

# FREE ENERGY EFFICIENT TECHNOLOGIES

We were recently visited by a representative from Hawaii Energy regarding a program entitled Energy



Smart 4 Homes where residents can have energy efficient items installed in their apartments free of charge. Hawaii Energy is a rate-payer funded energy conservation program for Hawaii under contract with the Public Utilities Commission. Since everyone who pays an electric bill pays a small amount toward the program, everything they install is free of charge. For this program they will install: (1) Energy Star CFL and LED bulbs; (2) high efficiency faucet aerators for kitchen and bath; (3) high efficiency showerheads, both fixed and handheld; and, (4) advanced power strips for energy management. When you sign up for the program you do not need to have all of these items installed. If you already have some items in your unit that you are satisfied with you can select just the items you want. If any resident is interested in having some free energy efficient items installed in your unit, there is a sign-up sheet in the Management Office for that purpose. Once there are a certain number of residents signed up Hawaii Energy will contact everyone with an installation date. Please stop by when you have time to sign up.

# HOURS OF OPERATION FOR SWIMMING POOLS

Recently we have been having problems with residents remaining in the swimming pool or swimming pool areas past closing which has been disturbing other residents. Please remember that the hours of operation for the swimming recreation areas are from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., daily. Although our security will give

warnings ahead of closing to give everyone time to clean up and be ready to leave at 10:00 p.m., due to the different facilities that they are closing up at that time they may not get back to each pool to ensure that everyone has left. The fact that security is not there at 10:00 p.m. to usher you out of the area does not mean that you can stay until they do come back around. Everyone is responsible for their own conduct so when the pool areas close at 10:00 p.m., then everyone should be heading back home with or without another reminder from security. We would appreciate everyone's assistance with this issue. Mahalo!.

### **CLOSING OF WEST POOL**

We wanted to pass on an advance notice that sometime in the near future, probably within the next month to month and a half, we will need to close the West Pool for awhile while a wall is replaced in the pool house where all of the pool equipment is housed. At this point we are not sure if the pool will need to be closed for all of the work or just a portion since the contractor is not sure how well his crew can work around our equipment.

Worst case would have the pool closed for between two and three weeks until we can get everything put back together. In conjunction with this work we also have all new heat pumps waiting to be installed for two of the Jacuzzies and the



swimming pool. Although there is going to be a period of disruption, once we get all of this done it should be better all around for use of the pool. Please watch for posted notices prior to the work so you will know when we will need to close the pool. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

#### POSTAL DELIVERY REMINDERS

Due to some recent problems with our mailboxes and parcel lockers becoming overloaded, we wanted to pass on some reminders about our mail/package deliveries:

- 1. Parcel Lockers. At present, there are only 8 lockers for about 108 apartments. They are for parcels only and the parcels need to be removed within 2 days. After that all parcels will need to be picked up at the Hawaii Kai Post Office.
- 2. <u>Hold Mail</u>. Mail can only be held by the Post Office for a maximum of 30 days. If you request delivery of held mail, you must be home to accept it. Held mail cannot be placed in the parcel lockers due to the volume of parcels received on any given day.
- 3. Box Full of Mail. If you are unable to pick up your mail from your box for a few days, please make arrangements with friends or family to pick it up for you. Otherwise, you should place a "hold" on your mail until you return. If your box becomes full and the mail is removed by the postal carrier, it will not be redelivered. You will need to go to the Hawaii Kai Post Office and pick it up.

### **POOL PARTIES**

Due to some recurring issues, we wanted to pass on a few reminders regarding the use of our recreational facilities:

- 1. There is a maximum number of guests/people who can be in attendance at pool/barbecue parties. Please remember that the maximum number of guests permitted per apartment is 10. If you combine two apartments together as a group, the maximum number of <u>people</u> is 20. These rules are monitored closely and if you do not adhere to them there is a fine system in place for not reducing the number of guests/total number of people.
- **2.** All guests must be accompanied by a **host resident** when using any of our recreational facilities.
- **3.** No food or beverages are permitted **within 6 feet** of the pools or jacuzzies. **NO GLASS ITEMS** are permitted outside of the Recreation Building or barbecue areas.
- **4.** There is no ball playing permitted in any of the recreation areas, including the pools and jacuzzies.

## RECYCLING REMINDERS

Our recycling program is a totally voluntary program and needs your help to succeed. That means that if you do wish to



participate you need to bring your recyclable items down to the ground floor and dispose of them in the specific bins next to the trash building in your mall area. There are a few things we do need your help with though,

regarding the placement of certain items in these bins. If the bin is labeled for "aluminum" then only aluminum should be placed in there. Not plastic bags or cardboard boxes that the aluminum was brought down inside of. Please note that tin cans or foil should not be placed in the aluminum bin. Anything not specifically permitted in the bins should be placed in the large dumpster inside the trash building right next to the recycling bins. Also, please do not stack a lot of recyclable materials on the ground outside of

the recycling bins. Also, please do not stack a lot of recyclable materials on the ground outside of the bins. There are two bins for each type of material (aluminum and plastic) so usually there will be room somewhere for your items. Your help will be appreciated!

# UPDATING OF ROSTER OF EMERGENCY INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

We are in the process of updating our listing of any of our residents who would require assistance in the event of an emergency, especially if an evacuation was necessary. Accordingly, if you or a family member would require assistance in an emergency, it is requested that you contact our Management Office at 395-7544 so we can be sure our list is accurate. This listing is also provided to the Honolulu Fire Department for their information in the event they need to evacuate the buildings. We would also like to request that you update any contact information on your registration card so we can be sure that we can contact you if the need arises. Thank you for your help in this matter. If there are any questions please feel free to contact us.

### PHOTOVOLTAIC UPDATE

It seems like years since we first notified everyone of our intention to install a photovoltaic system at the Mauna Luan (and it actually has been!). Just a note to let everyone know that this project is still plodding along and is supposedly in the final stages of review at the Building Department in the attempt to obtain the final permits. We are hoping this will happen within the next month or so and then our contactor can begin construction. We will update you if anything else occurs.

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.

