

Keeping the Neighborhood Crime Rate Down

A Big Mahalo to the Mobile Patrol is due for volunteering to help us all keep the neighborhood crime-free. Currently, 7 Mobile Patrol members are patrolling weekly, and 9 new volunteers will be starting in July. You'll be seeing more cars on the street with the MTKKCA Mobile Patrol signs prominently displayed. Remember, we can always use more volunteers and the commitment is no more than a once a week patrol by foot or car.

The most recent available crime statistics for the neighborhood (April) from HPD's web site, list 2 burglaries, 5 motor vehicle break-ins and 2 property thefts. In summer, property crimes tend to go up in our neighborhood. So, in addition to the Mobile Patrol, here are some "self-help" tips on Crime Prevention.

- **Did you know, that the HPD will do periodic house checks while you're away for an extended period of time?** Check the HPD web site or call 911 to request the service.
- Windows and doors left open for a "quick trip to the store" or to "run something over to a neighbor" are invitations for a burglar to enter your home easily.
- If you are leaving your home, even for a day, arrange for someone to pick up your mail and newspaper and check your house for delivery "will call again" notices which are invitations to home invaders. Make sure that windows, doors and garage doors are locked before you leave home. Inexpensive timing devices are available to turn lights, radio and televisions on and off at different times.
- Probably the best advice is to let your neighbors know when you are planning to be away and advise them of when you will be returning home. The best home protection is a close and alert neighbor.

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Newsletter

Summer 2009

President's Message

This past week while putting out my "Open House" signs around the neighborhood, I got over a dozen beeps, waves and smiles. That is worth more to me than you can imagine! Several times, neighbors actually stopped to say 'Mahalo' for the work we are doing. It is not just me. A small group of your neighbors keeps this positive energy going. It comes from the work done by the committees and from neighbors being neighborly!

This is the type of change that our country needs right now, grass roots cooperation. Now is the time for us to "PARTICIPATE", to call or write your representatives to let them know what you like and what you don't like about what is going on in our island and our country. "WE THE PEOPLE" are the fabric of this nation, starting here in Maunaloa Triangle/Koko Kai.

In these days of uncertainty, we need to encourage and support each other. If you need help, put your hand out to help someone else and you will receive his or her support and that of others, ten fold! Change and transition are natural. Relax and embrace what is going on around us because when it stops...we are no longer here. Our economy is doing what our bodies do, like taking a breath. At some point, you have to exhale and cast off the toxins. We are a microcosm of these islands, the US and, in fact, the world. We need to support each other as we learn, over and over again, what we did in kindergarten, to play by the rules and get along with each other.

Having said that, I really do need some help with heading up the Mobile Patrol. It takes less than two hours every other month. Luckily, we have some wonderful men and women who do not need a great deal of leadership. They continue to drive the neighborhood once a week for an hour at any time that suits them and keep their eyes open for any suspicious activity. It must be working because crime in the neighborhood is down from last year. We also have others, new members, and soon we will have newly designed magnetic signs for everyone.

I am sure you all know the two biggest concerns we have in this neighborhood are the continuing growth of vegetation and the construction of new homes.

We have had a great deal of cooperation this past year. We are still working on some of the trees and hedges that are out of tolerance, but I am confident that the homeowners will eventually realize that it is important to be respectful of other neighbors. The highest priority for our neighborhood is compliance with our construction restrictions and guidelines.

Unlike landscaping, any construction has "LONG TERM" effects. In over two years since Paul re-established the Architectural Standards Committee and the committee established its processes, we have had only two homeowners ignore our recommendations. I believe, that when we sign the documents taking "Title" to our property, we are agreeing to abide by the rules and regulations set by the DPP's as well as those included in the Architectural Standards. I believe that it is unreasonable to break the rules because someone else has done so in the past. There is nothing we can do about past violations, but we will continue to support and validate the process we have all agreed to. I would appreciate your feedback on these issues in particular.

I want to encourage everyone to keep an optimistic outlook, keep looking for things that are going right or well, keep your eyes out for successes, positive things that are taking place in your lives. Then share them with neighbors. We always appreciate getting a note to put in the newsletter. Any stories or additions will be considered and included appropriately. Newsletter items can always be sent to Jennifer at jennifertaylor_us@yahoo.com.

In this 'Season', I am relying on my faith and it will sustain me and will you too, even when there is no evidence, if you just allow yourself to trust in "The One" that has provided for us thus far. I am willing to be the best I can be, help more and do more for each of you, because you have responded to me with such love and appreciation. I feel stronger and more energized now than at any other time since I moved here 11 years ago. **Take heart, live life with gusto, live outside the box, take chances and greet one another and live with 'Warm Aloha'.**

God Bless,
Edgar

Your Board reports . . .

