



MARINER'S LOG

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President's Message

Aloha Neighbors,

School is out and summer's here! Longer days, less traffic and family vacations, so please include taking advantage of our facilities for a swim, a barbecue with the family, launching your kayak or trailer boat or even a yoga class. The clubhouse is available to use for larger family gatherings and celebrations. For information on the reservation procedure(s) for a private function, please call Club Manager Joe Barros at 753 6063 or visit our website - www.MarinersCoveBayClub.org.

I would like to invite residents to bring comments and suggestions to the next quarterly regular board meeting on Monday, August 21. We are always interested in your input and suggestions to make our facilities and community a better place. The Board welcomes our newest member Jihee Nguyen. Dave Crest will also fulfill the term he was appointed to last year. We would like to thank Bob Fagerson for his service on the Board and to our community for the past three years.

Mahalo to...Joe & Zack - our Cove clubhouse, pool and grounds continue to look great under their care....Jo Ann Kocher who serves as Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) Coordinator and edits your semi-annual newsletters...Elizabeth Reilly for volunteering for many different issues affecting our community.

Even though it's summer, it's not too early to start planning the residents' Christmas Party. We need some volunteers to resume this long standing tradition. Please contact us with your ideas and suggestions. Thanks to all you future volunteers.

Have a safe and blessed summer.

Capt Ken Middleton

Upcoming Events

Quarterly meetings are scheduled for August 21 and November 6 at 7 p.m. 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. Any questions or concerns should be put in writing and forwarded to Hawaiian Properties, Ltd. for distribution to the Board in advance of the meeting.

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. To sign up for the Google Group, which is also used for alerts on criminal activity and lost/found pets, please email Jo Ann Kocher at Tiger2Balm@aol.com.

Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board

The Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board meets the last Tuesday of every month (except December) at 7 PM at Hahaione Elementary School. Cove resident Carol Jaxon is our district representative. She can be contacted at cmjaxon@me.com. Cove resident Elizabeth Reilly is a Member at Large and Vice Chair of the Board. Natalie Iwasa (iwasahknb@hawaii.rr.com) is the Board Chair.

Livable Hawaii Kai Hui

The Liveable Hawaii Kai Hui invites the community to its **Annual Gathering on Friday, July 28, 2017** from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on the grounds of JAAMS, 6660 Hawaii Kai Drive. There will be food and beverages, music by Maunaloa's Bobby Moderow, Jr., educational project updates, volunteer information and door prizes. Admission is \$25. For further information, please call 864-8081 or go to www.hawaiikaihui.org.

News From Kamilonui Valley

Volunteer opportunities to water plants, as well as learn more about the valley and its future, are available, with student and/or community credit possible, at the non-profit nursery Aloha Aina O Kamilo Nui located at 965 Kamilonui Place. For further information please email info@kamilonuivalley.org or call 864 8081.

Fires/Arsons in Kamilonui Valley

Since early March, 2017, a series of brush fires have broken out in Kamilonui Valley, which includes the farm area behind Mariner's Cove. Some of these fires were on the dirt road, commonly called the "Cemetery Road", as it leads to the area where a cemetery has been planned for a long time. This road runs adjacent to several homes on Niumalu Loop. The majority of fires were deeper upland in the valley, on the upper slopes. In some cases, the fires were inaccessible by fire engine or foot and a helicopter was used to drop water on them. Luckily, there have been no injuries or damage to homes to date. No evacuations have been ordered.

In the late afternoon of Wednesday, May 17, 2017, a fire broke out deep in the valley that spread over several mountain ranges. The flames were visible from all of Hawaii Kai and nearby neighborhoods. Ashes on cars parked as far away as Niu Valley were reported. The fire continued to burn through Thursday morning. Six HFD companies, consisting of 24 firefighters, responded to this fire, which was covered extensively by the news media. It was originally believed that approximately twenty acres were charred. However, upon closer examination, the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) determined the damage was spread out over 102 acres.

Swift responses to the blazes by HFD resulted in a lack of damage to property. The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) and HFD are investigating the cause(s) of the fires. On June 6, 2017, Representative Gene Ward hosted a town hall meeting at Hahai'one Elementary School to update residents on the status of the fires and other vandalism incidents in Hawaii Kai.

HFD Captain David Jenkins explained that the cause(s) of brush fires are very difficult to determine as little to no evidence of the source of ignition remains. Although there have been no structures damaged or injuries, Captain Jenkins emphasized that, when HFD responds to a blaze, it leaves other areas vulnerable, although other companies island wide stand ready to respond. A lot of fires are set by humans, either intentionally or accidentally.

HPD Major Kaneshiro, Commander of District 7, informed the audience that the investigation into the cause(s) of the fires is ongoing so he could not discuss it further. Some people believe homeless living in the valley may have set the fires. However, HPD and HFD have examined the area and did not find any proof that there are any homeless individuals living in the valley. However, they will return to verify this.

William McCorrison, spokesman for the company that plans to build the cemetery in the valley, stated that ten to fifteen acres of the area burned during the May 17 fire belong to the cemetery company. Mr. McCorrison advised his company arranged for cutting back of brush on part of the dirt road adjacent to Niumalu Loop to minimize the possibility of damages to homes there, in the event of another fire. He will work with Kamehameha Schools to determine ownership of other parts of the road so that the clearing can continue.

For those unable to attend the meeting, it will be available on Olelo (Channel 49) on June 18 at 6 p.m.; June 19 at 9:30 a.m. and June 20 at 2 p.m. and June 21 at 10 p.m.

Lucky We Live Mariners Cove!

By Judy Sobin

There are many reasons to be grateful each day and one that stands out is that we live in a very sought after neighborhood. Most of our neighbors take excellent care of their homes. Our children are able to attend highly rated and very safe schools. We are a marina community with access to one of the few private marinas in the nation.

All of these facts and the lack of inventory, results in high sales prices and few days on markets for most of our homes. Over the past six months, there have been 4 sales on interior properties resulting in an average sales price of \$1,206,250 sold in an average of 47 days. Only one marina front home sale closed in the past six months and that was a cash sale at \$1,760,000.

As in most of Hawaii Kai, there is a lack of inventory of properties in the active real estate market. One of the many reasons for this shortage is that many people are unsure of where they will go should they sell their home.

Who can blame our residents for not wanting to move? If a move is in your future, don't forget to check in with your favorite real estate professional and make a plan that works for you!

Protecting Your Home

Pablo Akira Beimler, Hawaii Wild Fire Management Organization, participated in the town hall meeting on June 6 and addressed the audience about safeguarding property if wild fires break out. He stated that taking simple steps around your home, yard and community can protect you and your family. He suggested "hardening your home" by doing the following: branches of trees should be at least ten feet off the ground; bushes should not be touching as a break between them would slow the progression of fire around homes; grass should be short; leaves and debris should be removed from gutters and roofs; combustible materials should be cleared away from under homes and lanais.

If you are interested in learning more about protecting your homes and possibly serving on a committee alongside Kamilonui farmers and nearby residents, please email your name and contact information to www.kamilonuivalley@aol.com.

Speeding in Mariner's Cove

An ongoing problem in the Cove has been speeding, especially as cars exit the Cove near Niumalu Loop and Kamilo Street. The speed limit is 25 miles per hour but many cars exceed that, threatening persons and property near that intersection. Residents in the area are seeking advice from the City and County Department of Transportation on calming measures, such as speed bumps, electronic signs that measure speed, etc. Proposals will be brought to the Neighborhood Board for possible implementation. Please kokua and observe the speed limit.

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