



MARINER'S LOG

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President's Message

Your board of directors has been busy making improvements to the facility and to the way members of the association use it. We are in the progress of selecting bids from licensed contractors to make improvements to the deck of the swimming pools. Be assured that we will do our best to keep the cost to a minimum.

Recently we made several changes at the MCBC. The BOD voted unanimously to change our insurance carrier. Business Insurance Services, Inc. was selected to cover our insurance needs. A committee from the BOD met to review the Rental Agreement documents as well as the MCBC House Rules. Please see the News from the Clubhouse section for more information.

Previous boards have tried to keep dues as low as possible but a recent audit indicated we are running a deficit in meeting the goals of the Reserve Analysis for future repairs. There were several large unbudgeted items during the past year where we had to transfer funds from the assets account to pay for the current debts. Thus, we felt it necessary to raise our monthly dues. It was a very difficult decision for the board but we had to face the reality of the cost of operating the facility.

Membership in the Mariners Cove Association (MCA) is mandatory for all Cove owners. The MCBC was deeded to us by the Trustees of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate. Amendments to the deed will require the participation of 66 2/3% (or 275) of the owners. The MCA Board of Directors has no control over anything other than the Mariners Cove Bay Club. Thus, it cannot solve disputes, complaints or other neighborhood issues.

I am always open for suggestions on how we could improve our facility. Please email me at parkern001@hawaii.rr.com if you have any suggestions.

Noah Parker

Upcoming Events

A Keiki Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 22, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. Celebrate with all the Keiki of Mariner's Cove a mere 3 days before Christmas!! Cove resident Sarah Herrmann has volunteered to coordinate the party. There will be fun activities such as cookie decorating, arts and crafts, snacks, and much more! Every family is invited to bring a new, unwrapped gift for the homeless. Sarah promises they will be delivered to Family Promise Shelter, a nonprofit organization 501 (c) (3) organization, in time for homeless children to receive them this Christmas! Bringing a gift is not mandatory! You are welcome to attend the party with or without a gift. The Herrmann family would love your help to make the party a big success! They would like one parent volunteer per "activity station". Interested? Call Sarah Herrmann (719-930-9562) or e-mail her (SarEHerrmann@msn.com) ASAP!! **If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Sarah no later than December 15.**

The Annual Meeting, which will be combined with the first Quarterly Board of Directors meeting, is scheduled for Monday, March 4, 2013. Quarterly meetings are scheduled for May 20, August 19 and November 18 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.

Clean out your closets. The annual garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013. The association will place advertisements in the newspaper and online. **We are trying something new this year.** Joe Barros has agreed to compile the addresses of all Cove residents participating and will have maps printed with that information available for prospective buyers that morning. We need your help if this is to be a success. **If you wish to participate in the sale, please call Joe at 753 6063 to register your home no later than April 25.** You may also 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.

News From The Clubhouse

At a recent quarterly meeting, the Board of Directors voted on revisions to the house rules for the Mariners Cove Bay Club. They also eliminated the Pool Party Rental Agreement and updated the Meeting Rental Agreement, now known as the Use of Facility Agreement, to ensure the fair use of the facilities for all members. The changes are effective on January 1, 2013. Following are the highlights of the changes:

The legal name of our association is the Mariners Cove Association (MCA) and that title is now used uniformly on the House Rules and Use of Facility Agreement to correspond with other documents, such as the by-laws, insurance policies, etc.

A check in the amount of \$150.00 payable to Mariners Cove Association is required for a security deposit and must be submitted at the same time the Use of Facility Agreement is completed and signed. No reservations will be considered final until the security deposit is received. Reservations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. The deposit is refundable within 5 days following the event if all conditions of the agreement are met. **Cancellation of a reservation must be made at least 14 days in advance of the reservation date or the security deposit will be forfeited.**

Parties are limited to 50 guests. Each homeowner is allowed one (1) private usage party per calendar year. A fee of \$100.00, plus state tax, will be assessed for additional usage and must be paid in a separate check made out to Mariners Cove Association. The additional private usage fee is only for parties on Fridays, Saturdays and all City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, and Federal Holidays. Mondays through Thursdays are free except for the holidays previously mentioned.

