# SUGARLOAF NEWS

The Newsletter of Sugarloaf Homeowners Association Aug 17, 2016

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

National Night Out a Success! – It was great to see another good crowd for NNO on Aug 2! We had around 30 people at our Broadview/Parkwood pot luck gathering. I know other areas within Sugarloaf participated as well. Hopefully, this ongoing event helps to strengthen neighborhood communication and interactions, which is always great for communities.

On a related <u>Community Note</u> - *Ladies Weekly Walk in Sugarloaf* launches Monday, Sept 12. Join your fellow neighbors for a weekly walk on Mondays from 9-10 am. Meet at the visitors parking lot on Sugarloaf Drive for a 3-mile loop on Parkwood, Glendora and DeAnza. NO RSVP necessary. Please no pets or children. A great way to exercise and meet new friends!

Your Board at Work - Over the next couple of Board meetings, we will be tackling some important topics, and I encourage HOA members to join us and contribute your thoughts. We will be beginning our budget discussions for 2017, and this will include a likely need to increase landscaping funds to address large tree work (see Landscape for details). In addition, the Board is continuing discussions targeted at drafting and amendment to our Governing document to put in place some restrictions on Rental Properties in Sugarloaf, similar to restrictions that have been put in place by other associations. This amendment would require a vote of our members to be put into place, which would occur with our January Elections process. I'll also mention that rental owners already have requirements under our Governing document (Art. 5, S1.3) that must be followed. Finally, I once again want to encourage HOA members to consider joining the Board. The work requirement is not large, and we have several current members who have served numerous times and would like a break! Please contact me or Debbie at PML to discuss, and feel free to attend a Board meeting to learn about the process.

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**

As a reminder, all exterior changes to architecture / structure must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee or the Board (Article 6). This includes fences, driveways, roofs, painting, decks, and other architectural modifications. For repairs, the approval process may be waived, but you need to check first! Please contact the architecture committee to confirm needs.

As a reminder, Municipal Code 23.06.060 (Hours of Work) prohibits building/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

<u>Trim for View</u> - We have had a number of questions from Homeowners on what is the procedure to follow to trim trees in the common area to increase their view. Here it is:

- 1) Take a picture of the trees to be trimmed.
- 2) Get an estimate from a qualified tree company (**must have** an arborist on their staff).
- 3) Submit all the above to Debbie at PML.
- The Landscape Committee will review and determine approvability (\*note\*: Homeowner pays for trim for view work).

On a related note, please do not trim/cut trees in common areas without approval to do so. Branches from common area trees that overhang a homeowner's yard are trimmed by the HOA only if they present a fire hazard. Thanks for our cooperation.

<u>Next Year's Landscape budget</u> - Due to age and the drought, we are experiencing more and more problems with dead and dying trees. We intend to address this increased fire risk. Therefore, we will plan to increase our Landscape budget for 2017.

<u>Trash on Parkwood</u> - Last month's newsletter mentioned the dumping of trash on upper Parkwood. We have noticed a significant improvement this last month. Thanks to all homeowners who have been on the watch - it has helped.

<u>Water / Drought</u> - We are still watering the common areas just twice a week. Our new sprinkler heads on De Anza and upper Parkwood are working well. If you see any distressed areas, please notify Debbie at PML.

#### 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.

On a related note, I arrived home last night to find a present across the street in my neighbor's yard – someone had left a plastic bag full of dog poop, as if to expect that we have poop "pickup" service within the association. Come on, people! There's no pickup service!! That's littering, and it's also against the law to not properly pick up after your dog.

### **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 news copy).

# **PUBLIC SAFETY**

<u>"See Something / Say Something"</u> – 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. Info on <u>Outdoor Fire Safety</u> and your responsibility as a homeowner: www.readyforwildfire.org www.smcfiresafe.org.

# 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 Sep 9) 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 Fall Semester Registration now through Aug 30 (semester starts Aug 17). www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/apply.
- **CS**M **Veteran's Activities** Student Veteran Leadership Conference, Sat. Oct 8, 7am-8pm; *Run For Your Life* 5K Zombie Run, Sun Oct 9, 8am-12pm. More info on both at: www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/veterans.
- Notify Me! The City of San Mateo makes it easy to stay up-todate on city governance and the community. Visit www.cityofsanmateo.org/notifyme to sign up for email info.
- 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 www.smccvb.com.
- Local Hike under the Redwood Trees Enjoy a shaded and peaceful hike under the Redwood forest at Wunderlich County Park in the hills above Woodside. There are several trail options on the loop to the Meadows and back (total 4-5 miles). Pause to listen to the creek at Alambique Flat. Upon reaching the Meadows, take in the panoramic view of the Santa Cruz Mountains. From Sugarloaf on 280, turn off at the Woodside Road (Highway 84) exit. Go west (towards Woodside). Go approx. 4 miles, through Woodside. The entrance is on the west (right) side of roadway. - 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. <u>Public Safety</u>

(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 2018 election	

#### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

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Life Threatening Emergencies:911		
Other Emergencies:	(650) 349-9113	
San Mateo Police (Non-Emerger	ncy)(650) 522-7700	

#### NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 23,** 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:
  - Begin 2017 Budgeting Process
- 8. Correspondence Review
- 9. Executive Session