



MARINER'S LOG

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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 consider setting your sprinkler system timers to much earlier in the morning (before 5am) to minimize evaporation wastage. Your neighbors walking our sidewalks early in the morning will also appreciate it. ☺ Thanks!

Our Cove clubhouse, pool and grounds continue to look great under the care of Joe and Zach. Besides maintaining and overseeing events on the property, these guys have nearly completed replacing the rusted chain-link fence between the parking lot and the marina making the pool secure again. They also have been rebuilding our antiquated sprinkler system for the lawns. Please say thank you to these hard working guys.

The board is studying electricity usage plus water, pool chemical & salt consumption on the property in an effort to reduce these costs. We will keep you posted on our findings. Results from a recent termite inspection and electrical systems check-up were good with all systems working as they should. Also, please welcome our newest board members, Judy Sorbin and David Crest. Judy was elected at the annual meeting and Dave will be serving through next March.

Heh, it's not too late to plan and host a July 4th and/or Christmas Party for residents of the Cove. We are looking for volunteers to resume this long standing tradition. Please contact us with your ideas and suggestions. Thanks to all you future volunteers. Have a great summer and take care.

Cheers,

Capt Ken Middleton

Upcoming Events

Quarterly Board of Directors (BOD) meetings are scheduled for Mondays, August 15 and November 7 in the clubhouse. Call to Order for both meetings is at 7 p.m. 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.

Free yoga classes meet every Monday at 6:15 p.m. in the clubhouse. 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 Joe Barros at 753 6063 for more information.

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.

Effective Immediately

The Board of Directors approved revising the House Rules to include prohibiting smoking of e-cigarettes, vaporizers and all electronic smoking devices on the property. This is to ensure that all residents using the facility can enjoy it. Your kokua is appreciated.

Did You Know?

The Oahu SPCA, a no-kill animal shelter, is now operating at the Kalama Valley Shopping Center, 501 Kealahou Street. In addition to having animals for adoption and fostering, they offer low cost spaying, and neutering, as well as vaccinations, microchipping, wellness exams and other services. Their goal is to reduce euthanasia of Oahu's homeless, abandoned, abused and neglected animals. Their website is www.oahuspca.org or they can be reached at 808 754 1519 or 808 600 5555.

Mariner's Cove has two (2) representatives on the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board. Elizabeth Reilly is an At-Large member and Carol Jaxon is our representative for Sub district 5.

Lost a Pet/Found an Animal?

There are many animal lovers in Mariner's Cove, which is very evident if an animal is lost or found. Usually, it's a dog or cat but rabbits and turtles have also been reunited as a result of alerts and the concern of Cove residents. The Google Group, that is used to send information on criminal activity, is also used to get the word out about lost or found pets. There have been many successful reunions as a result. Within the past month, a resident found a dog wandering around the Cove late at night. She took it home and requested an alert be sent. The alert included that it was OK to call anytime during the night. The owner saw the alert, contacted the person holding the dog and they were reunited by 1 a.m. In another instance, two dogs were found and an alert was sent. The owner of the dogs, who spent several hours looking for them, was not a member of the Google Group. However, while searching for the dogs, he met a neighbor who checked his emails and learned someone was holding the dogs, hoping the owner would claim them. Another happy ending.

If you have lost or found a pet, please contact Jo Ann Kocher at 808 395 1300 or Tiger2Balm@aol.com as soon as possible so an alert can be sent. These are often time sensitive. Please include a description of the animal and the area of the Cove where it was lost or found. You can also include a photo of the animal. However, it is important to remember that only about 65% of Cove residents have signed up on the Google Group so the message may not reach the intended recipient. It is also possible that the animal may have come from or wandered to neighborhoods outside the Cove. Many pets have microchips which, when scanned, will provide a number that can be used to identify the owner. The Hawaiian Humane Society maintains the data base linking the microchip number to the contact information of the owner. Most veterinarians will scan a found animal without charge to see if it has a microchip. Reports of lost and found pets should also be filed with the Humane Society via their website - www.hawaiianhumane.org to determine if the animal has been surrendered to them or reported missing. If you have lost a pet, it is important to act quickly. It is strongly suggested that you go to the Humane Society in person to check if it is there. The Humane Society's interpretation of your pet's description may be different than that of the owner.

Another way of reuniting lost pets is a free ad on Craigslist. For Facebook members, the groups Stolen Stuff Hawaii and Lost and Found Pets Oahu post photos, descriptions and other useful information. The Humane Society also has a Facebook page where information on lost/found pets can be submitted.

News From Kamilonui Valley

Volunteer opportunities working with and caring for plants are still available at the non-profit plant nursery Aloha Aina O Kamilo Nui located at 965 Kamilonui Place. Student and organization community credit is available.

On July 23, 2016, there will be a harvesting of sweet potatoes and workshop at the nursery. For more information on the above or to be put on their mailing list, please email kamilonuivalley@aol.com.

Mariners Cove Real Estate Update

By Judy Sobin, East Oahu Realty & Cove Resident

Our Mariners Cove community remains a desirable option for many buyers. Many of us experienced the wild ride from 1999-2006 when prices increased over 140%. Fortunately, we are not in such a crazy market.

Last year the average price for a Mariners Cove Home, non-marina front, was \$1,132,857 and this year the average price is \$1,180,621. That is a year-to-year increase of 4.3%. It is a little less than the 6% overall increase in Hawaii Kai prices from last year to this. Over this year the days on market for a sale have increased from 69 to 102 days.

For the marina front, we really don't have much to go on. This year in the Cove we have only had one sale at \$1,750,000 and it was a 12,000 square foot lot with 2 homes. Last year, there were four marina front sales and the average price was \$1,609,750.

There are currently four homes being actively marketed and one is on the marina. I know I always have a great experience marketing and selling a home in our neighborhood, as I think most agents do, as the comments are always positive from visitors. More importantly, the neighbors are wonderful!

Information from HPD

Over the last few months, crimes called "Distraction Burglaries" have been occurring in various parts of the island. Often the victims of these crimes have been elderly. Female suspect(s), usually claiming to be pregnant, approach a residence and use deception, such as asking for a glass of water or to use the phone or bathroom, to gain entry into the dwelling. Upon being invited into the residence, the female would covertly remove valuables from the residence. Sometimes, they would flee the residence before the home owner even returns with the glass of water or telephone. Several arrests have been made in connection with these cases but they are continuing with new suspects but the same mode of operation. The female suspects have a similar description: local/Polynesian, 40-50 years old, 5'3"-5'5", 130-150 lbs., black shoulder length hair. They use words like "Aunty" and "Lua" and wear a "wrap" to cover or conceal themselves. They are also heavy set and appear to be pregnant. In some recent occurrences, the female has been observed to have two (2) Polynesian males accompanying her on the outskirts of the home.

Please keep your home (and cars) locked. Be cautious when answering the door and DO NOT invite a stranger into your home. If someone approaches your residence, keep your door locked and talk to them through the closed door. If there is any suspicious activity observed, please call 911 immediately so that an officer can be dispatched as the activity is occurring. Phone calls or emails after the fact are not as helpful.

The above information has been disseminated to Cove residents who have signed up to receive such alerts. If you are not on this list and wish to be added, please email Jo Ann Kocher, Mariner's Cove Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) Coordinator at Tiger2Balm@aol.com.