

# Movie nights => Waiting on lower tides!!!

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from Hawaiian Colleen!

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**1) Movie Night:** Not happening. Last First Friday got knocked out in the end by high tide and surge, I checked last night at high tide and the water was all the way in at a high tide of 5'6". The high tide Friday night will be a foot higher and occur at 8:30 so likely we would be having problems with our blowup movie screen floating out to sea.... Going to have to wait a few weeks so we get a low tide at night!

Right now we are thinking a double header with South Pacific followed by an underwater documentary (one of the ones I worked on). Stay tuned!

**2) Thursday Music and Dance party!** Mozambique is back in the music business with the reopening of their completely rebuilt bar and music stage in their middle level. They will be having a lot of pretty fun looking music happening there going forward although some of the tickets seem pretty pricy with main events (Friday/Saturday) going for \$40-\$70.... But the better news is that Coco and Friends are back on Thursday for \$7 and change from 7:30 to around 10pm. REALLY talented musicians, likely as good as you will hear anywhere in a bar and super fun. A bunch of us are going this week so come on by and check it out!

**3) Trash Can Swap schedule:** I found a bit more information on this. CC&R will contact you by phone (probably text message) to let you know if the next trash pickup day is when they will do the swap. In order to make sure they have your contact information, go to this link and enter the information:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=a6eUdNIzUKG1aiLDXo8HozLrloHtVehAuR74qMI1e5hUQ0VRT1ZKRIVPMUQ3M0xBVkvSTE03TVhHOC4u>

Also, you can go to this link to setup your CC&R account, get billing information, etc:

<http://crrwasteservices.com/manage-your-account/>

Note: You will need your account number to do this which is probably on some of the information you have been mailed. If you don't have it, the best route I can think of is to use the "Ask Laguna" website at:

<https://clients.comcate.com/newrequest.php?id=167>

**4) Futher conversations with police department:** I had quite a nice talk this week with Lt Farris who is the other watch commander (along with Lt Schmidt). It was a bit precipitated by an encounter by one of our neighbors with an off-the-leash dog on the beach who was not too happy about getting caught out. Although it did not result in a ticket, there was the general frustration and feeling that is often felt with these types of encounters going something along the lines of this isn't a problem area for us and why are resources being spent on this rather than all the stuff we do have a problem with.

Turns out that a lot of the reason they are checking out the beach first thing in the morning is to keep a lid on people using the beach to sleep on. Also, there are always a couple of people calling in when they see dogs off leash.... so the police basically are required to engage when they see something especially if people have called it in. On the otherhand, they have the ability to decide about giving tickets, warnings, or just a conversation - whatever they feel will solve the immediate problem and hopefully produce productive results.

What was really important in the conversation was that like my conversation with Lt Schmidt, I came away with a strong sense that these people have not only been here in our community for a long time, it is part of their home as well, there was a clear communication of care, concern, commitment, and contribution to the city and people.

I have watched a lot of the process of selecting the people for the Park Ranger positions. This has been an incredibly painstaking and detailed process to vet the applicants and select for people that will really be focused on making a long term career in this city so we do end up with genuine and constructive support people that become a real part of our community.

I'm saying all this not only as a report on what I have heard in my recent conversations but also to point out that while we definitely have things to work on in terms of making sure we have the resources when and where we need them and will do the most good, that I think that as we continue to engage with the issues, that we do have some pretty reasonable partners within the city to continue the effort to accomplish better services.

Improvement and change is likely to be incremental and take time but I think we have the building blocks to continue in positive directions.

**Non-Emergency Police: 1-949-407-0701 x2**

**5) Weed Killer:** I saw this on the internet and have not tested it yet but thought it sounded like a better idea than Roundup, etc:

Mix

1 Gallon white vinegar

2 cups multi purpose epsom salt

1/4 cup regular blue dawn dish soap

Put into gallon sprayer, if you don't have a sprayer, You can use anything that will spray out liquid, Saturate weeds. Apparently it is supposed to work quite quickly. I'll try to test this next week but if you feel inclined to try it, let me know!

**5) Beach Poem:** Molly Roberts sent this to me and so I am sharing:

Moments

Evening on the sand when day is done  
Witness to the gradients of grey gracing the sky  
With a pale dropping sun peaking behind  
And the vibrant green moss on the rocky reef  
With salty water rivulets like a river running over it  
Breathless we go under the calm of the waves  
Take it all in and know it is more than enough!

Morning before dawn and the world is asleep  
Toes on the sand in this sacred space  
Where God's majesty holds court  
And all the sea's creatures are singing his praise  
As we enter the calm peaceful expanse of blue  
The water like silk through our hands  
The warmth enveloping us in, holding us

Hope in our hearts  
Smiles in our eyes  
Pure Joy

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That's all for now!

Diver Dave signing off :)

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