

SUGARLOAF NEWS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

National Night Out – I'd like to share a special message from Chief of Police Susan E. Manheimer - "National Night Out is San Mateo Neighborhood Watch's signature event, and represents the very best in partnership between the community and the police. Neighborhoods that watch out for each other are safer and help the Police to stop and solve crime. If you are not already involved in Neighborhood Watch, this is a perfect time to join!"

On Tuesday, August 5th, San Mateo, like many cities on the Peninsula, will participate in National Night Out. This annual national campaign is designed to raise crime prevention awareness, strengthen neighborhood unity and spirit, and develop partnerships between the City and the community.

This has also traditionally been an opportunity for Neighborhood Watch groups to get together, and for those who do not have one in their area to start new Neighborhood Watch groups. To learn more about Neighborhood Watch and National Night Out 2014, browse the Neighborhood Watch page on the SMPD website: <http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?NID=1781>. In the past several years, we've had some active areas within our development where groups have gathered for this event. Since this event is best in your local neighborhoods, the HOA does not coordinate participation. I hope you'll consider organizing a get-together on your block! See the mentioned link to formally sign up your block (and have the PD stop by to say hello), or just coordinate this informally by inviting your neighbors and having a pot-luck dinner or dessert event. I hope our development can be active again this year in showing our support for the program!

Water Conservation – Given the drought conditions that exist, we should all take a minute to consider if we're doing what we can to conserve. For more info, see www.calwater.com/conservation.

Fire Safety – As a reminder, owners are also responsible for following fire code on their properties. For example, maintaining a clear area 30 feet surrounding your home (www.fire.ca.gov/communications/downloads/fact_sheets/defensespaceflyer.pdf). See www.firesafesanmarateo.org for more info. Fire safety is something we all need to be concerned about!

Thanks once again for your support of our association.

Bob Kiss, HOA President (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 Annual Exterior Audit letters should be in the mail to affected owners. Please contact PML if you have questions about the findings. Thanks in advance to owners for promptly responding to their audit letter. Please contact PML with questions.

LANDSCAPE

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

- Removal of trash in common/easement areas each Tuesday
- Replaced three irrigation clocks and increased watering to 3 days per week (which we feel is an appropriate balance between water conservation and saving the landscaping)
- Completed brush clearing in common spaces as part of fire safety program. Fire Dept inspected and approved. City has been billed for their portion of the work.
- Pruned junipers away from sidewalk near 3400 Chris Ln
- Large tree trimming in the common spaces ongoing
- Walk-thru of common areas with landscaper

Important Fire Safety Note - While inspecting the brush clearing work, we found debris blocking some of the easement areas, such as those running between homes or behind homes. These easements were created to allow fire responders access to the canyons behind homes quickly. By leaving debris, nets and play things in the way, it impedes passage. Owners may NOT use easement areas as a dumping or storage area. If you have questions about what is an easement area, please contact PML, and the Board can follow up with you.

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 your personal newsletter copy received).

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Safety – This continues to be a high fire danger summer. Our brush-trimming project, completed in June, is only one element of fire safety. Please be diligent about fire safety around your home and in keeping an eye out for signs of trouble in the canyons and on hillsides. Also, this may be a good time to confer with your insurance company to ensure your home's fire damage coverage is up to date.

Mountain Lion Sightings – As no doubt many of you have heard, there were several mountain lion sightings in the last month in San Mateo, both in the Highlands areas as well as near the creek on the other side of Sugarloaf Mountain. It is recommended that you pay special attention to your small children and pets, especially if in yards at night or early morning. Mountain lions are most active at dusk, night time, and dawn.

"See Something / Say Something" – As always, 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 2nd Friday of the month in the CSM Planetarium (Bldg 36). There are two shows, 7:30 and 8:20 pm, and admission is free! (first come-first serve). For more information, visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/astronomy/planetarium.
- **San Mateo Central Park Summer Music Series** – Thursdays (July 17-Aug 14 remaining) at 6-8 pm. For band line-up, go to www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?NID=1367.
- **CSM Fall Semester** begins August 18. Still time to register. For more info, see www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/schedule.
- **Notify Me!** – The City of San Mateo makes it easy to stay up-to-date 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>.

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
*Bob Kozak	Vice-President
#Jack Albrecht	Treasurer
*Emile Nurisso	Secretary
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*Term ends at 2015 election #Term ends at 2016 election

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

PML Management Corporation

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Life Threatening Emergencies: 911

Other Emergencies: (650) 349-9113

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

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on **Monday, July 21**, at 5:30 pm 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:
Sewer Lateral Program – HOA & San Mateo programs
HOA Document Storage Review
7. New Business:
Private Lane Barriers Maintenance
House Curb Numbering Plan
8. Correspondence Review
9. Executive Session