SUGARLOAF NEWS

The Newsletter of Sugarloaf Homeowners Association April 19, 2017

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Annual Election Process—It is very disheartening that nearly half of our 226 homeowners did not bother to return their annual ballots this year. As a result, the ballot process came perilously close to not being completed in a timely manner; a quorum shortfall would have forced the board to invoke Section 4 of the Association's By-Laws. This situation would have seriously (and unnecessarily) hampered and delayed the board's ability to properly carry out its responsibilities.

The Association's Board of Directors is comprised of five homeowners who are nominated and elected by the membership annually on a staggered basis and serve for two years. All board members are unpaid volunteers who willingly give of their time and talents for the betterment of the Sugarloaf community. In addition, the board employs and supervises a property management company (PML) to manage day-to-day matters and specialty contractors to handle such things as landscaping, financial audit, legal affairs, etc. This coordinated effort makes Sugarloaf an enjoyable place to live and makes home ownership here an attractive financial investment. Your board is trying hard to keep it this way.

Going forward ... I am hopeful that those of you who did not return your ballots this year will, at the very least, recognize the problems it can cause and then resolve to act more responsibly next year when you are, once again, asked to fill out and return the annual ballot. In the meantime, if you would like to better understand how our Association really works, you are most welcome to contact any board member about concerns you have and /or attend our open board meetings that are announced in the Newsletter and on our website (www.sugarloafhoa.org).

Lastly, I, and my fellow board members, am honored to be entrusted with Association leadership responsibilities by those of you who did return your ballots. Please rest assured that we will continue to do our best on behalf of all homeowners.

On to the election outcomes - I can report to you that the two Board positions will be filled by Emile Nurisso (98 votes) and Mitra Sadeghi (65 votes), with Tom Werbe running a close third (54 votes). Thanks to all our candidates, and thanks to Bob Kozak, who leaves the Board after having made helpful contributions. The Tax Resolution passed. The Rental Restrictions Amendment received 60% in favor and 40% opposed. However, the total number of votes cast fell far short of the number required to amend the CC&Rs, so the amendment is not approved. The Board will be discussing potential next steps on this topic.

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 (email okay) 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

The **Annual Home Exterior Audit** will take place in early June this year, focused primarily on reviewing paint & roofing conditions, architectural damage (e.g. broken fences), landscaping condition, and other eye sores. This is about preserving property values in our community. Issues will be communicated to owners, with timelines for corrective action. Your cooperation is appreciated.

LANDSCAPE

Trees - Landscape crew will be removing two small dead trees, one on Parkwood and one on De Anza. Other than that, the trees in the common/easement areas have survived the winter fairly well. That said, there have been many broken branches due to the heavy wind storms we experienced, keeping our crew busy!

Weeds! - There are still homeowners (including rental units) that are letting weeds grow out of control in their front yards. Each receives a violation letter and, if they do not take action, will be fined. It is not fair to a neighborhood to have a few ruin its appearance. Please do better or face the consequences!

Irrigation - Our system is old and, although we have replaced controllers, sprinkler heads, and even backflow valves, we still suffer breakdowns. Each spring, when the system is turned on, we run the risk of a break. In early April, an irrigation water pipe on De Anza burst one evening. Fortunately, a homeowner called the emergency number at PML (650-349-9113), and the pipe was repaired that night. Thanks homeowner for due diligence!! The Board will discuss this subject at its next meeting.

Cal Water – There was a domestic water problem on Sugarloaf Drive, and the repair job by a Cal Water subcontractor was unsatisfactory. The patch job was crude and there were rust marks left. Cal Water was contact, and the job will be corrected!

Finally, please do not trim/cut trees in common areas without approval. Common area trees that overhang a homeowner's yard are trimmed by the HOA only if a fire hazard. Thanks!

TRASH / RECYCLING - PLEASE FOLLOW CC&Rs & CITY LAWS

Please remember, per CC&Rs Section 5.08 (and per SM City Code!), 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. This is an example of non-compliance subject to fines. Let's all help keep the neighborhood looking nice.

VISITOR PARKING - PLEASE FOLLOW CC&Rs

We have been experiencing more complaints of homeowners and renters using the visitor parking spaces as their own private parking. Since there is not room for street parking on the private streets, there are specific areas for visitor parking, whether it is a visitor from out of town or people visiting a home to provide service (landscape, handy work, cleaning). These spaces must be kept available for visitors, per CC&Rs Sec 5.04(a), subject to fine.

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

<u>"See Something / Say Something"</u> – Please keep an eye out for behaviors that don't make sense; 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 (next one May 12) in the CSM Planetarium (Bldg 36). There are two shows, 7:30 and 8:30 pm, and <u>admission is free!</u> (first come, first serve) www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/astronomy/planetarium.asp.
- Breaking Through the Wall: Dance Revolution Fri May 05, 1:30 & 7pm, CSM Theater Bldg 3. Get ready for CSM's Spring Dance Concert! Entertaining productions from CSM's Dance Performing & Production class, Dance Technique class, Mills College, Maligrad Dance Company, and more. \$10 pre-sale, \$15 at the door. Tix available online through May 4 at: www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/dance.
- CSM Asian Pacific American Film Festival (8th Annual) Sat. April 29, 1pm and 6:30pm, CSM Bldg 3.

Afternoon Program, 1 pm:

- Painted Nails by Dianne Griffin & Erica Jordan
- Creased by Jade Justad

Evening Program, 6:30 pm:

- Robam Choun Por, Live performance by Samantha Chuon
- Daze of Justice by Michael Siv

For additional information please contact Lewis Kawahara at kawaharal@smccd.edu. Join at facebook.com/csmapaff.

 Enjoy a Local Walk and Wildflowers - Edgewood County Park in Redwood City is an outstanding place to view an array of colorful wildflowers. Free guided walks are offered at 10 am on Saturdays and Sundays through June 3rd. Take I-280 south, exit Edgewood Road, turn east toward the bay, continue on Edgewood Rd about 1 mile, then turn right into the parking lot. For more information - friendsofedgewood.org. - 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
TBD Vice President
#Jack Albrecht Treasurer
*Emile Nurisso Secretary
#Miles Dooher At Large
*Mitra Sadeghi At Large

*Term ends at 2019 election #Term ends at 2018 election

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

PML Management Corporation

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E-mail: debbie@pmlmanagement.com 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, April 25**, at the office of PML Management.

Directions - From 92 East-Bound

- 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 (655) 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>
- 7. New Business:

PML Mgmt Contract Renewal

Election of Board Officers

Announce Annual San Mateo Home Maintenance Award

- 8. Correspondence Review
- 9. Executive Session (as needed)