

WAIKELE OHANA NEWS



This quarter's cover of the Waikele Ohana News which was taken by Devon Deangelo with Walk Wise Hawaii is of our volunteers that participated in our Sign Waving Event on August 20, 2012, in support of August being Pedestrian Safety Month.

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Waikēle's 14th Annual Winter Wonderland Event

Join us for our annual Christmas celebration at the Ice Palace, Aiea Stadium Mall on **Wednesday, December 12th** from **7:00-9:30 p.m.**

Enjoy ice skating, door prizes and pictures with Santa!



This is a PRIVATE EVENT, open to Waikēle residents only.

Space is limited to a maximum of 550 guests and tickets will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the Waikēle Community Association at 676-1991 or via email at info@waikēleohana.com to **RSVP before December 6, 2012.**

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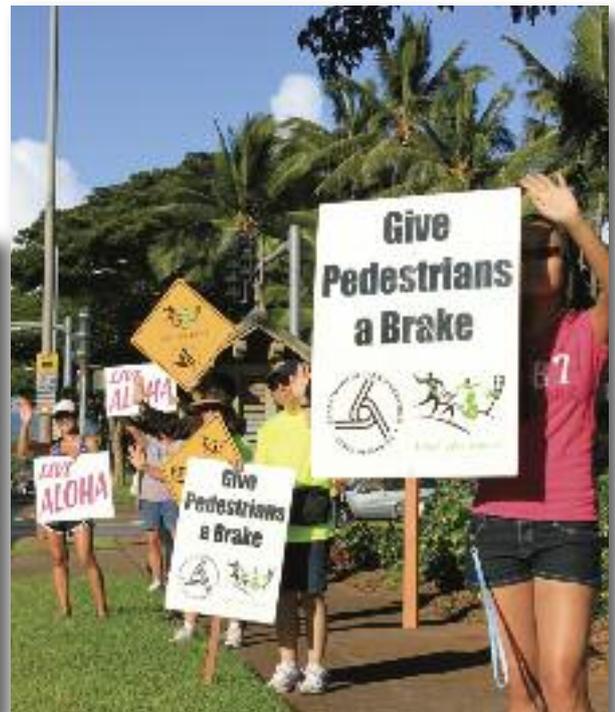
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SAFETY FIRST

By: Krysten Takahama, Administrative Assistant

In the state of Hawaii, August is pedestrian safety month. With the help of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation's Walk Wise Hawaii Campaign, the WCA was able to hold a Community Safety Awareness Program (CTAP) event. Many volunteers joined forces on August 20, 2012 to sign waive at the Lumiaina/Lumiauau intersection. We are glad we were able to promote pedestrian and vehicle safety in our community and we will continue to promote both concerns throughout the year with more CTAP events. If you would like to partici-

pate in an event like this please contact the WCA office at 676-1991 or e-mail info@waikēleohana.com.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DARRELL YOUNG



Aloha! Our Association staff recently fielded calls from some homeowners asking us to address the topic of feral cat removal from private residences.

The feral cat problem is one that is currently statewide (and not just in Waikēle). As we all know, our Waikēle community is adjacent to the Waikēle Country Club, the Patsy Mink Central Oahu Regional Park, and to lower Waipahu, all of which has had a large feral cat problem for many, many years. The storm drain system in Waikēle connects to a larger storm drain system that extends as far down to lower Waipahu and creates a clear path to and from their habitats and sources of food in both directions.

Generally speaking, the Waikēle Community Association does not handle feral animal concerns. We do so because our covenants, declaration and by-laws do not allow the use of Association resources on private residences.

If we were to decide to put out traps, they would be placed in the Association's common areas such as landscape setback areas. However, traps are indiscriminate and will catch anything and everything that strays into it, from feral cats to someone's pet cat or dog. The instruction would be for the contractor to remove any animal indiscriminately and take to a shelter. Depending on the shelter's policies for unclaimed animals, we could be responsible for harming someone's pet and that is not a chance we're willing to expose the Association to. Additionally, some of our sub-associations have utilized their own AOA funds in the past to humanely trap and remove feral animals from their private property.

For fairness and liability protection to the Association, we refer all homeowners concerns regarding animals to the proper organizations such as the Hawaiian Humane Society (for dogs & cats) or the Hawaii Gaming Association (for chickens). Another organization that homeowners may contact regarding feral cats is The Hawaii Cat Foundation (www.hicat.org/).

If you are experiencing a feral cat problem, you could contact the HHS for the rental of one of their cat traps. One of the best ways you can deter feral cats from coming around your residences is to remove sources of food such as uneaten pet food or having trash outside of the gray bins. Another is to set your sprinkler timers on a random watering schedule. And if you are a pet owner or a colonist, we strongly suggest that you take part in the HHS Neuter Now program.

