# SUGARLOAF NEWS

The Newsletter of Sugarloaf Homeowners Association June 22, 2016

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

<u>Welcome to Summer!</u> – Always great to see summer arrive in San Mateo. Hope many of you had a chance to enjoy the annual San Mateo County Fair that just ended its 2016 run last Sunday.

With summer comes heat and fire danger. Please see under *Landscaping* for more information about what the HOA has been doing to address fire safety in our common spaces and on the hillsides. It's also every homeowner's responsibility to address appropriate fire safety on their property / landscaping.

Annual Exterior Audit Process - As mentioned under Architecture, the committee just completed the annual exterior audit process. As is done typically each year, the committee reviews the properties in our development, focusing on house and landscaping appearance, with the goal of identifying issues that detract from the appearance of our neighborhoods and could compromise collective property values. The most common issues are painting, broken fences, and lack of landscaping. Homeowners with an issue to address will receive a letter from PML describing the issue and a proposed timeline for remediation. Please contact PML or the committee if you disagree with the identified issue or the proposed timing. The committee is willing to discuss and work to accommodate situations. But, please note that indicated actions are based on CC&R requirements. While the committee wants to provide flexibility, the CC&Rs must be complied with, and fines are possible if homeowners refuse to address identified issues.

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 committee is pleased to announce that 1945 Parkwood has been recognized as this year's Sugarloaf winner for **outstanding home maintenance!!** This is an annual program sponsored by the city, with a recognition ceremony held at the June 6 City Council meeting. **Congratulations to our 1945 Parkwood owner**.

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 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

Work Recently Completed or Planned Soon:

- The seal coating of the private streets took place in May. Thanks to affected homeowners for their cooperation in clearing the streets of cars! And thanks to Emile, Miles, and Jack for coordinating the efforts and informing homeowners.
- Phase Four of the Large Tree Maintenance Program was completed by Advanced Tree Care. The work included trimming and/or removal of 80 trees on HOA lands. This is a pro-active project to keep our trees in the 21 acre common areas safe and healthy.
- Our irrigation system has been turned back for the summer months. We now water twice a week and, if needed, will increase to 3 times. Have cut our water usage to a third of what we used before the drought.
- 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 by this summer.

#### **Defensible Fire Space**

The crew has completed the 100 ft defensible fire space (weed abatement project) on common spaces. The SMFD will inspect the work this week and decide upon approval. 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 or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof and rain gutters
- Keep tree branches 10 ft. away 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 clearing vegetation

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

<u>Weeds, Weeds, Weeds</u> - The 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. It will be a while 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 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.

One homeowner reported that their **PG&E gas service** main was replaced due to a failed turnoff switch. No need for panic. But, please contact PG&E if you ever smell gas and don't understand the source of the smell.

### 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 July 8) 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.
- 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 www.smccvb.com.

• Wildflower Walk at Edgewood Park - Edgewood Park in Redwood City is a great place to view wildflowers. Take 280 south, exit Edgewood Road, turn east toward the bay, continue about 1 mile, then turn right into the pkg lot. For more info, check out http://parks.smcgov.org/edgewood-park-naturalpreserve. - By 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      |  |  |
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| *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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| 655 Mariners Island Blvd., Suite 301, San Mateo, CA 94404-1011 |                |                        |  |
| Telephone  | /Fax:(650) 349 | 9-9113/ (650) 349-9190 |  |
| E-mail: debbie@pmlmanagement.com                               |                |                        |  |
| Life Threatening Emergencies:                                  |                |                        |  |
| Other Emergencies:   |                |                        |  |
| San Mateo Police (Non-Emergency)(650) 522-7700                 |                |                        |  |
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## NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, **June 28**, 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. <u>New Business</u>: None
- 8. Correspondence Review

9. Executive Session