

KokoHead*Liner*



**Maunaloa Triangle/KokoKai Community
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Newsletter

Aloha to One and All:

Your enthusiasm and response to our efforts to rejuvenate our community are outstanding. It's a pleasure sharing this journey with all of you. The Board and the Committees are doing everything in their power to develop long-term solutions that can be carried out fairly and sustained. As Paul White mentioned in our last newsletter, there has been a great deal of cooperation regarding compliance with the Architectural Standards.

But we need to do more. And we need your help to do it. Please take a minute to test your property and your behavior on the kids of good neighbor issues listed below, (I didn't make these up. Each of these has been the subject of at least one complaint this year.)

Do your trees and shrubs meet the 18' height limit and are they within your property line or are they infringing on your neighbor's or the sidewalks? Are the flood ditches adjacent to your property clean and clear or are they full of vegetation and dead wood? Are you leaving bulky items or green waste on the street for days or weeks?

Noise carries here. We are working with the police to better control the street noise but not all the noise is coming from the street, Are you being considerate of your neighbors? Are you keeping your dogs, cats, (peacocks, roosters, goats, etc.) under control? Are your contractors and workers making noise in the neighborhood on evenings, Sundays and holidays?

Are you staying within the 24 MPH speed limit? No, it's not easy or convenient, but it's important and the law. It's not just kids speeding past our homes.

Are you running a business out of your home?

A good many of these can and should be handled between neighbors, but we are listening to your issues and will be to help resolve them. We are developing a plan to have our own security service in the neighborhood and taking on this project will require more members and/or an increase in dues. Please encourage your neighbors to joining the Association if they have not already done so.

We are starting the search for people who are interested in serving on the Board or on Committees. Please contact any Board member if you are interested in getting involved.

Mahalo and god Bless,

Edgar Miner
Association President
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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".

Don't own a kayak? Play tourist for a morning. There are several kayak rentals close to Kailua Beach who have great discounts for Hawaii residents. In less than an hour from your front door, you can be paddling in the calm blue waters toward the Mokuluas.

Take the hike on Mariner's Ridge. Drive to the top of the ridge and the start of the trail. Spend 30 to 45 minutes climbing the trail ----a double benefit of great cardiovascular activity and a grand panoramic view. At the top of the trail, you can see from beyond Diamond Head into Honolulu and from Koko Head to Kailua Bay.

Visit the Farmer's Market at Kapi'olani Community College on Saturday mornings. Be there at 7:30 to hear the horn sound the opening of the market. Sip a fresh coffee, experience all the flavors, sights and smells of the market. Market is open from 7:30 – 11:00 but get there before 9:00 for the best of everything.

Watch a full moon rise over Kailua Beach. Watch the

Advertiser for next full moon and moonrise. Have dinner at Buzz's and stroll across the road for a magical view.

Have a favorite Hawaii moment? Please share it. Contact us by email at:

jennifertaylor_us@yahoo.com.

MTKK CALENDAR

UPCOMING

August 25. "Neighborhood" halau, Halau Hula 'O Namakahulalai is back at the Hula Mound in Waikiki. 6:30 p.m.

August 28. Neighborhood Board Meeting, at Hahaione Elementary School Cafeteria. 7:00 p.m.

August 30. Ongoing Hanauma Bay Education Series. "Capturing Hanauma's Beauty" Hanauma Bay Education Center. 6:30 p.m.

September 25. Neighborhood Board Meeting at Hahaione Elementary School Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.

September 22. Aloha Festival festivities at Koko Marina Center. "The Great Cowboys of Hawaii": keiki activities, hula performances, games and more. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

October 6. MTKK "White Elephant Sale" at Koko Head Elementary School.

October 20. MTKK Block Party at Kokee Beach Park

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RECYCLING FOR FUN AND PROFIT -- MEGA NEIGHBORHOOD RECYCLING SALE.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

The Hospitality Committee is sponsoring a Neighborhood Yard Sale to be held from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Koko Head Elementary School Cafeteria, on Saturday, October 6. We invite anyone who has items which they would like to "recycle", i.e. sell, to bring them that morning to the school cafeteria where tables will be provided on which to place your items. The charge for the table is \$20.

For information and further details, please phone Karen Walsh at 395-7833 or Betty Rego at 396-9000.

Those interested are encouraged to phone as soon as possible as the deadline for signing up is September 4th.

Invitation for Sunset

You are invited to join your neighbors for a
Get Acquainted Pupu Party

Koke'e Beach Park (off Hanapepe Loop)
Saturday, October 20
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Please bring pupus to share
Soft drinks, water and a table for food provided
You may want to bring beach chairs

For details call Carolynn Griffith at 395-2424
(please call after October 11)

Note: State laws prohibit alcohol at the beach park.

