# Sugarloaf News Sugarloaf Homeowners Association Newsletter

# Oct 2024

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Large Tree Fire Safety: The HOA completed in September its fire safety maintenance program for large trees in our common spaces. This work occurs roughly every five years and included the removal of dead trees and limbs and other tree maintenance specified by a licensed arborist and in compliance with Fire Department directives. These are your dues at work providing fire safety benefits for our community.

**Electronic Documentation** – We have only about half our members receiving routine via email, such as this newsletter. If you'd like to transition communications to using email rather than snail mail, please contact PML (sabrina@pmlmanagement.com).

**Board of Directors Opening** – The Board is looking for a HOA member to step into a Director role and serve out the remainder of a 2024 term (until the early '25 election). If you are interested to serve or would like to discuss the possibility, please contact me at president@sugarloafhoa.org. Your Board would appreciate your help in keeping our community and HOA a great place to live.

#### What's on the Board's Mind?

#### Important HOA Business This Month:

Annual Budget Process – Your Board has been actively working on the budgeting process for 2025 in conjunction with PML Management. We work very hard to manage HOA fees and avoid increases while ensuring that sufficient funds are available for both Operating needs as well as Reserve (large periodic project, such as the 5-year Fire Break project). We are targeting to approve the 2025 budget at our October Board meeting. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please consider attending the meeting or send to board@sugarloafhoa.org.

Thanks for supporting our HOA!

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

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Architecture:

Annual Exterior Audit Conducted – The Board recently conducted its annual audit of property exteriors, with focus on painting, roof, fence, and landscape conditions in need of improvement. Affected homeowners will be notified in writing and assigned a deadline to make the necessary remediations. The Board thanks you for your prompt attention as part of helping to maintain property values.

**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 approval. If in doubt, please ask – you can email or call the committee chair.

#### Landscape:

The following service items were completed recently by the HOA landscaping contractor:

- Litter removal from sidewalks weekly
- Trimmed Laurel shrubs in Leafwood common spaces
- Trimmed Escallonia shrubs in Parkwood common spaces
- Raked leaves on 92 slope and storm drain area behind 1858 Parkwood
- Raked pine needles from under shrubbery along Toyon

**Large Tree Maintenance** – Please note that the HOA maintains an ongoing tree maintenance program based on an arborist's survey of our catalogued large trees near homes. A portion are serviced each year on a rotating basis. The 2024 annual work has now been completed.

**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** – Irrigation system is now ON for the dry season. 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:

**Wildlife Safety** – Reminder that we share the Sugarloaf area with the wildlife, and this includes rattlesnakes and deer/coyotes. The coyotes have been quite active recently (loud at night). Please be observant, and protective of your outside pets.

**"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 8.7 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, per law and CC&Rs (S8.6(d)). Leaving a pile or bag of dog poop for someone else to clean up is not helpful. <u>And please note that San</u> <u>Mateo law and HOA CC&Rs require dogs be on a leash at all times</u> in our neighborhoods, in addition to keeping barking under control and not a nuisance.

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 8.12(c), subject to fine.

**Tennis Courts Access** – The tennis courts are under the control of Denali HOA. Please contact PML if you need a key (\$50) to enter. Access is for Sugarloaf or Denali residents only. Guests must be accompanied by residents at all times. No exceptions.

#### **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 & OTHER INFO**

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

San Mateo Parks & Rec Department – Web site has info about many available activities, including for those over 60. See info at www.sanmateorec.org.

**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

Animal Control & Licensing – www.smchealth.org/animalcontrol Emergency Info – Sign up for San Mateo County's alert system at www.smcalert.info for email, text, or phone alerts.

**Air Quality** - www.purpleair.com or the IQAir Visual phone App **Delivery of Library Materials!** - The library offers twice-monthly home delivery of library materials for residents of with temporary or long-term illness, injury, impairment, medical condition, or disability and unable to visit the library. See link below or call 650-522-7863. https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/4458/Home-Delivery **Senior Living in San Mateo** – The city's website contains useful information and references, see here:

www.cityofsanmateo.org/640/Senior-Services

#### HOW TO CONTACT PML/BOARD

To contact your association manager or place a request: **PML:** (650) 349-9113 (ext 100 – reception, ext 104 - Joe, our PM), joe@pmlmanagement.com, sabrina@pmlmanagement.com (backup to Joe)

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 Corporation1710 S. Amphlett Blvd, Ste 207, San Mateo CA 94402Telephone/Fax: (650) 349-9113/ (650) 349-9190E-mail: joe@pmlmanagement.comLife Threatening Emergencies:911Other Emergencies:911Other Other Emergencies:(650) 349-9113San Mateo Police (Non-Emergency)(650) 522-7700

# YOUR BOARD of DIRECTORS

Bob Kiss <sup>1</sup>	President
Alan Robinson <sup>2</sup>	Vice President
Zaven Khachadourian <sup>1</sup>	Secretary
Mitra Sadeghi <sup>2</sup>	Treasurer
Christine Sommers <sup>1</sup>	At Large
<sup>1</sup> Term ends at 2026 election, <sup>2</sup> Term ends at 2025 election	

#### COMMITTEES

## Architecture

Bob Kiss (chair) – 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 on Tue, October 22, 2024, at 5:30 pm at the San Mateo Senior Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas.

## **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
- <u>Unfinished Business:</u> Large Tree Fire Break Project & Annual Maintenance Status Reserve Study Update & 2025 Budget Final Review/Approval
- 8. <u>New Business:</u> Appoint Election Officials and Nominating Committee Review / Update Sugarloaf Fine Policy
- 9. Correspondence & Action Items Review
- 10. Executive Session (as needed)