The Board of Directors met on June 22. The minutes will be available on MTKKCA website after they have been approved by the board. Highlights from the meeting include:

- The association has a balance of \$22,163.
- New signs have been printed for the Mobile Patrol.
- The Architectural Standards Committee has reviewed four sets of plans since the last meeting. One project has been approved. Three were sent back to the owners for revisions to comply with guidelines and deed restrictions. One owner has started construction with only partial approval of his plans.
- Deeds and Compliance and Mobile Patrol Committees still need leaders so that Edgar doesn’t have to do three jobs for the community. Of the more than 1,000 residents in our community, aren’t there two people who would volunteer to head these committees?
- Complaints continue to focus on overgrown and un-trimmed trees, cars and boats parked on the street.

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Looking for a trusted resource?

Beginning in August, we’ll start posting a listing of resources on the MTKKCA web site (<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/honolulu/mtkkca/>). Each resource posted will have been recommended by one of our neighbors. If a resource gets multiple references, we'll note that. **One caveat ---these are not recommendations by your board or the newsletter committee, but referrals by our neighbors and yours.** Just to get started, here is a sampling of the resources who have been recommended.

Young's Laundry and Dry Cleaning started a pick up and delivery service, door to door. There is no charge for this service. You pay the same rate that you would if you took it in to the store. **836 -1661** and ask for Gwen or call **395-8350**.

Yard maintenance. “Reliable, efficient and a great eye for what needs to be done.” **Island Curb Appeal. Eli Gold at 384-2394.**

Stone mason and tile. Bruno Horn. “Dependable, meticulous and excellent.” **271-5858**

Essential Cabinets. “Reasonable prices and very good cabinetry or refinishing.” **847-7835 Ask for Diane or Ringo.**

Licensed carpentry and painting (“and beautiful cabinetry”). **Erik Kvick: 780-7018**

Solar installation for pool or home and general repairs. Dave Naud: 845-6601 or 237-8568.

Pool service, maintenance and repairs. “Reliable, responsive and he gives us a sparkling pool.” **Infinity Pools. Steve Motz: 779 – 0274.**

This list will only be as valuable as the referrals you provide. If you have a resource that you would recommend, please contact us: jennifertaylor_us@yahoo.com or 396-2172.

MTKKCA DONATES TO INDEPENDENCE DAY
AT MAUNALUA BAY

On behalf of our community association, the board made a \$150 donation to support the Independence Day at Maunalua Bay Festival.

Neighborhood Notes

New to the Neighborhood ? If you’d like to be invited to a future neighborhood get together, call Carolyn Arnold of the Hospitality Committee at 395-4393.

Renters Invited: Long-term renters are invited to join the community association. Under MTKKCA by-laws, any renter who is the primary tenant in a long-term lease may, by paying dues, become a full voting member of the association. Both the tenant and the owner of a property may be members if each pays the (\$50) annual dues.

Stress Busters

Hard as it is for those living on the mainland to believe, life in Hawaii is not all pineapples, soft breezes, palm trees and lazing on the beach. Is it just us, or are others feeling a little stressed right now? Whether it’s the economy, health of loved ones, finding the right schools or jobs, or simply the prospect of too many summer visitors, there are a few proven techniques for managing stress.

Exercise: An exercise program is beneficial both physically and emotionally – 20 minutes a day is all it takes. Walk, run, surf, stand -up paddle, swim, hula, climb. But just move.

Organize: Just having a plan and writing it down can be liberating, **IF** you don’t let the list get so long that it’s unachievable by any average human being.

Volunteer: Many local charities and organizations can use your help and no matter how much or how little you do, you will always be appreciated.

Relax: Allowing just one hour a day just for yourself can do wonders. Pick your spot –the beach, the yard, your couch or your tub. All will be much more soothing than a therapist’s couch....and less expensive.

Eat healthy: Fast foods= BAD Nutritious foods=GOOD

ZZZZZZZ: Sleep at least 7 hours each night. Any less can increase your stress level.

Focus on the positive: Take the time to reflect on all that you appreciate in your life, including your own positive qualities. This will help keep all things in perspective.

And don’t forget: friends, music and laughter –all scientifically proven to relieve stress and improve energy.

Coming Up. . . Welcome to summer in Hawaii with festivals, outdoor concerts, canoe races and all the diverse events that make living here unique. Here are a few of our favorites. . .

11-12 July. Festival of Art and Fine Crafts The Pacific Hand-crafters Guild holds arts-and-crafts fairs each season, with high-quality works from across the islands. Thomas Square Park (across from the Honolulu Academy of Arts). For information, call 808-254-6788. <http://pacifichandcraftersguild.com>.

17-18 July. Hawaii All-Collectors Show The state's biggest antiques and collectibles show and sale features one of the world's largest collections of Hawaiiana. Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, 777 Ward Ave. For information, call 808-941-9754. <http://www.ukulele.com/collect.html>.

18 – 19 July. Twelfth Annual Hale’iwa Arts Festival. Features juried artists, musicians, storytellers, student art and children’s art activities. 10:00 – 5:00, historic Hale’iwa Town.

