



# MARINER'S LOG

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## President's Message

The current Board of Directors (BOD) has been very active improving and upgrading the appearance of the Mariners Cove Bay Club. When I became President of the MCA, I informed the BOD that I was going to be proactive in the operation of the MCBC. I feel that we have fulfilled that commitment. I am especially proud that every project was completed under budget. There is no need to increase our monthly dues to pay for any of the improvements. Please see the Changes to the Facility section for a detailed description of the many improvements.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our employees, Joe Barros and Zack Zimmer, for performing several of the improvements themselves, resulting in savings to the MCA. A big Mahalo also to JM Glass Inc. which donated and installed two replacement glass windows and repaired the sliding screen and glass doors, all at no cost to MCA.

We are also encouraging members to use the facility as much as possible. Free yoga classes are being held three Wednesdays of every month, thanks to Cove resident Audrey Fu, who agreed to sponsor the classes.

Steps have been made to improve security after a recent theft, including the installation of a security system and flood lights. All the stolen items were replaced immediately below cost.

Finally, we have installed a bulletin board for our members to use to advertise their businesses, items for sale, etc. It is located outside the clubhouse on the makai side patio. Please check with Joe Barros before posting anything.

If anyone has a suggestion for improvements, please contact me at [parkern001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:parkern001@hawaii.rr.com).

Noah Parker, President, MCA

## Upcoming Events

**A Keiki Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the clubhouse.** Celebrate with all the keiki of Mariner's Cove a mere 4 days before Christmas!! Cove resident Sarah Herrmann has volunteered to coordinate the party. There will be fun activities such as cookie decorating, arts and crafts, snacks, and much more! It is rumored that Santa will make an appearance. Every family is invited to bring a new, unwrapped gift for the homeless. Sarah promises they will be delivered to Family Promise Shelter and Catholic Charities, nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organizations, in time for homeless children to receive them this Christmas! Bringing a gift is not mandatory! You are welcome to attend the party with or without a gift. The Herrmann family would love your help to make the party a big success! They would like one parent volunteer per "activity station". Interested? Call Sarah Herrmann (719-930-9562) or e-mail her ([SarahHerrmann@msn.com](mailto:SarahHerrmann@msn.com)) ASAP!! The clubhouse will be especially beautiful this year, thanks to Sandy Alama who donated a beautiful Christmas tree and lights. **If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Sarah no later than December 15.**

**The Annual Meeting, which will be combined with the first Quarterly Board of Directors meeting, is scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2014. Owner registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. Quarterly meetings are scheduled for May 19, August 18 and November 17 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.**

**The annual Mariner's Cove garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014.** 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 30.** 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. Go to <http://groups.google.com/group/mariners-cove-bay-club> if you are not registered to receive messages. There is a "contact owner to join" link on this page. This Google Group is also used to send alerts on criminal activity, lost/found pets and other items of interest.



## Changes to the Facility

Numerous renovations and repairs have been made at the clubhouse and around the pool. They include replacing the swimming pool deck areas with new decking. The previous deck had several holes which were potential hazards. The flooring in the clubhouse was changed. The swimming pool pumps were converted to a Variable-Speed Pump that has resulted in a \$200.00 electrical bill savings each month. Tiles in the keiki pool were replaced. The main chlorinated pool was changed to a salt water converter, resulting in a huge savings by not having to purchase costly chlorine tablets. The pool also looks clearer and healthier. Members are raving about not having the chlorine odor on their bodies after a swim.

The bathroom floor tiles were upgraded to ceramic and the counter tops in both restrooms now have granite tops. The aging toilets and sinks were replaced. Lighting was improved and the walls in all areas were painted. The kitchen appliances were also replaced.

