



# MARINER'S LOG

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## Upcoming Events

**Celebrate the Holidays with Your Neighbors** at a Family Event on **December 9, 2018 from 3-6 p.m.** at the clubhouse! It's a Potluck so please bring your favorite dish or dessert. The association will provide non-alcoholic drinks. Everyone is welcome. There will be goody bags for the keiki and door prizes (gift cards!). Please RSVP if you plan to attend to Jihee Nguyen at [jihee2@gmail.com](mailto:jihee2@gmail.com) with the number of adults and kids attending **no later than December 6, 2018.**

## President's Message

It's that time of year again. Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, shopping, parties, all the fun stuff and chores we put off all year. ☺ Don't forget to slow down and remember why we celebrate these special Holidays while you enjoy them.

Our Cove Clubhouse, Pool and Grounds continue to look great under the care of Joe & Zach. Besides maintaining and overseeing events on the property, these guys have completed installing the pool handles at the pool steps going into the big pool. We're also shopping for a new propane fueled barbecue to replace the wood fueled barbecue. The cleaner burning fuel will keep our pool deck and neighbors' backyards free of offensive smoke. The new barbecue will require users to bring their own propane tank for grilling. Please check with Joe when planning a grilling session to ensure the new barbecue is ready to go. And please say hello and thank you to these hard-working guys.

Good news - our Cove Association will not be raising dues for the 2019 fiscal year. Yea!!! Also, Board Member Jihee is planning our Holiday Family Party for residents of all ages. Mark your calendar for potluck on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and party with your neighbors. Also, dredging in the upper marina has resumed so please be careful when recreating in the marina.

On Monday, February 11, 2019, we have our annual Association Meeting and elections for 4 Board positions. It's not too early to start thinking about participating in keeping our Neighborhood Association running smoothly. We are vastly under represented on our 9 member board by younger residents with children. I am the only board member with teenagers in high school and college. We are all busy folks, so please step up and help shoulder the workload in our community.

Mele Kalikimaka and Hauoli Makahiki Hou.

Capt Ken Middleton

**The Annual Meeting, which will be combined with the first Quarterly Board of Directors (BOD) meeting, is scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2019 at the clubhouse.** Owner registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and Call to Order will be at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. All owners are welcome. Four Board of Director vacancies will be filled - three vacancies for three year terms and one vacancy for a two year term. Owners interested in serving on the Board may send their biographies to April Padello, Hawaiian Properties, at [aprilp@hawaiianprop.com](mailto:aprilp@hawaiianprop.com) **no later than December 5, 2018.** Dates of quarterly BOD meetings for 2019 will be announced at or shortly after the annual meeting.

**The annual Mariner's Cove garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019.** The association will place advertisements in the newspaper and online. Joe Barros will compile the addresses of Cove residents participating and print maps for prospective buyers that morning. **If you wish to participate in the sale, please call Joe at 753-6063 to register your home no later than May 1.**

Aloha Aina O Kamilo Nui Nursery is having a **Holiday Plant Sale** on: **Saturday, December 8 from 9 to 11:00 a.m.** at 965 Kamilonui Place. Stop by and learn about volunteer opportunities and what is happening in the valley. Plants for sale will be Poinsettia, Anthuriums, Mamaki for tea, Herbs, Succulent mini Gardens and Driftwood Air-plants both by cove residents. Email: [info@kamilonuivalley.org](mailto:info@kamilonuivalley.org) for more information.

Coming Soon to the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board: The city's draft East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan will be open for public comment and discussed at future board meetings. For more information, please go to: <http://www.honoluluodpp.org/Planning/DevelopmentSustainableCommunitiesPlans/EastHonoluluPlan.aspx>

## Crime Prevention

In the last six (6) months, five (5) separate thefts in the Cove were reported to the Honolulu Police Department (HPD). One incident involved the theft of a small outboard motor from a boat parked in a driveway. If you are the victim of a crime, please email Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) Coordinator Jo Ann Kocher at Tiger2Balm@aol.com with as much information as possible. This could help your neighbors avoid being the target of criminals. Your name and address will never be disclosed in the alert sent via the Google Group. To sign up for the Google Group, please email Jo Ann at Tiger2Balm@aol.com.

