# Sugarloaf News

# Sugarloaf Homeowners Association Newsletter

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#### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**Enjoy Your Summer!** I hope everyone is getting the opportunity to enjoy the summer so far. We've been lucky weather-wise with relatively mild temperatures so far (unlike much of the rest of the country). **National Night Out** is back this year and will be held on Tue Aug 3 at 6:00. For more information about this event, go to: <a href="https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/1781/National-Night-Out">https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/1781/National-Night-Out</a>. It's a great way to strengthen neighborhood spirit and unity. The Parkwood / Broadview intersection neighborhood will gather at the outside circle for a potluck event. Feel free to join there or sponsor a neighborhood gathering closer to home!

**Fire Safety** – the HOA has completed our annual fire safety brush clearing on the hillsides. This work was inspected and approved by the San Mateo Fire Department. A few observations were made by SMFD regarding private home fire safety issues, and those homeowners are being contacted directly about following up.

On a related note, now is the time to check window seals and furnace/AC filters and performance should we suffer from poor air quality like we did last summer. And I also encourage everyone to consider securing some N95 or KN95 masks – while we have been using these for COVD-19 safety, they are recommended for smoke particulate protection as well. See *Events Around Town* for information on how to monitor air quality from your smart phone.

# What's on the Board's Mind?

Important HOA Business This Month:

<u>Large Tree Maintenance</u> – The Board has selected the vendor for this year's large tree maintenance work, and awaits confirmation of the work start date.

<u>Budget Planning</u> – The Board will begin discussing budget plans for 2022 very soon, with a draft budget being issued in August, and final approval in Oct/Nov. Now is the time to share your thoughts with the Board, or even come to a Board meeting to learn more and help.

Thanks for supporting our HOA!

Bob Kiss, HOA President (president@sugarloafhoa.org)

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Architecture:**

Exterior Changes Reminder - Per our CC&Rs Section 6, exterior changes require HOA approval (includes, but not limited to, painting, roofing, fences, windows, balconies, solar panels, driveways & walkways, decks, other structural changes). Landscaping (plants) does not typically require approval, and modifications exclusively on the inside of your home do not typically require approval. There is often a neighbor notification requirement that triggers a need for HOA documentation. If in

doubt on approval requirements, please ask – you can email or call the committee chair.

**Annual Exterior Audit** – This annual activity took place recently, and homeowners with issues to resolve are being notified this week. Please don't ignore a notification. If you feel the identified issue is in error or you simply disagree, contact the Board to discuss. Do NOT ignore. Fines are a possibility.

# **Landscape:**

**Fire Break Brush Clearing** – The HOA's annual brush clearing project on the HOA property hillsides as part of fire safety measures was completed. Please note that trimmed grasses are allowed to remain on site, per Cal Fire requirements.

Large Tree Maintenance – Please note that the HOA maintains an ongoing tree maintenance program based on an arborist's survey of our cataloged large trees. A portion of the trees are serviced each year on a rotating basis. This year's work is contracted, and we hope it will be completed in the next few months.

**Property Maps** – San Mateo County property line maps can be found on the web site under Residents/Landscape. Password is the same as for our Governing Documents.

**Irrigation System Status** – Contact PML if you observe any issues. Please don't touch the equipment unless it is an emergency.

**Trim-for-View** – Please do not trim/cut trees in common areas without prior approval. If you want to trim in the common areas for views <u>at your expense</u>, here is the procedure:

- 1. Take a picture of the trees to be trimmed.
- 2. Get an estimate from a qualified tree company (must have a certified arborist on staff)
- 3. Submit all the above to Joe at PML.
- 4. The Landscape Committee will review / approve if appropriate
- 5. The Homeowner pays for trim-for-view work.

# **Public Safety:**

**Traffic Safety** – Please note the location of your car if parked on the street and whether it might be creating a visibility issue for homes in that area or at street intersections. You can notify the Dept of Public Works if you feel there is a visibility issue with parked cars. In addition, long-term parking (over 72 hours) on city streets (De Anza,....) is not allowed, and can be reported to SMPD Code Enforcement for further actions.

**Wildlife Area** – A reminder that our area is populated by lots of wildlife, including rattlesnakes and mountain lions. Please be alert and careful when walking, especially at night. Snakes are wild animals, so Animal Control will not address concerns. Check out <a href="https://www.gotsnakes.org">www.gotsnakes.org</a> - a Bay Area firm that addresses snake issues.

