

Windward Passage News

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Rock Wall

Vinyl Tech & Masonry of Waipahu will begin replacement of our mock orange border hedge along Aoloa St. at the end of January. The two foot stone footing will be topped by an additional four feet of bronze colored aluminum picket fencing. The effect will be something like that of the Ka Malanai Aoloa St border. The new installation will require less maintenance than the present hedge and eliminate the worry that a new planting might not take.

Citations & House Rules Change

The Board received several comments on the HR change in the schedule for fines associated with HR violations. The change was made to address deficiencies in the existing system, particularly with a new reality based on 2018's Act 195 (relating to owner payment protocols) that was discussed in the last newsletter.

It is important to remember that citations for violating the House Rules are primarily intended to modify residents' behavior - not as a source of revenue. In 2018 the WP office issued 56 citations, most of which were in the form of a warning. Nine of those citations involved fines which totaled \$600 (8 @ \$50, 1 @ \$200).

By far the most cited offense (31 instances) was storage of unauthorized material in parking stalls. Next on the list were unauthorized overnight parking (5) and air conditioner leakage or noise (3).

The final 17 citations cover a wide range of infractions such as excessive noise, failure to control a pet, or pool deck behavior. Fortunately, repeat offenders were very rare.

Hug-A-Mug!

WP had another wonderful Holiday Party last month and many thanks go to all of those who worked so hard to make it a success. The Fourth of July cookout has similarly been very well attended in recent years. These events leave many of us wishing there were more opportunities to get together with our neighbors to 'talk story'.

This coming **Saturday morning** (Jan 19) residents are organizing a coffee hour in the social room from 8:30 until 10:00 AM. Coffee, tea, and muffins will be provided. Please stop by for a minute or an hour and chat about WP, sports, politics, or whatever. Bring your favorite mug.

Come "Hug-A-Mug" with your fellow Windward Passage residents



Water

After salaries and benefits, the largest single monthly bill the AOA has to face is for water and sewer (sewer charges are based on water usage, so the 2 are linked). As part of an effort to manage this bill the Board has authorized the installation of a separate water meter for our irrigation systems. Irrigation water is not counted in the sewer calculation and the new meter should result in a reduction in our overall bill. Just how much that might be is yet to be determined.

Of course, every resident should try to minimize daily water usage. WP has great water pressure and we need to remember that mostly we don't need to be running that faucet at full force every time we want to rinse off a spoon.

Board Election

The WP Annual Meeting will be held on the evening of March 28 in the social room. One of the items on the agenda will be the election of Board members. This year the Board is anticipating that it will have 2 completely open positions as there are 2 sitting directors who are not running for reelection. Time for some new blood.

Membership on the Board of Directors is open to any owner. Terms are for 2 years. Anyone interested in running for Board membership is invited to send a short statement that will be included in the documents that are sent to owners prior to the annual meeting. (See below)

No particular expertise is needed to serve on the Board. The primary function of the Board is to set policy and choose future projects. Our staff and Hawaiiiana Management provide the knowledge. Over the next couple of years the Board will be addressing Phase II of

hallway renovation to be followed by the same exercise for the social room.

Please throw your hat in the ring. The Board does not want to resort to using a Press Gang (Google it) to fill its ranks!

Here is the pertinent information from our Management Executive. (Note that an owner attending the Annual Meeting may retrieve his/her proxy and vote in person and that WP does not strictly enforce the 100 word limit on personal statements):

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE is to advise all owners that the Board of Directors will use Association funds to distribute and solicit proxies. An owner requesting use of Association funds to solicit proxies for any issue that may be addressed at the annual meeting, including election of Directors, may submit a statement that outlines the owner's qualifications to serve as a Director, or that describes the issue for which the individual will be seeking proxies. Per State Statute §421j-4(d) (2) the statement shall "not exceed one hundred words."

Such requests and statements must be received at the office of the managing agent no later than 4:30 p.m., January 28, 2019. Nominations for candidates may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

Mail statements to:

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Attn: Tom Heiden***

FYI - for those who may have missed it, Tom Heiden took over from our long-serving ME Bernie Briones after she moved to a different management company last year.