With the holiday season upon us, please be aware that criminals are taking every opportunity to steal valuables. The Facebook Page **Stolen Stuff Hawaii** recently posted an extensive list of suggestions to keep your persons, homes and vehicles secure. The complete list was sent to everyone on the Google Group. The following are some highlights:

- Don't leave anything in your car. Keep gifts in the trunk or hidden from view. Never leave your purse, wallet, or cash within the vehicle. If there's no incentive to steal, you might encourage the thief to move on to somewhere else.
- Keep car keys and house keys on separate rings. A car stolen with house and car keys may allow thieves access to your home.
- Always keep your vehicle locked, even while driving, and be aware of your environment when your windows are open.
- Always park in busy, well-lit areas. Avoid parking next to vans and large trucks that block your space from the general vision of others.
- Don't talk on a cell phone when walking to and from your vehicle. It makes you vulnerable and your cell phone is a target.
- Keep your purse, wallet, phone, etc. with you at all times. Do not leave them in carts or step away from them even for a second.
- Be aware of your environment. The holidays are ideal for robberies because of the distractions, increased spending, and opportunities that arise. Don't make yourself a target and stay aware of your surroundings.
- Carry only the credit cards you intend to use, leave the others behind as well as large amounts of cash. Use checks or check cards. Don't flash large amounts of cash or offer tempting targets for theft such as expensive jewelry or clothing.
- Ensure your property is well lit both on the inside and outside during the holidays, especially when not home. This can help to deter burglaries.
- Always lock your windows and doors, even while home.
- Do not leave your keys in the vehicle or the vehicle running while transporting gifts and items to and from your car and home.
- Do not leave your gifts in a visible location such as under the tree, until you are ready to give them. A burglar who spies a large amount of gifts under the tree will see it as a huge target.
- Purchase big ticket and expensive items last. Don't leave that \$2000 TV in the car while you shop.

**Call 911 if you see something suspicious. Your neighbors will thank you.**

## Real Estate Update for Mariners Cove

By Judy Sobin

It looks like very few of our neighbors in Mariners Cove want to move anywhere! During the last six months, there were three properties that sold. One was marina front and closed at \$1,549,000 (a fairly low price for a marina front property). The median price for the other properties, one on Lunalilo Home Road and one on Niumalu Loop, was \$1,100,000.

During the prior six months, there was only one property sold in the Cove, and it closed at \$1,295,000. One property on Kamilo Street remains active in the market. The list price is \$1,199,000.

With so few properties sold over the past year, it is difficult to create statistics on Mariners Cove. However, the low inventory and lower prices in our neighborhood is a fair representation of the greater real estate market in Honolulu. The year began with Honolulu homes selling near or above list price. Then the market changed. Each day we see prices lowered and more days on market. Buyers are reluctant and often priced out of the market due to interest rate and asking price increases. Some sellers delay listing their homes with the hope that prices will remain at the higher levels.

People ask for predictions and this is what I tell them. If you want or need to sell your home, it will sell quickly as long as it's at the right price. If you want to buy, it is always the right time to buy as our real estate market still remains one of the best and safest investments you can make.

## Firewise Update

On February 13, 2018, Mariner's Cove residents, along with residents of Kamilonui Valley and other Hawaii Kai areas, attended a meeting on reducing wildfire hazards and increasing safety in Kamilonui Valley and Mariner's Cove. Wildfire experts shared their expertise in this area. Kamilonui Valley and Mariner's Cove have been selected as a Firewise Community.

On Saturday, June 23, 2018, as part of **Wildlife Community Preparedness Day**, the Kamilonui/Mariner's Cove Firewise Community sponsored a **community work day**. Volunteers, along with a professional hired to cut and chip trees, cleared brush in Kamilonui Valley. Some residents also donated money to this effort.

The firebreak in the back of Kamilonui Valley is being maintained. Mahalo to residents who volunteered to establish that firebreak. The 2nd firebreak behind some Niumalu Loop homes backing the dirt road, also known as the cemetery road, has not been done due to low resident response and subsequent concern that the area would not be maintained. Because two residents donated to support this work and a rubbish container secured, we will attempt another workday, if we get resident support. We anticipate holding a short meeting in late December. If interested please contact: firewise808@gmail.com

## Please Kokua

Please pickup after your dogs. It's the law! Mahalo.