



# MARINER'S LOG

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### President's Message

It's that time of year again. Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, shopping, parties and all the fun stuff and chores we put off the previous 11 months. Don't forget to slow down and remember why we celebrate these special Holidays while you enjoy them.

Speaking of parties, Mariners Cove will be hosting a fun potluck for keiki and adults on Saturday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. It's been a while and new board member Jihee has graciously offered to coordinate the festivities. Details are in another column of this newsletter. See you there. Also, don't forget the annual Hawaii Kai Marina Christmas Light Boat Parade on Sat, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Our Clubhouse, Grounds and Pools continue to stay in great shape thanks to Joe & Zach. Vandalism has been minimal and no immediate capital spending projects on the horizon. Increasing cost of living expenses required the Board to institute a very minor dues increase effective Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to keep our budget balanced. Be sure to utilize Hawaiian Properties auto debit payment service to avoid late fees. This is especially convenient if traveling over the Holidays or the summer.

The next Mariners Cove Board Meeting on March 8, 2018 and also happens to be our Annual Meeting where board members are elected. There will be several vacancies so it is the perfect time for you to get involved. Please contact John Brewer, our Hawaiian Properties Manager, for details and to submit your name for the ballot. You can also run as a write-in that evening. It's a minimal time commitment and gives you an opportunity to contribute to our beautiful community.

Mele Kalikimaka and Hauoli Makahiki Hou

Capt Ken Middleton

### Upcoming Events

A **Community Holiday Potluck** will be held on **Sunday, December 10, 2017 from noon to 3 p.m. in the clubhouse.** All residents are welcome. There will be activities for the keiki. Please bring a dish to share. The association will provide non-alcoholic drinks.

The **Annual Meeting**, which will be combined with the first **Quarterly Board of Directors meeting**, is scheduled for **Thursday, March 8, 2018.** Owner registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and Call to Order will be at 7 p.m.

**Quarterly meetings** are scheduled for **Mondays May 21, August 20 and November 5, 2018** 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. Call to Order is 7 p.m. and require 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.

The annual **Mariner's Cove garage sale** will be held on **Saturday, May 5, 2018.** 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 May 2.**

Area residents, several Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board members, Kamilonui farmers and area landowners are forming a Firewise Community working group. On November 27, under the direction of Pablo Akira Beimler, Community Outreach Coordinator, Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization (HWMO), a team of professionals will be in the neighborhood conducting a **Firewise Hazard Assessment** to assist with wildfire risk reduction. It is anticipated that there will be a community meeting in January where an informational exchange will include results of the assessment, as well as what you can do to help. For information about Hawaii Wildfire Management go to [www.hawaiiwildfire.org](http://www.hawaiiwildfire.org).

We will send alerts regarding upcoming events to those who are registered on the Google Group. To sign up for the Google Group, please email Jo Ann Kocher at [Tiger2Balm@aol.com](mailto:Tiger2Balm@aol.com).

## Crime Prevention Strategies

With the holiday season upon us, please be aware that criminals are taking every opportunity to steal valuables. A few things to remember:

Don't leave anything in your car. Keep gifts in the trunk or hidden from view. Never leave your purse, wallet, or cash within the vehicle. Always keep your vehicle locked, even while driving, and be aware of your environment when your windows are open. Keep your purse, wallet, phone, etc. with you at all times. Do not leave them in carts or step away from them even for a second. Always lock your windows and doors, even while home. Do not leave your keys in the vehicle or the vehicle running while transporting gifts and items to and from your car and home.

Board member Jihee Nguyen shared an experience she had right in the parking lot of the clubhouse:

'Tis the season to be jolly...and to be aware of your surroundings! Although we live in a fairly safe neighborhood, it doesn't take much for someone to come in and disrupt the calm atmosphere of our neighborhood. I generally always lock my car, even if I am running back in my house for something. However, I did not think to do that one day while loading up to leave after an event at the clubhouse. Since there were several families outside loading their cars at the same time, and we were all going from the clubhouse to our cars to load up, I didn't think it was necessary to lock my car. I put a few bags in the car, shut the door, and went back into the clubhouse to grab the rest of my belongings. I was away from my car for less than one minute.

By the time I drove home (which was only a few minutes later), I realized my bags were gone. I called everyone that was at the event, and no one had seen anyone or anything suspicious. Fortunately, there wasn't anything truly valuable taken, but the frightening part was that someone must have been watching. They were sly enough to open the car, grab the goods, and shut the door without anyone noticing. There were several families outside and no one even noticed! It was dark out, so hopefully with the addition of the motion sensor lights that will be installed at the club house, this type of crime will decrease.

So, with that said, PLEASE please be constantly aware of your surroundings, and lock your cars and homes at all times. It's better to be safe than sorry! Please also take a moment to get to know your neighbors, so that we can all help look out for one another!

**Call 911 if you see something suspicious. Your neighbors will thank you.**

## Bunco at the Clubhouse

A group of ladies get together the second Wednesday of the month for Bunco. They meet at the Mariner's Cove clubhouse at 6:00 for a pot luck. Then they play Bunco from 6:30 to about 8:00. If you are interested in joining this group, please call: Nancy @ 436-5305, Gerri @ 395-4930 or Patti @ 395-0364. They do not meet in December.

## News on the Marina

By Judy Sobin

### Dredging Update

We have good news for our marina community. The long awaited dredging of the marina is about to begin in December, according to Beverly Liddle, Hawaii Kai Marina Community Association Executive Director. There have been many hurdles to overcome and the last is a grading permit with the City and County of Honolulu.

It is expected that dredging work will begin in the upper marina, Mariners Cove, Anchorage and Keaulala Kai neighborhoods sometime this December. The upper marina dredging will take a month or so. The entire dredging project in all parts of the marina should be completed in about 10 months.

### Annual "Festival of Lights" Boat Parade

Scheduled for Saturday, December 9, the parade sponsors are still soliciting participants. Corporate sponsors have been gathered by the Hawaii Kai Marina Association to offer both cash and "swag" to parade participants and winners. Call the Marina office, 396-2469 for entry details.

For those of us who want to watch and may not live on the marina, the park spaces on Niunalu Loop and Kalanipuu Street provide a great viewing point. We have received a commitment that sprinklers in these small parks will not spray until 10 PM, after the last boat has paraded by. Enjoy the fun.

### Holiday Cruises

Ken Middleton (Tradewind Charters) got a new catamaran. To celebrate, he is going to have nightly Sunset, City and Caroling cruises by Ala Moana the last two weeks of December. **Ken is offering Cove residents a 10% discount** on these cruises, merchandise and gift cards. Use promo code MCA at [www.SeaWaikiki.com](http://www.SeaWaikiki.com)

### Quick Real Estate Review

By Judy Sobin, East Oahu Realty and Cove Resident

Wow, what a year! In the last six months, we have seen 10 sales in Mariners Cove. Prices ranged from \$1,050,000 to \$2,118,888 and the average price sold was \$1,337,539. During the six months prior, there were 4 properties sold in our neighborhood at an average price of \$1,206,250. It is easy to see that prices have increased by nearly 11% from November 2016.

I don't want to get too technical, but looking back a little further and comparing Year over Year, 2016-2017, prices in the Cove jumped from an average of \$1,175,042 to \$1,300,028. That is a Year over Year increase of 10.6%.

The average days on market to sell our homes over the past year has been 32 days. In summary, inventory in Mariners Cove is very low. Low inventory usually generates higher prices and that is certainly true for our wonderful neighborhood!