Hawaii Hint:

Hurricane season lasts until November. Although we've been lucky to date this year and hurricanes are infrequent, the effort to prepare is small went compared with the benefits.

Try the excellent Hurricane Preparedness self-test. Go to: www.hawaiiiredcross.org. Or call the Hawaii Red Cross at 739-8114 for information.

Answers to quiz: 1-c, 2-b, 3-c, 4-c, 5-b, 6-b, 7-b, 8-a

Architectural Committee Report

The Committee approved two projects in July after review of plans and after giving nearby neighbors the opportunity to review plans and comment. Two plans are pending approval and the Committee is working with several other owners to ensure that projects meet the standards and the deed provisions.

Neighborhood Security Update

Yi Ching, Mobile Patrol Committee Chair, attended HPD's District 7 security watch coordinators' meeting at Kalani High School on July 12. This update is the output from that meeting.

HPD reported there were 13 car break-ins and 2 thefts in our neighborhood in the month of June, which was more than double that of May.

HPD priorities for the area are traffic flow, speeding and driving under the influence, graffiti, and property crime.

Citations and Arrests increased in 2007, compared to 2006. Property crimes, primarily beach thefts, are up, as were car break-ins, especially at Diamond Head and Hanauma Bay.

There were 35 arrests this year, compared with 33 in 2006. there were 1041 car break-ins this year, compared with 688 last year. There were 2669 speeding citations in 2007, compared to 1594 in 2006, but only 1 fatality, compared to 8 in 2006

HPD is hopeful that the new computer system will be able to supply neighborhood-specific crime statistics by date, time and street to the public within the next year or so.

HPD response time for Priority 1 calls is 6 minutes. HPD no longer will participate in sweeps and evictions of the homeless, although they will arrest for disorderly conduct, violence, drugs, etc. The situation regarding gang activity seems stable for the time being although there may be some movement from LA/California gangs and is of concern to the department.

A bill to establish a "311" number for in non-urgent, suspicious events did not pass.

The current chief is a proponent of citizen patrols and watches. He feels that a visible police presence and having police cars cruise neighborhoods is an important deterrent. Other than MTKK, McCully is the only other neighborhood with a foot/mobile patrol.

Yi discussed MTKKalert and HPD encouraged the use of message boards as an effective way to share security concerns. Subscribe to MTKKalert at <http://www.quicktopic.com/19/H/My25F32yvTF> to post items of interest regarding the neighborhood or witnesses suspicious activity. You are also urged to report details to Yi Ching and his mobile patrol as soon as possible. Yi can be reached at 395-1891 or yching@pol.net.

Simple Steps to Sustainability

Don't have the time or the energy or the inclination to "save the planet"? Why not adopt a few easy habits that are good for you and for our island?

1) We all know that fluorescent bulbs use up to two-thirds the electricity of incandescent bulbs and last years longer. But you're finding that even the warm-light bulbs leave your rooms looking blue and cold? Put fluorescents in closets, laundry areas, the garage, or lamps with tinted shades. You won't notice the difference- except in a lower electric bill.

2) Try to use less plastic. Invest a few dollars in a good water bottle and eliminate the cases of

bottled water and pounds of plastic that you consume. Buy a few shopping bags to replace the dozens of plastic bags you use every time you shop for groceries. And remember to return the plastic bags you do get to the grocery store. Safeway will recycle them for you.

3) You know that a huge amount of electricity is consumed by appliances when you are not using them but find it too difficult to go around plugging and unplugging? Try consolidation. Put CD players, laptops and chargers on a power strip for one-touch unplugging. Try the same for small kitchen appliances.

4) Cut your shower short. Every minute trimmed equates to 3-6 gallons less water used.

5) Recycle. Recycle. Recycle. We can complain about Honolulu being the only major city in the country that doesn't support curbside re-cycling. But, then, we all drive by recycling locations every day:

City bottle re-cycling and a Goodwill drop-off are co-located in the park n' ride lot on Keahole Street. You can visit the Farmer's Market on Saturdays and drop off your plastic, glass and paper. Or donate your plastic at:

[Aina Haina Elementary](#) -- 801 West Hind Dr.

[Kahala Elementary](#) -- 4559 Kilauea Ave.

[Kaimuki High](#) -- 2705 Kaimuki Ave.

[Kaimuki Intermediate](#) -- 631 18th Ave.

[Kaiser High](#) -- 511 Lunalilo Home Rd.

[Kamiloiki Elementary](#) -- 7788 Hawaii Kai Dr.