18 July. Prince Lot Hula Festival Dozens of Hawaii's best hula *halau* (troupes) perform in the islands’ oldest noncompetitive hula event. Also, Hawaiian crafts, concerts, games and demonstrations at Moanalua Gardens, 1352 Pineapple Place. For information, call 808-839-5334. <http://www.mgf-hawaii.com>.

19 July. Roy Sakuma Ukulele Festival Hawaii The largest festival of its kind in the world, this annual event showcases the best ukulele players, including local legend Roy Sakuma, and a ukulele orchestra of more than 800 students. Free. Kapiolani Park Bandstand, Waikiki. Phone 808-732-3739. <http://www.roysakuma.net/ukulelefestival>.

Throughout July. Hawaii's leading community theater, the **Diamond Head Theatre**, presents numerous plays and musicals. 520 Makapuu Ave. For information, call 808-733-0277. For tickets, call 808-734-0274. <http://www.diamondheadtheatre.com>.

Through mid-August. Artists of Hawaii This biennial juried, multimedia exhibition presents the best works of Hawaiian artists. **Honolulu Academy of Arts**, 900 S. Beretania St. Phone 808-532-8700. <http://www.honoluluacademy.org>.

Mid August. Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival Slack key guitar originated in Hawaii in the 19th century among the Hawaiian *paniolo* (cowboys). The festival features performances by well-known slack key musicians and Grammy winners. Queen Kapiolani Park, Waikiki. Phone 808-226-2697. <http://www.slackkeyfestival.com>

21-23 August. Made in Hawaii Festival More than 400 exhibitors showcase Hawaiian products, including crafts, fashions, books and artwork. The festival also features cooking demonstrations and live music. Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, 777 Ward Ave. For information, call 808-533-1292. <http://www.madeinhawaiifestival.com>.

And if you want to volunteer, spend some time in our Bay and meet some great people, show up for a Malama Maunalua Invasive Alien Algae Pull! Pulls now happening twice a month. Go to <http://www.malamamaunalua.org> for dates.

In the Spotlight: Joan Nakamura and Don Bondarenko

Another neighborhood couple who have become motivated by the great lifestyle afforded by our community has agreed to help to maintain its spirit and beauty by being active in the MTKKCA. Joan is now Vice President aiding our President, Edgar Miner, and Don is on the MTKKCA Architectural Committee.

Joan grew up in Honolulu. After graduating from Kalani High School, she flew off to San Francisco to attend San Francisco University, where she majored in Political Science. In her first year in college there, she met Don, who had recently graduated from Michigan State University.

Don was born in Indiana but spent his younger years in Sarasota, Florida, before his family moved to Okemos, Michigan where he grew up. Shortly after he finished college, he headed westward to San Francisco where he became active in real estate. During his 30-year career there served as Executive Vice President for his firm.

In the meantime, Joan finished college and, after pursuing a career in retailing, decided to open The Roaring Camp Café in Oakland, California, where she perfected her cheesecakes and many other specialties. Then, always ready for a new challenge, Joan came back to San Francisco’s financial district and became a recruiter specializing in the legal field where she worked until she retired in 2003.

They married in 1979 and during their 35 years in San Francisco had the opportunity to live in 6 different districts while experiencing Victorian, Edwardian, and Contemporary homes as well as one of the city’s original dairy farms, built in 1865.

They share a passion for travel and have spent almost as much time exploring other countries as they did in the U.S. Both Christmas and New Year’s were always spent in Hawaii with Joan’s large family.

In 2006, Joan and Don decided that they needed more time in Hawaii and they came back to renovate a home on Poipu which they had purchased in 2004. After more than a year in the project, the remodel is almost completed and they are looking forward to more relaxing days ahead.

In Don’s spare time he enjoys his favorite hobbies: motorcycles, surfing, and gardening. Joan’s spare time is spent hiking, walking, reading and volunteering one day each week at the Contemporary Museum of Art.

When asked to name one thing they both really like about living in our neighborhood, they replied, “The way our morning run becomes a social hour with our neighbors, dog walkers, and other runners -- all with time to stop and talk story.”

MTKKCA SURVEY RESPONSE

Mahalo to those of you who responded to the survey in the last issue.

The #1 priority in the responses was neighborhood safety and security, followed closely by protecting views and having a sense of community. Other top concerns were overgrown shrubs and trees, cars and boats parked on the street, and trash left at the curb outside the scheduled pickup days.

2009 Dues Paying Members

To everyone listed below, thank you for your support of the Maunalua Triangle/Koko Kai Community Association. Although we gladly accept your payment any time, please remember that 2009 dues are to be paid prior to the Annual Meeting usually held mid to late March of every year. *Mahalo.*****

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Maunalua Triangle/Koko Kai Community Association Dues Notice:

Please add your name to the group by paying your dues. **Dues are \$50/year.** Please make checks payable to MTKK Community Association and mail to PO Box 25103, Honolulu, HI 96825.

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