It's not clear how many feral cats live on Oahu, but Hawaiian Human Society's website says it has helped more than 12,000 feral cats at a cost of over \$250,000 for needed sterilizations in the last five

years. They estimate an un-spayed female and her offspring can produce 420,000 kittens in just seven years, so HHS strongly encourages people to spay and neuter through their "Neuter Now" program.

Each year, the City Council designates a budget for the Neuter Now program. Veterinarians island-wide offer reduced-rate sterilization surgeries in partnership with the City & County of Honolulu through the issuance of limited certificates. The Hawaiian Humane Society administers this program for the county including certificate sales at its adoptions center. It runs this program at no cost to tax payers or the City & County of Honolulu as part of its commitment to reducing overpopulation, supporting spay and neuter and supporting the county's efforts to address pet overpopulation. The primary goal of the program is for pet owners to establish a relationship with a veterinary clinic for lifelong care of their pet.

With the Neuter Now certificates it costs pet owners: \$40 for a male cat; \$50 for a female cat; \$125 for a male dog, and; \$150 for a female dog. This year, \$660,000 was earmarked for this program - twice the amount allotted last year and the most ever since the program began in 1986.

Once the budget is established and approved, the funding gets depleted based on certificate sales. For example, if more certificates are sold for female dogs the money spends down faster than those buying certificates for male cats. The entire fee is paid to the veterinarians who perform the sterilizations. The costs of any additional services (such as lab work) must be paid directly to the veterinarian, and are in addition to the cost of the Neuter Now certificate. Veterinarians may also charge additional fees for animals that are over 3 years old or over 45 pounds.

Since the start of the Neuter Now program, more than 200,000 families have benefited. At the program's peak in 1996, 10,500 pets were sterilized. Accessible and affordable spay and neuter programs are essential to reducing pet overpopulation and euthanasia.

Finally, on a more fun topic, remember to mark your calendars! This year's Winter Wonderland Festivities at the Stadium Mall Ice Palace is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 2012, from 7:00 - 9:30. Although the reservation deadline is November 30th, please be sure to call early as space is limited to the first 550 people. If you haven't come to one of these events yet as a Waikēle resident, please be sure to make every effort to come to this year's celebration.

'Til next time, Aloha!

TURN SUNSHINE INTO SAVINGS – ATTEND OUR SOLAR EDUCATIONAL MEETING

Have you ever heard an advertisement for a solar company? Have you seen newspaper ads, online banners and solar companies claiming they can save you thousands on your HECO Bill? It seems you can't turn on your television, open a newspaper, or get online without hearing about solar. It's no wonder – Hawai'i currently spends \$4 billion a year to import foreign oil. In response to that staggering figure, we enacted the Clean Energy Initiative in 2008 to be 70% clean energy by 2030. Hawaii currently generates about 12 percent of its energy from renewable sources.

But how are we to know which companies are reputable? In 2009 there were about 20 solar companies registered in the State of Hawaii. Now there are over 200! Which panels are better than others? Should I use micro or central inverters? Should I go with a lease, or should I purchase the system?

Keep the following 10 tips in mind to make sure you get a well designed, built and maintained system:

1. Make sure the company you use has an approved building permit, prior to installation.
(Companies that promise to install quickly are usually cutting corners)
2. Make sure the company you choose uses NABCEP-certified installers.
(The North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners is the "gold standard" for solar installation certification)
3. Be sure the company you use completes an engineered design of your solar system.
(They should look at your roofing material, rafters, structural stability and wind loads)
4. Ask if the company stands behind their work and if they use sub-contractors.
(Sub-contractors can mean delays and poor workmanship. Make sure the company has a solid 20-year warranty on all workmanship & materials)

5. Make sure all panels are located more than five feet from any property line and 10 feet from front of property.
6. Make sure all panels are flush-mounted within 3 to 6 inches of roof mounting plane. Reverse tilted panels look poor and cause excessive strain on your roof.
7. Make sure panels do not rise above roof ridge or extend beyond roof eave.
8. Micro or Central-inverter? They both invert DC power that a panel produces into AC power. Central-inverters are less costly and more reliable.
9. Which type of panel and wattage should I look for? The more important question is your kilowatt hour (kWh) cost, and how strong the company is that backs the warranty? Do you care which transformer manufacturer HECO uses outside your home? It doesn't matter because you know that HECO will maintain it if it fails. Choose a solid solar company who will maintain your system for 20 years.
10. Be sure your company offers a service plan that fits your budget and payment preference. Service agreements can provide design, permit, build and repair for free, and allow you to pay less for solar electricity than you pay for utility power. You can pay for your power upfront at a discount, or pay as you go with low monthly payments.