[Kapiolani Community College](#) -- 4303 Diamond Head Rd.

[Niu Valley Middle School](#) -- 310 Halemaumau St.

[Wailupe Valley Elementary](#) -- 939 Hind Iuka Dr.

(Source: Honolulu Recycling Web Site: www.opala.org)

In the Spotlight

Mike and Val Ishii

With Mike as the Vice President and Chairman of the Deeds and Compliance Committee and Val as one of the Directors, the Ishiis are definitely in contention for the title of "Dynamic Duo of the MTKKCA, 2007-2008." As long time residents, they share a love for and an appreciation of our part of Hawaii.

Both Val and Mike were born on the Big Island. Mike moved to Honolulu when he was 2 ½ years old. He graduated from Kalani High School and left Hawaii to attend college in the Northwest. He served a tour in Saigon, Vietnam during the infamous Tet offensive and returned home to an assignment at Fort Shafter.

Val and her family moved to Oahu when she was 15. She graduated from Star of the Sea High School and then received her degree from University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Mike and Val met and married in 1970. They moved into their home on Poipu Drive in 1977. They've lived there since, raising their two daughters and one son and now enjoying their grandchildren there.

Mike & Val owned and operated three service stations in East Oahu -- Hawaii Kai Texaco, Hawaii Kai 76 and Aina Haina 76 -- until their retirement in 2002. Since winning a motorcycle in 1999 as the grand prize winner in a national automotive product sales promotion, Mike has thoroughly enjoyed riding with his club "The Mokule Motormen." Val spends her happy free time talking on the telephone and babysitting her grandkids. Both of them are members of Holy Trinity Church in Niu where they are both Eucharistic ministers.

Mike's pet peeve is that there are now too many speeding cars. Like most of us, Val thinks that there are too many cars or too few parking places at our three shopping centers.

Their memories stretch back to the time when Kaiser High School graduated its first class. They recall when the school later won its football championship in what was then known as the Prep Bowl. They recall the years of inconvenience when Kalaniana'ole Highway was widened, and hope that the planning was farsighted enough to suffice for the future.

As for the future, they hope all the newcomers to the neighborhood will continue to embrace the philosophy of Henry J. who saw a community of caring neighbors who respected each other and shared a love and appreciation of the land and environment of Hawaii Kai. After serving for the last 3 years on the MTKKCA board of directors, they hope to step down, allowing other home owners to bring their new ideas and enthusiasm to the association.

How Well Do You Know Your Island?

Test your knowledge of Hawaii history.

Answers on the bottom of the back page.

- 1) Hokule'a is the name of:
 - a) the Hawaiian voyaging canoe that has traveled from Hawaii to Polynesia and back
 - b) Honolulu's zenith star
 - c) Both of the above
- 2) The first Asian American in the United States Senate was:
 - a) Daniel Inouye
 - b) Hiram Fong
 - c) Patsy Mink
- 3) Honolulu's ranks what number among US metropolitan areas?
 - a) 15
 - b) 9
 - c) 11
- 4) One of the first restaurants in Hawaii Kai was
 - a) the Chart House
 - b) Buzz's Steak House
 - c) Chuck's Steak House
- 5) The word "Hoku", as in the restaurant at the Kahala means:
 - a) turtle
 - b) star
 - c) song
- 6) The word "Kaimana" means:
 - a) long-time resident
 - b) diamond
 - c) friendly
- 7) The original name of the Turtle Bay Resort was:
 - a) Keolani
 - b) Kuilima
 - c) Kanani
- 8) The site where the Hawaii Prince Hotel now stands was formerly the location of:
 - a) Kaiser Hospital
 - b) Straub Clinic
 - c) The Ala Wai Yacht Club

Frequently Called Numbers

Is it one of those "laws" (similar to Murphy's and Moore's) that the telephone numbers you use the most are the most difficult to find? We have assembled a small list of frequently called, hard to locate phone numbers. If you have other numbers to add to the list, please contact the Newsletter Committee.

O'ahu Weather Messages	973-5286
Poison Center (Humans)	(800) 222-1222
ASPCA Poison Control	(888) 426-4435
Hawaii Kai Post Office	396-6431
Surf Report	396-SURF (7873)
Missed Newspapers	
Advertiser	538-6397
Star Bulletin	529-4848
Bulky Item Pick-up	523-4685
Satellite City Hall	527-6695
Diagnostic Lab Services	397-2211
(Hawaii Kai)	
Queen's Medical Center	
(Hawaii Kai Clinic)	396-6675
Time Warner Telecom/Cable	441-8500
Tee Time Reservations	296-2000
(all public courses)	

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