



MARINER'S LOG

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Upcoming Events

Regular Board of Directors Meetings will be held in the clubhouse beginning at 7 p.m. on **Monday, August 16, 2021 and Monday, October 18, 2021.** An owners’ forum is held at the beginning of each meeting to bring matters of concern to the Board’s attention or ask questions.

There has not yet been a decision about the annual **Cove Holiday party** this year. If a party is planned, it will be announced via the Google Group and website.

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.

DRY SEASON PROMPTS FIREWISE EDUCATION

Kamilonui Valley - Mariner’s Cove is designated as one of 15 Firewise Communities in Hawai’i (the only one on O’ahu). The June 5th educational outreach was led by Hawai’i Kai Strong and Aloha Aina O Kamilo Nui with support from Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization. A workday to assist with the three firebreaks is being coordinated. To volunteer or learn more write to Firewise808@gmail.com.

**The Firewise Community was formed in response to 2017 and 2018 fires in the area (as many as 18 wildfires in the back of the valley and along a road coming out of the valley between dozens of Mariner’s Cove homes.)*

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.

As covid risks subside we all look forward to the full reopening of the Cove Clubhouse to events and celebrations. Hopefully, this occurs sooner than later so many of you can resume utilizing our facilities.

After many years of service to our Cove Club, our site manager Joe Barros has retired. A big mahalo to Joe for his many years. His replacement is Zach Zimmer who has stepped up as our site manager after a number of years assisting Joe with the Club workload. We are currently interviewing for a second part-time Cove employee to assist Zach.

Sad to say the Cove Club can’t host the wonderful annual 4th of July celebration again this year. Hopefully the Cove Holiday party will be back this year.

Have a great summer and take care.

Cheers,

Capt Ken Middleton

Aloha Joe Barros

Longtime Clubhouse Manager Joe Barros has retired. We thank him for his many years of dedicated service and wish him a long and happy retirement. If you wish to make clubhouse reservations or have other questions, please call 395-1191 and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

Crime Prevention

A type of burglary known as “knock-knock” is prominent on the mainland and appears to have arrived in Hawaii. Although, to date, there are no reports of this in Mariner’s Cove, someone in Hahaione Valley posted on Nextdoor on April 30, 2021 that a woman with a hoodie knocked on his door and inquired if an unfamiliar car parked on the street was for sale. The resident told her he did not know, and she drove off in another car. This could have been an attempted “knock-knock” burglary.

In a “knock-knock” burglary, a suspect (usually female) knocks on a potential victim’s door, makes an innocuous inquiry “I’m looking for John Doe.” They do this to determine the risk reward of a burglary on the property assessing: If someone answers the door; the formidable nature of the resident; alarm systems, cameras or a dog in place at the residence; value of the car in the driveway, etc. If there is no response, the female calls in a crew (usually parked around the corner out of camera view) who immediately enter the residence through the back sliding glass doors or bathroom/bedroom window, go to the bedroom and or home office, go through the top drawers of dressers looking for laptops, jewelry, cash, small safes, maybe even pharmaceutical drugs in the bathroom. They are usually in and out in five to seven minutes.

If an unknown and suspicious individual knocks on your door, please consider the following, if you are comfortable with it: bring your mobile phone and answer the knock. Tell the individual you want them to leave. Tell the individual that you are recording the conversation and calling the police (to move them out of the area quickly). If you were not able to record the conversation, immediately write down what was said, especially specific words and phrases, and a description of the individual. Call 911 non-emergency to relay the information to the police. Please be alert that, if you do not answer the door, the criminals may assume you are not home and try to enter the house.

In the last newsletter, Video Information Sharing In Our Neighbor (VISION) was introduced. To date, eleven families have joined. VISION is a collaborative neighborhood effort of sharing personal security camera information in the event of criminal activity to support police efforts. Ring doorbells and cameras, ADT, ARLO and SimpliSafe are a few examples of video surveillance systems that we use within Mariner’s Cove. If you have one or more security cameras, please consider joining VISION. The more neighbors who are willing to share information, the more likely we will be successful in deterring and securing our neighborhood. There is no cost of being a VISION member. Please email the VISION Coordinator, Ron, at marinerscovevision@gmail.com for further information.

Mariners Cove Real Estate Update

By Judy Sobin, 748 Kalanipuu Street (Principal Broker, Judy Sobin and Associates)

The news has been full of stories about massive increases in real estate prices - not just in Honolulu, but across much of the United States. The reasons are obvious not just to real estate professionals but also to many others: the inventory of available homes is very low and interest rates are also very low, leading to intense competition for properties. The pandemic has also brought more wealthy buyers into the market, especially those searching for a “safe” family home.

Only two homes in the Cove have been sold over the past six months, one marina and one interior. As of this writing, no Cove properties are currently on the market. During the latter part of 2020, seven Cove properties sold, including one marina front. The two properties sold this year went into escrow within an average of 4 days of listing. Last year, the average number of days on market before going into escrow was 49. The price per square foot, although not always an accurate measure, has shot up from an average of \$725 to \$930.

There are many ways to interpret these numbers, but there is no question that the high demand for Cove properties does not appear to be cooling off. I receive calls every day from interested buyers, and I know other Realtors do as well.

I am always available to answer your questions. My telephone number is 358-8828. Please give me a call - no strings attached and absolutely no obligation!

EAST HONOLULU SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN (EHSC Plan)

The East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan was adopted as Ordinance 21-11. The adopted plan is the culmination of years of community engagement and Departmental review since the last time the Plan was updated in 1999. On May 7th, Mayor Rick Blangiardi signed the updated EHSC Plan with several Mariner's Cove residents present.

Highlights from the plan include "keeping Kamiloni Valley outside the urban growth boundary", "not extending Hawaii Kai Drive", which would call for condemnation of some Mariner's Cove homes and improving the bike and walking opportunities that connect the neighborhoods. If you are interested, you can download the entire plan: <http://www.honoluluodpp.org/Planning/DevelopmentSustainableCommunitiesPlans/EastHonoluluPlan.aspx> To learn more contact directors@hawaiikaihui.org.