Systems which are correctly engineered, designed and maintained properly will last for decades. Cutting corners may save a few dollars now but will cost you down the road.

For more information on solar and how to have a system correctly installed on your home, please contact the Waikele Community Association at info@waikeleohana.com or 676-1991 to inquire about attending a free workshop. Free drinks and light pupus will be served throughout the evening.

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Please check our new and improved website!

www.WaikeleOhana.com

New features include:

- Easier navigation for current residents, prospective homebuyers, and realtors
- New interactive Report a Problem feature and Neighborhood map
- Information on joining WCA volunteer groups, including our new Waikelecise program
- Updated info on our FAQ and Modifications pages
- Photo Gallery with pictures from our recent events



WAIKELE COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

by Darryl Lambert, Director of Golf



Well, summer is almost over and we hope everyone was able to enjoy it with friends and family. With fall comes the return to school. We ask everyone in the community to pay special attention while driving to ensure the safety of our children. To mark the return of school, the Waikele Restaurant has several promotions available. Please feel free to check our Facebook page for other events, specials and deals. Football season is back which means so is Monday Night Football at the Restaurant.

Make sure to stop by to enjoy your favorite games with your golfing pals.

On the golf course we continue to work hard on improving conditions with irrigation upgrades currently underway. Ownership continues to invest in the course ensuring we will become one of the top facilities on Oahu.

One final note, we continue to see and hear stories of vandalism and theft within our community. We at WCC applaud the efforts of the Waikele Posse and ask that everyone takes an interest in keeping our community safe and free from vandalism and theft. Until next time, we wish everyone all the best!



Aloha! I hope your summer months were filled with friends, family and fun!

Recently, much news has been reported about reductions in bus routes. I recently received a poignant if troubling e-mail from one of our loyal, regular bus riders and I wanted to share some excerpts:

"... Are you a bus rider? If not, I encourage you to walk in our shoes for just a week. See how it feels to miss a transfer. How long will it take for you to get to where you want to go? Is that the kind of experience you want for our bus riders? ... In the face of rising fuel costs and increased traffic congestion, bus ridership will and should be encouraged. ... I would rather pay more for better services than pay the same amount for less services. How can you measure the loss of a person's quality of life commuting an extra hour to get to work and back home?"

The route changes represent the city's effort to address an impending \$8 million shortfall without raising fares. But without additional funds to deal with rising costs for fuel and labor, these new route alignments might be only a temporary fix.

By Council resolution, bus fare box collections must cover no less than 27 percent but no more than 33 percent of total system operating costs. This means that for every dollar spent to fund our Bus System the riders pay \$.27, while other tax payers pay the remaining \$.73 through city highway and property tax funds, plus federal grants or subsidies.

However, the current mood in Congress of current subsidies jeopardizes the federal portion. We must get ahead of this and increase the fare box recovery ratio and give the city the tools to address the problem. That's why I introduced Council Resolution 12-66 in March, to begin the community wide discussion about changing the ratio to 33 percent and 50 percent, and also Bill 28 to effect these changes through the bus fare and pass structures.

Like many of you who have contacted my office, I believe that TheBus is a public service that should be supported more by its users and less through taxes. In other words, you have to pay to play.

It's not a popular position, but it's a responsible one. The Council's Transportation Committee approved 12-66 by a slim 3-2 margin, but amended it to keep the floor at 27 percent. The measure now awaits scheduling by the Budget Committee for further consideration.

I trust that the Budget Committee members will be mindful of external factors that further strain the bus system. For example:

1. Schoolchildren are using TheBus in increasing numbers as regular school bus service is cut back or cancelled.

2. The state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism forecasts that 2012 will be a banner year for tourism, resulting in more visitors purchasing those attractive four-day bus passes for \$20.

3. High gas prices will cause workers to abandon their cars.

Some will argue that the city should take the general excise tax surcharge collections dedicated for rail and apply them to other needed areas like TheBus. But they either don't or won't understand that under state law and city ordinance, those funds cannot be used for any other purpose.

The planned rail system's primary route is from Honolulu to Kapolei. This is also the most heavily traveled corridor for bus service, with more than 70 of the 100 "peak traffic" bus routes. With future growth targeted for Leeward and Central Oahu, demand for bus service is fast approaching capacity. When the rail eventually starts operations, many of those buses can be freed up and redeployed to service other areas of Oahu.

