

**Maunalua Triangle/KokoKai Community Association
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President's Message

First, a sincere Mahalo to everyone who has been working so hard to keep this association together.

Our neighborhood is like no other on Oahu. Henry J. Kaiser had a vision of Hawaii Kai and a special affection for Portlock, Maunalua Triangle and Koko Kai. With a great deal of forethought and local guidance when he created this area, he protected these properties with a strong set of "Declaration of Protective Provisions," or DPPs, which are attached to your deeds.

As residents, it is our responsibility to respect the "aina" as a precious resource for future generations, maintain our neighborhood and respect our neighbors. Being a good neighbor strengthens our neighborhood.

The Maunalua Triangle/Koko Kai area is undergoing a change. The best way to manage some of these changes is for everyone to belong to the Association, and to be willing to participate in the community.

We are looking forward to tomorrow. The Board of Directors and committees are all committed to breathing new life into the Association. Both the Architectural Standards and Deeds Compliance committees have new volunteers stepping up to help manage future growth with regard to construction of new homes and the vegetation in the area. The number of volunteers for Mobile Patrol has nearly tripled. The Newsletter Committee is staffed with volunteers dedicated to publishing issues at least six times per year. There are still several areas where we can use more help and those are covered later in this newsletter. We have been called to action and we will make the necessary commitments to earn your respect and support.

We now have a website where currently our Architectural Standards, DPPs, Bylaws and roster are posted. We will be adding other information as it becomes available such as meeting minutes and newsletters as well as a place for community dialogue on the home page. Please go to: www.neighborhoodlink.com, type in 96825, and then click on MTKKCA. We would appreciate your signing in and leaving us your email address.

When asking for help, we have been blessed with some very talented volunteers. In addition as I am walking in the neighborhood and talking with you, I find that many people want to help but don't know where they can fit in. You can contribute just by joining us at one of the future Get-togethers or Mixers we are planning. By getting to know each other, we will be building relationships that will protect our properties and our futures.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you. I am at your service.

God Bless,
Edgar Miner
372-8599

MTKK Calendar

Recent:

Edgar Miner hosted the Association's first open house of the year at his home on May 4th. Mahalo to Edgar for hosting. And a warm thank you to all the people who attended and made it such a great evening. We look forward to the next one.

Upcoming:

- **May 24.** Ongoing Educational Lecture Series at Hanauma Bay at 6:30 p.m. "Hawaii Kai Tsunami Hazard."
- **May 29.** Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board Meeting. 7 p.m. Hahaione Elementary School, 595 Pepeekeo. Located off Hawaii Kai Drive behind the 7-11 store.
- **May 31.** Ongoing Educational Lecture Series at Hanauma Bay at 6:30 p.m. "Kuhio Beach Replenishment Project."
- **June 2.** Makai Watch at Maunalua. Final in series of three workshops to learn about how to care for the Bay. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Maunalua Bay. Workshop is free but registration is required. Contact Janice Staab at 587-6232 or jstaab@tnc.org.
- **June 23.** Special event at Hanauma Bay 6 to 9 p.m. "E Malama I Ke Kai?". Protecting Hawaii's Marine and Coastal Resources. Features organizations that use community-based volunteers to help accomplish their mission.
- **June 23.** The next neighborhood get-together will be held June 23. If you are interested in attending, please email us at mtkkca@yahoo.com and you can get more details as we get closer to the date.

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Want To Participate?

If you are looking for ways to become a more vital part of a very special neighborhood, here are some ideas for getting involved.

Our Community Association

If you have not joined the Association, please fill out the dues form provided in this newsletter and join today. The Association is your source of action and information in the community.

And you will enjoy meeting your neighbors at the members-only events through the coming year.

You might be interested in volunteering for neighborhood patrol with the ***Safety and Security Committee***. Or, you could work with the ***Hospitality Committee*** to host a neighborhood get-together or welcome new neighbors. If you like to write, have ideas or stories to contribute, the ***Newsletter Committee*** would like to hear from you. Please contact the chairs of these committees. Contact information is listed in the Committee Reports section of this Newsletter.

The Neighborhood Board

The ***Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board*** is our voice in government. Advisory only, with no governmental powers, the Board is a way to influence the City and County. However, the Board is only as effective as the voices of the residents of the community. In order to have an impact, we have to know the issues that will affect us and we have to be heard.

The Board meets, with City and County representatives in attendance, the last Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at Hahaione Elementary School. You can sign up to receive agendas and minutes at www.honolulu.gov/nco/nbl/ or you can contact the board representative for Portlock/Koko Kai, Wayne D. Levy at wdl@hawaii.rr.com.

The Environment

There are a host of effective and enjoyable environmental groups in Hawaii. It's easy to become active in preserving our aina. One group in particular focuses on our immediate neighborhood, Maunalua Bay.

Check out ***Malama Maunalua***, a community organization launching a series of initiatives to restore the natural resources in Maunalua Bay. Malama Maunalua partners with The Nature Conservancy, NOAA, UH researchers, Hui Nalu Canoe Club and others to deal with threats to the bay. You can be trained as a docent and monitor of Maunalua Bay through Makai Watch, volunteer to remove invasive alien algae species from the bay and the shoreline, or learn how to reduce storm drain and runoff pollution. Learn more by contacting Malama Maunalua at greenwaveproductions@gmail.com or contact Alyssa Miller at 228-0027.