**Video Cameras:** The city requests owners register them to help with crime investigations. If you'd like to consider doing so: https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/2726/Security-Camera-Registration

"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.

Emergency Info – Sign up for San Mateo County's alert system at www.smcalert.info for email, text, or phone alerts.

#### PLEASE FOLLOW CC&Rs AND CITY CODES

Trash/Recycling (subject to fines) -- Per CC&Rs Section 5.08 and SM City Code, bins need to be kept out of sight, except on pickup day or the day prior. SMMC 7.16.040 states that bins may not be placed out before 12pm the day prior to collection and must be removed by midnight on collection day. Bins may not be stored in sight from a street, neighboring lot, or common area.

**Dog Controls (subject to fines)** – Please pick up after your dogs. Leaving a bag of dog poop for someone else to clean up is not helpful. And please note that San Mateo law and HOA CC&Rs requires dogs be on a leash at all times in our neighborhoods.

**Visitor Parking (subject to fines)** – Since there is no room for street parking on the private streets, there are specific areas for visitor parking, whether it is a visitor from out of town or visitors providing service (landscape, handy work, cleaning, etc.). These spaces must be kept available for visitors, per CC&Rs Sec 5.04(a), **subject to fine**.

#### **OUR GOVERNING DOCUMENTS**

As a reminder, the Association Bylaws, CC&Rs, and other HOA docs are posted on our website for your convenience, but you will need a password to open them (password in your newsletter copy).

<u>Electronic Documentation</u> – If you'd prefer to receive your HOA documentation in electronic form, please contact PML to provide your approval to do so. It saves the HOA \$ and gives you better archiving capability for HOA docs. Win-win. Please consider.

# **EVENTS AROUND TOWN / COVID-19 & OTHER INFO**

**Farmer's Market:** Every Sat 9 am – 1 pm; College of San Mateo (W. Hillsdale & CSM Drive – Galileo Parking Lot 6).

**Notify Me!:** The City of San Mateo makes it easy to stay up-to-date on city governance and the community. To sign up, visit www.cityofsanmateo.org/notifyme.

**San Mateo County News** – information about county issues and events can be found at: www.sanmateocountynews.com **COVID-19 Information** -

www.smchealth.org/coronavirus - Health Orders found here www.smchealth.org/post/san-mateo-county-covid-19-data-1 www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html - CDC info www.covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america - Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation

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Air Quality - www.purpleair.com or the IQAir Visual phone App

### **HOW TO CONTACT PML/BOARD**

To contact your association manager or place a request:

**PML:** (650) 349-9113 (ext. 100 for reception or ext. 104 for Joe, our property Mgr), joe@pmlmanagement.com.

Visit the PML web site at: www.pmlmanagement.com

**HOA:** Submit your concern in writing (email okay) at least one week before the next Board meeting (4th Tue of each month). Attend the meeting to present your topic at the Open Forum.

#### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

#### **PML Management Corporation**

655 Mariners Island Blvd., Suite 301

San Mateo, CA 94404-1011

Telephone/Fax: (650) 349-9113/ (650) 349-9190

E-mail: joe@pmlmanagement.com

Life Threatening Emergencies: 911

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

#### YOUR BOARD of DIRECTORS

Bob Kiss<sup>1</sup> President
Mitra Sadeghi<sup>2</sup> Vice President
Zaven Khachadourian<sup>1</sup> Secretary
Robina Ramm<sup>1</sup> Treasurer
Ann Powers<sup>2</sup> At Large

<sup>1</sup>Term ends at 2022 election, <sup>2</sup>Term ends at 2023 election

#### COMMITTEES

#### **Architecture**

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

### **Landscape**

Zaven Khachadourian (chair) - landscapechair@sugarloafhoa.org Landscape or sprinkler concerns, contact Joe at PML.

#### **Public Safety**

Bob Kiss (chair) – publicsafety@sugarloafhoa.org

## **NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The next Meeting will be held on Tue, July 27, 2021, at 5:30 pm via Zoom. To join, go to www.zoom.us, click *Join a Meeting* at the top. Enter Mtg ID 987 3233 2565 and Password 428391.

#### **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, Public Safety)
- 6. Property Manager Report
- 7. Unfinished Business:

Private Lanes Condition Review
San Mateo ADU Ordinance – Review draft HOA input
Annual Exterior Audit – Status update

- 8. New Business:
- 9. Correspondence Review
- 10. Executive Session (as needed)