Meanwhile, I'm disturbed by images of our loyal, regular bus riders standing at the curb watching bus after bus choked full of commuters, schoolchildren and tourists, pass them by. That being said, we will continue to work with the Department of Transportation Services to address our district's concerns on a case by case basis as they arise.

Finally, as a reminder, June 1st marked the official beginning of hurricane season. Although the National Weather Service Central Pacific Hurricane Center has forecast a below normal hurricane season, residents should still remain aware and prepared.

Take the time today to discuss hurricane preparedness with family, friends and co-workers. The FEMA website www.READY.gov contains disaster preparedness and planning documents as well as lists for essential emergency items in English as well as other languages.

All residents should consider developing an emergency preparedness kit containing a five to seven day supply of the following items. These items are good year round for any emergency that may affect Oahu.

Essential items to include in your emergency preparedness kit are:

- Water - One gallon of water per person per day for drinking and sanitation.
- Food - Non-perishable food that does not require cooking to consume. Popular local foods such as Spam, corned beef and Vienna Sausages are handy.
- Radio - Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both.
- Light - Flashlight and/or a portable

fluorescent light and extra batteries.

- Medical Supplies - First Aid Kit, prescription medications and glasses.
- Pet Supplies - Pet food, pet carrier and extra water for your pet.
- Important Documents - Wills, deeds, banking information etc. stored in a watertight container.

In addition to emergency supplies everyone should have a disaster plan, an out-of-state emergency contact and be prepared by learning all you can about the disasters that could affect us here in Hawaii.

As always, I would greatly appreciate your sharing of any constructive ideas and suggestions on how we can work together toward balancing the services our residents need with our ability to fund those services. Please e-mail me at ngarcia@honolulu.gov. Aloha!

WHEN SHOULD YOU REPAINT YOUR HOME

To help to maintain Waikele's aesthetic appeal as well as to protect your home from the elements it is suggested that home owners repaint their home every seven (7) to ten (10) years. When trying to decide whether or not you need to repaint your home, please keep in mind some of the following signs of deterioration: peeling, heavily stained with red dirt, visible black mold, fading or chalkiness or exterior coating, etc. Please keep in mind that when you do decide to repaint your home you will need to submit an "Application for Approval of Modifications, Additions, or Improvements" to the Waikele Community Associations office.

As stated in our 2011 Modifications Committee's Rules and Guidelines: Approval is required for ALL painting other than routine maintenance and touchup (*less than 10% of the surface*), including repainting with an existing original color. Color samples must be provided with the application in order to assure a good match with the original colors. These samples must be of an adequate size and quality to accurately determine an acceptable match. Small paint samples frequently do not match the color produced by the manufacturers and large areas of solid color often convey an impact that is not readily determined from small swatches. Responsibility for precisely matching the color samples provided to the Modifications Committee ultimately rests with the owner. "Close to" an approved color on the WCA list of acceptable colors is not enough. Color paint schemes (*for single family communities*) are located at the WCA office (*color sample MUST match WCA books*). Routine maintenance and touch-up painting (*less than 10% of the residence*) usually does not require prior approval.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our repainting permit process please contact our office at 676-1991.

Covenants Corner

by Natasha Hee, Covenants Specialist



Happy Holidays! I hope all of you had a fun and relaxing summer! This year has been very exciting and challenging for me as I have been in my new position for almost 1 year! I have truly enjoyed working with all of you to help in the upkeep of our beautiful community. As we enter the holiday season, I just wanted to provide a few suggestions and rule reminders to help make your holiday season more enjoyable!

A Day In The Life Of A Covenants Specialist

Since stepping into my new position as Covenants Specialist here at the Waialeale Community Association, I've learn a lot useful and important information. Although I do live in a planned community, before stepping into my new position I never knew just how challenging the job of a covenants specialist was. I mean I knew that there was someone out there day after day checking on my neighbors and I to make sure that the exterior of our home complied with the rules of my community association, but I never realized just how challenging his/her job was until I joined the WCA.

Over the past year I've learned that patience and understanding goes a long way in helping and encouraging our home-

owners to cooperate with us and to follow the rules of the Waialeale Community Association. I've also learned that knowing our rules helps me to help our home owners understand the rules as well.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding what you can or cannot do to the exterior of your home please do not hesitate to contact our office and I will be happy to assist you in any way that I can. And please remember that if you do receive one of our courtesy letters, it is just a reminder that something on your property may not be in compliance but I am always happy to assist you in finding a solution.

Party Tents and Temporary Structures

There will be a lot of parties this holiday season and many of you will be using tents to accommodate these events. A kind reminder that all party tents need to be removed 4 days after the event and if you plan to use the tent again or need it up longer than 4 days, please notify our office at 676-1991. Blue tarps may not be used for temporary structures.

