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President's Message

Aloha,

Once again, I need to sincerely thank Jo Ann Kocher for editing this newsletter and also for keeping us all informed via the Neighborhood Security Watch.

I'd also like to welcome and introduce Zack Zimmer to the residents of Mariner's Cove. Zack has been hired to assist Joe Barros with the maintenance of the club facilities and pool. The Board felt it was in the best interest of the association to have two part-time employees as contingency in the event one of the employees is unavailable to perform their duties. Joe will continue to be the primary contact for clubhouse reservations, but Zack can be reached at zack.zimmer@gmail.com. Please introduce yourself if you see Zack around the clubhouse.

Finally, I'd like to ask everyone to carefully read the enclosure regarding volunteering your time to serve as a board member. Several good ideas were proposed by residents during the owner's forum at the last board meeting, including cost-saving measures such as installing a photovoltaic electric generation system. The best way to get these implemented is to join the board. We expect to have several vacancies in the spring. On a related note, I will be completing the second of two three-year terms in March 2012 and would like to thank everyone I have worked with over the past six years, including past and present board members, Joe Barros, and John Brewer at Hawaiian Properties, Ltd.

Sincerely,

Garret Pick

MCBC President

Upcoming Events

An informational meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse to brief Cove residents on a C&C of Honolulu project to remove and plant trees in our neighborhood. Please see below for more information.

The Annual Meeting, which will be combined with the first Quarterly Board of Directors meeting, is scheduled for March 5, 2012. Quarterly meetings are scheduled for May 21, August 20 and November 19 in the clubhouse. All owners are welcome. An owners' forum is held at the beginning of each meeting to ask questions or bring matters of concern to the board's attention.

The annual garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2012. The association will place advertisements in the newspaper and online. If you wish to participate, please designate your home with balloons, signs or other items so potential buyers can find you.

Please check the website for additional events and to confirm dates/times prior to the occasion(s). We will send alerts regarding upcoming events to those who are registered to receive them on the Google Group. You can go to <http://groups.google.com/group/mariners-cove-bay-club> if you are not registered to receive alerts. There is a "contact owner to join" link on this page. This Google Group is also used to send alerts on criminal activity, lost/found pets and other items of interest.

Tree Project Affecting Mariner's Cove

The City and County of Honolulu plans a tree removal/planting project beginning in the first quarter of 2012 that will affect Mariner's Cove. Certain trees between the street and sidewalk will be removed and new, more suitable trees will be planted. Plans call for this project to be completed along Lunaillo Home Road and within the boundaries of the interior and exterior of Mariner's Cove. The Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board (HKNB) would like to ensure that residents learn about this project and ask pertinent questions. On January 23, 2012, an informational presentation will be held at the Mariner's Cove clubhouse. Doors will open at 6:30 and the meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m. You may contact Elizabeth Reilly at 864 8081 for further information. Elizabeth is a Cove resident, serves on the Board of Directors, and is also the vice-chair of the HKNB.

Crime Prevention in the Cove

On July 27, 2011 Officers Mitchell and Tanaka of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) presented training for members of Mariner's Cove Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW). All Cove residents were invited to this session. Approximately twenty (22) people attended. Following are the highlights:

Almost 50% of the attendees responded that they have had their homes or cars burglarized or vandalized at some time. The officers presented several suggestions for home and personal security:

Make sure your homes have solid exterior doors with reinforced hinges and that you install/use deadbolt locks. You should also have a peephole with a wide angle view on the front door.

Alarm systems are recommended as a deterrent and to warn you if there is an intrusion on your property. Several reputable companies sell these systems.

Lock your house and car doors all the time. Failure to do so even for a few minutes could result in an unwanted person in your home or car.

Sliding glass doors can be easily removed by lifting or prying them off the tracks. Devices as simple as a wooden bar can be used to prevent this. More sophisticated devices are also available at hardware stores or from locksmiths.

Removal of louvered windows is the most common way burglars gain entry into homes in Hawaii. You can secure the louver to the frame with glue or clips.

Install motion detection lights around your house and keep trees or shrubs trimmed low. Burglars look for high bushes and hedges where they can hide.

Dogs are the best deterrent even if they are not big. Mere barking can scare potential burglars away.

Prepare a comprehensive inventory of your valuable property so that, if you are burglarized, you can provide this information to HPD and increase your chances of getting it back. In addition to a written inventory, photos of your property can be invaluable. Where possible, record the make, model and serial number of tools, electronics and appliances. Be aware that burglars will steal anything they think they can sell. Consider engraving your valuables where possible. Burglars would have a much harder time selling anything easily identified in such a manner.

HPD encourages the use of safes to store your valuable items. These safes should be bolted to the floor, if possible.

Do not leave valuables in plain sight, either in your home, car or carport/garage.

If you come home and believe you have been victimized, do not enter your home. Call 911 immediately from a neighbor's house or your cell phone. The criminal could still be in the house. Let police secure the property first. It is very important to call 911 in a timely manner.

Recent Criminal Activity

Recently, there has been an increase in criminal activity in the Cove, especially on Kalanipuu Street. Your NSW coordinator has requested that HPD patrol that area more frequently. If you do not receive the alerts, you can read about these incidents at the Cove website – www.marinerscovebayclub.org under the NSW tab.

Contact Jo Ann Kocher at 395-1300 or Tiger2Balm@aol.com if you would like to be added to the list of residents receiving alerts or to join the "official" NSW. You can also report criminal activity or lost/found pets to Jo Ann. The e-mail alert system is only as good as the people who are in it. If you are the victim of a crime, or know of a neighbor who is, please report it and provide as much information as possible. This allows your fellow Cove residents to protect their homes. **However, please call 911 immediately if you see suspicious persons, vehicles or activity in the Cove.** If you have lost or found a pet, it also helps to provide as much descriptive information as possible.

News From The Clubhouse

In 2008, Mariner's Cove Association had the anti-entrapment vacuum release system and the anti-entrapment pool drain covers installed on the swimming and Keiki pools to comply with Federal law. You may have heard that some models of the anti-entrapment pool drain covers were recalled by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). The pool drain covers installed on the Association's pools were manufactured by New Water Solutions, Inc., model DS360M, and passed the investigation by CPSC and are not subject to the recall. If you have any further questions, please contact John Brewer, Association Manager, at 539-9722.

If you need a FOB to gain access to the pool area, contact Joe Barros at 753-6063. All owners are entitled to a FOB.

Boat storage spaces are available. Please contact Joe for more information. Effective in 2012, current state of Hawaii registration and safety checks will be required on trailers in the boat storage area.

It's The Law

Keep your dogs on leashes. Actually, it's the law. Dogs on public property are required to be under restraint, that is, on a leash of eight feet or less. Dogs are not allowed on private property without the property owner's consent. Clean up after your pets(s). While many of us are animal lovers, nobody likes to find "unwelcome deposits" on their lawns. This applies to dogs walked by owners and cats allowed to roam freely.

Vehicles parked on the street, including boat trailers, have to be moved every 24 hours or can be cited by police. They must also have current registrations and safety stickers or they can be towed. If you have a boat trailer, please consider using the Mariner's Cove storage facility. The rates are reasonable. Large trailers are unsightly for neighbors and can be a hazard if an emergency vehicle has to respond to a nearby house.