

Mauna Luanā

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HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE!



As most of you are probably aware, the hurricane season for Hawaii runs from June through November of each year. Although we have been fairly lucky over the years here on Oahu and not hit head on with a major hurricane, it is always a good idea to be prepared in the event our luck runs out. Because we are in the early stages of that time period we wanted to pass on some reminders in the event you do hear of a big storm approaching. First, if you hear a big storm is approaching, that is the time to gather your emergency supplies, **NOT** the day it is supposed to hit! That means be sure you have your **flashlights and extra batteries** on hand early in the event of power outages. If you intend on using candles for lighting please be sure that you have them in a safe location, properly contained, so that if they fall over or are blown over they will not start a fire. You should consider **turning your refrigerators/freezers up to their highest setting** and then leave them closed except for absolute necessities to ensure that your food items do not spoil. You should have **containers ready to hold supplies of water**, and be prepared to fill your sinks and bathtubs. Although our emergency generators are set up to provide water service to all of the apartments, there is always that slight chance that some type of problem will prevent that. If possible, have a **portable radio with batteries** on hand to remain updated to the conditions around the island. Ensure that you do have **non-perishable food items** available to get you through a few days, if necessary, as well as a **non-electric can opener**. If you require **special medications or diets**, plan on having an extended supply of what you will need so that you do not run out in the middle of a week long outage. If you have **pets**, you will also need to make arrangements for



their needs and/or what you will do if the need for evacuation arises since most shelters do not take pets. Keep their carrier in the apartment with you. Also, have their food, litter, medications, etc., together in one place. If we were to lose power, we will be able to continue to provide basic services as long as the generators are running. Under generator power you will have one elevator in each building running. That elevator will normally be the freight elevator at the front of the buildings (left-hand elevator in the stack closest to the driveway). You should also have running water inside of your apartment. The elevator landings will be lit after dark; the exit stairwells will have lighting; the garage will have lighting 24-hours a day; and, the driveway will also be lit. If you need to use a telephone during an outage, please only do so if an emergency exists. During an actual hurricane, you should follow any Civil Defense instructions that may be issued; remain indoors and away from the windows; stay in the center-most room of the apartment; and, you may want to unplug any of your electric appliances that you will not want to use. Hopefully, we will never need to follow these reminders, but, be prepared just in case! Mahalo.



SUMMER TIME AND USE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES



A reminder that as we head into our summer months the use of our recreational facilities normally increases a great deal with out-of-state visitors or more frequent family get-togethers. Usually, when there is a larger number of people using the facilities our pool noise tends to increase also to where the levels may go beyond reasonable and disturb other residents. The Mauna Luanā has the

distinction of being designed like a vacation resort although we are in fact a residential community. All residents need to understand that with facilities such as ours it is inevitable that there will be noise from the pool areas whenever there are groups of people using them. Those of us using the facilities also need to be especially cognizant of this problem and try to hold loud, boisterous activity and horseplay at a reasonable level while using the pool areas. Included in horseplay is tossing children into the air, playing loud games such as Marco Polo, and other loud activities. Here are some reminders regarding safety issues as well. The water slide is only to be used one at a time and you must be in a sitting position, facing the pool. Our rocks are there for aesthetic purposes and are not to be used as diving boards for the pools. Our pools are very shallow which is why there are 'no diving' signs all around the pool. This is for your own safety no matter how experienced you may think you are. Also please remember that all persons under the age of 12 must have a responsible adult supervising them otherwise they cannot be in the pool areas, including the jacuzzies, alone. Your help with the above will be appreciated to help make everyone's summer an enjoyable one. Mahalo!



EXCESSIVE NOISE FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

We continue to receive complaints regarding the loud noise generated by some of our motorcycles and other vehicles in the parking garage or other areas of the property due to their exhaust systems. Most of this noise is due to the modification of the muffler/exhaust system to either enhance performance or just because they think it sounds good. However, in community living there are parameters to ensure that everyone can enjoy their homes. As a reminder, our house rules state that no person on the premises shall make any unnecessary noise ... which may disturb or annoy other residents. Also, all vehicles are to be equipped with an effective muffler. We need to ask all of our motorcycle riders to be particularly aware of these rules and not rev your engines when warming up or driving on the property. Other vehicles with modified exhaust systems also need to be aware of this problem. Anyone unwilling to ensure that their vehicles adhere to these noise requirements would then have to park their vehicles on the street until such time as they corrected the problem with their exhaust system or agreed to comply with our noise rules. It would be much better if those making this loud noise could show a little more consideration for others so this is not such a large issue. Everyone's help will be appreciated.

HOLIDAY NOTICE



The Management Office will be closed on **Tuesday, June 11, 2013** in observance of the Kamehameha Day holiday. If you need any assistance that day please contact Security at 395-7422 or 001 on the enterphone. Have a safe and fun holiday!



USE OF HOME ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEMS

Just a reminder on the volume levels, to include the bass settings, whenever our residents use their home entertainment systems. Because our buildings are made of concrete, noise is transmitted very easily to surrounding apartments. This problem is made much worse in the late evening or early morning hours when there is very little noise outside to help mask the sounds. Because of this we would like to ask that everyone be especially cognizant of the noise issues when using these types of systems. Bass settings should always be kept at a low range and if using an entertainment system late at night or early in the morning, please remember that their use is restricted between 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., unless headsets are used. Mahalo for your help!



UPDATE ON PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATION

We wanted to give everyone a brief update on the installation of a photovoltaic system here at the Mauna Luan to generate electricity and help with our energy costs. Our contractor, Bonterra Solar, has been ready to begin construction for a number of months now but we have been having some delays with Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO). At this point we are waiting on the final permit approval from HECO and then we can get started. We do not know what the hold-up has been with HECO but our contractor is working diligently to get this problem resolved so we can begin. We will keep you up to date on the status as new information becomes available.

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.

Sincerely,

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