Holiday Decorations

Temporary holiday or special event decorations are exempted and need not be submitted for approval provided that they are installed

no sooner than thirty (30) days before the holiday or event and are removed no later than fifteen (15) days after the holiday or event. All holiday decorations must be removed no later than January 15, 2013.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Christmas trees may be disposed of using the Honolulu City & County green recycling bin. Trees of all sizes must be broken up, placed in the green recycling bin, and placed on the curbside only on the day of scheduled pick-up. Decorations, such as tinsel and ornaments must be removed from the tree completely.

For a convenient drop off location after the holidays are over, please note the Waipahu Convenience Center will be accepting Christmas trees.

Location:

Waipahu Depot Road, near the Honolulu Police Academy

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7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily
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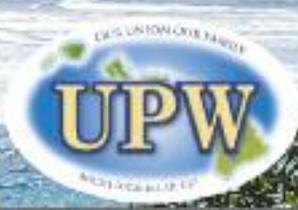
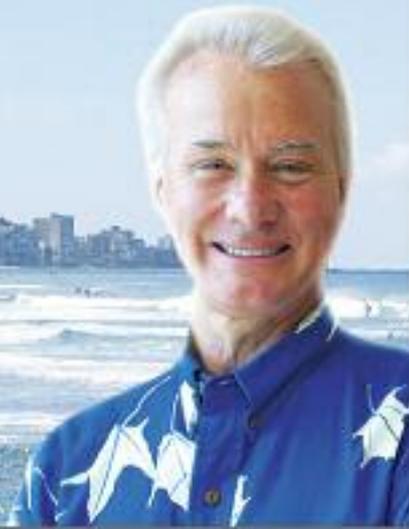
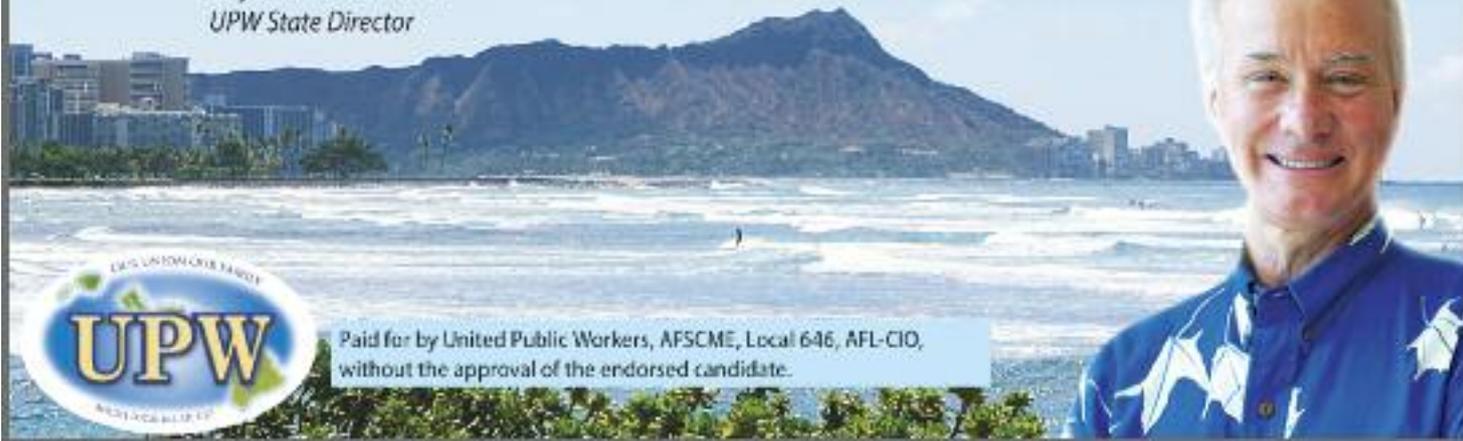
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A Vote for KIRK CALDWELL is a Vote for Aloha...VOTE ALOHA

"Besides the Aloha Spirit, surfing is one of the great gifts Hawai'i has given the world. Born and raised in Hawai'i, Kirk embraced surfing and continues to enjoy the sport. He has a deep respect for the ocean and knows caring for the ocean is critical to our community's sustainability.

As Kama'āina, Kirk experienced Aloha and learned about caring for our land, our ocean, our streams, our family, our neighbors and our community. When there was an overabundance, we shared with our neighbors. Likewise, our neighbors shared with us. In the spirit of Aloha, there was always plenty to go around. A Vote for Kirk Caldwell is A Vote for ALOHA...VOTE ALOHA!"

