



# 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 Monday March 6, 2016. Owner registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. Quarterly meetings are scheduled for May 15, August 21 and November 6 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 Regular Board of Directors meetings Call to Order is 7 p.m. and require a quorum of the Board. Any questions or concerns should be put in writing and forwarded to Hawaiian Properties, Ltd. for distribution to the Board in advance of the meetings.

## President's Message

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

Our Cove clubhouse, pools and grounds continue to look great under the care of Joe & Zach. Please say mahalo to these guys for maintaining our facilities and grounds, working on projects throughout the year and managing our many events on the property. Recently, we had a contractor examine our larger pool for leaks and plumbing issues as the board was concerned with large water bills. Our pool passed, with the seasonal high water usage attributed to evaporation and splashing. ☺

We did find it necessary to raise our association dues by less than \$.02/day Utility costs have gone up so starting in January, your semi-annual dues will rise by \$3.00. Thanks to all of you for your cooperation and timeliness in paying your twice/year dues. If you struggle getting those checks sent out on time, please call John at Hawaiian Properties to set up an auto debit.

On March 6, 2017, we'll have our Annual Meeting and election for board positions. There will be several vacancies and perfect timing for you to get involved. Some board members have served many years and are ready to pass the torch. Contact John at Hawaiian Properties for details and to submit your name for the ballots. Participation in the elections is a privilege and responsibility of residency in this beautiful neighborhood. Please step up and help out. It's a minimal time commitment and gives you an opportunity to give back to our community.

Mele Kalikimaka and Hauoli Makahiki Hou

Capt Ken Middleton

The annual **Mariner's Cove garage sale** will be held on **Saturday, May 7, 2016**. 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.** You may also designate your home as participating with balloons, signs or other items.

Call Joe Barros at 753 6063 to make reservations to hold functions at the clubhouse. Please also call Joe if you see any unusual or suspicious activity at the Bay Club. Please be on the lookout for graffiti artists near the club and call 911 immediately.

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. To sign up for the Google Group, please email Jo Ann Kocher at Tiger2Balm@aol.com.

Help promote buy local - a **Poinsettia plant sale** to promote Kamilonui Valley and help our fellow farmers. Free delivery to Mariners Cove residents. 2.5 gal Poinsettia \$35 with free pot foil (while supplies last) or 6.5" Poinsettia \$10 wrapped in brown paper. Place your order via email: [info@kamilonuivalley.org](mailto:info@kamilonuivalley.org)  
**Plant sale runs 11/26 - 12/13.**

Aloha Aina O Kamilo Nui Nursery **Holiday Plant Sale** on: **Saturday, December 3 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.** at 965 Kamilonui Place. Stop by and learn about what is happening in the valley. Plants for sale will be Poinsettia, Orchids, Anthuriums, Herb Gardens, Succulent Gardens, Neem plants and products, Mamaki Tea, and more. Email: [info@kamilonuivalley.org](mailto:info@kamilonuivalley.org)

## Nextdoor

Nextdoor is a social networking service for neighborhoods which allows users to connect with people who live in their neighborhood and nearby neighborhoods. Several Mariner's Cove residents received invitations to join by email or postcard.

As of this writing, 65 Cove residents have signed up. It is an individual choice to join or not join Nextdoor and this information is provided for those who may be considering it.

Access to a neighborhood's Nextdoor website is password protected and only available to members who have joined and then verified their address. You must use your real name and address, which is posted on the Nextdoor website. You may also post a message to your neighbors introducing yourself.

A Google search of "Reviews of Nextdoor" resulted in both positive and negative comments about Nextdoor sites nationwide. Some members raved about how Nextdoor has helped them connect with neighbors, learn of community events, advertise items for sale, get referrals to trusted professionals, etc. It is also lauded for helping people find lost pets and learn about crime trends and suspicious persons or vehicles in their areas.

Negative comments involved members who complained about the moderator(s), called lead(s), and neighbors who post derogatory or offensive remarks in response to comments made by others. In some cases, members described this as "bullying" or "harassment." Some complained about their posts being deleted because others did not like what they said.

The Mariner's Cove Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) will not be using Nextdoor to disseminate information. A primary concern is privacy. We will continue to use the Google Group to send alerts on criminal activity, lost/found pets and other items of interest to Cove residents. When an alert of a crime is sent, the exact address and/or name of the victim are never provided for security and privacy reasons. Only a few people are authorized to post on the Google Group. With Nextdoor, there is nothing to prevent a neighbor from posting details another person may not want known. Please note that the Mariner's Cove website – [www.marinerscovebayclub.org](http://www.marinerscovebayclub.org) – has a forum which residents can use for many of the same purposes as Nextdoor.

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) and District 7 Community Policing Team will be using Nextdoor to increase communication with communities and foster relationships with NSWs and non-NSW members. HPD considers Nextdoor as another means used to enhance information sharing and will not replace regular email correspondence between the Community Policing Team and NSW Coordinators. In October 2016, HPD used Nextdoor to invite the members to National Coffee with a Cop Day. HPD recommends using discretion and only sharing information on Nextdoor that you are comfortable sharing with all neighbors.

If you are considering joining Nextdoor, it is suggested you Google "Reviews of Nextdoor" as there are several websites that provide the pros and cons of the site.

## News From Kamilonui Valley

Volunteer opportunities that give student and/or community credit are available in Kamilonui Valley:

Working with and caring for plants at the non-profit nursery Aloha Aina O Kamilo Nui located at 965 Kamilonui Place. Email: [info@kamilonuivalley.org](mailto:info@kamilonuivalley.org)

Keawawa Wetland by The Oahu Club, every Second Saturday from 8:30 to 12 noon. Email: [keawawawetland@aol.com](mailto:keawawawetland@aol.com)

## Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board

The Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board meets the last Tuesday of every month (except December) at 7 PM at Hahaione Elementary School. Natalie Iwasa ([iwasahknb@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:iwasahknb@hawaii.rr.com)) is the Board Chair and Cove resident Carol Jaxon ([cmjaxon@me.com](mailto:cmjaxon@me.com)) is our district representative.

## Crime Prevention Strategies

With the holiday season upon us, please be aware that criminals are taking every opportunity to steal valuables. The Facebook Page Stolen Stuff Hawaii recently posted an extensive list of suggestions to keep your persons, homes and vehicles secure. The complete list was sent to everyone on the Google Group. Following are some highlights:

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. If there's no incentive to steal, you might encourage the thief to move on to somewhere else.

Keep car keys and house keys on separate rings. A car stolen with house and car keys may allow thieves access to your home.

Always keep your vehicle locked, even while driving, and be aware of your environment when your windows are open.

Always park in busy, well-lit areas.

Don't talk on a cell phone when walking to and from your vehicle. It makes you vulnerable and your cell phone is a target.

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.

Carry only the credit cards you intend to use, leave the others behind as well as large amounts of cash. Use checks or check cards. Don't flash large amounts of cash or offer tempting targets for theft such as expensive jewelry or clothing.

Ensure your property is well lit both on the inside and outside during the holidays especially when not home. This can help to deter burglaries.

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.

Do not leave your gifts in a visible location such as under the tree, until you are ready to give them. A burglar who spies a large amount of gifts under the tree will see it as a huge target.

Purchase big ticket and expensive times last. Don't leave that \$2000 TV in the car while you shop.

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