# SUGARLOAF NEWS

The Newsletter of Sugarloaf Homeowners Association March 30, 2011

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thanks to those who voted in our annual election! We were able to complete the election at our last Board meeting held on March 1, and PML performed the election tallies. Before speaking to the specific election results, I'd like to take a moment to remind members to the importance of participating in our annual election process. Our Bylaws require that we conduct an election each year to ensure member input in selecting Board members. Additionally, the law requires that we have a membership voting majority each year to continue avoiding taxes on any revenues which we put into our reserve accounts. These actions on your part are essential for this Association to continue operating in the way that best meets our needs. For example, without the tax resolution passing, dues would likely need to be raised. This year, we had only 117 of 226 members cast their ballots, and about 10 of these were cast only after Board members had to canvass the neighborhood knocking on doors. We're all busy, but I don't think it is unreasonable to expect all members to take the few minutes required to complete the short ballot and return it (postage was pre-paid, as well). I hope that you would agree that it is unreasonable to expect the Board members to take their personal time to go door-to-door in order to ensure we obtain a quorum of voting members. In the future, taking those few minutes upon receipt of your election materials would be greatly appreciated.

## **Election Results:**

Voting for Two Open Board of Directors Positions – Emile Nurisso 111, Bob Bernicchi 110, Write-In 1 Tax Resolution Passed – 115 in favor, 2 opposed

# Outstanding Home Maintenance Award:

The second annual award for outstanding home maintenance in Sugarloaf goes to 1821 Parkwood Drive! This award is part of a program driven by the San Mateo United Homeowners Association each year, and the award will be formally announced at the San Mateo City Council meeting on April 4. Congratulations to Susan and Fred, the owners of 1821, for taking such pride in the appearance of their home!

Thanks once again for your support of our Association. Bob Kiss (<a href="mailto:President@sugarloafhoa.org">President@sugarloafhoa.org</a>)

# 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 its web site at: <a href="https://www.pmlmanagement.com">www.pmlmanagement.com</a>.

#### **ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE**

As mentioned previously, the policy to help govern the installation of solar power systems within our Association has now become an Operating Rule. Also, a reminder to anyone planning to replace the roof – you are required to submit an architectural project form for approval before beginning your project. This process serves several purposes – 1) informs your neighbors of the coming work, which may require access to their property and/or generate debris and noise 2) ensures that your roof color and material choice is consistent with the other units 3) allows the committee to maintain a database of roofing materials used throughout the development. Thanks for your cooperation.

#### **LANDSCAPE**

In addition to standard activities, the following work was done in March:

- Cleaned v-ditch drains behind Broadview.
- De Anza Cleaned/removed volunteer growth in common areas
- Removed trash in landscape along sidewalks.
- Cleared leaf debris in visitor's parking lots off De Anza.
- Spray new growth of volunteer Boom behind 1858 Parkwood slope.
- Install new plantings on slope at Parkwood circle and at rock on Parkwood Dr.
- Inspect and test backflow valves, and certify to City
- Inspect and test irrigation system.

As a reminder, please do not trim or cut any trees in the common areas. If you have a concern, call PML or talk to a Board member. We have a process to follow in these situations. Thanks for your cooperation. Finally, due to the need for extensive repairs, the Board is actively working to finalize plans to replace the existing Sugarloaf sign at the corner of De Anza and Parkwood. This will be discussed in some detail at the next Board meeting.

## **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 (shown in paper newsletter).

#### TRASH / RECYCLING - GROWING PAINS

Following the change in the trash/recycling pickup service, we have had several discussions with the pickup vehicle drivers regarding issues with the overall service. The drivers have respectfully requested that, a) loose paper, tissues, napkins, etc. be deposited in the containers in a bag to keep them from

scattering during the mechanical dumping of the container, b) attention be given to spacing the containers at least 2 feet apart to allow room for the mechanical claw to grasp each container, and c) avoid placing the containers in front of a mail box. This will result in a possible interruption of mail delivery since the containers will be returned to the same position, obstructing the mailbox.

