# SUGARLOAF NEWS

The Newsletter of Sugarloaf Homeowners Association Jan 8, 2013

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

<u>Happy New Year</u> to all our association members and Sugarloaf residents! I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

At our last Board meeting, Bob Kozak, from De Anza Blvd, was appointed to the board to complete the term that became open earlier this year when Bob Bernicchi sadly passed away. I want to welcome Bob and thank him for his interest in helping our association!

It's that time of year again - Annual Members Meeting and The annual members meeting will take place on Elections! Tuesday, Jan 22, at 6:30 pm at the Beresford Recreation Center. Please see the meeting packet for meeting and agenda details. We will have guest speaker Lieutenant Dave Peruzzaro from the San Mateo Police Department to kick off the meeting, who will be prepared to answer your questions. The Association is still looking for interested candidates for two board directors for the 2013-2014 term. 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. The annual meeting is the last time nominations can be made. After the meeting, the election process begins, with ballots due back to PML by March 4. You'll also note in the meeting packet a form to provide email address contact(s). If you haven't already done so, please consider providing this, as the board will be considering the use of more electronic communications to cut costs, as appropriate.

Finally, you should have received your <u>annual dues assessment</u> notice in late December, with fees delinquent if not paid by February 15. The Board decided to increase dues by 3.7% (from \$675 to \$700 per year). Please come to the annual meeting to hear more about the rationale behind this small increase. And, most importantly, if you have a financial hardship, please contact the Board ASAP, in writing, to initiate a respectful discussion about potential alternate payment plans.

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**

Garage Door Reminder - Please note that garage door replacements require architectural approval for both type and color, per the CC&Rs. Thanks for the lovely holiday lighting. Please plan to remove your holiday lighting no later than February 20. Thanks for your cooperation!

# LANDSCAPE

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

- Weekly trash removal on common area slope near 1828 Parkwood
- Removed heavy leaf and twig drop from storms along sidewalks and in between units in common/easement areas
- Removed fallen tree and limbs in triangle area on De Anza from Dec 1 storm
- Cleared common area storm drain behind 1846 Parkwood
- Serviced easement drains near Parkwood retaining walls
- Trimmed shrubs along De Anza Blvd common areas
- Detailed ivy in common area near 1408 De Anza
- Remove dead Pine trees in common area near 1854 Parkwood
- Weeds on Parkwood/Broadview Circle slope will be sprayed when weather permits
- Will continue monitoring storm drains during winter

As a reminder, owners or their landscapers may not dispose of yard waste or trimmings on HOA common space. This is illegal dumping and will not be tolerated. Owners will be assessed cleanup fees if the HOA needs to perform cleanup.

Finally, please do not trim/cut any trees in common areas. Branches from common area trees that overhang a homeowner's yard are not trimmed by the HOA unless they present a fire hazard. If you want to trim for view (at your cost), or have a concern, call PML or talk to a Board member. We have a process to follow. The first step is for you to identify the work you would like done. The HOA has a list of approved arborists/firms that can perform work on HOA trees. You would submit a quotation from one of these approved firms to the HOA for board approval before any work is performed. 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.

Recology has issued instructions for <u>Christmas Tree recycling</u>. Through January 31, Recology will pick up holiday trees on our regular collection day. Remove all decorations and tree stands (flocked trees are OK) before placing next to your Compost Cart for collection. Trees longer than 8 feet in length must be cut into shorter lengths before being placed next to the Compost Cart. After January 31, trees need to be cut into pieces and placed inside the Compost Cart (with all pieces fitting inside the cart).

#### **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.

# **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.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebrations Free events, call 650-678-6615 with questions:
  - 1/19, 1 pm, King Center celebration and announcement of the poetry and essay contest winners (K-12th grade)
  - 1/19, 3 pm, Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo, Santa Inez and Ellsworth – Community reception
  - 1/21, 9 am 9:45 am at the SM Train Depot on 1st & B St.
     Program honoring Dr. King
- Registration for CSM's Spring 2013 Semester: Nov. 5, 2012 Jan. 13, 2013 – Register early! Visit
- http://www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/scheduleSan Mateo
  FREE Tax Preparation at CSM Saturdays 2/2-3/30 (except)
- 2/16), 9am-1pm, Bldg 14, Room 104. Walk-in, no appt needed. More info: 650-378-7323, VITA@smccd.edu
- 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
*Bob Kozak	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, January 22, directly** after the Annual Members Meeting at the Beresford Rec Center, 2720 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo.

# **Directions - From 92 Eastbound**

1. Exit Alameda de las Pulgas, turn right onto Alameda.

2. Turn right into the Beresford Park lot (at athletic field), about 0.5 mile after exiting 92. The Rec center is at the far end of the lot (corner with  $28^{th}$  Ave).

# **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)
- 6. <u>Unfinished Business:</u> Hillside Drainage Project Topic Tree Survey Program
- 7. New Business:
- 8. Correspondence Review
- 9. Executive Session