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MANAGER'S MEMO

by Malcolm C.C. Ching, General Manager



Every time someone asks me the question "What makes Waikele so beautiful and different from other communities"...I tell them that "It's because of the residents". I've been giving that same response for the past 14 years and still believe it to this day with all my heart. Waikele residents take pride in their community and will do whatever it takes to keep it a safe, clean, and beautiful. In order to keep Waikele a "show case" community...we must all do our part.

Putting Poop in its Place

If you walk around the community, you know that the amount of dog poop left by irresponsible pet owners have been increasing greatly. If you are a pet owner and regularly take your dog(s) out for walks...you are required by LAW to carry a plastic bag and pick up after your pet. Failing to properly clean up after your pet is unsanitary and irresponsible! Our Community Safety Team Officers will be on the lookout for people walking their dogs that are not carrying a plastic bag or picking up after pets. On recommendation by Waikele resident Bradley Hirayama, the WCA will be looking at installing 6 to 8 trash receptacles around the community that people can use to deposit their trash or poop bags. If you have a location that you feel really needs a trash receptacle, please email your suggestion to Malcolm@waikeleohana.com.

Feral Animals

The Waikele DCC&Rs (Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions) addresses the topic of household pets, but it does not address the issue of feral animals. Because Waikele is adjacent to the golf course, the Waikele gulch, and the Patsy Mink Central Oahu Park, there are many feral animals that come into the neighborhood. Over the years, I have seen every kind of feral animal from chickens and rats to parrots and even pigs. But one of the most common would be feral cats. Feral cats come into the community from many sources and it is an island wide problem according to the Honolulu Police Department. Feral cats can become a big nuisance in the community. The Hawaiian Humane Society loans out cat traps for a nominal fee (deposit) and will either come pick it up the traps or you may drop them off at their main location. But for now, we are kindly asking ALL residents not to feed the feral cats. Although it may seem like a nice thing to do, feral cats are very different from domesticated cats and they will populate in great numbers if a food source is provided for them. Help us control the feral cat problem in Waikele by not feeding them...thank you!

It's Wise to join Waikelecise!

Over the past year, our office has passed out over 150 free Waikelecise T-shirts. All

Waikelecise members get a free T-shirt and information about our program. There are no meetings to attend and no time commitment either. Waikelecise members basically wear their T-shirt while walking in the community and notify the WCA office if they happen to see a problem on property. In every community association, you will residents that just complain about problems, but are not willing to be part of the solution. So join Waikelecise today and start making a positive difference in the community. Call the WCA office at 676-1991 to find out how you can be a member of Waikelecise!

We're on Facebook!



The WCA is proud to announce that the Waikele Community Associations new Facebook page is up and running! Please like our new Facebook page to keep up to date on our events and volunteer project that will be taking place in the community in the future. We would like to encourage all of our homeowners and volunteers to post any pictures that you may have taken at any of our events or volunteer projects you have attended and/or helped with!

The WCA is proud to announce that the Waikele Community Associations new Facebook

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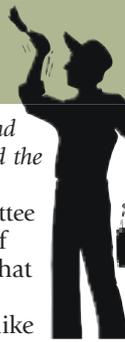
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MODIFICATIONS IOI

by Krysten Takahama, Administrative Assistant



Just a reminder to homeowners wishing to modify their homes: anything done to the exterior of your home **MUST** get Waikele Community Association (WCA) approval. We require you to fill out an "Application for Approval of Modifications, Additions, or Improvements"—this form can be obtained from the WCA office or by logging onto www.WaikeleOhana.com.

Plan Ahead

If your modification requires you to submit a building plan of your proposed work, please keep in mind that drawings must be "permit ready" drawings. In other words, drawings which you would submit to the City and County for a building permit is what we are expecting. Drawings done by you on scrap pieces of paper or napkins will not be accepted (hey you'd be surprised by the number of scrap drawings we get, haha!).

**Note: Information on building plan requirements can be found in your 2011 Rules and Guidelines page 5 step 2b.*

Mr. Golden Sun

The Waikele Community Association thinks it's FANTASTIC that many homeowners are utilizing the sun's natural resource as a means of energy by installing photovoltaic and solar systems! Just a couple of things to keep in mind when turning in your photovoltaic or solar applications...

