

Your Monthly Brain Teaser:
Can you fit a Christmas Tree in your hand?
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President's Message

November was another busy month as you will see from our Resident Managers report. We are preparing for our Annual Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 10:00am at the Pavilion. We plan to provide Zoom access to the meeting. More details to follow in the January *Da Kine*.

By now you have all received notice of the 25% Monthly Maintenance Fee increase for 2025. This amount is based on the results of our annual analysis of current assets and projected expenditures as required by Hawaii State Law. We will have a full report at the Annual Meeting.

We are completing an assessment of sewer and electrical service systems by engineering firms. We should have the completed reports in December.

We are looking into a contract with an engineering firm to assist us with an assessment of our sewer and electrical systems. These will allow us to finalize a long-range work plan; vet and hire contractors; and, ensure the work is being done to the highest standards.

I want to thank our Resident Manager Marlene Almadova and our crew (Bernardo, Matt and James) for all the maintenance done this year.

I also want to acknowledge the hard work of the members of our Standing Committee Members who are listed on the last page of our newsletter.

Have a safe and happy holiday season and I will see you all in 2025!

Resident Manager's Report:

Activities

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

All five trash room areas have been cleaned and painted. Inside and out.

We completed our annual fire extinguisher inspection and testing. Triple AAA company certified our fire suppression equipment to be in good working order.

Our crew is engaged in ongoing work on sidewalk and parking lot ramp repairs and some repainting pavement lines.

On November 21st we completed the last plumbing replacement project for this year. Units 93,94,95 and 96 service lines were replaced.



Owners of units which are scheduled for replacement work in January thru March of 2025 have been notified and meetings with the contractor are in progress.

Repainted equipment boxes throughout the property.





Ongoing work to retrofit/rebuild our pathway lights. They will be sturdier. Wiring is at the top of the fixture and protected from damage

Old Fixture



New Replacement



Friendly Reminders

Please keep small toys out of the pool area. They are sucked into the filtering system and can be the cause of costly damage.



Recently we removed gemstones that clogged the vacuum system.



As we end 2024, 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



Tis the Season to be Careful.

It seems we repeat this message at this time every year.



Once again, we want 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. We feel this information is still timely.

Watch out for these!

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.

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Christmas In Hawaii.**



Of course, we all know that Christmas is not a holiday that is indigenous to Hawaii. It was introduced in the islands by western missionaries, and settlers in the 1800's.

Over time, native Hawaiians adopted the holiday. As they did, they put their own local spin on many of the Christmas Traditions.

As we approach the Christmas Holiday; here are a few interesting facts about the history of Christmas in Hawaii and some of the unique local ways that Hawaiians celebrate this holiday.

The first Christmas on record in Hawaii was in 1786. George Dixon, Captain of the British ship Queen Charlotte, was docked in Waimea Bay on the island of Kauai on Christmas Day.

He and his crew celebrated with a roasted pig dinner. It is said they toasted family and friends back home with drinks of rum and coconut milk. Little did they know how close they came to inventing the pina colada.

King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma of Hawaii officially celebrated Christmas in 1856 as a day of Thanksgiving.

On Christmas Eve of 1858 Mary Dominis (mother-in-law of Queen Lili'uokalani). threw a Christmas party at Washington Place in Honolulu.



The party featured the first recorded appearance of Santa Claus on the islands and the first known placement of a decorated Christmas tree.

This tradition is honored each year with a Christmas Open House Ceremony. A replica of the original Christmas tree is placed for public view.



Hawaiians often refer to Santa Claus as "Shaka Santa". He wears open shirts, shorts and flip flops. Santa is often seen waving the "hang loose" hand sign in Hawaii.

Mrs. Claus is known as Tutu Mele and she wears a muumuu with a hibiscus flower in her hair.

Santa (Kanakaloka) arrives in Hawaii on a canoe, paddling in from the ocean to the beach. It seems that reindeer and sleigh just do not work on the islands.



Mele Kalikimaka is the Merry Christmas greeting in Hawaii. In 1949, Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters recorded a Christmas Song entitled Mele Kalikimaka.

The song has become a holiday standard in Hawaii. To hear the original, just click on the image above.



Hawaiians celebrate Christmas traditionally with decorations and a Christmas tree. residents purchase Norfolk pine trees grown in Hawaii. Others decorate palm trees with



the usual festive bulbs, lights and Hawaiian ornaments.

Most Christmas trees are shipped in from the US Mainland.

Agriculture officials expect 135 containers of Christmas trees and wreaths to arrive in Hawaii this season. So far, about 88 have arrived. Over 60,000 trees will be shipped to Hawaii this year.

Many in Hawaii will celebrate with a western style meal; but Hawaiians also favor traditional local foods. Kalua Pig will replace roasted turkey or spiral ham. Poke will serve as an appetizer and steamed rice will replace mashed potatoes. Finally add Lomi-Lomi Salmon with Lau-lau and Poi as side dishes.

We hope you found this article interesting.



**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.

83rd Pearl Harbor Commemoration **"Forging Ahead"**



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

Activities Honoring the 83rd anniversary of Pearl Harbor will be held at several locations in the Pearl Harbor national Memorial on December 6th and 7th. All events on these days are open to the public.

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



New Year's Eve Fireworks and Events



Looking to end 2024 with a **Bang!** A fireworks show is set for Honolulu. The fireworks will be set off from a barge located off Waikiki Beach. There are also fireworks and New Years events in many locations across Oahu. The *Go Visit Hawaii* webpage is a great resource for all the action. Access their site by clicking on the fireworks image (bottom left).

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