



Mauna Luan

Newsletter



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EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS GIFTS—



--- for the people who keep your home clean, safe and beautiful. Although the Board of Directors annually sponsors an off-site employee party (12/13/13) and gives food gift certificates from Safeway; as we have also requested in past years, if it is your custom to give a Christmas gratuity, it

helps us to provide our employees with a better holiday season and they really appreciate your extra kindness. Most of our employees here are long-time, dedicated employees who are seldom seen but are here 365 days a year. Some of our more highly visible employees receive a lot of small gifts but it takes 31 full-time people to keep the Mauna Luan going in the condition it is. All monies received from donations will be divided evenly among our employees and you will be acknowledged to them. Checks made out to “Mauna Luan Xmas Fund”, or cash, will be gratefully accepted at the Management Office, or non-resident owners can include a separate check along with your maintenance fee payment. We do appreciate the fact that everyone’s financial condition is different, but any help you can give to your hard working employees in making their Christmas this year a little more enjoyable will be greatly appreciated by all of them!



WINDOW WASHING

On **Monday, December 16, 2013**, American Window Cleaning (AWC) will be here for the semi-annual cleaning of the exterior apartment windows here at the Mauna Luan. We will post notices on the 1st, 3rd and 5th elevator landings in each building the week prior to this cleaning as a reminder to everyone. As before, all plants will need to be removed from exterior planter

boxes, and if you have screens blocking access to any of your windows, they will need to be removed also. Here is the tentative window washing schedule:

- Mon, 12/16/13 - West A,B,C,D,E apts
- Tue, 12/17/13 - West F,G,H,J,K,L apts
- Wed, 12/18/13 - East A,B,C,D,E apts
- Thur, 12/19/13 - East F,G,H,J,K,L apts
- Fri, 12/20/13 - Overflow day

If the weather does not cooperate, this schedule is subject to change. We will keep you updated with daily notices on the elevator landings. If you have any questions please contact the Management Office at 395-7544.



NEW YEAR’S DAY RECEPTION

The Mauna Luan Board of Directors will once again be sponsoring a New Year’s Day get-together in the West Lobby on **Wednesday, January 1, 2014 between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** As we all wind down from a hectic holiday season this is always a good chance to relax and spend some time with neighbors and friends. **We are currently seeking volunteers to help out with planning and preparation of the party.** If you would like to help out by either putting together some of the food trays or just help out on the day of the party, please call the Management Office at 395-7544 and we will pass on your information to the committee. Also, anyone who has some type of special dish they would like to show off, please let us or the committee members know ahead of time so we know how much and what type of food will be there. However, no one is under any obligation to bring anything! Just stop by for a little while to meet some new people and have some great pupus and drinks. Hope to see you all there!





TIME TO CLEAN HOUSE!!!

On **Wednesday, December 18, 2013**, we are scheduled to bring in a large roll-off trash bin to help handle the additional Christmas trash and also for your use if you decide to do some winter house or storage locker cleaning. This would be a good time to clear out old furniture, boxes or really go crazy and clean out that storage locker that has probably not seen you for years! This bin will be staged in the Car Wash Area throughout the holidays until approximately the second week in January. As a reminder, there are a few restrictions on what can be placed in this bin. **Unfortunately, the landfill will not take refrigerators, air conditioners, washer/dryers, or any type of petroleum products (oil or gas). There is also a restriction on televisions, computers or computer monitors.** Any other types of items such as furniture, wood, boxes, etc., are okay. If you are not sure, please give us a call at the office before placing something in the bin which may have to come back out. Make a change for the new year - - make some sorely needed free space and enjoy the results with no hauling charges!!!

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, 12/24/2013	8:00 am - 12:00 noon
Wednesday, 12/25/2013	Closed
Tuesday, 12/31/2013	8:00 am - 12:00 noon
Wednesday, 1/1/2014	Closed

CHRISTMAS TREES IN CONDOS

Because most trees are already 45 to 90 days old when they arrive on the island and there is really no way to keep them fresh through the holidays we usually recommend the use of artificial trees for the holidays. With an artificial tree you can forego the mess plus you do not have to worry about the fire hazard that a dry tree can present. However, if you do use a real tree, please think safety with the use of tree lights and the placement of the tree. We want to be sure that you and your family have an



enjoyable and safe holiday season! Also, when you decide to take down your tree we will again be providing large plastic bags to place your tree inside of to bring it out of the buildings. This helps to contain the pine needles that cause such a mess in the common areas. The bags are **FREE OF CHARGE** so please stop by the office or security guardhouse and get one when you need it.



REMINDER ON USE OF ELEVATORS

Just a reminder with all of the moving of holiday decorations and Christmas trees that you **are permitted** to move storage bins and/or boxes in the unpadded elevators. You may also bring in your Christmas trees the same way. We do ask, however, that if you leave a trail of pine needles from your tree in the hallways or elevators that you return to sweep these areas. Mahalo!

HOLIDAY NOISE

During the holiday season we normally experience an increase in the number of noise related complaints. Because there is a lot more visiting going on during the holidays, everyone has friends and family over and the music and talking tends to get a little louder as the day or evening goes on. Please remember that living in a condominium setting we have an awful lot of people crammed into a small space. Because of this we would like to ask that everyone exercise special consideration for your neighbors when having parties. We don't want to keep you from enjoying the holidays, but your neighbors deserve the same consideration. Mahalo!

RE-CODING OF SECURITY KEYS

A little advance notice that we are rapidly approaching our annual re-coding of the security keys (flat metal tags) that allow entry into the buildings. This process normally takes place in February of each year and right now looks like we will begin on **Monday, February 3, 2014** with the building locks being changed on Monday, February 24, 2014. We will keep you up to date on this project so please watch for notices and future newsletters for more details.

MAILING ADDRESSES

Everyone should have received a letter from the postal service recently regarding the correct mailing address for apartments at the Mauna Luan. Please try to help them out by following their instructions. When setting up the address for any of your mail **do not** use the building number (1- or 2-) in the address. That is an internal designation that we use. Only use your street number and apartment number (ex.: **#1D** not **1-1D**). Your attention to this will be greatly appreciated by our mail delivery person.

As always, we solicit your comments, suggestions and even complaints to help keep the Mauna Luan one of the finest places to live in Hawaii.



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