

October - December 2021 Newsletter

Annual Meeting

The information about rhe 2021 Annual Meeting of the Association of Apartment Owners of Hu'elani is posted at the Clubhouse. It is currently scheduled to be held outdoors at the Clubhouse lower deck on November 10, 2021. Registration starts at 6:30 pm; the meeting starts at 7. Please bring your own chairs and social distance from each other.

All homeowners will receive a packet that contains the official Notice of the Agenda for the Meeting and a Proxy. The information in the packet explains how to use your Proxy.

It's very important to return your proxy to Hawaiiana prior to November 8, 2021, regardless if you plan to attend the meeting or not. Quorum must be made to move forward with the meeting. The last time we had to call people on the phone and knock on doors to get a quorum.

During the Annual Meeting the Board of Directors for 2022 is elected. The Board Directors who are up for reelection, homeowners who have filled out a request to be on the ballot, plus nominations from the floor are presented as candidates. If you have any questions contact Kellie in the office.

It's Fall Time for...

Halloween Parade

Last year's Halloween Parade received rave reviews from our residents. With Halloween quickly approaching, we will be conducting our second Hu'elani

Halloween Parade on October 31st between 6:30-830PM instead of conducting door to door Trick or Treating. Unfortunately, with COVID numbers on the rise, this event is only for Hu'elani residents and guests will not be allowed to participate. Our Hu'elani residents and children will parade throughout the neighborhood in their costumes. If residents choose too, they can cheer on the children from their yard and/or possibly have a table with candy at the end of their driveways.

Our plan achieves our goal while allowing the children in the community to celebrate Halloween safely by following social distancing guidelines. We look forward to celebrating Halloween with you and your families!

Halloween House & Lawn Decoration Contest

With Halloween right around the corner, we know many of our residents get in the festive season by decorating their homes in preparation for Halloween. The Board of Directors will be conducting a walkthrough of the neighborhood to judge homes for our Halloween House and Lawn Decoration Contest the evening of October 30th. We look forward to seeing everyone's creative ideas and will be giving out prizes for 1st and 2nd place. Good luck!

Brighter Look Around the Clubhouse

Jerry Hidalgo has been getting his feet wet, hands dirty and his back sore working on projects to renew Hu'elani's landscaping. It has been a challenge to fix the landscape lights especially in the pool area. It has literally been years since all of the lights worked. Getting the materials, the know how and the manpower have been a big hurdle. Jerry is the Landscape Committee chair. He rolled up his sleeves and got most of it done. There is more to work on to make it complete By donating his time to the Hu'elani community he has saved us thousands of dollars. Thank you Jerry!

The Problem of Feeding Stray Cats

This seemingly kind act can quickly become a problem for the neighborhood and you. According to Hawaii law if you feed the cat(s) you own them. If the cats are fed in Hu'elani's common area you do not have permission to feed the cats. Most well-meaning cat lovers tend to feed the cats but have no intention to keep them under control. Starting around 5 months old, female cats normally have 2 or 3 litters annually. In 7 years, a female stray cat and her offspring may produce around 420,000 cats. Read on to see other problems you can create

for yourself and your neighbors.

HAWAII NEWS | KOKUA LINE Feeding feral cats on Oahu brings ownership duties

By Christine Donnelly Feb. 26, 2018, STAR-ADVERTISER / MAY 2017

Question: Is it legal to feed feral cats on Oahu? We live next to Pearl Ridge Elementary School and notice that every evening or so a woman in a white car dumps about 10 cans of cat food on the sidewalk near the entrance to the school, and a herd of feral cats and birds converge on the food.

Answer: Yes, but the person feeding them would be considered the cats' owner and be responsible for identifying and sterilizing them, said Suzy Tam, a spokeswoman for the Hawaiian Humane Society. She explains: "Free-roaming cats are a diverse population that can include feral, abandoned, lost and owned pets that are allowed outdoors. The feeding of free-roaming cats is not illegal. However, under the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, Section 7-6.2, all cats over the age of 6 months must have a form of identification. Per Section 7-6.6, all cats over the age of 6 months old that are allowed to roam outdoors must be sterilized. An 'owner' is defined as any person owning, harboring or keeping, or providing care or sustenance for a cat, whether registered or not, or having custody of a cat, whether temporarily or permanently.

This means that anyone who is caring for a colony and is regularly providing food to these cats is legally responsible for ensuring that the cats are sterilized and have a form of identification, which can include microchips. Fortunately, there are many colony caregivers who practice responsible Trap-Neuter-Return-Manage programs, a humane and effective strategy to reduce cat overpopulation and improve quality of life for these felines. Free-roaming cats who are sterilized by the Hawaiian Humane Society are also provided microchips, which are usually registered to colony caregivers."

Hawaii doesn't have a cat-colony registration system, so not all active colonies are known, but the Humane Society is aware of a colony at the general location you mentioned, Tam said. She couldn't be certain that the woman you saw is the known TNRM caregiver, however. The Humane Society advises colony caregivers to establish feeding stations away from highly visible areas, to obtain the property owner's consent and to ensure the area is kept free of trash and feces, as stated in its brochure "Help Oahu's Felines," 808ne.ws/tnrm."

According to the Hawaiian Humane Society website, "There is a cat(s) living on

or near my property, can Hawaiian Humane Society take them or can I bring them in?

Adult cats are only admitted into the shelter if they are socialized enough to be adopted into a new home. Healthy unsocialized adult cats are not accepted into the shelter because they cannot be placed in homes and euthanizing healthy animals is against our mission. Unauthorized relocation of cats is illegal in the state of Hawai'i but if you think it may be a lost pet, please bring it to the Admissions Center at our Mō'ili'ili campus. Please bring dogs in on a leash and cats or other small animals in a secure carrier. If it is not a pet, we support Trap-Neuter-Return-Manage (TNRM) and suggest bringing the cat(s) to a Community Spay/Neuter Center to be sterilized free of charge and return it to your property afterward. If the cats are a nuisance there are a number of deterrents you can try." More information click on Hawaiian Humane Society/cats



Insider Information

Fitness Center Air Conditioner

The AC in the fitness center went out Wednesday September 8th. It was determined that the drain pump

and 10' of drain line has to be replaced. The parts are on Maui and they hope to have them on the island to make the repair. We will do our best to work around the coating company to get it in while the fitness center is already down otherwise; we will close it while the repair is being done.

Hot Tub/Spa

The spa has been down in September. The pool company found a cracked feeding hose which was replaced.

Clubhouse Pool Coating

We had to extend the pool, gym and lanai area closure. Originally we anticipated it to be closed the 13th-22nd however with some additional work we added and the rainout this past Wednesday the area should reopen on Tuesday the 28th of September. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and are looking forward to the completion of this beautification project. Thanks to Jerry Denis, Heather Milton and Andy Milton for painting the bathrooms. Great job!

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