The Newsletter of Sugarloaf Homeowners Association August 21, 2013

SUGARLOAF NEWS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

National Night Out Another Sugarloaf Success! – This year's 2nd annual National Night Out block party was a huge success, with nearly 40 people making it out to meet and greet neighbors and show our support for this national effort. The gathering was at the "circle" at the corner of Broadview Ct and Parkwood. Many thanks to Leslie Ma for coordinating the effort, to the San Mateo Police Department for making two visits, and to all those who brought the tasty eats (including homemade crab cake sliders, pulled pork sandwiches, and Amici's pizza!).

Firebreak Project – The large tree trimming effort that we conduct every 5 years or so has been ongoing the last several weeks. Please note that the work crew may ask a homeowner to allow access through their yard to get behind the house, instead of going way around (mostly on Parkwood and Toyon). It would be a great help if homeowners can cooperate to simplify the work. The crew will be very careful and clean up any debris. Thanks for your cooperation on this important safety project! More info is in the *Landscape* report.

Important Public Safety Announcement — Please take note of the important information discussed under *Public Safety* regarding the requirement for residents to maintain control over their dogs at all times. We've all heard the tragic stories that have occurred when a loose dog has attacked a child. We're highlighting this topic this month, and we are requesting that all dog owners understand their responsibilities and act accordingly.

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

Annual Exterior Audit – Per CC&Rs Article 4.02(b), audit finding letters were sent to affected owners this week, seeking remediation where appropriate. Thank you in advance for your

cooperation in this regard. Contact PML if you have a question about the reported audit finding. The committee seeks to be reasonable, but is acting in the best interests of property values.

LANDSCAPE

In addition to standard activities, the following work was or will be performed in common / easement areas during August/Sept:

- The Defensible Fire Space large tree trimming project is progressing according to schedule, and should be completed by the end of August. Homeowners are reminded that they must maintain the appropriate defensible fire space on their property. When the SMFD inspectors check the common area work, they will also look at homeowner's yards. Don't get cited! The July newsletter contained details and references to understand what is required.
- Replaced an irrigation value on lower De Anza
- Reprogrammed irrigation clocks on Parkwood and De Anza per power failure
- Weeding and twig removal on common/easement areas on De Anza
- Inspected all irrigation systems for faults

Heads up! Early signs indicate that we may experience another **Oak Moth infestation** in September and or October.

We request that homeowners trim their bushes and trees that hang over the sidewalks, so walkers don't have to avoid them.

Finally, please do not trim/cut any trees in common areas. Branches from common area trees that overhang a homeowner's yard are not trimmed by the HOA unless they present a fire hazard. If you want to trim for view (at your cost), or have a concern, call PML or talk to a Board member. We have a process to follow. The first step is for you to identify the work you would like done. The HOA has a list of approved arborists/firms that can perform work on HOA trees. You would submit a quotation from one of these approved firms to the HOA for board approval before any work is performed. 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.

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 is provided in your paper copy 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. There was a car break-in recently on Parkwood. Use 650-522-7700 for non-emergencies.

Dog Safety - It has come to the Board's attention that some families with small children are concerned for their safety while out walking and being approached by pet owners with medium to large dog(s). Please be aware of these concerns and demonstrate extra control over your pet(s) or simply use the other side of street when passing to avoid close contact. Your sensitivity and consideration in these scenarios is greatly appreciated by the community. Additionally, pet owners are reminded of their obligations as stated in CC&R Section 5.07, particularly paragraph (a) requiring that animals be under control at all times.

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).
- The Sky Tonight Planetarium Show This popular show takes place on the 2nd Friday of the month in the CSM Planetarium (Bldg 36). There are two shows, 7:30 and 8:20 pm, and admission is free! (first come-first serve). For more information, visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/astronomy/planetarium.
- **CSM Interesting Offerings** Call 650-574-6149 or go online to http://CommunityEd.smccd.edu for more info on:
 - Graceful Hawaiian Hula (starts 8/24)
 - Spanish for Beginners (starts 8/29)
 - Chinese Brush Painting (starts 9/3)
 - Country Line Dance for Beginners (starts 9/5)
 - Oil Painting for Beginners (starts 9/7)
 - Conversational German for Beginners (starts 9/9)
 - Fast, Fun French (starts 9/21)
- First CSM Bulldogs **football** game Fri 9/6 vs. Laney, 7:00 pm.
- Notify Me! The City of San Mateo makes it easy to stay up-todate on what's happening in city governance and in the community. Visit www.cityofsanmateo.org/notifyme to sign up for email notifications from various city offices!
- City Newsletter tons of information about city programs and summer events can be found at:
 - www.cityofsanmateo.org/DocumentView.aspx?DID=10758.
- San Mateo County Newsletter tons of information about county programs and events can be found at: http://sanmateocountynews.wordpress.com.
- For Safe Disposal of Old CFLs or fluorescent lights, drop at the recycling center in Belmont on the bay side of 101 between Ralston & Holly.
- Rebuilding Together Peninsula nonprofit that provides free home repair services to low-income homeowners - including seniors, families, and people with disabilities. For more info: 650.366.6597 x226, www.RebuildingTogetherPeninsula.org.

Looking for a **family-friendly scenic hike** in our backyard? Take the new steps on the trail to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain. The hike begins in Laurelwood Park around the corner from the picnic tables. The round trip loop is about 1.5 miles. Begin with a climb up the recently completed 46 steps. Then, follow the dirt trail as

you ascend the final portion of the 320 feet in elevation to enjoy a panoramic view of the mid-peninsula. Info from an article by Joy Fry – find more at http://www.trailcenter.com.

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

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*Term ends at 2015 election #Term ends at 2014 election

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

PML Management Corporation

San Mateo Police (Non-Emergency)......(650) 522-7700

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 27, 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. Unfinished Business:

Hillside Drainage Project Topic

SM Sewer Lateral Program Change – Sugarloaf Response Review Draft Policy for Driveway Paver Stones

7. New Business:

Initial 2014 Budget / Reserve Study Planning

- 8. Correspondence Review
- 9. Executive Session