# SUGARLOAF NEWS

The Newsletter of Sugarloaf Homeowners Association March 17, 2010

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

#### 2010 Elections Completed / Why Vote?!

Thanks to all those members who voted in our recent annual elections. Please see later in the newsletter for the specific election outcomes, but the incumbent directors were re-elected and the tax resolution received enough votes to pass. At the next Board meeting, the directors will elect Association officers. Please also note that, due to the unfortunate passing away of Director Larry Connell, the Board will be charged with appointing a new director to complete Larry's term. <u>If you are interested in</u> <u>getting involved, please contact PML or a Board member.</u>

I thought I'd take a minute to talk about the election process, and explain how every vote truly counts in hopes of encouraging more people to vote next year. Some people wonder why they should vote, especially if they don't know the candidates running for office. There are a few important reasons that all owners should take the time to vote in our annual election process. First, our election process is not like a municipal election process. Our Bylaws require that we obtain a total voter turnout of at least a quorum of our members (>50% of 226 homes means a quorum is 114 votes) in order to complete the election process. If we don't receive enough completed ballots, the process must continue and we would be without elected directors for the next year. So, even if you don't personally know the candidates for office, your votes are needed to complete the process and comply with our Bylaws. In recognizing this situation, the election process asks each candidate to supply a statement of candidacy, which is mailed with the ballot materials. This quorum requirement also applies to the tax resolution. This resolution, by law, must be passed each year by a vote of the membership to allow the association to move any income from dues above our annual expenses into our reserve accounts without having to pay tax on that amount moved to reserves. So, passing this resolution is key to the health of our reserve accounts used to pay for longterm projects such as irrigation system upgrades, private lane paving, firebreak large tree trimming, and monies to cover unexpected significant costs such as erosion damage. To ensure there would be enough collected votes to complete the process as planned this year, your current Board members (volunteers) had to go door-to-door to solicit additional completed ballots. I hope that the explanation provided will help inspire more owners to vote promptly in next year's election.

Thanks once again for your support of our Association.

Bob Kiss (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, Sabrina at ext. 122, or Debbie at ext. 121, you may also send an email to: *sabrina@pmlmanagement.com* or *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 its web site at: <u>www.pmlmanagement.com</u>.

# ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

If you're replacing your roof, you will need to submit a project application and receive approval to proceed, including notification of your neighbors. If you're performing more minor work, such as a roof repair, or any other project which will have workers on your roof, please take the time to notify your neighbors of the project. Often, your worker will need to spend some time on your neighbor's roof to complete your project!

# LANDSCAPE

In February, the maintenance crew, in addition to their regular work:

- Cleaned the sidewalk on Cherrywood
- Monitored storm drains for debris
- Repaired leaking irrigation mainline near 1858 Parkwood Drive
- Mowed ivy at Parkwood and De Anza (at the sign), and Parkwood and Sugarloaf.

In March/early April, in addition to regular work, the crew will:

- Finish mowing ivy on De Anza near 1404/1408
- Test and repair irrigation system in preparation for regular system startup when weather dictates
- New plantings where needed.

We welcome comments. Any questions, please contact Sabrina at PML: (650) 349-9113x122

# **ANNUAL ELECTION RESULTS**

At the March 2 Board meeting, PML Management opened and counted the ballots, with the results as following:

<u>For Directors Positions</u>: Bob Kiss – 124 votes, Jack Albrecht – 109 votes, Miles Dooher – 110 votes, no writein's. All three candidates thus elected to two-year term.

<u>Tax Reduction Resolution</u>: Yes - 124 votes, No - 0 votes, Abstain - 0 votes. The resolution passed.

# **VEHICLE PARKING**

Please be reminded that, per Section 5.04 of our Declaration, all parking spaces (other than home driveways) on our private lanes are designated as guest parking. Owners or tenants shall not park in these spaces on a regular basis, including consistent overnight parking.

On a separate note, some owners inquired whether there were any Association rules limiting the number of cars parked in a driveway to one car. There is no such rule.

# **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Residents are requested to be proactive in reporting suspicious behavior or activity in our common areas to the police. Recently, a group of male juveniles harassed two women taking a walk in the area, resulting in the need to call in San Mateo Police. If ever in doubt, please contact the police non-emergency number at 650-522-7700 from any telephone, including cell phones. This may be quicker than dialing 911 since 911 calls are often routed to CHP due to our close proximity to Highway 92. Better safe than sorry.

# **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 provided in your paper copy newsletter).

# **TRASH RECEPTACLE REMINDER**

Please be reminded that trash and recycling cans and bins cannot be placed out for pickup earlier than the day before the scheduled pickup (CC&Rs Sec 5.08). For us, that means not prior to Sunday for our Monday pickups. To keep the neighborhood looking as good as possible, the Board requests that owners try to hold off on placing their bins at the curb until late afternoon on Sundays.

Also, please note this means that bins of any kind, particularly including yard waste bins, are not allowed to be stored in front yards where they are visible from the street, except as in accordance with the pickup cycle.

# **TENNIS COURT ACCESS**

If you'd like to access the tennis courts at Denali, you'll need to obtain a key. Keys are available for purchase at \$25 per key, payable by check only. Please contact PML to obtain a key.

# COMMITTEES

# Architecture

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

# Landscape

(Chair) Miles Dooher – imdooher@comcast.net Jack Albrecht – Nothometoday@earthlink.net If any member has any landscaping or sprinkler concerns, contact Sabrina at PML

# **Public Safety**

(Chair) Bob Kiss – publicsafety@sugarloafhoa.org

# YOUR BOARD of DIRECTORS

| #Bob Kiss          | President                            |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| #Jack Albrecht     | Vice-President                       |
| *Open              | Treasurer                            |
| *Rhoda Meade       | Secretary                            |
| #Miles Dooher      | At-Large                             |
| *Term ends at 2011 | election #Term ends at 2012 election |

# **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

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# NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 5:30 pm, at the office of PML Management.

Directions

- **From 92** 1 Take 92 East
  - 2. Exit Mariners Island Blvd.
  - 3. Take a right at the exit light, at Mariners Island Blvd.
  - 4. Keep straight until you reach Trader Lane (Approx. three (3) stop lights)
  - 5. PML Management is located at the **FIRST** driveway on the right hand side after you cross Trader Lane.

# **PML Management** 655 Mariners Island Blvd., #301 San Mateo, CA 94404

#### **Board Meeting Agenda:**

Call to Order Open Forum (5 min limit per topic) Agenda Approval / Calendar Review Approval of Previous Minutes Reports (Treasurer, Landscape, Architecture)

Unfinished Business: 2010 Election - Election of Board Members to Specific Offices for 2010 Term Visitor Parking Policy Follow-up Dues Aging Report Review and Selection of Collections Agency Sugarloaf Monument Repair Water Usage Monitoring Neighborhood Award Outcome

New Business:

Appointment of Replacement Director

Correspondence Review