

SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - Winter 2024

A New Year in Sugarloaf!

Your Board has been busy! A committee, made up of full-time residents and led by David Sarricks, Member-at-Large, has been scouring the bylaws, bringing them up to date and encompassing the changes in state laws. A message from David:

As you are aware, the Board has undertaken the task of revising the association bylaws. A committee of full-time residents was appointed at the last annual meeting to recommend revisions to the Board. The Board has reviewed the committee recommendations and is finalizing the revised document for presentation to the membership, for a vote at the 2024 annual meeting.

For the most part, the revisions are technical in nature; correcting typos and reflecting changes in state law. In 2013 the state of New Mexico enacted the Homeowner's Association Act (§§47-16-1) which applies to all homeowner associations created prior to July 1, 2013 (§47-16-15). Our association is subject to the provisions of this act.

In addition to the technical revisions, there are two substantive changes being proposed. One is the inclusion of a schedule of fines that may be imposed for violations of the bylaws, the Declaration or state law. Of course, there are due process provisions included in the revisions that would apply before any fines could be imposed. The second substantive change outlines a policy for the use of drones or unmanned aerial vehicles, within the subdivision.

A copy of the proposed revisions and the supporting documents will be made available to the membership, for review, prior to the vote at the annual meeting.

More on bringing the Directory to you!

The Board is pleased to announce the approval of the creation of a website for our community. The goals of the project are to improve communications with the owners, reduce costs of producing and mailing the newsletter and to create a central location for the preservation of association records for statutory compliance.

While the website is still in the development stage, it is now live; the website address is sugarloafmtoa.org. The board will post the proposed revisions to the bylaws, on the website along with all supporting documents, following the April board meeting, at the latest. Members can also request the bylaws revisions and supporting documents to be sent to them by email or "snail mail", if preferred. Please send any requests to Catherine Burton or, feel free to use the "contact" link on the website for assistance.

In furtherance of the goal to reduce mailing costs, we are asking for all owners to provide their current email addresses so we can update, and/or add to, the information we currently have on file. Our ultimate goal is to eventually discontinue the mailing of the newsletter. Please send an email to Catherine Burton at catzilla39@yahoo.com with your email address and updated contact information.

Be watchful for the next newsletter, which will contain a summary of the proposed revisions. Notice of the special meeting, the annual meeting, the roster for election of the next Board, and the ballot for voting on those two important items will be included in the July newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted, Cat Burton, Secretary, Sugarloaf Mountain Owners' Association (SMOA)