



DA KINE

President's Message

2024 Annual Meeting



Annual Meeting

November was another busy month as you will see in our Resident Managers report. We are preparing for our Annual Meeting, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 10:00am at the Pavilion.

We must have 50% of owners (made up of attendees and signed proxies) to conduct the annual meeting. If not we will have to reschedule and that is costly to our Association. We never have enough owners in attendance to achieve a quorum, so we need you to mail in the Proxy that you will receive in the mail. Mail in your Proxy **even if you plan to attend.**

Board Election

Please note, we have a vacancy on our Board, and we may have other positions that will be up for election at the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in getting involved, this could be your time!

Anyone wishing to run for the board should submit a short resume to the board secretary Bert Wilkinson to have their name placed on the ballots. Nominations may also be made at the meeting, but these will be write-in candidates on the ballots.

Budget and Reserve Fund Study

By now you have received notification of a 6% Monthly Maintenance Fee increase for 2024. This amount is based on the results of a very detailed



analysis of our current assets and projected expenditures as required by Hawaii State Law. We will have a full report at the Annual Meeting.

Infrastructure

One of the challenges for the upcoming year is to deal with some of the ageing systems within our community. In 2023, we had over \$300,000 in unbudgeted repairs to our sewer system. We have added funds to the upcoming budget to allow for further repair work. We also plan to do an assessment of the electrical service system in 2024.



We are looking into a contract with an engineering firm to assist us with an assessment of our sewer and electrical systems. They would help us develop a work plan, vet and hire contractors, and ensure the work was being done to the highest standards. This cost has been built into our upcoming budget.

There is much you can do as Owners to reduce and avoid problems with our infrastructure systems. Please read the Friendly Reminders section of this DA KINE for more information.

Mahalo

I want to thank our Resident Manager Marlene Almadova and our crew (Bernardo, Matt and James) for all the maintenance done this year; to Lori Miller for her work on the Landscape Committee; and to Bert Wilkinson and Vickie Dela Cruz for their work getting out the monthly newsletter!

Have a safe and happy holiday season and I will see you all in 2024!

Walter Wiess..... KEE Board President



Resident Manager's Report:

Activities

November is always a busy month. Let me summarize the work that was completed.

We power washed all the walkways on property early in the month.

We inspected all the stairway stringers for wood rot and then made repairs as necessary.



We painted the outside window frames on all buildings with rock wall and side windows.



Repaired pathway lights as necessary.



Painted several lower entryways.



Touched up the paint on many stairwell steps and painted stairs on #65.

Finished a complete upgrade of our pop-up sprinkler heads (from 2" to 4" riser head). 247 heads replaced.



Completed two more sewer line repair jobs.



Of course, all of the above is in addition to the ongoing daily maintenance (including pool and disposal services).



As we end 2023, I want to thank you all for your support, for your caring and cooperation. From me to you,

Mele Kalikimaka and Hau'oli Makahiki Hou.

Marlene Almadova.....Resident Manager



IMPORTANT FRIENDLY REMINDERS



To Owners Who Rent

Please prepare your guests for their arrival. Here are some common examples. Each one of these makes for a less enjoyable stay for your vacation renters.

- ? *Guests arrive without the ability to get through the gate.*
- ? *Guests are not clear on how to get into the rental unit.*
- ? *Some guests do not even know the unit number they have rented.*
- ? *Guests do not know who to call if they experience a problem.*
- ? *Guests are not provided with common amenities i.e. beach towels, hair dryer.*

Guests also need to know the key House Rules. This includes use of the Common Areas, Quiet Time Hours, and Trash Disposal Rules. You would be surprised to see what your rental guests leave behind!!

Our Resident Manager has laminated copies of Revised Summary House Rules. Please pick one up to post in your rental unit.

For All Owners

1. Kindly help us minimize our sewer line problems. Many issues are caused by plugged lines that result from stuff flushed down toilets or washed down drains. Follow

our “Flush With Care” guidelines and inform your guests.

- X Don't put grease or coffee grounds down the sink or garbage disposal.
- X Don't flush anything but toilet paper in the toilet. This includes items marked as “flushable.”

2. We respect and support your rental activities. Sometimes emergency repair work can be disruptive and even result in a bad online rating, but we cannot forego work that may cause future damage or disruption. Our Resident Manager will work with you or your agent to minimize problems....and remember; most travel platforms offer you the opportunity to respond to a negative review.

Tis the Season to be Careful.

At this time every year we like to remind you to be wary of scammers trying to take advantage of the holiday season.



