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## Board of Directors

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## Upcoming Events

**Quarterly Board of Directors meetings are scheduled for 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. Please consider attending a meeting so you can learn what your volunteer board of directors is doing.

## President's Message

We recently had the pool deck area renovated for the enjoyment and safety of our members. Central Pacific Specialty Contractors, Inc. submitted the lowest bid to perform this work. The pool area was closed during this process and re-opened on May 31. Mahalo for your patience.

Joe Barros and Zack Zimmer took advantage of the closure of the kiddie pool to replace some water line ceramic tiles. By doing the work themselves, they saved the association a considerable amount of money. The tiles on the main pool will be replaced by Joe and Zack when the pool is not in high usage.

May's Community Garage Sale was a success, with 36 homes participating. About 70 bargain hunters picked up a flyer made by Joe Barros, indicating which homes were taking part in the sale. Kudos to Joe and Jo Ann Kocher for their most valuable assistance in help making this event a success.

I often receive inquiries from members about various items of concern. I welcome these contacts. Some have asked if everyone is paying the mandatory dues that support the operation of the MCBC. Currently, there are only a very few delinquent owners and every effort is being made to collect before liens and or foreclosures are placed on the properties. I also get inquiries from members who do not use the facility suggesting we shut it down or that only residents who use the facility have to pay the dues. Membership in the association is required for all owners. Amendments to the governing documents of the association require up to 75% written consent (approval) of the membership

Please feel free to contact me at [parkern001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:parkern001@hawaii.rr.com) with any concerns you may have. However, please remember the Board of Directors has jurisdiction only over the MCBC. Thus, it cannot solve disputes, complaints or other neighborhood issues.

Noah Parker

**The Keiki Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2013 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the clubhouse.** Cove resident Sarah Herrmann has again volunteered to coordinate the party and will welcome help from other parents to make the event a big success. Additional details will be provided in the Winter 2013 newsletter, on the website and via the Google Group.

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.

For some unknown reason, the Google Group occasionally drops members without warning. If you have not received any alerts in a while, please call Jo Ann Kocher at 395 1300 or e-mail her at [Tiger2Balm@aol.com](mailto:Tiger2Balm@aol.com) to see if you are still on the list or to be put back on.

## Fourth of July Celebration

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Independence Day celebration at Maunaloa Bay will be held on July 4, 2013 starting at 1 p.m. with music, food and hula, followed by a watermelon eating contest and the Keiki bike parade. There will be several other activities for the whole family to enjoy. Off-site parking is provided at Kaiser High School where a free shuttle will transport people to the bay. Patrons can also park at the Hawaii Kai Town Center, which is walking distance to the festivities. For further information, please go to <http://www.idmbf.com/>. For specific information on the Keiki Bike Parade, e-mail Natalie Iwasa at [the-green-one@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:the-green-one@hawaii.rr.com).

## Scams and Financial Crimes

On April 2, 2013, Lt. John McCarthy, the head of the Honolulu Police Department's (HPD) Financial Crimes Unit, spoke to approximately 30 Mariner's Cove residents. Following are the highlights of his presentation:

Identity Theft is the fastest growing crime in the United States. It is defined as the stealing of personal information, such as names, dates of birth, social security numbers, etc. to commit more serious crimes like opening and illegally using credit cards, obtaining services such as cell phones or utilities without paying for them, bank and mortgage fraud.

There are many methods thieves use to obtain personal information, such as mail theft involving both outgoing and incoming mail. Any mail containing checks or other documents with personal information should be taken to the post office, not left in the mailbox for pick up. Mail is at risk if it cannot be retrieved within 15 minutes. Criminals remove specific details from checks and rewrite them to further their illegal activities.

Data breach is another common method of obtaining personal information, especially credit card numbers. This is the largest source of identity theft. Using credit cards at restaurants can be potentially dangerous, especially when the server takes the card to be processed outside of the customer's view. It is important that you sign the back of the card, which provides a signature for comparison when a purchase is made. It is recommended that you have a separate credit card with a low limit for purchases made online and to always use secure sites that include https in the address. That indicates the site is secure and encrypted. You should also check credit and debit card accounts periodically to be sure there are no unauthorized purchases made on the card.

Some criminals resort to "dumpster diving" to get personal information for identity theft. Always shred documents that contain critical information criminals could use.

Skimming machines are placed on ATMs and allow criminals to get your credit or debit card numbers. One thing to look for is the blinking green light on the ATM. It means the machine is working. If there is no blinking green light, it may be because it is hidden behind the skimmer. If you suspect a skimming machine has been placed on an ATM, report it to the bank or HPD immediately.

We have all been exposed to "phishing" attempts online or even on mobile phones. Most such attempts will direct the intended recipient to click on a link where you are asked for personal information or a virus is installed on your computer. Many of these "phishing" attempts do not use your name, have misspelled words or otherwise look suspicious. To avoid falling victim to "phishing" attempts, keep your anti-virus software current, use strong passwords, be suspicious of e-mails asking for personal information, avoid using links unless you know the sender and use encryption when possible. If you are in doubt about an e-mail, call the company where it supposedly originated to verify its legitimacy.

A more detailed transcript of the meeting is posted in the NSW section of the website – [www.marinerscovebayclub.org](http://www.marinerscovebayclub.org).

## Did You Know?

HPD offers house checks for vacationing residents who request them. These checks help protect your property and are conducted by uniformed officers. The resident(s) must be away from home for a minimum of five (5) consecutive days. The maximum number of days a home can be checked is 30. The residence must be unoccupied during the entire period. To request a house check, submit an online report or call 911 and ask for the police non-emergency number. For more information, go to <http://www.honolulu.org/information/index.php?page=faq> and click on How do I set up a house check?

It's illegal to drive with an animal in your lap or allow the pet to be anywhere in the driver's immediate area which could interfere with control of the vehicle. The fine for doing so is \$97. In addition, Revised Ordinances of Hawaii Section 15-24.22 (b) states that, "no dog or any other animal shall be transported on any public street or highway in any vehicle unless such animal is totally enclosed within such vehicle, within a secured container carried upon such vehicle, or securely cross-tethered to such vehicle in such a way as to prevent the animal from falling out of or off such vehicle, and to prevent injury to the animal." The fine for violation of this statute is \$57.

Speaking of pets, there are still complaints about owners not picking up after their animals. It's the law and the neighborly thing to do. Please also bear in mind that dog urine can ruin grass. Keeping your pets on leashes and away from other people's property is greatly appreciated by your fellow Cove residents.

Kamilonui Valley nursery, Aloha Aina O Kamilo Nui, recently worked with Grace Pacific on repaving a section and patching a section of the valley road at no expense to the farmers and for the overall enjoyment of residents from the Cove and other Hawaii Kai neighborhoods who frequent there for recreation.

## News From The Pool

A recent article in the Honolulu Star Advertiser and other nationwide newspapers reported that a majority of public swimming pools tested last year by the Center for Disease Control tested positive for E. coli bacteria. The high percentage of E. coli-positive filters indicates that swimmers frequently contaminate pools, often because they do not shower thoroughly before getting into the water, according to the study. The report can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2013/p0516-pool-contamination.html>.

Chlorine and other disinfectants don't kill germs instantly. It's important for swimmers to protect themselves by not swallowing the water they swim in and to protect others by taking a pre-swim shower and not swimming when ill, especially with intestinal problems such as diarrhea.

Please respect the MCBC swimming pool as if it were your own by taking precautionary measures for everyone's health and safety. Although it is already posted on signs around the pool, Joe and Zack will be reminding pool users to shower before entering the pool.