

Maunalua Triangle/KokoKai Community Association
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Note From The President:

First I would like to thank all of you that have been so responsive to the first newsletter. I am encouraged almost every day as I speak to neighbors and they tell me that they have not only read the newsletter, but have spoken to a neighbor that they may not have previously.

If you have a desire to participate, there are two excellent choices that could use your support, one is the Hospitality Committee, and the other is the "Mobile Patrol", which I encourage you to do. In reality, each one of us is a member of the "Mobile Patrol", just by the fact that we live in this area. We all need to keep our eyes and our minds open to identify any suspicious activity. The primary response should be to call 911 and report the activity. If you feel uncomfortable calling 911, please give me a call and explain what is going on and let me help in the process.

Call any time at 372-8599!

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Lucky You Live in Hawaii

Have an extra hour or two and want to remember why you are living in Hawaii? Try one of our "favorite things".

Take in a low-key hula show and a sunset at the hula mound in Waikiki. Local halaus perform nightly at 6:30 p.m. Catch your friend, neighbor, local banker, attorney or teacher in a lovely hula as the sun goes down and the lights go up. This summer, while the hula mound is being repaired, the hula performances take place at the bandstand in Kapiolani Park.

Spend a morning on the back roads of

Waimanalo. Visit the many local nurseries nestled against the Ko'o laus. Stroll through acres of palms, ferns, orchids, ti plants and exotic trees. Get a friendly lesson in plants that match your environment from knowledgeable and interesting growers. Pick up a sandwich in Waimanalo Town and spend an hour at Sandy Beach on your way home.

Treat yourself to a Moanalua Bay sunset. Slow down, turn into the parking lot near the Keahole Street stoplight. Sit by the shore while the sun sets behind Diamond Head and the colors explode back into the sky. Or try a sunrise. Walk or paddle into the bay just before sunrise. Turn and face Koko Crater as the sun comes over the crest.

MTKK Calendar

Upcoming:

Ongoing. A new lecture series at the Bishop Museum's Science Café. Third Tuesday of every month April through September at 5:30 p.m.

June 26. Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Hahaione Elementary School, 595 Pepeekeo. Located off Hawaii Kai Drive behind the 7-11 store.

June 28. Hanauma Bay lecture series. "Hawaii's Local Action Strategy for Managing Land Based Pollution Threats to Coral Reefs." 6:30 p.m.

June 28. Moonlight Mele at the Bishop. Brothers Cazimero. Go to www.bishopmuseum.org for updates.

July 21. Jake Shimabukuru at the Waterfront Stage at Hawaii Kai Towne Center at 5:30 p.m.

July 28. The next neighborhood get-together will be held July 28. If you are interested in attending, please email us at mtkkca@yahoo.com. You will get more details as we get closer to the date.

MTKK Neighborhood White Elephant Sale

Save your "unwants", your "rejects", your "shopping mistakes". Help your neighbors and the environment. The Hospitality Committee is planning a mega-white elephant sale for late summer. Stay tuned for more details. If you want to participate in the sale, please contact Karen Walsh at karenwalsh@hawaiiantel.net or at 395-7833

MTKK Community Association Roster of Officers & Committees—2007/08

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**Check the MTKK website. Go To
www.neighborhoodlink.com. Type in
96825 and click on MTKKCA.**

Did you know? Hawaii Trivia

- Hawaii is the most isolated population center on the face of the earth –2,390 miles from California, 3,850 miles from Japan, 4,900 miles from China and 5,280 miles from the Philippines.
- There are hundreds of names for rain in Hawaii. Each type of rain in each area of the islands has its own name (e.g. the rain in Manoa and Makiki is known as the Tuahine Rain).
- The rainbow shower tree doesn't have the messy seed pods that the pink and golden shower trees do.
- Hawaii is the only state that grows coffee.
- From East to West, Hawaii is the widest state in the United States.
- Honolulu has the longest borders of any city. The islands within the Hawaiian Archipelago that stretch 1,500 miles northwest of Hawaii are part of the City and County of Honolulu.
- The world's largest wind generator is on the island of Oahu. The windmill has two blades 400 feet long on the top of a tower 20 stories high.

Hawaii Hint:

If you are landscaping, don't just throw away healthy specimen plants or trees. First contact local nurseries to see if they want your plants. Just like belongings, one person's rejected plant is another person's treasure.

In the Spotlight **Darci Mead, Treasurer**

If you ask Darci Mead to name her favorite hobbies, pastimes, and interests, she'll tell you that they include "teasing her sons to distraction, floating in the pool, learning to quilt the Hawaiian way, helping others, and learning everything about computers and electronic gadgets."

