

SUGARLOAF NEWS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Summer Fun! – I hope everyone is having a great summer so far! We are blessed to enjoy the great weather in San Mateo.

With summer comes heat and fire danger. Please see under *Landscaping* for more information about specific concerns and our obligations as homeowners when it comes to fire safety in our common spaces and on the hillsides.

National Night Out – This annual event occurs on Tuesday, Aug 2. I hope that neighbors will plan to get together and make use of this national program encouraging neighborhoods to gather and get to know one another better. More info and block signup info is found at www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?nid=1781.

If you sign up with the city of San Mateo, a fire truck or police car may stop in at your neighborhood to say hello. My neighborhood has an annual tradition to hold a pot luck at the corner of Broadview & Parkwood at 6 pm. Feel free to bring along something to share and join us for a nice opportunity to get to know your neighbors better!

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 recently conducted its annual exterior audit focusing on architectural aspects such as paint, roofing, and fence conditions, as well as landscaping. Notification letters are being compiled and will be sent soon to affected homeowners.

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

Work Recently Completed or Planned Soon (in addition to routine landscape maintenance):

- There still a few black plastic pipes, remnants of a project from long ago, in the canyon between De Anza and Cherrywood. We hope to get them removed this summer.
- If you have any questions or ideas regarding our common area landscaping, please send them to PML so we can discuss at our next Board meeting.

Trash – We've noticed more and more trash left in the Parkwood area lately. If you see anyone dumping, please try to get their license number and report it to PML.

Irrigation Water

Recently, one of our common space controllers malfunctioned and the sprinklers stayed on for quite some time. If you notice the irrigation on after 8:00am, please notify PML.

Defensible Fire Space

As a reminder, each Sugarloaf homeowner has received a notice from the fire department regarding defensible fire space around your home. Here is what they advise:

- Remove all dead plants, grass and weeds. Remove dead /dry leaves and needles from your yard, roof and rain gutters
- Keep tree branches 10 ft from your chimney and other trees
- Mow before 10 am, and never on a hot or windy day.
- String trimmers are a safer options (vs lawnmowers)

For more info: www.readyforwildfire.org www.smcfiresafe.org.

Drought, Weeds, Tree Stress, etc. - The winter/spring rains brought some relief from the drought, but also brought an abundance of weeds. Unfortunately, some homeowner's lawns are thriving with weeds and look bad. As we've mentioned previously, brown lawns happen due to a situation beyond a homeowner's control, and the Board will not ask for brown lawn remediation (although we do encourage replacement with landscaping requiring less water as a general response to our changing environment). However, we do need homeowners to pull weeds. Brown weedy areas of any kind are not acceptable given that the weeds can be remedied.

Because of the drought and wind, we have experienced a number of tree problems including broken limbs, dead and downed trees. We are doing our best to make sure our HOA common areas remain a high priority for upkeep.

We want to advise owners to recognize that trees and plants were under a lot of stress the last few years due to lack of water. Our rainfall last winter helped, but may not have been enough to "save" them without further help. Don't assume that trees have a reservoir of water deep underground to rely on during summer.

They may need special watering treatment to keep them on the road to recovery. Check with an arborist if you're not sure. It's a shame all around when we lose a tree that could have been saved. We note that several of our beautiful European White Birch trees in the neighborhood died prior to the winter rains. These trees need periodic watering around the periphery of the tree using soaking lines run for a couple hours to achieve deep root watering. Please investigate the needs of your plants.

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 a Board member. We have a process. 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 an approved firm 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 in your news copy).

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.

National Night Out – Tue Aug 2. See *President's Corner*.

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 (next one Aug 12) 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 info, visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/astronomy/planetarium.asp.
- **CSM Fall Semester** – Registration now through Aug 30 (semester starts Aug 17). www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/apply.
- **West Bay Swim Championship at CSM Pool** – Sat July 30 from 6am-4pm (so don't try to go swimming at CSM that day!).
- **Notify Me!** – The City of San Mateo makes it easy to stay up-to-date 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.
- **Wildflower Walk at Edgewood Park** – A great place to view wildflowers. Take 280 south, exit Edgewood Road, turn east toward the bay, go about 1 mile, turn right into the pkg lot. For more info, check out <http://parks.smcgov.org/edgewood-park-natural-preserve>. - By Joy Fry

COMMITTEES

- **Architecture**
(Chair) Bob Kiss – (650) 212-5477
architecturechair@sugarloafhoa.org
- **Landscape**
(Chair) Miles Doohar & 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

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| #Bob Kiss | President |
| *Bob Kozak | Vice President |
| #Jack Albrecht | Treasurer |
| *Emile Nurisso | Secretary |
| #Miles Doohar | At Large |

*Term ends at 2017 election #Term ends at 2018 election

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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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, July 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. Unfinished Business:
Rental Restrictions Discussion
7. New Business:
8. Correspondence Review
9. Executive Session