SUGARLOAF NEWS

The Newsletter of Sugarloaf Homeowners Association September 18, 2013

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

<u>Firebreak Project</u> – The large tree trimming Firebreak effort that we conduct every 5 years or so has been completed! Thanks for your cooperation on this important safety project, and thanks to Landscape Chair Miles Dooher for coordinating the project!!

<u>Important Public Safety Announcements – SLOW DOWN!</u>

Certain areas, such as Parkwood Drive and De Anza Blvd, seem to attract drivers exceeding the speed limit (25 mph). We were reminded of this last Thursday (9/12) around 4:40 pm when a car heading uphill on Parkwood Drive (near 1801) hit and killed a dog belonging to a Denali homeowner. Unfortunately, the driver did not stop. A police report has been filed. This unfortunate dog fatality reminds us of the concerns of speeding through our development. PLEASE...do your part to keep Sugarloaf safe by obeying the speed limit. And, if you have any information about the dog fatality, please contact the San Mateo Police Dept.

<u>Dog Safety</u> – As a follow-up to last month's note, the Board has taken a few steps to address concerns about dogs being appropriately controlled within the development. First, the Board has followed up on the newsletter note by holding discussions with a few owners of "large" dogs where specific concerns had been voiced. We made sure dog owners have full awareness of the CC&Rs Section 5.07 on Animals and their responsibilities as dog owners. The Board is also working with the Peninsula Humane Society to understand what resources they can provide in helping to ensure public safety.

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

Painting Reminder – If you're planning to re-paint, you need to submit an architectural project form, even if you plan to re-paint in your current colors. Why? 1) ensure neighbors are informed of

the project, which could impact their property (access, debris) & 2) ensure you are painting in the correct and approved colors. The committee has all the samples and information to help you properly identify the right colors. Paint companies have recently reformulated due to environmental law changes, so it is even more important to check with the committee before painting!

LANDSCAPE

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

- The Defensible Fire Space large tree trimming project was completed and approved by SMFD inspectors
- Replaced irrigation solenoids on valves on Parkwood
- Reprogrammed irrigation clocks at monument sign
- Replaced broken sprinklers from Defensible Fire Space work
- Cleared drains for the coming rainy season.

<u>Doggie Doo</u> - It has come to the Board's attentions that pets, while leashed, are still allowed to roam onto other homeowners' property to explore and do their business. The result is damage to lawns / yards. To avoid fees for property repairs, please keep pets on sidewalks until appropriate areas are reached.

<u>Oak Moth infestation</u> - The caterpillars, that will become moths, are now infesting our Oak trees in great numbers, leading to severe defoliation. Hard hit are the Cork Oaks on Parkwood and Broadview. We have consulted with three different arborists. They all agree - the trees are likely to survive from this heavy infestation, and it occurs approximately every 8-10 years. We are following arborist advice in terms of recommended fertilization.

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 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 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.

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 www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events
- President's Forum for Academic Excellence: Pathways for Student Success - Dr. Daniel E. Walker, Tue Sep 24, 11am - 1 pm, CSM Theater Bldg 3. Dr. Walker is Professor of History at El Camino College in the Los Angeles area, a Research Associate at USC's Center for Religion and Civic Culture, and the President and CEO of Perfect Works. In a partnership with Dr. Shawn Ginwright, Dr. Walker founded Leadership Excellence, a nonprofit organization that utilized college students to teach leadership and academic skills to inner-city youth at age 19.
- Family Science & Astronomy Festival Sat Oct 12, 2-11pm, CSM Science Bldg 36 & Theater Bldg 3. Features Planetarium shows, science & hands-on demos, Keynote Speech by Dr. Chris McKay, Research Scientist at NASA Ames. For more info: www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events/index.php?com =detail&eID=11366&year=2013&month=10
- 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, fluorescent lights, computers/electronics, 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 -

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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

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

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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**, **September 24**, **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>

Hillside Drainage Project Topic

SM Sewer Lateral Program Change – Sugarloaf Response Review Draft Policy for Driveway Paver Stones 2014 Budget / Reserve Study Review

7. New Business:

Review/Approval of Updated Collection Policy

- 8. Correspondence Review
- 9. Executive Session