Also, there are smaller containers available that may be easier to store out of sight, and you don't have to keep the green container (compost) if you have no use for it. Contact Recology San Mateo 650-595-3900 or <a href="mailto:carts@recology.com">carts@recology.com</a> to inquire.

The Association and Recology thank you for your cooperation.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Residents are requested to be proactive in reporting suspicious behavior or activity to the police. Sugarloaf is a somewhat vacant and inviting target during daytime hours. If ever in doubt, please contact the San Mateo police at 650-522-7700 from any telephone. Better safe than sorry. If calling, please make sure to get vehicle/people description, license plate, travel direction, etc.

#### **SEWER LATERALS UPDATE**

The city of San Mateo continues to work on changes to sewer lateral maintenance policy. We don't expect any changes to be approved by the City Council before May, but we do expect the changes will impact our residents who live on public streets (De Anza, Parkwood, Toyon). The City will likely change the municipal code to place more/all of the responsibility for repairing failed laterals under city streets onto the homeowner served by the lateral. We have been working with the Department of Public Works to push for city funding for needed repairs, and for city coordination and relief of the red tape & fees associated with repairs on city streets. Although residents cannot insure the sewer lateral running under the city or private street, they may insure the section of later running on their property between the street and their house. This insurance is offered through Cal Water, who recently sent information by mail. You can also call Home Emergency Insurance Solutions direct at 877-444-2465 for information. Each homeowner should make their own decision about insurance.

## **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 \$35 per key, payable by check only. Please contact PML to obtain a key.

### **EVENTS AROUND TOWN**

- Farmer's Market Every Wed and Sat 9am 1 pm. College of San Mateo (W. Hillsdale & CSM Drive Beethoven Parking Lot)
- Connect to College A Night of Information for High School Seniors and Parents - Thursday, April 14, 2011 6:00 - 8:30 pm.
  Free and open to the public in the CSM Theatre.
- CSM Celebrates Opening of New College Center!

To celebrate, CSM will host a ribbon cutting and open house on Thursday, April 14 at 2:30 pm. We are invited to attend. Following a brief program, the building will be open for self-guided tours, campus-based entertainment and refreshments.

Lecture: Hearing Aid Technology & Assisted Listening Devices
Monday, April 11 at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., San Mateo Senior
Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas. Meet Audiologist, Honey

Gholami, of Stanford University School of Medicine, who will discuss various types of hearing loss and treatments. Free! Call (650) 522-7490 to register.

• Lecture: New Natural Solutions to Eliminate Pain – Monday, April 25, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., San Mateo Senior Center. Join Dr. Tyler Tollstrup, of Tollstrup Chiropractic, for an interesting discussio about pain identification, causes, and the latest natural methods of treatment. Call 522-7490 to register.

## **COMMITTEES**

## **Architecture**

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

#### **Landscape**

(Chair) Miles Dooher & Jack Albrecht - landscapechair@sugarloafhoa.org

If any member has any landscaping or sprinkler concerns, contact Debbie at PML.

#### **Public Safety**

(Chair) Bob Kiss - publicsafety@sugarloafhoa.org

#### YOUR BOARD of DIRECTORS

#Bob Kiss	President
#Miles Dooher	Vice-President
#Jack Albrecht	Treasurer
*Emile Nurisso	Secretary
* Bob Bernicchi	At-Large

<sup>\*</sup>Term ends at 2013 election #Term ends at 2012 election

## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

PML Management Corporation

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E-mail: <u>debbie@pmlmanagement.com</u>

Life Threatening Emergencies: ...... 911

### **NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The next Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 26,** 5:30 pm at the office of PML Management.

# <u>Directions - From 92</u>

- 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 Mgmt is located at the **FIRST** driveway on the right hand side after you cross Trader Lane.

#### **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, Safety)

**Unfinished Business:** 

Sugarloaf Monument Repair/Replacement

Sewer Laterals Topic Update

Sidewalk Repair – Continue Strategy Development

New Business: none

Correspondence Review