

Windward Passage News

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Summer is on the wane, although one might hardly know it by looking at the thermometer. Temperatures on land are being buoyed by abnormally (we hope!) high sea surface temperatures in the central Pacific. Fortunately, winds and currents work together to keep the water temperature on the windward side of Oahu about 3 °F cooler than the leeward side. That means similarly cooler air temperatures - and that those on the other side of the hill have to suffer a little more than we do. Its o.k. to feel a little schadenfreude toward Honolulu.

With the landscaping around our new rock wall along Aoloa St. almost completed, there are currently no major projects underway at WP. This newsletter will consist primarily of hot takes and updates from around the project.

Office Hours - The Board has decided to close the WP office at 4:30 PM M-F, 30 minutes earlier than the present schedule. The rationale is that our office staff needs some time to wind up the day's duties without interruption so that they can leave the office at 5:00. Too often right now people show up at the office immediately before closing keeping the staff working beyond the end of their day. Please remember that all the forms you might need, like elevator reservation or bicycle registration, are available on our website (address below) and can be slipped into the mail slot in the office door during off hours. Unless there is an emergency, please don't knock on the office door after 4:30 because you see someone there. They are busy.

Hot Water - The investigation continues. The temperature data collected earlier this year will be supplemented by flow meter testing. So far we have not found a culprit in the plumbing.

Unit Inspections - Within the next month WP will be performing our own unit inspections. Our RM will be checking fire system sprinklers and for early signs of spalling on lanais. The sprinkler inspection is part of our insurance agreement.

Spalling is a constant enemy and has proven expensive to fix. Access for the RM is mandatory.

Entry Phone - Our Entry Phone system has been updated and will now accommodate all U.S. phone numbers. Previously it had been limited to (808).

E.V. Charging Stations - The Board has committed to installing charging station(s) at WP after the new year. The Hawaii legislature has approved new rebates for 2020 and we are currently looking at different alternatives for the chargers.

Hoops - Plans are for putting a portable basketball hoop on the far tennis court soon. Will there be a 2-on-2 tournament in the future?

Antenna Update - AT&T has finished installation of their newest antenna on the roof. Did you know that whenever any changes are made to antennas on our roof, the Board includes payment in the contract for WP to conduct an independent RF (radio frequency) emission survey on our upper floors? There has never been a problem.

Right now we have 2 tenants on the roof, AT&T and Verizon. In 2020 they will contribute a little less than \$82,000 to WP coffers. A third tenant, T-Mobile, has been interested in "moving in", but it seems that the merger with Sprint may have clouded the future somewhat. We await developments.

Building Committee - As noted last newsletter, the BC meeting schedule has been changed to 6:00 PM on the first Wed. of the month. The move was made to allow for greater resident (not necessarily only owners) participation. If you want to know about - or effect - what is being done around the property, this is the place. Discussion is open to everyone and new ideas are welcome.

Irrigation Water - Plans to irrigate our landscaping with ground water continue. At the moment we are applying to the City for a permit to install a new water meter. Not a rapid process, unfortunately.

Reef Park/Dog Run - The Reef Park appears to be stabilized now. Two new picnic tables have been added to expand opportunities to use this lovely area.

Storage Unit Doors - The Board is awaiting recommendations from a contractor for the replacement of the doors to our storage units. Many are seriously warped and detract from WP ambiance.

Message Board - With our new Social Committee beginning to line up events at WP (see below for the latest schedule) the Board has decided to add a flat screen message board above the mailboxes in the lobby. This will also help to mollify residents of lower floors who never get to see the entire slate of messages on the elevator screens.

Event Schedule - In the Social Room unless otherwise noted. Check the new message board in the lobby for updates.

Mahjong - Most Sat mornings @ 9:00 - 12:00

Hug-A-Mug - Coffee hour last Sat morning every month 8:30 - 10:00 (Sept 28).

Book Club - Monthly 10:00 - 12:00 (Sept 25)

Cooking Class - Sept. 18 - see below for further information.

TED Talk - Oct. 23 @ 7:00 - 8:00 PM, Dr. Floyd McCoy, Windward CC Geology Prof., "Wind & Reef"

T.E.D. (Tantalizing Educational Discussions)

Do you have, or have you retired from, an interesting career? How about volunteering to talk about it for an hour? WP residents are a fascinating mix of backgrounds. TED talks allow the rest of us an insight into the novel experiences of our neighbors.

Talks recently presented:

"Everything You Wanted to Know About the Insanity Defense in Twenty Minutes or Less", Resident Welli Weiss, Forensic Psychologist

"You Have Zero Privacy Anyway. Get Over It." - Resident Dan Coonradt, retired security specialist.

Next month Prof. Floyd McCoy will enlighten us about the geologic treasure in our dog park in the next talk, 'Wind & Reef'.

Have a suggestion? Contact Marianne Whiting - 747mkw@gmail.com

Cooking with John Peru -



Our resident Master Chef John Peru, shown here with his 1997 award as Chef of the Year from the American Culinary Federation, is holding 3 cooking classes this Fall. A native of Waialua, John was an early graduate of the prestigious Culinary Arts Program at Kapiolani CC. John has held several positions around Oahu, including 14 years as a Chef and Manager at the Top of the Ilikai, and managing operations at Ogden Aviation, where he oversaw preparation of Business and First Class meals for both domestic and international airlines. Before retiring, John was the Chef/Manager of the MCAS Kaneohe Bay Officers Club.

The cooking classes - on Sept.18, Oct. 16, & Nov. 20, will cover different topics of food preparation and service including everything from sharpening and using your knives to cooking for parties. The Oct. class will emphasize vegan cuisine. Class size will be limited to 20 participants and will be held from 1:30 - 2:30 in the Social Room. The class is free and sign-up information will be on the lobby message board.