- 1) There is no application fee
- 2) In addition to the application, you must submit your plot plan designating where on the roof the panels are being installed
- 3) A brochure on the type of panels being installed must also be submitted

**Note: Information on solar energy devices can be found in your 2011 Rules and Guidelines page 22 item number 44.*

**Please keep a few things in mind in regards to the permit process and the permit itself:*

- 1) The Modifications Committee meets the first Thursday of every month. If you feel that you need to explain your plans further and would like to attend the meeting, please call the office at (808) 676-1991 or e-mail info@waikeleohana.com to be put onto the meeting agenda.
- 2) The permit approval process for any modification can take anywhere from 1 to 6 weeks upon date of receipt of the application.
- 3) If your plans were disapproved by the Committee, you will be allowed to revise your plans and resubmit to the WCA (within 30 days) without an added application processing fee.
- 4) You are NOT allowed to perform any work to the exterior of your home until you receive your permit from the WCA.
- 5) Permits last for 120 days (4 months) if you need an extension, please call the office to request one—this is to be done when your permit is set to expire.
- 6) Deviations from your approved plans will null and void your permit—corrective action will be necessary to bring the modification into compliance.
- 7) Attached to each permit is a "Modification Completion Form." It is the homeowners responsibility to fill out the form correctly upon completion of the project and to return it (via mail, fax, or in person) to the WCA office.

WAIKELE BEAUTIFICATION DAY



On Saturday, June 9, 2012, volunteers helped pick up rubbish and clean graffiti along Lumiaina Street. The turnout of volunteers was so great that the WCA wants to plan another clean-up event very soon! Big mahalo goes out to our many volunteers for donating their time

and efforts on that day—their efforts allow Waikele residents to live in the most beautiful Community on the westside! If you would like to participate in future volunteer events, please contact the WCA office at (808) 676-1991 or e-mail info@waikeleohana.com



WCA MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

HOLIDAYS

The WCA office will be closed on

October 8
Columbus Day

November 12
Veterans Day

November 22
Thanksgiving Day

November 23
Employee Appreciation Day

December 25
Christmas Day

January 1
New Year's Day

January 21
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

WCA MEETINGS* & UPCOMING EVENTS

Modifications Committee Meeting

First Thursday of every month

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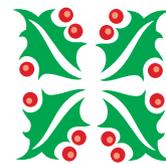
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Board of Directors Meeting

Second Wednesday of every other month

10/10/12



Waikele's 14th Annual Winter Wonderland
December 12, 2012
from 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Please join us at our 14th Annual Winter Wonderland! The event will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM at Ice Palace in Aiea Stadium Mall. Enjoy ice skating, door prizes and pictures with Santa!

To RSVP: Space is limited to a maximum of 550 guests, and tickets are on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call the Waikele Community Association office at 676-1991 to reserve your tickets. Last day to RSVP is Monday, Wednesday, December 6, 2012 or as space permits. We look forward to seeing you!

Please note that this is a PRIVATE EVENT, open to Waikele residents only.

What's Happening

By Krysten Takahama, Administrative Assistant



Aloha and I hope you've all had a fantastic summer! I would like to take this time to share my experience here at the Waikele Community Association thus far.

A Day in the Life...

Since starting my position as the Administrative Assistant at the WCA, I was thrown into a whirlwind of information. I, personally, do not live in a planned community so for me, everyday comes as a lesson and I'm ready with notebook in hand! With the help of my previous job, I've learned to practice patience when assisting homeowners with their questions ranging anywhere from what our office hours are to what our modification procedures are. No question is too big or too small—I'm always willing to help! Rest assured that if I cannot give you an answer at the time of your call or personal visit, I will definitely get back to you in a timely manner with an answer.

I will be starting a "Modifications 101" column (featured in this newsletter) in which all information is devoted completely to modification information. In the column, I will address frequently asked questions and/or general rules for different types of modifications.

That being said, here is look at a few things that have been or will be happening in the community.

Better Safe than Sorry

Please be advised that Waikele Elementary School will be performing an off-campus evacuation drill on Monday, October 10, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. The entire school will be walking up Kukula Street to Pakela Street then up Paiwa Street to the roundabout. Keep in mind that some streets may be blocked off for a short period of time to allow all of the students to cross safely. In the event of bad weather conditions on October 10th, the school has a back-up day for the drill on Wednesday, October 26, 2012.

Hard Work Pays Off!

The wonderful volunteers of Waikele were honored at the Waikele Community Association's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, July 29, 2012. We celebrated the night away by first thanking volunteers from the Green Team, TAAG Team, Waikelecise, Neighborhood Security Watch, Modification Committee, Board of Directors, and other special guests. The WCA would like to thank the many volunteers who help to keep Waikele a beautiful community to live in and be a part of. Your dedication and hard work are what helps to keep us going, and it definitely does not go unnoticed! We hope to continue to build the wonderful relationship we have with our volunteers so that in turn we are able to keep Waikele the most pristine planned community!



