The Newsletter of Sugarloaf Homeowners Association Oct 21, 2015

# SUGARLOAF NEWS

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

You can fight City Hall and win! You may recall in last month's newsletter and through other communications, our HOA members spoke out against a plan to add a trail in the Laurelwood Park area that would have encouraged hiking and biking in areas very near the back of many of our homes along the park and canyon areas. We effectively rose up to appeal this Parks & Recreation Department project to the City Council, and we were successful in our appeal! Thanks to everyone who attended the Council meeting and applied community pressure!! See more information under *Public Safety*.

De Anza / Parkwood Stop Sign Update — As mentioned last month, the Department of Public Works (DPW) recently indicated that they do not support installation of a 4-way stop sign at this intersection in response to the petition that many of you supported to improve traffic visibility and reduce speed heading down De Anza. Instead, the DPW recommended further red curbing along De Anza to increase visibility. Board members met with DPW and SMPD to discuss this topic further. DPW and SMPD are steadfast opposed to the proposed stop sign, but will support the elimination of the parking spaces that result in blocked visibility when making the turn from Parkwood. The Board will review this topic further at our next meeting on Tue Oct 27 and decide whether to accept the DPW proposal or continue the appeals process. Please come to the meeting if you'd like to contribute to the discussion!

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**

All exterior architectural changes require approval by the architectural control committee, as per our CC&Rs. This includes re-painting, re-roofing, new garage doors, fences, windows,

driveways, adding skylights or solar panels, etc. Also, if you intend to install a **satellite dish or antenna** that will be visible from the outside of the residence, please contact the committee to discuss placement (see Article 6.03). Please visit our website for lots of useful information and the project form you'll need to submit.

## **LANDSCAPE**

In addition to standard activities (e.g., litter removal and routine shrub maintenance), the following work was or will be performed in common / easement areas during Oct/Nov:

- The concrete swale behind Sugarloaf Drive is scheduled to be repaired, improving water management (with coming rains).
- The traffic barrier at the end of Chris Lane has been replaced
- Mailboxes on Westwood Ct were removed from that traffic barrier, allowing us to perform repairs. Thanks to homeowners who have responded to the Board's instruction to remove personal mail boxes from the associations traffic barriers on the lanes off De Anza.

We remind homeowners of their responsibility to keep front landscape in good appearance. A brown lawn is acceptable; weeds are not. Trees also need to be trimmed. When doing yard work near common area, be aware of our irrigation pipes. If in doubt, ask for help! Otherwise, you are responsible for damage.

Please note the CalWater requirements for outdoor irrigation. See <a href="www.calwater.com">www.calwater.com</a> or your bill. Even addresses Tue/Fri, Odd addresses Mon/Thur, always before 8am or after 6pm.

**Leaf Blower Courtesy:** Please note that city code restricts leaf blowing to 8am-5pm on Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm on Sat (no leaf blowing on Sundays!). Please have your crews respect the law.

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, 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. Bins 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, please recall that city code also requires picking up after dogs. Please be considerate of others' (including common space) property.

## **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 your copy).

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

"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. We know of a car break-in on Broadview and some suspicious late-night activity on Parkwood that resulted in police action, so please be aware.

The action of your Board and our HOA members (more than 30 in all!) led to the City Council agreeing that Trail 11 should be dropped from the Laurelwood Park trails plan!! This was a victory for privacy and safety in the canyons bordering many of our homes along De Anza, Toyon, and Parkwood. You can fight City Hall and win!! This outstanding outcome was reported in the San Mateo County Times on Oct 6!

# **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 (next one Nov 13) in the CSM Planetarium (Bldg 36). There are two shows, 7:30 and 8:20 pm, and <u>admission is free!</u> (first come, first serve). For more info, visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/astronomy/planetarium.asp.
- CSM Football vs De Anza College Sat Oct 24, 1pm kickoff at College Heights Stadium.
- Dental X-Rays (Full Mouth Set) at CSM Every Monday, Oct 25
   Dec 7, 9:30 am 3:30 pm. Call 650-574-6313 to schedule.
- International Choral Festival Music The Universal Language. Sunday, Nov 1, 4:00 pm. CSM Theater FREE!
- 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** Information about city programs and events: 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.
- (New) San Mateo County/Silicon Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau. Lots of great Info! – check it out at www.smccvb.com.

# PERIODIC HIKING / OUTDOOR TIP

Local Hike Provides Ocean View: Take in the turquoise water and breaking waves on the bluffs of Mori Point in Pacifica. Graded trails provide a three-mile loop with benches at the bottom to enjoy the view and invigorating ocean breeze. The sandstone bluffs can be hiked to reach the summit, a wonderful spot to sit and watch birds. The spring offers wildflower viewing. This park has 32 acres of open space and, since it's owned by the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, dogs on leash are allowed. Parking available on Mori Point Road or Bradford Way. - By Joy Fry.

# **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 common area 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

<sup>\*</sup>Term ends at 2017 election #Term ends at 2016 election

## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

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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, October 27,** 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. <u>Unfinished Business:</u>

Finalize Fine Policy for Member 30-Day Review Approve Reserve Plan & 2016 Budget De Anza / Parkwood Stop Sign Petition Status Laurelwood Trails City Council Mtg Update

- 7. New Business:
  - Annual meeting initial planning/mtg packet
- 8. Correspondence Review
- 9. Executive Session