The Forbes Advisor published an article on the 5 biggest holiday scams of 2023. Watch out for these.

**Forbes
Advisor**

Ads on Social Media Platforms cost consumers \$2.7 billion over the past two years. These scams entice you to buy items that you will never receive.

Package Delivery Theft has been going on for quite a while. Even in our gated community, packages left out and unattended are at risk. Plan to have them picked up by a trusted person if you will not be home.

Gift Card Scams are becoming more and more creative. There are too many



types to list here. Don't make payments with gift cards. If you buy one off the rack, check to make sure it has not been tampered with.

Charity Scams can really steal your holiday spirit. Stick with well-known charity groups, don't donate to a voice over the phone and do not donate gift cards, a wire transfer or cryptocurrency.

Vacation Rental Scams are common this time of year. Seems that crooks post rental properties online and then deal directly with consumers to take their cash. Dealing with reputable travel sites is the way to avoid this problem.

For more info and to read the complete article click on the Forbes Logo above.

**DIS 'N 'DAT

Christmas Sayings and Quotes.



An important feature of the DA KINE Newsletter is our 'Dis 'N 'Dat section. On Months with Holidays, like December, we always try to present a short

article with an interesting Holiday theme.

So, for our December 2023 DA KINE, we have decided to look at Christmas Sayings and Quotes.

We researched, read, and sorted through them as best we could. We hope to present to you some Quotes that capture the spirit of the Holiday with a little humor; a touch of wisdom; and a lot of the good feeling that comes with Christmas.

1. We know that Christmas has become very commercial. People start shopping months in advance of December. Then we have "Black Friday", "Small Business Saturday" and "Cyber Monday". Here are a few Quotes that capture this thought.

"The Way You spend Christmas is more important than how much you spend" ...Henry David Thoreau.



"Christmas can't be bought from a store. Christmas means just a little bit more"Dr. Seuss

2. Christmas is a time of goodwill, kindness, and fellowship. Here are a few Quotes we feel represent the spirit of the Christmas Season.

"Reflect on the Pleasant not on past misfortunes" ... Charles Dickens



"We need this day to remind us that we are all here for someone else besides ourselves" ...Eric Severide

"Christmas waves a magic wand over the world, and everything is softer and more beautiful"Norman Vincent Peale

"In remembering Christmas, we find that the simplest things gave us the greatest happiness." ..Bob Hope





3. Christmas is a time for gatherings of Family and Friends as represented in these Quotes.



“Christmas is a together-y sort of holiday”**Winnie the Pooh.**

“All roads lead home at Christmas”...**Marjorie Holmes**

4. How about a little humor? Check out these quotes.

“Christmas is a magical time. Money disappears into thin air.”
Melanie White:



“You know you’re getting old when Santa starts looking younger”!
Robert Paul:

5. We conclude with a few messages from the world of Music and Movies.

“And so this is Christmas....what have you done?”
John Lennon Song



“Every time a bell rings an angel gets their wings.”
It’s A Wonderful Life.

And Finally, From the Song “White Christmas”.

“May your days be merry and bright.”



**FROM US TO YOU.
HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

December Events on Oahu

39th Annual Honolulu City Lights

Saturday, December 2, 2023. 4:00 pm
Honolulu Hale, Honolulu



This annual event is back in 2024. Honolulu City Lights kicks off the Christmas Season with a Tree Lighting and decorations display at Honolulu Hale followed by an Electric Light parade. After this event, Holiday Decorations will be viewable in the Frank F. Fasi Civic Center Courtyard until December 29th.

For more information on this event, please click on the image above.



82nd Pearl Harbor Commemoration "Legacy Of Hope"



December 7th
Pearl Harbor National Memorial
(Some Ceremonies Livestreamed)

Activities Honoring the 82nd anniversary of Pearl Harbor will be held at several locations in the Pearl Harbor national Memorial on December 6th and 7th. For the first time in several years, all ceremonies are open to the public. The Commemoration and the USS Utah Ceremony will be livestreamed online.

For complete information visit the Pacific Historic Parks website by clicking on the image of the USS Arizona Memorial.

New Year's Eve Fireworks



Looking to end 2023 with a **Bang!** Well, a fireworks show is set for Honolulu.

The fireworks will be set off from a barge located off Waikiki Beach. There will also be fireworks at Turtle Bay Resort. The *Go Visit Hawaii* webpage is trying to keep up with all the information on these events. Access their site by clicking on the fireworks image (bottom left).

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