SUGARLOAF NEWS

The Newsletter of Sugarloaf Homeowners Association January 11, 2012

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year to all Sugarloaf HOA Members!

January marks our annual meeting of association members, which we hope you will attend. You are receiving materials which provide the agenda and other information for the meeting on Tuesday, January 24, at 7pm at the San Mateo Seniors Center. Please note there will be a door prize at the meeting of a \$100 gift certificate to a local restaurant!

We'll have a guest speaker at the annual meeting – Sheri Costa-Batis and Susanna Chan of the Department of Public Works. Sheri will explain the city's new policy on sewer lateral repairs. This new policy has financial implications for all our homeowners, but also brings opportunities for us to leverage new services that the city will provide if we proactively move to inspect and identify any needed repairs. As previously mentioned, the Board is working on an association program to help with this new financial burden. You can find the DPW Report and program information at: http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/DocumentView.aspx?DID=9414.

We will also discuss the Board's ongoing work to evaluate the need for drainage improvements on our hillsides into the common areas. The combination of this effort, plus the sewer lateral financial impact, constitutes two elements behind the need to raise association dues this year by 7.8% to \$675/year.

The annual meeting is when we begin the Board of Directors election process. The candidates will be reviewed, and additional candidates will have the opportunity to be nominated from the floor. At the conclusion of the annual meeting, the election ballots will be finalized and mailed to all association members. Ballots will need to be returned by end of February.

As a reminder, annual dues must be received at PML by no later than February 15 to avoid late fees and interest. Please contact PML if you did not receive your annual dues statement.

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

Thanks to homeowners for the lovely holiday lighting and decorations displayed throughout the development! Please be sure to remove holiday lighting and related exterior decorations no later than February 15.

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;

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 performed in November and December:

- Paid special attention to removal of trash and debris along Parkwood (lovers' lane area) every week
- Removed wasp nest near ivy on lower De Anza
- Spot sprayed for weeds in common areas along De Anza and Parkwood
- Raked out leaves under hedges at Toyon common areas
- Cleared surface drains in common areas after high winds
- Obtained estimates to repair sidewalks in front of common areas
- Removed a dead deer from Parkwood common space

The irrigation systems are now turned off for winter. Please contact PML if you believe there is an issue.

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. 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 paper copy of your 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.

The Board has been obtaining quotations to repair sidewalks along common areas soon. Please note that homeowners are responsible (per CA law) for the condition of sidewalks bordering their property. On a related note, an owner recently suffered a serious ankle injury slipping on sidewalk ice (yes, ice!) on a cold morning after sprinklers had run in the early morning. Please consider running sprinklers later in the mornings or early afternoon to reduce the likelihood of ice formation.

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 / 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 2nd 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.
- CSM's Spring Semester Begins January 17, 2012 Registration until 1/16/12. Visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/schedule.
- CSM will offer Landmarks of Civil Rights taught by Minnijean Brown-Trickey, one of the "Little Rock Nine." This semesterlength class provides a fascinating in-depth retrospective of the US civil rights movement from an instructor who is one of the best primary resources available today. The course runs January 17 May 21.
- Students in CSM's Volunteer Income Tax Preparation Class provide free tax preparation support - Saturdays, Feb. 4 - Mar. 31 (except for 2/18), 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 events, visit www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events/.
- Lecture: Laughter for Health Laughter Yoga is simple to learn, free to practice, requires no special equipment, and is easy to carry around. Meet Monina Maclang-Carlos, Director of Laughter Yoga, Care Resource, who will enlighten us about the numerous health benefits of therapeutic laughter. Mon., January 23rd, 10:00 11:00 am, San Mateo Senior Center,

2645 Alameda de las Pulgas. Call (650) 522-7490 to register.

 For Safe Disposal of Old CFLs or fluorescent lights, drop at Wisnom's at 545 1st Avenue, or Home Depot at Bridgepoint.

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

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Life Threatening Emergencies:.....911

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, **January 24**, immediately after the annual meeting at the San Mateo Seniors Center.

Directions - From 92 Eastbound

- 1. Exit Alameda de las Pulgas South
- Seniors Center is on the left hand side of the road near the Beresford center areas. Parking is in the rear of the property.

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. Unfinished Business:

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

Sidewalk Repair – Select vendor

Hillside Drainage Topic, Continue Strategic Discussion

7. New Business:

Denali Tennis Courts Access - Discuss Key Mgmt

- 8. Correspondence Review
- 9. Executive Session (if necessary)

^{*}Term ends at 2013 election #Term ends at 2012 election