**Newsletter for Koa Lagoon Owners February 2018**

A copy of this newsletter can also be found at the Koa Lagoon Owner’ webpage by going to [koalagoon.org](http://koalagoon.org/) . The password for all owners is **lagoon800**

**TAT Increase**

The Hawaii Department of Taxation has advised that Senate Bill 4 has passed and effective January 1, 2018, the Transient Accommodation Tax **(TAT)** will increase from 9.25% to 10.25%. No change has occurred to the General Excise Tax (GET) at this time.

For owners who file their own GE and TAT returns, it is important to remember this rate increase in 2018 when your taxes are due. If you have a third party helping you with filings, please work with them accordingly. You can now file your taxes online at <https://hitax.hawaii.gov>

**Annual Owner’s Meeting**

This year we had 26 attendees representing 17 units and 74% proxy representation at our February 7, 2018 Owner’s Meeting. The minutes of that meeting, as well as those of the afternoon board meeting are in a separate attachment. The next annual Koa Lagoon Owners meeting, followed by an evening potluck, will be held February 6, 2019.

**Lighting Committee**

There is **a lighting committee** looking at upgrades and improvements to the exterior lighting at Koa Lagoon. Information is being gathered at this point and the committee will either make recommendations to the board aimed at improving the hallway illumination on each floor and within the stairwells. The committee is exploring whether the existing original lighting can be upgraded or if new lighting in some areas will be found necessary. We will keep you posted!

**Pigeon Problems**

It seems that pigeons are roosting below some of the exterior air conditioning units. The board is in the process of arranging with a professional to power-wash the affected areas in hopes that this will drive away the problem. Should the pigeons return, we will take the next step which is installing spikes on the exterior below the air conditioning units.

*Valerie Oliver*, Secretary AOAO Koa Lagoon