## News From The Pool

With the recent addition of our salt water chlorinating system, Mariner's Cove Bay Club pools have been experiencing a sustained rise in our phosphates levels. After consulting with the system installers, the staff has concluded that the new system has made our pool entirely TOO COMFORTABLE AND INVITING. There are only two explanations for the rise in phosphates; our pool members are too excited to get in to the water, and once in, they don't want to get out. We'd like to remind our members that no matter how beautiful the water looks, they must bathe before entering the pool. We would also invite our members to enjoy the use of our newly renovated bathrooms, and to feel free to contribute phosphates to these facilities, rather than to the pool. We understand that with our new saltwater chlorinating system the pool is more beautiful than ever, but our bathrooms are newly remodeled and JUST as inviting. As community members, let's all kookua and ensure the enjoyment of our facilities for all.

## Free Yoga Classes at the Clubhouse

The Mariners Cove Bay Club is host to FREE yoga classes from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. every Wednesday, except on the second Wednesday of each month. Anyone may join in the yoga class by just showing up with a mat to stretch out on. Nonresident guests are also allowed. The class was made possible by long time Cove resident Audrey Fu. After retiring from her retail business of 44 years in Hawaii, Audrey was faced with a debilitating ruptured disk and credits doing yoga 7 times a week with being able to maintain her health. She believes yoga is the only form of exercise that will not over-stress or injure the body. Audrey wants to share her experiences and the benefits of yoga with other Cove residents. Instructing the classes is Rachel Ahuvia, a former physical education instructor who has traveled all over the world and found a passion for all forms of dancing and yoga. She has been teaching yoga for 18 years and customizes her classes to suit the abilities of her students.

## Cemetery Update

Community questions and concerns regarding the Hawaii Kai Memorial Park have been raised since a cemetery was first proposed for Kamilonui Valley, and concerns related to the stockpiling of construction debris have continued since mid-2004. The Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board (HKNB) has been monitoring the issue. Several members have met with the Department of Planning and Permitting and attended a city council committee discussion regarding the issue. At its November 26 meeting, the board also unanimously supported taking action to ask the Honolulu City Council to look into the matter further. If you would like future updates, please contact HKNB member Natalie Iwasa at [IwasaHKNB@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:IwasaHKNB@hawaii.rr.com).

## Crime Prevention Strategies

There are often questions about when to call 911. Anytime someone is doing something that a reasonable person would think just doesn't seem right, it's always good to call 911. It is very helpful for the responding officer(s) if you can provide as much detail as possible. If a suspicious vehicle appears to have left the area, you should still call 911 so that the officer can make his/her presence known and possibly deter a crime. In addition, if they do later find this vehicle, the officer would most likely stop it and gather the information needed to investigate from there. It is easier for the officer to justify stopping that particular vehicle because a call has come into dispatch about a "that" particular vehicle, then it is to stop a car for no reason. But the suspicious person or vehicle has to be doing something to get your attention, such as taking photos of homes, going onto the property and walking around the house, etc. It's very important to give that information to the dispatcher who then relays it to the officer.

Recently, an HPD plain clothes officer approached a Cove resident while investigating a burglary on the street. He wanted to know if the owner's security cameras were working. The resident was understandably concerned and guidance was requested from HPD. Our HPD liaison responded that anyone can have a "badge" around their neck so caution is warranted. HPD Officers are required to carry both their badge and their HPD Identification Card when on duty. If you still question whether this is an officer or not, please call 911. If these officers are legitimate, the 911 Dispatcher will let you know. You can even ask the officer for their name and badge number to verify with the 911 dispatcher if they indeed are employed by HPD. If the officer refuses, please let the 911 Dispatcher know and request to have a uniformed police officer in a marked vehicle present.

## Increase in Late Fees

The BOD recently voted to increase the late fee for failure to pay the required dues to the MCA from \$10 to \$50, effective December 31, 2013. This fee will be imposed if dues are not received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month they are due (January and July). The BOD determined that the late fee of \$10 no longer effectively serves the purposes underlying the imposition of the late fee, and that a higher and reasonable late fee is warranted. Please see the enclosed Payments Instruction page and copy of the resolution to increase this fee for more details.