# SUGARLOAF NEWS

The Newsletter of Sugarloaf Homeowners Association June 20, 2012

#### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Happy Summer to everyone, as we've definitely seen some summer heat recently. I hope that everyone gets a chance to enjoy some of the summer fun sponsored by our City and County, such as the recent San Mateo County Fair or the free Thursday night music in Central Park throughout the summer.

Speaking of summer, the Landscape Committee (Miles Dooher and Jack Albrecht) have guided us through another efficient firebreak brush clearing project. Thanks guys! Our safety benefits from this project each year. On a related landscape note, we will be having a large tree survey study commissioned soon to help us better understand the state of our large trees in the common spaces. See the landscape report for more details.

Finally, we're still looking to identify a few more of our members who will serve as block captains for the *Neighborhood Watch* program sponsored by the San Mateo Police Department. The responsibilities are modest, as this is mostly a position to help get your block area more organized to keep an eye out for public safety and to improve communication. If you can help, please contact PML or any board member. More information can be found at: www.ci.sanmateo.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=675.

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 *immediate service*: Call PML at (650) 349-9113 and dial the Receptionist at ext. 100,

Debbie (our manager) at ext. 121, or send an email to:

#### debbie@pmlmanagement.com.

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 the PML web site at: *www.pmlmanagement.com*.

# **ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE**

The committee recently conducted the annual exterior condition audit. This is focused mainly on identifying issues with the condition of paint and landscaping. Affected owners will receive a notification letter from PML soon. Your cooperation in addressing home exterior condition issues is appreciated. Let's all work together to keep property values as high as possible.

#### LANDSCAPE

In addition to standard activities, the following work was or will be performed in June/July:

- New barrier and safety wire installed at the end of Allison Ct.
- Removed dead junipers on Parkwood Dr. and will replace with other shrubs
- Trimmed back bushes on Parkwood next to large retaining wall so street sweeper can clean gutters. Will also have to trim height of trees branches for same reason.
- Repaired minor irrigation leaks and valve problems associated with system startup
- The crew has done lots of weeding in the common areas. Please check your yards and lots to ensure weeds are kept under control.

Our annual defensive fire zone (brush clearing on HOA common spaces) project has been completed. We await SMFD inspection and approval. The city pays a 19% share of the cost based on HOA and city property lines. Please note that, by state law, you are responsible for fire safety brush clearing on your property.

Please note that the Oak trees on Parkwood Drive appear yellow this time of year. Don't be concerned – greening will occur following a normal cycle for these trees.

PLEASE don't use the canyon or common area as a dump for your old plants or dead plant growth. Use your Green Waste container. We all want to enjoy the clean views from our patios and decks.

As a reminder, please do not trim/cut any trees in the common areas. If you have a concern, call PML or talk to a Board member. We have a process that we follow. Branches from common area trees that overhang a homeowner's yard are not trimmed by the HOA unless they present a fire hazard. Homeowners can trim branches that overhang their own property (but only over their property). Thanks for your cooperation.

Finally, the HOA is embarking soon on a project to survey our large trees in the common areas bordering our properties. This will be conducted by an outside firm from about late June to late July, and will provide us a concise accounting of the location and condition of each tree, along with recommendations for long-term care of our important neighbors. The workers will wear red and yellow vests for identification.

### TRASH / RECYCLING - PLEASE FOLLOW CC&Rs & CITY LAWS

Please remember that, per CC&Rs Section 5.08 (and per SM City Code!), your trash and recycling bins need to be kept out of sight, except on pickup day or the day prior. They may not be stored

anywhere in sight from a street, neighboring lot, or common area. Let's all help keep the neighborhood looking nice.

Also, there are smaller containers available that may be easier to store out of sight, and you don't have to keep the green container (compost) if you have no use for it. Contact Recology San Mateo 650-595-3900 or carts@recology.com to inquire.

# **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).

# **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**"See Something / Say Something"** – Please keep an eye out for behaviors that don't make sense, and call the police as necessary. Better safe than sorry. Use 650-522-7700 for non-emergencies.

**National Night Out!** Save the date – August 7 at 6:30-9:30 pm. The SMPD sponsors this event to raise crime prevention awareness, strengthen neighborhood spirit and unity, and develop partnership between the City and the community on the "block level". More info is available on the City's web site at: www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?NID=1781.

# **TENNIS COURT ACCESS – IMPORTANT CHANGE**

As mentioned previously, the lock was changed 4/16. You will need to purchase a new key from PML for access (if interested).

# EVENTS AROUND TOWN / DID YOU KNOW?

- Farmer's Market Every Sat 9 am 1 pm. College of San Mateo (W. Hillsdale & CSM Drive – Beethoven Parking Lot).
- The Sky Tonight Planetarium Show This popular show takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month in the CSM Planetarium. There are two shows, 7:30 and 8:20 pm and <u>admission is free</u>! (first come-first serve). For more information, visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/astronomy/index.asp.
- "Antique and Collectible Faire" Beginning in February, CSM will be the site of this monthly event the third Sunday of every month, 8am – 3pm in the Beethoven Parking Lot 2, (A, B & C).
- **CSM's 2012 Fall Schedule of Classes** is now available online, collegeofsanmateo.edu/schedule/. Classes begin August 20; registration is ongoing.
- For more information about College of San Mateo events, visit www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events/.
- Send Your Kids to College this Summer! College for Kids, CSM's award-winning summer enrichment program for fifth through ninth graders is celebrating its 20th year this summer. This year's program begins July 9 and runs through July 25. Visit collegeforkidssmccd.com/
- San Mateo City Newsletter tons of information about city programs and summer events can be found at: www.cityofsanmateo.org/DocumentView.aspx?DID=10758.
- For Safe Disposal of Old CFLs or fluorescent lights, drop at Wisnom's at 545 1st Avenue, or Home Depot at Bridgepoint.

# COMMITTEES

# <u>Architecture</u>

(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

\*Term ends at 2013 election #Term ends at 2014 election

#### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

#### NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on **Monday, June 25, 5:30pm,** at the office of PML Management.

# **Directions - From 92 Eastbound**

- 1. Exit Mariners Island Blvd.
- 2. Take a right at the exit light, at Mariners Island Blvd.
- 3. Keep straight until you reach Trader Lane
  - (Approx. three (3) stop lights)

4. PML Mgmt is located at the **FIRST** driveway on the right hand side after you cross Trader Lane.

# **Board Meeting Agenda:**

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Open Forum (5 min limit per topic)
- 3. Agenda Approval / Calendar Review
- 4. Approval of Previous Minutes
- 5. Reports (Treasurer, Landscape, Architecture, Safety)
- <u>Unfinished Business:</u> Hillside Drainage Topic, Continue Strategic Discussion Firebreak program – Annual brush clearing
- <u>New Business:</u> Tree Survey Program Next Door Social Network Program
- 8. Correspondence Review
- 9. Executive Session