

SUGARLOAF NEWS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Water Follow-Up - As stated last month, this past year's great weather has further stressed our water reserves. You should have received notice from Cal Water that the State Water Resources Control Board has identified prohibited water uses in response. Please consider doing all you can to conserve. For information on the prohibited water uses, see www.calwater.com/drought. For information on water conservation, see www.calwater.com/conservation.

Being a Good Neighbor – When we behave as good neighbors, the entire neighborhood benefits. This month, I'd like to encourage everyone to think about how they can do something to be a better neighbor. For example, working and collaborating with neighbors to repair or upgrade tired mailbox installations. While this is an example of a voluntary collaborative effort, I also want to bring to your attention a new law in 2014 that *requires* good neighborly behavior when it comes to common fences. As described in more detail in the Architecture section, AB1404 California Civil Code § 841 ("The Good Neighbor Fence Act of 2013") became law in January 2014, and requires neighbors to share in the cost of common fences.

Thanks once again for your support of our association.

Bob Kiss, HOA President (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

AB1404 California Civil Code § 841 ("The Good Neighbor Fence Act of 2013") – Our homes are now 30+ years old and fences separating adjoining properties are being repaired/replaced with increasing frequency. Sharing the cost of fence work is no longer an informal neighbor-to-neighbor arrangement, but a clear legal requirement. This law went into effect Jan 2014. For info: http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml;jsessionid=e97fde68cc00c339a9656ff8108f?bill_id=201320140AB1404.

LANDSCAPE

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

- Landscape work near 3400 Chris Lane - Took out bushes that were blocking view of oncoming cars on De Anza
- Tree trimming and removal of dead trees in common area between Cheryl Court and Chris Lane.
- Reprogram sprinkler times on lower De Anza due to power outage
- Spreading wood chips in areas on lower De Anza, when chips are available
- Phase 2 of our large tree trimming program is completed
- Start inspecting and clearing drains for expected (hopefully) wet winter
- Traffic barrier repair work on-going where necessary at the ends of the private lanes along De Anza

This is a gentle reminder to homeowners on the private lanes off De Anza – your mailboxes should not be placed on the traffic barriers or otherwise on HOA property. Any such boxes should be relocated to a typical post on homeowner property, as done for other homes.

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 found in your personal copy of newsletter).

PUBLIC SAFETY

Curbside House Numbering – Your curbside house number should have been repainted recently. Please note that this is a periodic activity funded through our Reserve Funds every few years. You will not be expected to pay for this repainting when it occurs.

“See Something / Say Something” – As always, 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?

• Looking for a local Fall hike?

The El Corte de Madera Creek Open Space is an excellent choice with 36 miles of trails and 2,817 acres. A map is available on the Mid-Peninsula Open Space web site. Take the Tafoni Trail near the entrance of Skeggs Point for a viewing of the rare Tafoni sandstone formation which is 50 feet high. The large sandstone boulders have naturally eroded to create small, shallow caves in the rock, as well as designs resembling a stone honeycomb.

Enjoy the Redwood, Douglas fir, and Madrone trees on the Fir and Resolution Trails and check out the Methuselah Redwood tree which is a first-growth tree, has a 14 foot diameter, and is estimated to be over 1,800 years old.

The area was logged beginning in the 1860s, and 8 different mills along the creek banks were used in the preserve to log the redwoods for the next 50 years. The old logging roads provide numerous trail options. The preserve begins just 8.5 miles south of the intersection of 92 and Skyline Boulevard with parking at Skeggs Point.

By Joy Fry

- **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 (next one Oct 10) 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 info, visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/astronomy/planetarium.
- **Jazz Under the Stars** – Observatory Star Party on Sat, Aug 30, 8-10 pm – www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/astronomy/jazz.asp.
- **Community Education** - Hundreds of short classes for you! More info at www.communityed.smccd.edu or 650-574-6149.
- **Notify Me!** – The City of San Mateo makes it easy to stay up-to-date 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>.

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
*Bob Kozak	Vice-President
#Jack Albrecht	Treasurer
*Emile Nurisso	Secretary
#Miles Dooher	At-Large

*Term ends at 2015 election #Term ends at 2016 election

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

PML Management Corporation

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Life Threatening Emergencies:911

Other Emergencies:..... (650) 349-9113

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

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 23**, at 5:30 pm 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:
 - HOA Document Storage Review
 - Private Lane Barriers Maintenance Project
 - House Curb Numbering Project Review
 - 2015 Draft Budget / Reserves Review
7. New Business:
 - None
8. Correspondence Review
9. Executive Session