# SUGARLOAF NEWS

The Newsletter of Sugarloaf Homeowners Association October 16, 2013

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

Happy Fall to everyone! Here's looking forward to a festive Halloween evening – we can already see some creative decorations around the neighborhood!

**Board openings** – There will be three board of director positions up for election when our next annual election occurs in January. Many of your current directors have served for many years on the HOA board. It is time for some other members to step up and help run our HOA. This does not take a major time commitment; it only takes your willingness to help by attending a monthly board meeting and a few occasional follow-up items. Please consider providing a small amount of your time and energy, and your thoughts, toward the continued success of our HOA. Contact PML or a board member for a candidacy statement form.

Driveways - Some driveways in Sugarloaf are in need of significant repair, and some owners may choose to replace rather than repair. Based on some recent inquiries about the possibility of using paver stones rather than conventional concrete for driveway replacement, the Board has drafted rules to govern the use of paver stones. Given that there are many different paver stone options (including color and pattern), the Board chose to go this route of identifying allowed paver stone approaches rather than continuing to utilize only concrete within the development. Per HOA Bylaws, new rules are provided to the membership for a 30-day comment period prior to implementing the rules. You should have received a copy of the draft paver stone driveway policy along with this newsletter. Please send any comments in writing to PML or a Board member. The Board will finalize the policy at our November meeting, including any revisions based on member feedback.

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**

**Painting Reminder** – If you're planning to re-paint, you need to submit an architectural project form, even if you plan to re-paint in your current colors. Why? 1) ensure neighbors are informed of the project, which could impact their property (access, debris) & 2) ensure you are painting in the correct and approved colors. The committee has all the samples and information to help you properly identify the right colors. Paint companies have recently reformulated due to environmental law changes, so it is even more important to check with the committee before painting!

## LANDSCAPE

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

- Removed trash in common areas
- Raked leaves out from shrubbery on Parkwood and from storm drain behind 1850 Parkwood
- Trimmed hedges on sidewalk near 1817 Parkwood
- Weeded along sign area in the ivy
- Weeded Oakhill iceplant in between fences
- Check v-ditch areas for blocking debris on slopes

**Doggie Doo** - It has come to the Board's attentions that pets, while leashed, are still allowed to roam onto other homeowners' property to explore and do their business. The result is damage to lawns / yards. To avoid fees for property repairs, please keep pets on sidewalks until appropriate areas are reached. And, per HOA CC&Rs and city codes, dog owners must pick up after their pets!

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.

#### **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.

## 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 (Bldg 36). 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/planetarium.
- **CSM Interesting Offerings** Call 650-574-6149 or go online www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events
- CSM Jazz Ensembles Concert Mon. Oct. 21, 7:30-9:30 pm, Theater Bldg 3. Info: collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Annual John Noce Classic Golf Tournament Fundraiser for CSM Baseball Team. Fri. Oct 25, noon-8pm, Poplar Creek Golf Course. Info: collegeofsanmateo.edu/baseball/news/golf.
- 2013 CSM Health Fair Wed. Oct 30, 10am 2pm, College Center, Bldg 10 Bayview Dining Room.
- Notify Me! The City of San Mateo makes it easy to stay up-todate on what's happening in city governance and in the community. Visit www.cityofsanmateo.org/notifyme to sign up for email notifications from various city offices!
- **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.
- Free Recycling Event! Sat. Oct 26, 9am 1pm, Beresford Park pkg lot, 2720 Alameda de las Pulgas. E-Waste, Paper Shred, Give-N-Go to Goodwill. Info: 650-522-7329 or rkasper@cityofsanmateo.org.
- **Rebuilding Together Peninsula** nonprofit that provides free home repair services to low-income homeowners - including seniors, families, and people with disabilities. For more info: 650.366.6597 x226, www.RebuildingTogetherPeninsula.org.

Looking for a **family-friendly scenic hike** in our backyard? Take the new steps on the trail to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain. The hike begins in Laurelwood Park around the corner from the picnic tables. The round trip loop is about 1.5 miles. Begin with a climb up the recently completed 46 steps. Then, follow the dirt trail as you ascend the final portion of the 320 feet in elevation to enjoy a panoramic view of the mid-peninsula. Info from an article by Joy Fry – find more at <u>http://www.trailcenter.org</u>.

## 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 *Term ends at 2015 electio	At-Large n #Term ends at 2014 election

## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

## NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 22, 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)
- 6. Unfinished Business:

Hillside Drainage Project SM Sewer Lateral Program Change – Sugarloaf Response Review Draft Policy for Driveway Paver Stones Approve 2014 Budget

- 7. New Business:
  - Appoint Annual Election Official and Nominating Cmte
- 8. Correspondence Review
- 9. Executive Session