# SUGARLOAF NEWS

The Newsletter of Sugarloaf Homeowners Association May 20, 2015

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**Outstanding Home Maintenance Award** – Congratulations to the owners of 1545 De Anza Blvd for being recognized this year as the winner of the San Mateo Outstanding Home Maintenance Award for Sugarloaf! This award recognizes homes kept in tip-top exterior shape in helping to make the community look great! They'll be honored at the June 1 City Council meeting at 7pm.

**Drought conditions continue**. Please let us know if you believe water usage in a common space is incorrect. Talk with neighbors as well, as appropriate. We take the situation seriously, and look to achieve the right balance between conserving water and maintaining the landscaping.

**Exterior Audit** – as mentioned under *Architectural*, the annual audit was completed recently. The audit team was sensitive to water conservation efforts, and did not flag browning lawns for follow-up. However, lawns (green or brown) overgrown with weeds, or areas lacking reasonable landscaping were flagged.

**Traffic Safety** – Please see *Public Safety* for an important update on the De Anza / Parkwood intersection traffic safety topic!

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**

All exterior architectural changes require approval by the architectural control committee, as per our CC&Rs. This includes re-painting, re-roofing, new garage doors, new fences, new windows, new driveways, adding skylights or solar panels, etc. Also, if you intend to install a **satellite dish or antenna** that will be visible from the outside of the residence, please contact the committee to discuss placement (see Article 6.03). Please visit our website for lots of useful information and the project form you'll need to submit.

The architecture committee conducted its annual exterior audit on May 16, focused on issues that have negative effect on the appearance of our neighborhoods, such as paint condition, damaged exteriors, or excessive weeds or lack of sufficient landscaping. Where issues were identified, affected homeowners will receive an audit finding notification. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in following up on identified issues. If you have questions about the notice, please contact PML or the architecture committee.

# LANDSCAPE

In addition to standard activities (e.g., litter removal and routine shrub maintenance), the following work was or will be performed in common / easement areas during May/June:

- Finish Phase 3 of the large tree program, with the work done by Arborwell. This includes trimming and/or removal of large trees ranked as needing attention by our arborist survey.
- Annual Brush Clearing Program In late June, the Cozzolino crew will be clearing brush to maintain the 100 ft. defensible fire space. The SMFD will approve the work and the City will pay their share. It should be about a 2-week project.

As mentioned last month, the common space Irrigation has been cut back to twice a week, a 33% reduction from last year. Owners should cut back on outdoor watering as well, as appropriate.

Property Borders - Occasionally there is confusion about what land behind our homes is HOA common space as opposed to San Mateo City land. For most of us, this is HOA land. But, the following homes on **De Anza Blvd** face City Parkland: 1501, 1505, 1509, 1513, 1517, 1521, 1525, 1529, 1533, 1537, 1541, and 1545.

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.

Also, please recall that city code also requires **picking up after your dog.** Please be considerate of others' (including common space) property.

## **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).

# **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**"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.

The Board plans to continue the dialog with the City regarding traffic flow on De Anza Blvd – concerns with both speed of traffic flow as well as the effects of the increased traffic on 92 and the number of commuters using De Anza to escape 92. A group of Sugarloaf owners, with support of the Board, will be petitioning the City to make the De Anza / Parkwood intersection a 4-way stop to both address visibility issues as well as rate of speed issues on De Anza. If you haven't already signed the petition or sent your support through NextDoor, please send an email to publicsafety@sugarloafhoa.org. Thanks!

#### **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 (next one Jun 12) 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 info, visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/astronomy/planetarium.asp.
- **CSM Concert Choir Performance** Excerpts from Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria*. Wed May 27, 4:30 pm, Choral Room, Bldg 2, Room 110. Collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar.events.
- Nursing Open House CSM's Nursing Program celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> graduating class. Tue June 2, 1:30-4:30 pm, Health & Wellness Bldg 5, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.
- Jazz On The Hill! Sat June 6, 11am-6pm, CSM Campus, www.jazzonthehill.org.
- 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** Information about city programs and events: 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.
- (New) San Mateo County/Silicon Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau. Lots of great Info! – check it out at www.smccvb.com.

## **PERIODIC HIKING / OUTDOOR TIP**

# Looking for a local wildflower hike?

An array of colorful spring wildflowers can be enjoyed at Edgewood County Park in Redwood City, and just 7 miles away. Free group hikes are offered at 10 am on Saturday and Sunday. The park has easy trails, and offers great views of the Bay, too. Directions: From I-280, exit Edgewood Road. Travel 3/4 mile east on Edgewood Road toward San Carlos/Redwood City. Turn right on Old Stage Coach Road and into parking lot. - Joy Fry

## COMMITTEES

## Architecture

(Chair) Bob Kiss – (650) 212-5477 architecturechair@sugarloafhoa.org

# <u>Landscape</u>

(Chair) Miles Dooher & Jack Albrecht landscapechair@sugarloafhoa.org If any member has any landscaping or common area 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	
#Miles Dooher	At-Large	
*Term ends at 2017 election #Term ends at 2016 election		

## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

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Other Emergencies:		.(650) 349-9113		
San Mateo	Police (Non-Emerge	ency)	.(650) 522-7700	

#### NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 26,** 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. <u>Unfinished Business:</u> Continued Review of Draft Fine Policy Traffic Safety on De Anza Blvd
- 7. <u>New Business:</u> Fire Break Work Plans Review Updated Reserve Plan
- 8. Correspondence Review
- 9. Executive Session