Permits

For all homeowners who have received approval for a home modification from the Association, please remember to post your green permit somewhere that is visible from the street throughout construction or installation. Once issued, the permit is valid for 120 days. Many homeowners are not aware that our office can offer to "freeze" your permit or grant an extension if your project is delayed. If your modification has been stalled for any reason, or if you cannot complete construction within the 120 days, please do not hesitate to contact our office to notify us of the situation.

Courtesy House Checks

Planning a trip can be stressful enough without the added worry of leaving your home empty and unguarded for days. The WCA is happy to offer "Courtesy House Checks" for our Waikele residents. If you are going to be away for a period of time, notify our office with your dates of absence and emergency contact information, and our very own Community Safety Team (CST) officers will perform routine

drives through your neighborhood, checking for any suspicious activity. Planning on having friends or neighbors stop by to water plants or feed your pets? Let us know, and we will inform CST so they can identify suspicious intruders from expected guests. Take the extra step to keep your home safe – it's worth it!

City and County Problem Report

<http://www1.honolulu.gov/csd/publiccom/fixit.htm>.

Have you ever noticed a burnt out or flickering street light, fallen street sign or gaping pothole in the Waikele community and wondered when the City is going to get around to fixing it? Chances are, they haven't been alerted to the concern yet. You can change that! Now it is easier than ever to report problems like these to City & County for further action. Visit the website above to submit a brief description of the problem and its location, and the report is passed on to the appropriate department. It only takes a few minutes. On the many occasions I've submitted a report to the site, I've received a response within a few days to update me on the status of the repair. The next time you see a problem in Waikele that falls under City & County jurisdiction, take note of the details and submit a report to the above website. Your community will thank you for it!

Updating Homeowner Information

When Waikele residents move, rent out their properties, or change phone numbers, notifying the WCA of their updated information is often the last thing on their minds. However, maintaining up-to-date homeowner information (a current phone number and mailing address) in our office allows us to communicate more effectively with residents. Homeowners who have moved out of state and continue to retain their property in Waikele can stay informed of important issues by having all correspondences copied to their current mailing address. A consistent means of communication is one of our office's most valuable assets in alerting residents to concerns on their property. Please call our office to update your contact information today!

Did You Know?

The Waikele Community Association provides logo window decals for your vehicle so that patrolling officers can determine who is and who is not a Waikele resident. Stop by our office to pick up your decal!

For more information, or if you have any questions regarding any of the topics discussed in our newsletters, please do not hesitate to call our office or visit our website at www.waikeleohana.com.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR CONTROLLING RATS AND MICE

Rats and mice can and will enter your home when their environment has been disturbed or your home provides all the necessities for their survival. Pet food is a major attraction for rodents. Ensure that all pet food is never left outside overnight and food should be stored in metal containers. Bird feed is also an attraction for rodents.

You should inspect your home for potential entry points, concentrating on gaps in the wall, attic vent holes, doors and windows and pipe penetrations for plumbing and electrical if any. **A rodent does not need a large opening to enter your home. Just remember this when checking your home. A mouse can squeeze through a hole the size of your little finger and a rat can squeeze through a hole the size of your thumb.

Tree branches, shrubs, hedges or plants should be trimmed away from the house. These create harborage areas and branches touching the roofline create a nice walkway for rodents to get onto your roof. They are great climbers.

Items should not be stored adjacent to the house or structure. This also creates a good harborage and nesting area.

Should you already have an ongoing rodent problem you may need to consider contacting a pest control professional and getting on a rodent control program.

KI HO'ALU

Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar is a truly unique Hawaiian musical art form and acoustic guitar tradition. Ki ho'alu literally translates to "loosen the key" and provides for "slacked" strings to achieve different tunings for every song. The music is personal to each artist, can be magical in feeling, and is born from tradition. We are honored to support the 30th anniversary of the Slack Key Guitar Festival for the first time on the West Side of Oahu on Sunday October 28th, from noon to 6 p.m. at Hoalauna Park, Ewa by Gentry, in Ewa Beach. Located on Keaunui Drive between Fort Weaver Road and Iroquois Drive, please mark your calendar and join us to enjoy and participate in this wonderful event perpetuating slack key guitar music. There will be food, drink, and activities for the entire family.

NEED A HELPING HAND?



Sometimes all it takes is an extra pair of hands now and then, especially for those people out there that have to struggle a bit more

than the rest. A group of compassionate men and women from Hope Chapel West Oahu have joined together to help those in need. Do you know a single parent, veteran, elder, or a person of disability who needs help with basic household maintenance chores such as yard work, a leaky faucet, electrical work, minor carpentry, painting, or drywall repair? Do you need help but don't know who to call? Please call Eric at 389-0836 or email Enakz@aol.com.

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