Sugarloaf News

Sugarloaf Homeowners Association Newsletter

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May 2019

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

<u>Annual Election Concluded</u> – Our annual election process concluded at the April Board meeting. We achieved a quorum by just a few votes, and this took a lot of extra effort from Board members and other volunteer homeowners to chase down quite a few votes from homeowners who had not submitted their ballots on time. This is very frustrating to the Board. And, frankly, it's not right. You'll hear more from the Board on this topic in the near future, as we are tired of this situation.

That said, I want to congratulate the newly elected Board members! Mitra Sadeghi was re-elected, and William Riley was newly elected to the Board. You may recall that there were two one-year terms open on the Board. The third candidate in the election, Zaven Khachadourian, was appointed to fill one of the two open one-year Board seats. A warm welcome to Zaven as well! And a big Thank You to all three of these announced Board members for their commitment.

The annual tax resolution was passed by the membership. And the new Board also appointed members to the various HOA positions, as shown later in this newsletter.

What's on the Board's Mind?

Important HOA Business This Month:

<u>Joining the Board</u> - There is still one Board seat open for a one-year term. If you'd be interested to join the Board in this capacity, please contact me, any member of the Board, or Debbie at PML.

<u>Fire Safety</u> – The annual brush clearing on the HOA common spaces in and around the canyons will take place probably in late June after the grasses have dried out. Given the late rains this year, the specific timing may change. Keep in mind that homeowners are responsible for fire safety on their own properties. We all should soon be receiving the typical annual fire safety notification from the Fire Marshal / Cal Fire.

Thanks again for your support of our association.

Bob Kiss, HOA President (president@sugarloafhoa.org)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Architecture: Please note that, per CC&Rs S6.0 *Architectural Control*, changes to or replacement of fences must be approved by the HOA. In addition, the committee calls your attention to CA Civil Code Section 841, which says adjoining landowners share equally the responsibility for maintaining fences dividing their properties.

Annual Exterior Audit – The HOA conducted its annual exterior audit in mid-May with a focus on exterior home structure appearance (paint, roofing, fencing) and landscaping. Owners of properties identified as needing attention will be notified in writing of the issue and the needed timing for addressing the issue. Please don't ignore these notices – fines may apply if ignored.

Landscape:

Phase 2 of the large tree maintenance program, with 92 trees on the list to be trimmed, and a few to be removed, is underway. periodic (~ every 5 years) fire protection 6-ft laddering trim on all trees within our 100 ft defensible fire space in the easements and common areas will likely take place in the July/August timeframe.

In addition to normal landscape maintenance, the following service items have been or will be completed during April/May:

- Backflow preventers that control the irrigation systems in our common areas and easements tested per annual requirement
- Cleared poison oak in the Cherrywood common area
- Irrigation systems now on summer cycles
- Trash removed from various HOA areas

Trim for View – If you want to trim in the common areas for views <u>at your expense</u>, here is the procedure:

- 1. Take a picture of the trees to be trimmed.
- 2. Get an estimate from a qualified tree company (must have a certified arborist on staff)
- 3. Submit all the above to Debbie at PML.
- 4. The Landscape Committee will review and determine approvability
- 5. The Homeowner pays for trim for view work.

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.

The irrigation is back on. If you feel there is an irrigation problem, please contact PML.

Public Safety:

"See Something / Say Something": 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.

Wildlife Alert – General reminder that we live in areas bordering on natural habitat for lots of wild animals. With deer come coyotes and mountain lions. And be advised that rattlesnakes to live in the canyons and hillsides. If you encounter a rattlesnake in or around your home area that is concerning, you may find useful information at <u>www.gotsnakes.org</u>, a Bay Area snake removal company.

PLEASE FOLLOW CC&RS AND CITY CODES

Trash/Recycling (subject to fines) -- Per CC&Rs Section 5.08 and SM City Code, bins need to be kept out of sight, except on pickup day or the day prior. SMMC 7.16.040 now states that bins may not be placed out before 12pm the day prior to collection and must be removed by midnight on collection day. 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.

Visitor Parking (subject to fines) -- We are still receiving complaints of homeowners and renters using the visitor parking spaces as their own private parking. Since there is no 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 visitors providing service (landscape, handy work, cleaning). These spaces must be kept available for visitors, per CC&Rs Sec 5.04(a), subject to fine.

Other Parking Notes (subject to city fines/towing) – Oversized vehicles are not permitted to be parked on public residential streets per San Mateo Ordinance 2013-8. It's also not allowed to park a vehicle on a driveway such that it is blocking the sidewalk.

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 provided in your newsletter copy).

<u>Electronic Documentation</u> – If you'd prefer to receive your HOA documentation in electronic form, please contact PML to provide your approval to do so. It saves the HOA \$ and gives you better archiving capability for HOA docs. Win-win. Please consider.

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Farmer's Market: Every Sat 9 am – 1 pm; College of San Mateo (W. Hillsdale & CSM Drive – Galileo Parking Lot 6).

The Sky Tonight Planetarium Show: This popular show takes place on the 2nd Friday of the month (next June 14) 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 basis) <u>www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/astronomy/planetarium.asp</u>.

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San Mateo County News – information about county issues and events can be found at: http://sanmateocountynews.com

HOW TO CONTACT PML/BOARD

To contact your association manager or place a request: **PML:** (650) 349-9113 (ext. 100 for reception or ext. 121 for Debbie, our property mgr), debbie@pmlmanagement.com. Have a topic to bring to the Board's attention? Submit your concern in writing (email okay) at least one week before the next Board meeting (4th Tuesday of each month). Attend to present. Visit the PML web site at: www.pmlmanagement.com

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

YOUR BOARD of DIRECTORS

Bob Kiss ¹	President	
Mitra Sadeghi ²	Vice President	
Zaven Khachadourian ¹	Treasurer	
William Riley ²	Secretary	
Open ¹	At Large	
¹ Term ends at 2020 election, ² Term end at 2021 election		

COMMITTEES

Architecture

Bob Kiss (chair) – (650) 212-5477 architecturechair@sugarloafhoa.org

Landscape

Miles Dooher (chair) - landscapechair@sugarloafhoa.org Landscape or sprinkler concerns, contact Debbie at PML.

Public Safety

Bob Kiss (chair) – publicsafety@sugarloafhoa.org

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 28, 2019** at 5:30 pm at the San Mateo Senior Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas.

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:
 - PML Contract Renewal
- 7. <u>New Business:</u> Committee Memberships
- Election Voting Process Discussion
- 8. Correspondence Review
- 9. Executive Session (as needed)