



# MARINER'S LOG

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### Board of Directors

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### Upcoming Events

**Monday, February 22, 2021: 2021 Annual Meeting**, followed by the Organizational Meeting, followed by a Regular Board of Directors meeting. Owner registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and Call to Order will be at 7 p.m. Three Board of Director vacancies for three years each will be filled. Instructions on how to apply will be included in the Notice of the Annual Meeting.

**Regular Board of Directors Meetings** will be held in the clubhouse beginning at 7 p.m. on **Monday, May 17, 2021, 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.

The annual **Cove Holiday party will not be held** this year because of COVID 19 restrictions.

The **annual garage sale**, usually held in the beginning of May, is not scheduled at this time. If it is going to be held, it will be announced on the website and via the Google Group.

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](mailto:Tiger2Balm@aol.com).

### Did you know?

The three view lots (also called mini parks) in Mariner's Cove are not owned by the Mariner's Cove Association. They were deeded to the Hawaii Kai Marina Association, which also maintains them.

### President's Message

It's been a really tough year for all of us. Here's hoping that covid has had a minimal impact on you and your ohana. Don't forget to slow down and remember why we celebrate our upcoming Holidays while you enjoy them, safely.

We have good news that our Cove Association will not be raising dues for the 2021 fiscal year. Yea!!! On Monday, Feb 22, 2021 at 6:30pm we have our annual Mariners Cove Association Meeting and elections for 3 Board positions. It's not too early to start thinking about participating in keeping our Neighborhood Association running smoothly. Here's what we are looking for:

#### Traits of Good Board Members

Do you have what it takes to be a good board member? Chances are you do. If you have some of the following traits and skills, consider running for a seat on the board. We'd love to have you.

**Respect.** If you can give others respect and expect it in return, you can help keep board discussions civil, productive and on point. We're looking for people who can lead by consensus, not by command.

**Good Listening.** People want to be heard. Can you listen to board members and residents with sincere interest? You may have a few ideas of your own, but everyone learns by sharing and discussing.

**Thick Skin.** Sometimes residents, even other board members, can be mean and insulting. Can you turn a conversation around and find out what's really bothering people?.

**Egos aside.** If you can give others credit, the board will operate better as a team.

**Agenda aside.** Members who come to the board looking to help only themselves are a problem. A board is more productive when members don't have a personal punch list. Are you able to look after the community, not just your own interests? Are you willing to compromise?

The ideal board comprises a mix of management styles, professional skills and temperaments. If you know people with some of these traits or relevant skills ask them if they'd be interested in joining the board. Some people don't think about running for a seat unless asked. You don't have to know everything when you join, board members and our property manager, John Brewer, can help you with the transition and train you on board responsibilities, current work, projects and hot issues. Leaders can come from different places and backgrounds. There's no one mode that fits all, so share your knowledge and passion with the community and step up on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

Mele Kalikimaka and Hauoli Makahiki Hou,  
Capt Ken Middleton

## Crime Prevention

Recently, a Mariner's Cove resident suggested on the Nextdoor app that cameras be placed at the entrance to Mariner's Cove North (also known as the interior Cove) to capture vehicles entering and exiting the area in the event criminal or suspicious activity occurred. Unfortunately, when we checked with the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), we learned this was not legal under Hawaii's privacy laws. It is legal, however, for individuals to place cameras on their premises to surveil that property with the purpose to protect it. The intention cannot be to capture activity on public streets, even if the cameras may do so.

As an alternative suggestion, another interested Cove resident proposed a project that will utilize residents' cameras within Hawaii's legal guidelines. It is called Video Information Sharing In Our Neighborhood (VISION). With VISION, willing residents who maintain cameras to surveil their premises would agree to share images captured with HPD, if needed to analyze a criminal event. **When a crime takes place, the victim would first notify the HPD.** If the VISION Coordinator, who will be a volunteer from the Cove community, is notified, he/she would then request the volunteer residents with cameras to review their recordings in a timely manner, preferably the same day as an event takes place. If pertinent information is present on one or more cameras, the resident would be asked to share it with HPD for possible criminal prosecution.

At this point, we would like to determine how many Cove residents with cameras would be willing to participate in VISION. In the future, we will discuss how residents who would like to help in other ways can do so. **If you have video cameras on your property, are willing to work with the VISION Coordinator to identify relevant camera images in a timely manner, and, if appropriate, share that information with HPD, please email Ron at: [marinerscovevision@gmail.com](mailto:marinerscovevision@gmail.com).** This security effort is not associated with the Mariner's Cove Association or the Mariner's Cove Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW). Thank you for your consideration of the request. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Please Kokua

With COVID 19, there are more residents out walking and running. Please be considerate and put your mask on when you come close to someone. When approaching a person with dogs, do not get close to the dogs unless you are invited to do so.

Enjoying Kamilonui Valley for walking, jogging and bicycling continues to gain popularity among Mariners Cove residents and area neighborhoods. Please drive carefully on the road to and in the valley. A couple of farmers are offering periodic roadside produce sales and Aloha Aina O Kamilo Nui nursery recently launched an ohana garden program and mala kalo plus still offers volunteer opportunities. Write to [info@kamilonuivalley.org](mailto:info@kamilonuivalley.org)

The latest news on the farm leases is they all expire in 2025 and, though Kamehameha Schools publicly stated they would keep the valley in agriculture, lease negotiations have not yet begun.

## Is Mariners Cove Experiencing A Boom?

By Judy Sobin

Homes in Mariners Cove whether on the marina or off the marina are in demand. Like most of Hawaii Kai and indeed most Oahu, single family homes, especially those priced between at \$1- 2 million, sell quickly.

During the six months between November 2019 and May 2020, 7 homes were sold in Mariners Cove. Five homes off the marina sold for a median price of \$1.1 million. Two marina front properties sold, one at \$2 million and one at \$2,121,000.

During the past six months, June through November 2020, we see the same number of sales as in the previous six months. Of the six sales that are off the marina, we see a median price of \$1,195,00. Only one marina front property in the Cove sold during the past six months and it closed at \$1,700,000.

We can really only look at the interior units as a fair indication of what is going on in the market. The marina front properties that have sold are too few to give us an accurate measure of current market price.

Comparing the past six months sales to sales during the previous six months, prices increased by just over 8.5%. Days on market decreased from 80 down to 38.

The question that I hear every day is "will the real estate boom continue through 2021? Should I sell now or should I buy now?" The answer?

No one knows for sure, but here is some key information that can help guide us in our decision-making:

- The most recent sales statistics on Oahu show that single-family homes are selling at the same rate as a year ago, but at a higher price. This especially is true for Mariners Cove as we can see from the statistics above.
- Inventory, in the single-family median price market, is very low and likely accounts for the flat sales.
- Mortgage interest rates remain low, which pushes prices relatively higher.

Nationally, one in every 12 mortgages is past due – unfortunately the local statistics are harder to track. Foreclosures are further down both nationally and locally than one year ago. This is good news! It seems the recent government stimulus may have helped keep more people solvent for the time being.

Ultimately, it seems that real estate is the part of the economy that has best recovered from the COVID-19 slowdown, both here in Hawaii and on the continent. The best advice that I can give to those who ask is to take the time to evaluate your family's financial health, work with your professional real estate advisors, and thoughtfully develop a plan that works for your specific needs.