# SUGARLOAF NEWS

The Newsletter of Sugarloaf Homeowners Association April 13, 2016

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Annual Election Process – Thanks to those HOA members who completed and returned their ballots on time. We were able to close the election process with a quorum (51%). Importantly, the tax resolution passed, allowing the HOA to move any excess funds into our Reserve Account without a tax burden. In the Board of Directors election, Jack Albrecht, Miles Dooher, and I were reelected as directors.

New Rules – The fine policy mentioned during the past several months has been approved by the Board, and a copy is included with this month's newsletter. Based on feedback from our members during the policy review period, the Board has updated its guidance for architectural and landscape auditing. Importantly, it needs to be mentioned that the Board recognizes that the vast majority of our members comply with our CC&Rs. Unfortunately, there is a minority of our members that choose to be in violation and fail to respond to Board directives to remedy their situation. This group has left the Board no choice but to institute this policy for imposing fines.

Please see under *Public Safety* for a reminder about the <u>Traffic</u> <u>Forum</u> and info about communicating to the city your specific traffic concerns.

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 Board will conduct its annual exterior audit in May or June, focusing on architectural aspects such as paint, roofing, and fence conditions, as well as landscaping.

As a reminder, Municipal Code 23.06.060 (Hours of Work) prohibits building and construction work prior to 7am or after 7pm on weekdays, prior to 9am or after 5pm on Saturday, and prior to 12pm or after 4pm on Sundays and holidays. These

limitations do not apply to construction work taking place inside a completely enclosed building, as long as it meets noise level requirements.

### **LANDSCAPE**

#### Planned for this year:

- The seal coating of the private streets will take place in May.
   Will give the affected homeowners two weeks notice. Job will take 24 hours, during which cars will not be allowed.
- Phase Four of the Tree Program (large tree maintenance) will be done by Advanced Tree Care, and will start on May 12, and should take about two weeks.
- The annual Weed Abatement Project (fire protection) is scheduled for June/July, depending on the weather.
- New water-saving sprinkler heads are being considered for the common/easement areas. How many and when is to be discussed at Board meeting.
- The crew did at good job of cleaning up the debris left over from the heavy March winds.

Weeds, Weeds, Weeds - The winter and early spring rains brought some relief from the drought, but it has also brought an abundance of weeds. Unfortunately, some homeowner's lawns are thriving with weeds and look bad. It will be quite awhile before the lawns turn brown, so we are asking homeowners to pull their weeds now.

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, per CC&Rs Section 5.08 (and per SM City Code!), trash and recycling bins need to be kept out of sight, except on pickup day or the day prior. Bins may not be stored anywhere in sight from a street, neighboring lot, or common area. This is an example of non-compliance subject to fines under the new policy. 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 provided in your personal copy of the newsletter).

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

"See Something / Say Something" – Please keep an eye out for behaviors that don't make sense; call the police as necessary. Better safe than sorry. Use 650-522-7700 for non-emergencies.

The city of San Mateo Public Works Department is holding a series of *Traffic Concerns Outreach Forums* through May. Our area will be one of the areas discussed on Thursday, April 14, 7-9 pm, at the Hillsdale High cafeteria. For more info - http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?NID=3127. Hope to see you there!

In addition, the city has introduced a new *Open Town Hall* website, where you can send in your specific traffic concerns. Many have already done so. Check it out:

www.peakdemocracy.com/portals/237/forum\_home?phase=open.

# **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 May 13) 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 Earth Day Celebration Fri Apr 22, 2016 10 am 1 pm, CSM College Center Plaza.
- Community Travel Programs Registration
   London: May 25 May 31; Spain: May 23 June 6;
   Italy: May 31 June 9; Irish Heritage: June 6 June 14;
   Munich and Prague Architecture: June 7 June 14
   smccd.edu/communitytravel.
- CSM Asian Pacific American Film Festival Saturday Matinee Program, 7th Annual Presentation, April 29-30. For info:
- Swim Across America Sun May 1, 6 am 1 pm, CSM Health & Wellness Building 05, Swimming Pool, collegeofsanmateo.edu.
- **Recycling Event!** Sunday April 24, 9am-noon, Beresford Park pkg lot E-Waste, Paper Shred, Goodwill drop-off.
- 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.
- San Mateo County/Silicon Valley Convention & Visitors
   Bureau. Lots of great Info! check it out at <a href="https://www.smccvb.com">www.smccvb.com</a>.
- Wildflower Walk at Laurelwood Park The Creek Overlook Trail at Laurelwood Park offers an array of purple, orange, yellow, and white spring wildflowers. I counted fifteen different blooming plants on my recent walk. The dirt trail above Laurel Creek is about a half mile long with some incline. You can begin the trail at the end of Shasta Drive or from above the dam inside the Park. If you are looking for a more challenging hike, take the steps to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain. - By Joy Fry

#### 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 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

# **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 **Tuesday, April 19**, 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>

**Rental Restrictions Discussion** 

- 7. New Business:
  - **PML Contract Renewal**
- 8. Correspondence Review
- 9. Executive Session

<sup>\*</sup>Term ends at 2017 election #Term ends at 2018 election