Anyone who has worked with her with the neighborhood association can attest to the truthfulness of the part about "helping others" being a major interest. All of us as her neighbors have benefited by her desire to help through the neighborhood association. She has labored long and hard to help keep MTKKCA alive and well. Her official duties have included 2 years as Secretary, from 2000 to 2002, and 5 years as Treasurer, from 2002 to 2007, with some of that time having her cover the duties of both offices simultaneously. She was once again elected Treasurer for 2007-2008 in our recent March elections. The unofficial duties she has undertaken for us all are too many to enumerate.

Darci was born and raised in Montana, but upon high school graduation moved to Boise,

Idaho. There she married Scott and welcomed her 2 sons. She has spent the most of her career as an Executive Assistant starting with Idaho First National Bank in 1975, Boise Cascade Corp. in 1981, and BMC West Corporation in 1987.

In late 1996, Darci's husband, Scott, was offered and accepted a position with First Hawaiian Bank as the Y2K project manager. He moved to Honolulu, leaving Darci and their two boys behind to pack up and sell the house (which was finalized a mere two hours before boarding a flight to Honolulu!). The family settled in Hawaii Kai, first as renters at The Anchorage and then as homeowners on Kalalau Street.

Before the move, Darci was invited to interview via video conference for a position with Hawaiian Electric Industries. She was hired as Executive Secretary to the Chief Information Officer, a position she held until his retirement in 2006. Her job duties now encompass a myriad of tasks, both administrative and technical support in the Information Technology Department.

In the meantime, her sons have grown. Both graduated from Kaiser High School and have begun their careers by working with Hawaii Kai businesses. Bryan is a manager at "The Shack" and a part-time student at KCC. Devan is working at the "Outback Steak House" and will be attending UH full-time this fall.

Architectural Standards Committee

The architectural standards for our community were created during negotiations by the Bishop Trust and the Homeowners' Association when the Trust agreed to sell the fee title to the lots in the neighborhood. The restrictions which were made a part of each deed transferring title are designed to protect the look of the neighborhood and the views of the residents. The deeds also call for the creation of an Architectural Standards Committee to interpret and implement the standards for the benefit of everyone.

The Architectural Standards Committee has the responsibility to review plans for new construction or any exterior changes to the homes in the neighborhood. We are charged with assuring that the plans meet the limitations set forth in the deeds. Homeowners who build without this review can be subject to litigation and can also find they have a difficult time selling their home.

In the last few weeks, the Committee has approved two building remodels and is working with the owners of several others to assure their plans meet the standards of the neighborhood. We would like to thank those neighbors who have been proactive in calling with questions and who have submitted their plans and been responsive. It seems our neighbors recognize that applying these standards consistently is for everyone's benefit. We are very pleased and encouraged by the positive response we have seen.

A Request For Assistance From the Deeds And Compliance Committee

Volunteering to assist the Deed Compliance Committee doesn't even require any time. Honest! We're asking instead for a consciousness of cooperation and compliance. It's easy, if you know "the rules."

The purpose of this column is to equip you with that knowledge, in small doses, over time. We'll cite the paragraph number from the Architectural and Minimum Building Requirements and Guidelines (latest revision June 1, 1991), so you'll be able to read the full text. Let's start with the most frequent violation:

3.1.5. Landscaping Heights - Plants and trees on your property should be trimmed to no more than 3 feet above the highest point of the roof. Coconut palms are the only exception to the height limitation. Be a good neighbor and take a look at your landscaping from your neighbors' perspective. Let's get that foliage under control.

3.1.6 Walls and Fences - Do you have the sense our streets are becoming narrow? It's because many have violated these guidelines. There's a limit of one foot of height for every foot of setback from the street. And, no walls are to exceed 6 feet. Finally, at least 50% of that setback area is to be landscaped with live green vegetation. What a difference this would make!

3.6.10 Boats - All boats must be "invisible" from adjacent lots and the street. You may put them on your lot if they're hidden by landscaping. No fair parking them on the street around the neighborhood, though.

3.6.11 Nuisances - Okay, this is a harsh paragraph title, but it covers such miscellaneous items as athletic equipment in the street. When it's not in active use, for example, wheel that basketball backboard onto your lot.

Think about the beauty of our neighborhood and be conscious that most are giving you benefit by following the rules. Let's all contribute to all compliance guidelines. If you have any questions or concerns, contact any of your Compliance Committee members:

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