# SUGARLOAF NEWS

The Newsletter of Sugarloaf Homeowners Association May 22, 2013

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Summer is just around the corner! That means, amongst other things, our annual firebreak program is kicking into gear. Each year, the association must comply with California state fire laws which require proper maintenance of brush and trees in the vicinity of homes. As a homeowner, you should be receiving a letter in the next month or so from the Fire Marshal reminding you of your obligations on your property. The HOA's annual program includes clearing of brush on our common spaces to meet state fire code requirements. We expect this brush clearing to take place in June, so please do not be alarmed if you see Cozzolino crews working on the hillsides clearing brush. About every five years, we also perform firebreak work related to trees in the common areas. We fully budget for this work through our Reserve Funding account. This year, we are likely to also perform this large tree pruning effort in all our common spaces around the HOA, except the Cherrywood canyon area (which is targeted for 2014). Our Landscape Committee, led by Miles Dooher, is in the process of hiring a contractor for this large tree work, and also negotiating with the city of San Mateo to ensure a smooth project in areas that border city property. I want to thank Miles and the committee for the work done so far and for their ongoing efforts to ensure fire safety in and around our association. Please don't hesitate to contact the Board or PML if you have any guestions about our ongoing firebreak activities. <u>Please also see</u>: www.fire.ca.gov/communications/downloads/fact sheets/defens iblespaceflyer.pdf for details from the state.

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** – The committee recently completed the annual exterior audit, per CC&Rs Article 4.02(b), looking for homes that are in need of landscaping work, painting work, or

other exterior attention to help in keeping property values as high as possible in Sugarloaf. Owners whose home has an issue will be notified in writing by PML in the coming weeks, with specific timelines required for remediation. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this regard.

# **LANDSCAPE**

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

- Removal of trash in common/easement areas.
- Weed eating on Douglas and Westwood Court common areas for grasses and volunteer growth.
- Removal of dead/dying branches in common areas along lower De Anza sidewalks.
- Trimmed junipers on Parkwood Drive.
- The annual brush clearing (weed abatement) in the common areas for firebreak purposes will likely occur in June.

Tip from Cal Water – your landscaping will probably do fine with a 3-minute watering cycle 2 or 3 times per week.

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 was 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. Use 650-522-7700 for non-emergencies.

**Doggie Doo** – Please remember that dog owners are responsible to pick up after their dogs and dispose the waste. If you see someone who is not picking up after their dog, and you are comfortable doing so, please remind them of their responsibility.

**Car Speed** – Please abide by the 25 mph speed limit on residential streets, and remind your visitors to do so as well!

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month in the CSM Planetarium (Bldg 36). There are two shows, 7:30 and 8:30 pm, and admission is free! (first come-first serve). For more information, visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/astronomy/planetarium.
- CSM Summer and Fall Sessions Summer session begins June 17, Fall begins Aug 19. Registration is open at collegeofsanmateo.edu/schedule.
- Great jazz returns to CSM on Saturday, June 1, 2013 when KCSM and the college host Jazz on the Hill as part of the college's 50th anniversary of the College Heights campus. This free event is open to the community and will include a college open house. The concert runs from 10 am 6 pm; the open house takes place from 11am 2pm. For the performance schedule and more info visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar.
- San Mateo County Fair June 8 16, for more info, see www.sanmateocountyfair.com.
- **Central Park Music Series** Free music in Central Park every Thursday evening June 20 to Aug 8, 6-8pm. *Native Elements* on 6/20; *Mustache Harbor* on 6/27.
- **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.

#### **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

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\*Bob Kozak At-Large

# **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

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

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

The next Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 23, 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 Visitor Parking Rules

New Owner Welcome Letter Revisions

Annual Firebreak Project Update

- 7. New Business: None
- 8. Correspondence Review
- 9. Executive Session

<sup>\*</sup>Term ends at 2015 election #Term ends at 2014 election