



MARINER'S LOG

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Upcoming Events

The Annual Meeting, which will be combined with the first Quarterly Board of Directors meeting, is scheduled for **Monday March 7, 2016**. **Owner registration will begin at 6:30 p.m.** **Quarterly meetings are scheduled for May 16, August 15 and November 7** 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 Regular Board of Directors meetings Call to Order is 7 p.m. and require a quorum of the Board. Any questions or concerns should be put in writing and forwarded to Hawaiian Properties, Ltd. for distribution to the Board in advance of the meetings.

President's Message

It's that time of year again. Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, 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 nearly completed replacing the rusted chain-link fence between the entrance door and the marina, making the pool secure again. They also renewed our BBQ area with a new countertop and hand mixed cement pads at the clubhouse entryway. Please say hello and thank you to these hard working guys.

Cost of living expenses have caught up to the Association again. ☹ The good news is a very minor dues increase will keep our budget balanced through 2016. The Board approved a \$1.63 monthly increase that will go into effect for your 2016 dues. Thanks for your kokua in paying your twice/year dues on time.

Every year in March we have our annual Mariners Cove Association Meeting and election for 3 Board positions. It's not too early to start thinking about participating in keeping our Association running smoothly. We specifically need younger owners for our 9 member board. I am the only board member with children (teenagers) still living at home. At our last meeting current board members were charged with the responsibility of finding younger replacements for themselves. There is no annual Children's Christmas Party at the Clubhouse this year because no one volunteered. 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 Mariner's Cove garage sale will be held on **Saturday, May 7, 2016**. 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 April 30.** You may also designate your home as participating with balloons, signs or other items.

Please call Joe Barros at 753 6063 for any pool office business or to make reservations to hold functions at the clubhouse. There have been intermittent problems with the clubhouse landline. Remember your reservation is only confirmed when you sign the contract and deliver the security deposit at the office. You will then receive a copy of the contract and the rules.

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 on the Google Group. See the Staying Informed section of this newsletter for how to sign up for the Google Group.

Get to know your neighborhood's unique community treasures such as **Pahua Heiau** at Makahu'ena Place. Starting January 30, 2016 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. and every subsequent last Saturday of every month, you are invited to walk over to Pahua Heiau for talk-story, a brief introduction to this sacred place, and opportunity to steward the land. Pahua Heiau is owned by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs with stewardship by the Livable Hawai'i Kai Hui – Kaleo Park, cultural educator. Call 864-8081 for more information.

Congrats!

To Mariner's Cove resident Lana Kim who donated her 45 year old Norfolk Pine tree that was selected by the Honolulu City & County to be the featured decorated Christmas tree on the front lawn of the Honolulu Hale in conjunction with the annual Honolulu City Lights celebration. The city Urban Forestry crew removed the 70 ft. Norfolk Pine tree from her residence on Kalanipuu Street. The tree was trimmed to 55 feet and will be decorated by the Friends of Honolulu City Lights (a nonprofit organization). Kim is also the organizer of the free yoga classes on Monday evening at the Mariner's Cove Bay Club.

To the Ka Iwi Coast Committee for raising more than \$700,000 to preserve the open space on the Ka Iwi Coast. Mariner's Cove residents serving on the committee wish to thank everyone who donated and update you on the progress toward the purchase and protection of the Ka Iwi Coast mauka lands. Livable Hawai'i Kai Hui and the Trust for Public Land are working through the due diligence review with the City and DLNR. This includes reviewing the appraisal, an Environmental Site Assessment to ensure that there are no hazardous materials on the property, and finalizing the terms of the Conservation Easement which is an additional layer protection to ensure that the property will remain open and natural per the community's wishes. We are thankful that many Cove residents donated to this cause and continue to offer help. For more information, please see www.KaIwiCoast.org

In the meantime, you can enjoy the aerials photos just posted to the Ka Iwi Coast Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.191465384524886.1073741834.107578926246866&type=>

Staying Informed

Residents of Mariner's Cove have three means of getting news about what is happening in the Cove. One is this newsletter which is published twice a year and included in the semi-annual billing statement sent by Hawaiian Properties. The others are the website - www.marinerscovebayclub.org and the Google Group. These are two separate electronic methods with different purposes, although they may interact at times.

The **website** has various areas, including a News section, a calendar of upcoming events at the clubhouse, a Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) section, a forum for residents to post questions or information they want to share with other residents and an area to list businesses owned by Cove residents. The News section contains a wealth of information, such as minutes of Board of Directors' meetings, financial reports, clubhouse rules and changes affecting members' use of the facility, such as temporary closure of one or both pools. Website administrators and certain employees of Hawaiian Properties are the only people allowed to post in the News Section. Joe Barros maintains the calendar of scheduled events. Residents must register to access certain parts of the website. Recently, the website was hit with a lot of spam, which is time consuming to remove. Thus, it was configured that only registered members can post. If someone attempts to register, they will receive an email asking if they are residents of the Cove and, if so, to provide their names

and addresses. If they are not residents, they will be asked to explain why they want access to the website. This has stopped the spam.

The **Google Group** is used to send out information in email form regarding criminal activity in the Cove, lost/found pets and other items of interest to residents. The topic of the message is always in the subject line so the email can be deleted if it is not of interest to the recipient. Again, only certain Cove owners are allowed to post on the Google Group. Hawaiian Properties, Ltd. has volunteered to serve as a backup for those owners, but HPL does not post anything on behalf of Mariner's Cove Association without permission from the Board of Directors and Google Group. Some items posted in the News section of the website are also transmitted via the Google Group if it is deemed residents need to be notified of them in a timely manner. The NSW Coordinator sends alerts whenever a crime is reported in the Cove. This information is received from the victim(s) of the crime or via www.crimemapping.com. We encourage residents to contact Jo Ann Kocher at 395 1300 or Tiger2Balm@aol.com if you have information about criminal activity. If possible, please provide date, time (if known), address and specifics of the crime, such as method of entry to a home or car. These facts can be useful to your neighbors to prevent criminal activity at their homes. The exact address of the incident is never disclosed in the email - only a broad range of addresses and the street are included. For example, it may say the 7000 block of Kamilo Street. **However, the Google Group is never to be used to report a crime in progress or current suspicious activity in the neighborhood. Please dial 911 immediately if either of those circumstances applies so HPD can respond.** In addition, information about criminal activity is posted in the NSW section of the website. The Google Group is also used to get the word out about lost or found pets. There have been several successful reunions as a result of these alerts. If you have lost or found a pet, please contact Jo Ann Kocher at the number or email above as soon as possible so an alert can be sent. These are often time sensitive. Please include a description of the animal and the area of the Cove where it was lost or found. However, it is important to remember that not all residents of the Cove have signed up on the Google Group so the message may not reach the intended recipient. It is advised to call or visit the Hawaiian Humane Society to determine if the animal has been surrendered to them or reported missing. If you would like to be added to the Google Group, please email Jo Ann Kocher at Tiger2Balm@aol.com. There is no requirement to be an owner or resident of Mariner's Cove to join the group. There are relatively few messages sent out (usually under five per month) and members can unsubscribe by clicking the link at the bottom of the message.

Crime Prevention Strategies

With the holiday season upon us, please be aware that criminals are taking every opportunity to steal valuables. Do not leave gifts or other expensive items in plain view in your vehicles or homes. Please remember to lock your home and car doors at all times, even if you will only be gone for a few minutes. Don't make it easy for the crooks!

Call 911 immediately if you see anything suspicious. Your neighbors are counting on you.