The Newsletter of Sugarloaf Homeowners Association March 19, 2014

SUGARLOAF NEWS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's that time of year again — <u>Annual Elections!</u> The election process is underway, and is planned to conclude at the Board meeting on Tuesday, March 25. We need your help! If you've not already returned your ballot, please do it now! If you've lost your ballot, please contact PML immediately. It needs to be received at PML's office no later than Tuesday, March 25. If we don't achieve a quorum of votes (slightly more than 50% of member units), the election cannot complete, and the HOA cannot properly conduct business. In addition, we could lose our tax exempt status if the members don't vote to approve the annual tax resolution. This could mean your dues would increase!

Your <u>annual dues assessment</u> (\$700) is now late if you haven't yet paid. If you have a financial hardship, please contact the Board ASAP, in writing, to initiate a respectful discussion about potential alternate payment plans. Late accounts will suffer penalties and interest charges, and could be sent to a collections agency (you don't want this to happen).

Finally, the Board will be contacting the city regarding the <u>traffic</u> <u>barrier</u> on De Anza at the 92W off-ramp. Please see the detail in the Public Safety section, and I hope you'll join with us to influence the situation.

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. And second story decks/balconies typically must be painted to match the house paint scheme. Please contact the committee before beginning any such projects.

LANDSCAPE

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

- Removed two mattresses found in common space behind Sugarloaf Drive
- Remove trash in all common/easement areas each Tuesday
- Plan to spray weed killer in landscape and sidewalk cracks when weather permits
- Inspect irrigation system for leaks and inspect backflow valves per City regulations
- Program irrigation controls to reduce water usage by 20-25%

The Cork Oak trees on Parkwood seem to be recovering from last year's Oak moth infestation, as advised by our arborist. We will know more by end of April.

During 2014, we will start Phase Two of our common space large tree maintenance work based on the August 2012 Tree Survey, We completed Phase One in 2012.

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 paper copy newsletter).

PUBLIC SAFETY

Traffic Safety – At the annual meeting, numerous members commented on the "barrier" that was placed in the last year at the 92 exit at De Anza, across from the Fire Station. Many of us felt that the barrier installation is actually a traffic hazard since it partially blocks vision in various directions of traffic flow. The HOA is planning to send a letter to the Department of Public Works, requesting an improvement. If you agree with this sentiment, and would be willing to have your name & address listed on the letter as a supporter, please send an email to publicsafety@sugarloafhoa.org. Thanks for your help!

Home Security Systems – If you're in the market for a home security system, the following web site is a reasonably complete review of multiple systems available. The HOA is not making any endorsements here, but is providing this resource to interested persons: www.reviews.com/home-security-systems.

"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 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.
- CSM Interesting Offerings Call 650-574-6149 or go online www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events
- Free Income Tax Preparation Sat March 22, 9am-1pm, CSM Bldg 14, Room 104. For income under \$58K. No appt needed. Call 650-378-7323 for further info.
- Forum Music Festival Sat March 22, 8am-2pm, CSM Theater, Bldg 3.
- **Get Linked Job Fair** Tue March 25, 9:30am-1pm, CSM College Center Bldg 10, Bayview Dining Room.
- CSM's Connect to College A Night of Information for High School Seniors and Parents. April 17, 6-8pm. CSM 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.
- 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.

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

*Term ends at 2015 election #Term ends at 2014 election

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

PML Management Corporation

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 25**, 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:

Review HOA Insurance Policies for 2014 SM Sewer Lateral Program Change – Sugarloaf Response Use of PML New Email Distribution Capability

7. New Business:

Election Process Completion
Review Letter to City on De Anza Traffic Barrier

- 8. Correspondence Review
- 9. Executive Session