All vendors supplying services for events at the MCBC must provide a copy of Liability Insurance to the clubhouse manager at least seven (7) working days prior to the event.

One jumper house, or like activity, only is permitted on the front lawn and must be dismantled by 4 p.m. Member and/or his/her adult representative (over 18 years old) must remain outside with the jumper house at all times when it is in use. Member to provide copy of liability insurance coverage from the vendor of no less than one million dollars to the clubhouse manager at least seven (7) working days prior to the event. No jumper houses are allowed for parties after 4 p.m.

When the reservation has been accepted, the first initial and last name of the member; purpose of private usage; date and time of reservation; number of people attending; and any vendors that might be used will be posted on the Mariner's Cove Bay Club website calendar. This is to ensure transparency in who is reserving the facility.

The forms are available on the website. Please review them before planning an event at the clubhouse.

Contractors who will be doing the resurfacing of the pool deck, tentatively scheduled in March, have indicated that the pools may have to be shut down or possibly only lap swimming will be permitted. Use of the main building will be allowed throughout the renovation period. We will post any planned closings on the website and send alerts via the Google Group.

News From The Pool

Several residents who use the pool in the morning have inquired why the water is not warm. Joe Barros and Zack Zimmer provided the following information to answer the question: "Installed in August 2007, our pool's solar heating system is an efficient means of keeping our pools at a comfortable temperature. Requiring only the power of the sun, our system consumes no electricity as it heats. With Hawaii's high electricity cost, this helps to GREATLY reduce our costs of operations at MCBC. Because of its smaller size, the keiki pool reaches a warmer temperature earlier than the big pool. The pools then slowly cool over the night and the warming process (as long as there's sunshine) begins anew the next morning. Our solar system represents a perfect balance of limiting energy costs and heating the water expediently. In order to do this the pool can be a bit cool in the mornings, but much warmer than those without solar. Our average A.M. temp is 76 degrees, which rises to 89 degrees in the keiki pool. The large pool rises to 84 by 3 in afternoon, if there is full sun. We encourage all Cove residents to come in and enjoy our solar powered facilities."

Both Joe and Zack completed the "Certified Pool & Spa Operator" course that provided the skills and knowledge needed to administer and operate both our pools safely and efficiently. This extensive course covers chemical water balances, as well as instruction on equipment for proper circulation, filtration, and practical applications in the daily maintenance and record keeping. Other pool safety considerations such as water problems, signage and rescue equipment are taught. Congrats to both!

Cemetery Update

On August 27, 2012, a meeting was held at the clubhouse to update residents on the cemetery planned in Kamilo Nui Valley. Local attorney William McCorriston, representing cemetery developer and landowner Hawaii Kai Memorial Park, focused on a new request to allow the Hawaii Kai Marina Community Association (HKMCA) to deposit the material they dredge from the marina on the cemetery site. Residents raised questions about the capacity of adding more stock pile material to the cemetery land, the smell of the dredged sediment, the amount of anticipated truck loads in and out of the neighborhood and if the Environmental Assessment included the cemetery site. HKMCA Director Rich Cheski provided brief responses to the questions and confirmed nothing was finalized. If you have questions or concerns regarding dredge material hauled up to Kamilo Nui Valley please contact your elected officials or the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board. Please see the forum section of the website for a detailed summary of the meeting. Notification of the next meeting will be posted on the website and sent via the Google Group.

Website Forum

Our website has a forum to post information or ask questions. Recently, Lorianna and Micayla Herrmann, two young Cove residents, held a toy drive for homeless children. They used the forum to get the word out and the drive was a big success. To access the forum, go to www.marinerscovebayclub.org and click on forum. When posting, please keep in mind that the website is public so anyone can view the forum. Use appropriate caution.