) Bob Kiss – (650) 212-5477 architecturechair@sugarloafhoa.org

Landscape

(Chair) Miles Dooher & Jack Albrecht -

landscapechair@sugarloafhoa.org

If any member has any landscaping or sprinkler concerns, contact Debbie at PML.

Public Safety

(Chair) Bob Kiss – publicsafety@sugarloafhoa.org

YOUR BOARD of DIRECTORS

#Bob Kiss President

#Miles Dooher Vice-President

#Jack Albrecht Treasurer

*Emile Nurisso Secretary

* Bob Bernicchi At-Large

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

San Mateo Police (Non-Emergency).....(650) 522-7700

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 1**, 5:30 pm at the office of PML Management.

Directions - From 92

- 1. Take 92 East
- 2. Exit Mariners Island Blvd.
- 3. Take a right at the exit light, at Mariners Island Blvd.
- 4. Keep straight until you reach Trader Lane (Approx. three (3) stop lights)
- 5. PML Mgmt is located at the **FIRST** driveway on the right hand side after you cross Trader Lane.

Board Meeting Agenda:

Call to Order

Open Forum (5 min limit per topic) Agenda Approval / Calendar Review Approval of Previous Minutes Reports (Treasurer, Landscape, Architecture, Safety)

Unfinished Business:

Annual Election Outcome – Report by PML Sugarloaf Monument Repair Sewer Laterals Topic Update Sidewalk Repair – Review Quotes

New Business:

Election of Board Officers Home Maintenance Award Decision

Correspondence Review

^{*}Term ends at 2011 election #Term ends at 2012 election