

Windward Passage News



2022 Number 1

Whew! 2021 is finally over. A year that began with the promise of vaccine and a return to some sort of normality instead became a steady slog through Delta and now Omicron. Here's hoping that this year will end on a more positive note than the last.

Meanwhile, business hasn't stopped at Windward Passage. Here are a few items to get our newsletter off to a 2022 start.

Fire Alarm System - Installation and testing of our new fire alarm system is complete. HFD has signed off on our certification and we are good to go.

We already have learned an early lesson. If you have smoke in your unit, say from burnt toast or other cooking mishap, do not prop your door open and vent the smoke into the hall. The smoke will (already has) set off a false alarm. Please don't do this in the future. As a matter of fact, it is never a good idea to prop open your door as that will only help to feed/spread a real fire. Best to open your windows or sliding door.

Safety tip - knobs on older model stoves are easy to inadvertently turn on. Don't leave papers around your stove.

Complaint Department - It's hard to believe, but occasionally someone has something to complain about at WP. In the event that this happens to you, there are several ways to register your thoughts; (1) On paper. There are forms available in the office, (2) email: wp-office@hawaii.rr.com; and (3) WP website. The Contact page of the website allows for sending both a message and images.

Please be sure to sign any messages so that Staff or the Board will be able to follow-up.

Board Elections - Unhappy with the way some things are done around WP? Well, you are in luck! There will be at least one, and possibly two, openings on the Board in the election coming up in March. If you want to be sure that your voice is heard, serving a term on the Board is a sure way to do it. Serving on the Board is rewarding and a good way to effect policy at WP. Sadly, every year it is a struggle to find owners willing to run for the Board. Some members have remained on the Board years after they

expressed a desire to step down simply because no one else will step up. Watch for nomination instructions in the Annual Meeting announcement or let the Board know that you are interested.

WP Projects -

Ongoing *Spalling repairs* have moved to the front of the building causing the sidewalks to be closed during the day. Please enter the building from the back.

On 1/18 a column survey will be conducted in the garage 9A-4P. Expect noise.

High risk component inspections/drain clean outs begin 1/19 for the '03 stack, '04 stack in February continuing monthly for each stack until 2/23.

CPR and AED Training

The Association will be purchasing and installing a defibrillator (AED) in the lobby soon. In preparation, the Honolulu Fire Department is offering four free one hour trainings for a maximum of ten enrollees per session. Life saving techniques will be taught using a CPR dummy (covid safe virtual breathing) and AED equipment.

Who: **All WP residents** (including renters)

When: Tuesday, Jan. 25, 10 & 11AM, 1 & 2 PM

Where: WP Social Room

Sign Up: Clipboard located on Security Podium in lobby. Max ten students per session.

We are hoping to arrange for some Saturday sessions later this winter or spring. At present HFD does not have the staff to conduct weekend training,

Quick Takes

Lanai cell phone conversations are not as private as you might think. Contribute to neighborly peace and quiet by stepping inside to enjoy your calls.

Excessive dog barking? Please call Security (808-286-6058)

Trash - Do not throw boxes down the trash chutes. *Please* break down your boxes and hand carry them downstairs to the main green trash dumpsters located in the garbage room, not in the stairwells or individual floor trash rooms. Please inform your cleaners as well.

To receive important WP building notices and meetings, please **sign up** for **aXessPoint 2.0** by downloading the app. Then call the office to receive login info.

New entrance landscaping completed with a **new landscaper** maintaining our property allowing long term staff member Henry to happily fill the vacant **janitorial position**.

Last but certainly not least - Fond retirement wishes to **Carlito** (maintenance) after 20 years of WP service. Thank you for loyal, diligent commitment carefully caring for our property. Enjoy and embrace your retirement!

Our cable contract with **Spectrum** is up for renewal. Mistie Ota, our Spectrum account manager, will visit WP for an informational Q & A session on Tuesday, 1/25 at 6 PM. All residents are invited.

Recycling - Please place your recyclables in the appropriate bin by carefully checking for the "HI-5" label on cans, plastics and bottles. Remove caps and corks. This will make the sorting task much easier, as well as saving our WP staff time, prior to hauling it to the redemption center.

Security Snippets - Tips from your Security Team

Add security's phone number into your cell, 808-286-6058. If you see something suspicious, ask security to patrol the area.

Be sure the doors to the garage and rec dec area **lock** behind you versus slamming, especially in windy conditions when the doors may not latch.

Keep your unit's doors locked even while at home.

Lock your bike in both the garage and bike areas.

Don't allow people you don't recognize to enter the lobby or garage behind you.

New residents - please read the house rules to avoid uncomfortable moments with the guards.

Inform your guests of the building entry procedures.

Help your team help you. Multiple eyes on our property are better than only two!

Reminders for Owners

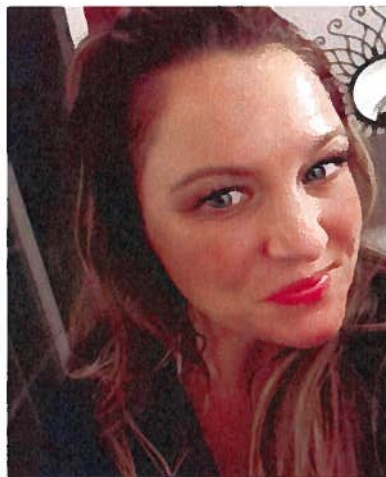
Building Committee meetings - Second Thursday of the month, 6PM,

Owner's Forum - Fourth Thursday of the month, 5:30PM, followed immediately by the **Board of Directors' Meeting**.

March 24 Annual Meeting - Financials and budget reviewed. New board members elected.

All meetings held in the Social Room unless otherwise notified. Owners participation encouraged.

Getting To Know.....



Our new Office Manager, **Krista (Kili) Sorensen**, is a native of Issaquah, WA (Issaquah H.S.) and a graduate of Hawaii Pacific University. After visiting family on Oahu annually beginning in 1994, she moved to the islands 8 years ago. Krista lives in Niu Valley with her son; a guitar playing, Japanese speaking, Honor Student at Kaiser H.S.

Krista has worked in Customer Service in one way or another for the last 25 years. She worked as a flight attendant, Costco travel agent, Nordstrom department manager, Ruth's Chris Steakhouse front end manager, and with Dive Oahu and Volvo as their Guest Experience Manager.

Krista was quite the Jock in high school, participating in gymnastics, track, and soccer. Her gymnastics led her to place in state championships every year of her H.S. career. Today she enjoys hiking, pumping iron, and water sports.

Although Krista has never employed her HPU degree in Cognitive Psychology, she will probably recognize some case studies while dealing with our diverse crew of residents and owners. We wish her well in welcoming her to the Windward Passage community.

And finally, images from our holiday party featuring entertainment by the ladies of **Puamana**.

