



MARINER'S LOG

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President's Message

Aloha Neighbors

Summer's here. Longer days, less traffic, family vacations, evening barbecues, south shore swell and lots of pool and beach time. Yeah!! Please remember to set your sprinkler system timers to much earlier in the morning (before 5am) to minimize evaporation wastage. You will also avoid sprinkling your neighbors walking our sidewalks early in the morning. ☺ Thanks.

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 finished pool repairs and handrail installations. Safety and security lighting in the parking lot has been restored. We also have made the switch to a propane fueled barbecue to clean up the emissions to our neighborhood. Just a reminder to bring your own propane fuel tank anytime you wish to barbecue. The Cove Club will not be supplying propane to users. Please say hello and thank you to our hard-working guys.

Joel Brilliant, our treasurer and resident legal beagle has been working with our property manager and our cove attorneys to refine policies impacting staff & residents. Also, please welcome our newest board member, Steve Do, who joined the board this winter.

Heh, it's not too late to plan and host a July 4th and/or Christmas Party for residents of the Cove. We are looking for volunteers to continue this long-standing tradition. Please contact us with your ideas and suggestions. Thanks to all you future volunteers. Have a great summer and take care.

Cheers,

Capt Ken Middleton

Upcoming Events

Quarterly meetings are scheduled for **Mondays August 5, October 7, and November 4, 2019** in the clubhouse. All owners are welcome. An owners' forum is held at the beginning of each meeting to bring matters of concern to the board's attention or ask questions. Call to Order is at 7 p.m. and requires a quorum of the Board. Questions or concerns should be put in writing and forwarded to Hawaiian Properties, Ltd. for distribution to the Board in advance of the meetings.

We will send alerts regarding upcoming events to those who are registered on the Google Group. The Google Group is used to alert residents of criminal activity, lost and found pets and other items of interest. To sign up for the Google Group, please email Jo Ann Kocher at Tiger2Balm@aol.com.

Mariner's Cove Firewise Update

This Memorial Day weekend volunteers from Team Rubicon spent their holiday helping us! Team Rubicon, a disaster relief and disaster preparedness organization, declared Kamilonui Valley/Mariner's Cove their mitigation project. Approximately 20 volunteers spent three days clearing brush and debris along the closed section of Hawaii Kai Drive to create a firebreak between Mariner's Cove and the open land behind our houses.

The landowner gave permission to conduct this ongoing community disaster mitigation project and donated opala bins for the debris. Residents living on Niupalu Loop are now also allowed access to maintain their area and we are asking those homeowners to pledge to do so for everyone's safety. A half hour once a month to keep your area clear is worth it to keep your house and the community safer.

The Kamilonui/Mariner's Cove Firewise Community is the first Firewise community on Oahu and joins a network of 13 nationally-recognized Firewise communities statewide. The firebreak completed last year in Kamilonui Valley is maintained by Aloha Aina I Kamilo Nui nursery. A link to the Kamilonui/Mariners Cove Firewise Assessment has been posted to the News Section of the website.

Two television stations reported on the work done by the volunteers. <https://www.kitv.com/story/40536750/volunteers-maintain-fire-break-in-east-honolulu-valley> and <https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2019/05/27/dry-summer-season-nears-community-is-working-prevent-wildfires/>

Be A Good Neighbor

Mahalo to our neighbors who pick up after their dogs. It's the law and other residents appreciate it. However, please do not throw the bag(s) of waste in other residents' trash cans, especially if the bins were just emptied. Also, please remember that it is trespassing if you step onto another's property to access their bins.

Staying Safe

In the last six (6) months, there were three (3) Unauthorized Entries of a Motor Vehicle (UEMV) and four (4) thefts in the Cove that were reported to the Honolulu Police Department (HPD). Two of the thefts involved someone stealing from a mailbox. The U.S. Post Office offers Informed Delivery, which allows residents to see what mail is being/had been delivered. It's free and easy to sign up. Go to www.usps.com. From the menu bar, click on Track and Manage and then on Informed Delivery. This would allow you to compare what the Post Office delivers with what you received.

Several Cove residents have installed doorbells and flood lights with cameras. In addition to deterring crime, videos from these devices may help HPD in its investigations. After the alert about one of the UEMV incidents, a resident provided a video of a possible suspect checking cars in a driveway. The video has been turned over to HPD.

The Neighborhood Watch Program is an important tool to give citizens power to assist law enforcement in keeping our communities safe. With the help of active Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) Programs in east Honolulu, the officers of HPD's District 7 made 176 arrests so far in the month of May. This includes 6 arrests for firearms offenses, 6 arrests for burglary, 5 arrests for auto theft, and 5 arrests for UEMV. Many of these arrests have been the direct result of vigilant citizens calling 911, providing witness testimony to responding officers and being willing to press charges against the accused. By being the eyes and ears for our officers, members of the NSWs play a pivotal role in helping to prevent and deter crime in east Honolulu.

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.

Mariner's Cove Website

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. The others are the Google Group and the website - www.marinerscovebayclub.org. These are two separate electronic methods with different purposes, although they may interact at times. This article will deal with the website.

The website was set up several years ago by a Cove resident. It has various areas, including a News section, a calendar of upcoming events at the clubhouse, a Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) section and a forum for residents to post questions or information they want to share with other residents. The News section contains minutes of Board of Directors' meetings, financial reports, clubhouse rules and the Use of Facilities Agreement. You must be a registered user to post on the website and to access the NSW and forum sections.

A few years ago, the website was hit with spam, which was time consuming to remove. The website was then configured that only registered members could post. For the last few years, if someone attempted to register, they received an email from a website administrator asking if they were a resident of the Cove or to explain why they wanted access to the website. This stopped the spam. Recently, several requests to join were received with user names and email addresses that were highly suspicious. Requests for clarification were almost never answered. **Beginning immediately, the website admins, who are volunteers, will not reply to these requests unless the user name and email address appear legitimate. If you try to register and don't succeed, please email Jo Ann Kocher at Tiger2Balm@aol.com.**

Mariner's Cove Real Estate Update

By Judy Sobin,

Let's look at how our Mariners Cove property prices have fared over the last six months.

While the real estate market in many Oahu neighborhoods has seen inventory increases and prices flattening, that is not what we are experiencing in the Cove. There have been 4 properties sold over the past six months at an average price of \$1,319,750. The prior six months (May- October 2018) saw 3 properties sold at an average price of \$1,284,000, a 5% jump in prices.

It is hard to read too much into these statistics as we have a very limited number of sales. Many characteristics of properties impact the price at which a property will sell. Marina front automatically increases a property's worth but remodeling and condition can be nearly as valuable.

There are currently two homes being actively marketed in the Cove including one on the marina. The marina property has been on market for more than a year. The Niualu Loop off marina property has been listed for 40 days.

One of the key observations in the current Cove market is that the average "days on market" has dramatically increased from 11 to 83 before a property has an accepted offer. It all comes back to pricing. A property priced at market price in today's market should sell within 45 days. Determining market price is the challenge. Our market has become a little more complicated.