SUGARLOAF NEWS

The Newsletter of Sugarloaf Homeowners Association Sept 19, 2012

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

If you keep an eye on sales prices for homes in Sugarloaf, you've probably also noticed that property values are holding nicely! I think that is, in part, due to the generally well-maintained appearance of our properties. People want to live here ⁽¹⁾. On that note, I want to thank the annual exterior audit group for their efforts in identifying those properties where work is needed to keep up the appearance!

As previously mentioned, the board continues to move forward to evaluate water drainage on the slopes around our development. You may have noticed aerial surveying in the past month, and we are close to beginning field survey work that will be used to generate proposal(s) for improving water drainage, where appropriate. This survey work was budgeted. Ensuring that water drainage does not damage the hillsides is an example of using our funds to help maintain property values. On a related note, we recently received a commissioned survey of our common area large trees near structures (fences or homes). The results are described in more detail in the Landscape section.

Finally, the Board is looking for someone to serve as a board member until the Feb '13 election, and we're also looking for interested candidates for the 2013-2014 term. It really does not take that much of your time. And, if you want to have more of a voice in the affairs of the association, this is your opportunity. Please contact PML or any board member to discuss.

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

Annual Audit - The annual exterior audit finding letters went out in July to affected homeowners. Thanks to those owners who have already responded to make necessary repairs or improvements. If you feel your notification was in error, please contact PML to discuss. Thanks for your support in keeping property values as high as possible.

LANDSCAPE

In addition to standard activities, the following work was or will be performed in common / easement areas during September / October:

- Repaired irrigation valve and irrigation heads in landscape easement space between Allison & Leafwood
- Repaired irrigation valve at Toyon to restore water flow
- Replaced dead rosemary bushes on Parkwood
- Weekly trash removal along sidewalks
- Weeded ivy area at the Sugarloaf sign at De Anza
- Trim shrubs and rake debris near 1917 Parkwood
- Trim and rake common areas on Toyon Ct.
- Crews will be clearing surface drains in the common and easement areas.

With Fall and Winter rains not far away, besides clearing gutters, homeowners should make sure their yard drains are working.

The Tree Survey showed that, for the most part, the 293 trees in the common and easement areas are in fair to good condition. We do have some trees that need attention, and we are getting bids for the work now. Stay tuned.

The city of San Mateo is considering updating leaf blower laws. The current law (1997) allows leaf blower use M-F 8-5, Sat 9-5 and requires a blower nozzle extension to reduce sound. We will communicate information about changes to the law.

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.

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.

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 your 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.

Rattlesnake Season - It's that time of year when baby rattlers may be around, and they can be very dangerous. Please be very careful in the canyon areas. Watch your step!

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). Please remember to close the gate during and after use. Use of the courts is only for those people with use permission (key).

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 2nd 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).
- For more information about College of San Mateo events, visit www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events/.
- For more information about College of San Mateo classes open to the community, call 547-6149 or visit the fall catalog at http://communityed.smccd.edu/index.cfm?fuseaction=1005.
- City of San Mateo Senior Center (2645 Alameda de las Pulgas) Health Activities (call 522-7490 to register):

- Health & Wellness Fair, Sat. Sept 22, 10 am – 2pm. Free health fair designed for seniors, their families, and care providers. Guest speaker, health screenings, resources & demos. Bring old eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones to be donated to those in need (after free repair by Lions Club).

- Health Walk with Dr. James Hutchinson Sat Sept 22, 8:30-9:30 am, Beresford Park, 2720 Alameda. Walk ½ or 2 mile course with the Doc!
- San Mateo City Newsletter tons of information about city programs and summer events can be found at:

www.cityofsanmateo.org/DocumentView.aspx?DID=10758

- San Mateo County Newsletter tons of information about county programs and events can be found at: http://sanmateocountynews.wordpress.com
- For Safe Disposal of Old CFLs or fluorescent lights, drop at the recycling center in Belmont on the bay side of 101 between Ralston & Holly.

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
* Open	At-Large
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*Term ends at 2013 election #Term ends at 2014 election

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 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 Project Topic Tree Survey Program Update Next Door Social Network Program
- <u>New Business:</u> Appoint Annual Election Official and Nominating Committee Review First Draft 2013 Budget & Reserve Study Planning
- 8. Correspondence Review
- 9. Executive Session