Committee Reports

Hospitality — Karen Walsh, Chairman, 395-7833, karenwalsh@hawaiiantel.net

- First meeting held May 8th.
- **We're looking for ideas to turn our neighborhood into a vibrant community. If you have any suggestions, or would like to host a neighborhood get-together, please contact Karen.**

Safety and Security—Yi Ching, Chairman, 395-1591, yching@pol.net

- The Committee has been active for 20 years and is the longest running mobile patrol on Oahu.
- The Mobile Patrol now numbers 18, a 200% increase from 2006.

- **Patrols cover the neighborhood every night of the week.**
- Persuaded HPD to increase speed monitoring on high traffic streets in the neighborhood.
- Additional volunteers always welcome.

Architectural Standards—Paul White, Chairman, 396-2172, phwhite@pacbell.net

- Goal is to help preserve the view planes that were provided for in the original Kaiser development.
- First meeting held May 15th
- **Is your construction in compliance with the restrictions set forth in your property deed? Be safe, contact Paul before starting your project.**

Deed Compliance—Mike Ishii, Chairman, 395-8867, mei2445@aol.com

- First meeting held May 10th
- **Neighbor's trees blocking your view? Questions regarding hedges or continuous vegetation? Contact Mike.**
- Call Mike if you would like to volunteer.

Newsletter—Jennifer Taylor, Chairman, 396-2173 , jennifertaylor_us@yahoo.com

- Welcome to our first issue!
- Topic suggestions and “reporters” always needed and welcomed.
- **Have an idea for an ongoing column, a story, or a calendar item to contribute? Please call Jennifer.**

Remembrances -Tsunami

Submitted by Betty Hall

On April 1, 1946, an earthquake of magnitude 7.4 occurred in the Aleutian Islands. Less than 5 hours later, at approximately 7 a.m., the first of several tsunami waves hit Oahu, Hawaii and Maui. The tsunami struck without warning. On Oahu, the waves reached an estimated 36 feet. On the Big Island, the waves reached an estimated 55 feet and killed 159 people. The following is a first-person account of a long-time resident who, as a child, watched and waited on the slopes of Koko Head where Poipu Drive now runs.

“There were no warnings to speak of but my dad and mamma knew. I remember them telling us that we had to go to the mountain to sit and be patient, wait and watch. We did not speak or move. We just watched the shoreline. They told us that when it was safe, they would lead us back.

I remember thinking we were so high it was amazing to watch the water retreat and to see what was left on the ground. Then, I thought the heavens sent the thunder. The rumbling, shaking earth beneath my feet and the sound of the wave frightened me.

I do not remember how long we waited but when it was safe, we followed dad down the mountain. Going down, he told us to remember we needed to pick up fish and to only pick what we could carry and eat for tomorrow and to stay close to him and mama and not to wander away. At the right time, dad told us to hurry and get back up the mountain! We followed and did what he said. We watched the wonder of

nature unfold and then the next waves came back.”

In the Spotlight

Edgar Miner, Community Association President

Born and raised in the Newport Beach/Costa Mesa area of California, Edgar joined the United States Air Force after graduating from high school and served for four years. After an honorable discharge, he attended U.C. Irvine and received his degree in 1975.

His California business career included positions with Armor All Protectant and US Gypsum as a salesman, as national sales manager for Quiksilver USA, as start-up coordinator for Quiksilver France, as a consultant for start-up companies in California, and as a small business owner. Since moving to Hawaii in 1998, Edgar has been a loan officer and a real estate associate. At present, he is a real estate associate with East Oahu Realty.

Growing up in California, he developed a love for the ocean, fostered first by deep sea fishing trips with his dad and then by his lifeguard duties for the City of Newport Beach for 11 summers in the ‘60’s and ‘70’s. He started surfing in 1959 and it became a passion along with skiing, two sports he pursues whenever possible to this day. When the surf is not up, golf is his game.

He has attended New Hope Christian Fellowship services since 1998 and has been an active member of the Men’s Fellowship since 1999.

He loves Hawaii and believes that Koko Kai is the area with the best of everything that Hawaii has to offer. He says, “To me this is the ultimate neighborhood, and I am looking forward to making a contribution to the community as they have embraced me and blessed me.”

The Restaurant List

New to the area and looking for a restaurant for dinner?

Here’s a list of a few restaurants within about ten minutes of our neighborhood.

KOKO Marina

Assagio’s Hawaii Kai	396-0756
Greek Marina	396-8441
Kona Brewing Co.	394-5662
Teddy’s Bigger Burgers	394-9100
Zippy’s	396-6977

Hawaii Kai Shopping Center

Bluwater Grill	395-6224
ChaChaCha Salsaria	395-7797
Pizza Hut	396-0770
The Shack	396-1919

Hawaii Kai Town Center

Outback Steakhouse	396-7576
Roy’s Restaurant	396-7697

Kalama Valley

Thai Valley Cuisine	394-5662
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