# SUGARLOAF NEWS

The Newsletter of Sugarloaf Homeowners Association March 28, 2012

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

#### **Annual Election Process Results!**

Thanks to all our members who took the time to submit their annual ballots so that we could complete the election process. I can report that Jack Albrecht, Miles Dooher, and Bob Kiss were elected to the open Board of Director positions. Additionally, the tax resolution passed by a vote of 120 in favor and 2 against.

#### **Upcoming Changes and Important News:**

Tennis Court Lock Change – Please note that the tennis court lock will be changed on Monday, April 16. This is long overdue and represents best practices to periodically change the lock and reestablish appropriate control over key distribution. If you would like a new key, they will cost \$40. You can pick one up at PML after April 2, or at the courts on Saturday, April 14, between 10 am and 1pm (thanks to Jack Albrecht ☺). Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.

You will also see an enclosure describing the HOAs <u>proposed new policy to share in the costs of sewer lateral repairs</u> with all our owners. This policy is in response to the city of San Mateo's changes to the city code which shifts the cost burden for lateral repairs to homeowners. Our Board has determined that the HOA can manage a budget to provide partial funding for such repairs, in essence matching the city's contribution. Since this policy will become a new HOA "Rule", you have 30 days to comment to the Board in writing with any feedback. The Board will finalize the policy after reviewing your feedback.

Finally, the Board will soon meet with PML to provide feedback on PML's past year of performance. Please contact the Board if you have any feedback (positive or negative) to share with PML.

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,

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 Board voted at its last meeting to recognize 1645 Sugarloaf Drive as our 2012 example of outstanding home exterior maintenance! Congratulations to that property owner on their great work in helping to keep up property values. The city of San Mateo will recognize this property, along with numerous others, at its City Council meeting on Monday, April 4.

Reminder: Allowable Times for Construction in San Mateo
Please be sure you and your contractor follow the city's mandated hours of construction (SMMC 23.06.060) -

7 am to 7 pm Monday to Friday; 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday; and 12 noon to 4 pm on Sunday.

#### **LANDSCAPE**

In addition to standard activities, the following work was or will be performed in March / April:

- Removal of trash along Parkwood Dr
- Removal of heavy leaf debris and twigs behind homes on on Parkwood slope along Highway 92.
- Leaf blew all sidewalks and raked drains along De Anza
- Lowered height of ivy to stimulate new greener growth at the Sugarloaf sign (Parkwood/De Anza)
- Removal of leaves in common areas along Toyon Ct
- Per Cal Water request, will be installing a new backflow preventer valve on lower De Anza.

Due to the (finally!) spring rains, we have not turned on the irrigation yet. The committee will monitor and turn on when needed. When we do turn on the irrigation system, please be on the lookout for pipe breaks and or leaks (as in past years upon system startup) and report them to PML ASAP. Thank you.

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.

# TRASH / RECYCLING - PLEASE FOLLOW CC&Rs & CITY LAWS

Please remember that, per CC&Rs Section 5.08 (and per SM City Code!), your trash and recycling bins need to be kept out of sight, except on pickup day or the day prior. They may not be stored anywhere in sight from a street, neighboring lot, or common area. The property manager will soon be issuing formal complaints to the city's Code Enforcement division to address chronic eyesores. Let's all help keep the neighborhood looking nice.

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 carts@recology.com to inquire.

#### **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 paper newsletter).

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

"See Something / Say Something" – Please keep an eye out for behaviors that don't make sense, and call the police as necessary. Better safe than sorry.

A burglary occurred recently in Sugarloaf where someone broke into a house during daylight hours when the owner was home. Thankfully, the owner was not harmed, and the intruder was scared off. San Mateo PD is investigating that break-in.

#### **TENNIS COURT ACCESS - IMPORTANT CHANGE**

As mentioned previously, the lock will be changed 4/16, and we will need to purchase new keys from PML for access (if interested). See the separate enclosure for details.

#### **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). For info: http://www.pcfma.com/market\_home.php?market\_id=15.
- The Sky Tonight Planetarium Show This popular show takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month in the CSM Planetarium. There are two shows, 7:30 and 8:20 pm and <u>admission is free!</u> (first come-first serve). For more information, visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/astronomy/index.asp.
- Students in CSM's Volunteer Income Tax Preparation Class provide free tax preparation support - Saturdays, through Mar. 31, 9 am-1 pm, Bldg. 14, Room 104. For more information: VITA@smccd.edu or (650)378-7323.
- "Antique and Collectible Faire" Beginning in February, CSM will be the site of this monthly event the third Sunday of every month, 8am 3pm in the Beethoven Parking Lot 2, (A, B & C).
- For more information about College of San Mateo events, visit www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events/.
- For Safe Disposal of Old CFLs or fluorescent lights, drop at Wisnom's at 545 1st Avenue, or Home Depot at Bridgepoint.

# **COMMITTEES**

## <u>Architecture</u>

(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 2014 election

#### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

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

The next Meeting will be held on **Monday, April 16, 5:30pm,** 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>

Sewer Laterals Repair – Continue Development of HOA Policy in Response to Changes in City Policy Sidewalk Repair – Progress Report

Hillside Drainage Topic, Continue Strategic Discussion Denali Tennis Courts Access – New Lock/Keys Status

7. New Business:

**Election of Board Officer Positions** 

PML Contract Renewal

Schedule PML Annual Performance Review

8. Correspondence Review