



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 March 2, 2015. Owner registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. Quarterly meetings are scheduled for May 18, August 17 and November 2 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.

President's Message

The Mariner's Cove Association (MCA) Board of Directors (BOD) voted that there will be no increase in dues for the 2015 budget year. Extensive renovations to the clubhouse and grounds were completed under budget over the past two years.

The current term of the BOD ends on March 2, 2015. There will be 3 vacancies to fill on the 9 member board, comprised entirely of home owners. If you are interested in becoming a member of the BOD, contact John Brewer, Hawaiian Properties, at 539-9722. I particularly would like to encourage owners who are new to the Cove to consider joining the board.

In April, Kristi Lundell organized a block party and all Cove residents were invited. It was such a resounding success that Bernadette Gruzinsky, a member of the BOD, will be working with Kristi and me to coordinate a "Cove Gathering" on Sunday, April 19, 2015. We hope to see you there.

As a friendly reminder, the BOD only has jurisdiction for the maintenance and enhancement of the facilities of the Mariners Cove Bay Club (MCBC). However, many Cove residents have contacted me with problems or complaints not related to the MCBC. Born in Hawaii, I have lived in the Cove for 43 years and have developed a wide network of resources that often have the answers to these concerns. When I have been able to solve an issue, I am not doing it as the MCA President but rather as a Cove resident who enjoys helping others, especially neighbors.

Finally, I want to recognize Joe Barros for volunteering on his own time to maintain the walls that surround the MCBC entrance on Kamilo Street. Joe has donated several hundred dollars' worth of paint, time and personal equipment to re-paint over the graffiti.

Noah Parker

Mariners Cove members led by Bernadette Gruzinsky, Kristi Lundell and Noah Parker are organizing a "Cove Gathering" - a MCA social event to be held in the clubhouse on Sunday, April 19th, 2015 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Children are welcomed. The BOD has approved this event to be held on a Sunday in the clubhouse to avoid blocking the popular Saturday usage day by the members. Information will be posted on the website in early 2015 and alerts will be sent to those registered on the Google Group.

Please contact Bernadette at bjgruzinsky@yahoo.com or Noah Parker at parkern001@hawaii.rr.com if you are interested in helping to organize and/or donate food and prizes to the event. This will be a great opportunity to meet familiar and new Cove residents, share MC experiences and have a good time. Bring one of your favorite potluck dishes to share. Games will help round out the fun. Prizes will be awarded, if donated. Bring your own cocktails and soft drinks. No MCA funds will be used. This is your event. Let's help make it successful.

The annual Mariner's Cove garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015. 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 25.** You may also designate your home as participating with balloons, signs or other items.

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 on the Google Group. Contact Jo Ann Kocher at 395 1300 or Tiger2Balm@aol.com to sign up if you are not registered to receive messages. This Google Group is also used to send alerts on criminal activity, lost/found pets and other items of interest.

Tree Planting Project

The City and County of Honolulu has begun the tree planting project in the interior Cove. There were several meetings and notifications about it over the past two years. A summary of the first meeting, on January 23, 2012 at the Bay Club, can be found at http://www.marinerscovebayclub.org/mod/forum/view-thread.php?thread_id=27. Maps were available for residents to see if their properties would be affected.

The trees that are being planted in the Cove will not cause damage to the sidewalks as the roots are not aggressive. The contractor Green Thumb Inc. will be providing maintenance (including watering) for 120 days. Green water bags will be attached to every tree that was planted by the contractor. Once the contractor completes the installation, they will be watering the trees for 4 months using the green bags. Also, the City will maintain the trees by providing early tree care and a routine maintenance program to include pruning.

While many residents expressed that they are looking forward to the beautification of our neighborhood, some are not happy about the planting of the trees in front of their homes. A few have uprooted the trees and left them on the sidewalk or road. The area between the owner's property line and roadway is the property of the City & County so homeowners' permission is not required to plant the trees. Each tree costs \$400.00 and that is not including the contract with Green Thumb for planting etc. The contractor will replant any trees that have been uprooted. HPD will also be notified and appropriate legal action will be taken against anyone causing damage/uprooting of the tree. At least two residents have been cited. If there are any further questions or you would like a tree, please contact the City & County Urban Forestry Department at 971-7151.

Lockers At The Clubhouse

Assistant Club Manager, Zack Zimmer, donated six storage lockers to help secure your personal property while using the swimming pools and recreation areas. The lockers are only available for usage during the clubhouse hour of operation. It is the users' responsibility to **provide their own padlocks**. All items stored in the lockers must be removed immediately after your visit. The MCA and facility staff will not be responsible for any items placed in the lockers.

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. Don't make it easy for the crooks!

Ladies, be careful where you put your purses and shopping bags in restaurants. There have been reports of thieves taking handbags and other items hanging from the backs of chairs, completely unnoticed by the owners until it is too late.

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

Yoga Classes At The Clubhouse

For the past 10 months, Cove residents and their guests have been enjoying free yoga classes in a safe and comfortable environment at the MCBC. The classes meet every Monday at 6:15 p.m for relaxation and stretching with yoga master Donna Segaran. She has been practicing yoga since 1972 and has taught classes at Chaminade and Adult community school, as well as personal private classes. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the classes. Please bring friends and family and anyone who would enjoy a peaceful night of relaxation, which is good for the body and great for the mind. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat or towel and water. If you have any questions, please call Lana Kim at 396 5508 (home) or 354 7979 (cell). Visit Yogahawaii.net for more info on Donna Segaran.

Hawaii Kai Strong

Hawaii Kai Strong is our new local disaster readiness program. Two introductory public outreach sessions were held in September and October to help Hawaii Kai become a more resilient community. Additional sessions will be held at the Kamiloiki Elementary School Cafeteria on the first Wednesday of every month to provide detailed information on different disaster types and getting prepared. Among the topics to be covered are floods, earthquakes and tsunamis. The latter should be of particular interest to Mariner's Cove residents since recently released information suggests massive earthquakes may have generated a tsunami far exceeding the inundations known to have occurred throughout recorded history in Hawaii. An event of this magnitude, referred to as an Extreme Tsunami, may occur once every thousand years. **As such, Tsunami Evacuation maps have been revised to include new areas of possible inundations, including Mariner's Cove.** For more information, go to <http://www.honolulu.gov/cms-dem-menu/site-dem-sitearticles/18308-draft-etez-maps.html#Maps>. Check out Hawaii Kai Strong at their Facebook page. To be added to their email list, please reply to HawaiiKaiStrong@yahoo.com.

It's Your Club

Why do you like being a member of the MCBC? Herlin Smith finds it's a wonderful place to swim and do water exercises. In 1994, a doctor told her that she needed surgery to fix a tear in her knee. Instead she decided swimming was better for her and has been swimming 20 laps a day at the clubhouse for 20 years on 6 days a week. She says that, for people like her, water exercise is a low impact exercise and very relaxing. She also enjoys the company of other swimmers in the morning.

Email Jo Ann Kocher at Tiger2Balm@aol.com if you would like to share your reasons for enjoying the MCBC.

News From The Valley

The nonprofit (startup) plant nursery Aloha Aina O Kamilo Nui located at 965 Kamilonui Place is seeking volunteer help. Some Mariners Cove residents are already engaged at this nursery and invite you to join in. Student and organization community credit is available. Write to: kamilonuivalley@aol.com.