



Poinciana Matters

Newsletter – June 2023

E komo mail With a new format, the newsletter's goal is to provide owners and residents with the information you need from the Poinciana Manor Board about the property where we live in an accessible manner. Poinciana Manor's owners formed an association, and community, in May 1974. Back then, Kailua was still a quiet little town where neighbors all knew each other, and the beach was mainly for locals. Times have changed but the 180 residences here at Poinciana Manor still form a diverse and vibrant community. Condominium living has its challenges at times and a little consideration for your neighbors goes a long way. Rules and regulations are meant to preserve the property, oversee the maintenance and management of the common areas and establish accepted practices. The Board welcomes your feedback and owners are encouraged to attend board meetings.

BOARD MEETING NOTES

- Reviewed proposals for structural engineer report and elevated deck and walkway cement deck coating waterproofing (second floor deck, and third and fourth floor walkways).
- Discussed need for improved directional signage on the property, particularly the elevator lobby areas and walkways. Reviewed proposal from Environmental Graphics Hawaii.
- Approved bid from 808 Fire Protection Services for fire sprinkler repair and pipe fitting replacement on dry standpipe in parking structure.
- Resident Manager Warren Ford reports the bridge between the two ponds in the courtyard has been repaired and completed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kailua's 4th of July celebrations are back with a parade in the morning and fireworks display in the evening. Enjoy a day in the sun, the parade, time with friends and families, picnics and barbecues. The parade will start at 10 a.m. and run the length of Kainalu Drive, starting at Palapu Street and ending at Kailua Intermediate School. Organizers recommend setting up early along Kainalu Drive as a large crowd is expected. The fireworks show, a tradition for more than 70 years, will start at 8 p.m. and light up the sky over Kailua Bay. Old-timers - remember when the fireworks were launched from Popo'ia Island (aka Flat Island), now a bird sanctuary.

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Your concerns or suggestions requiring Board action are welcomed and can be submitted in writing one week prior to the Board meetings, by sending to our Property Manager.



DID YOU KNOW?

Native Hawaiian birds are significant to the Native Hawaiian culture and birds are depicted in Hawaiian mo'olelo (stories) as 'aumakua (guardian spirits). Now, a recent article in the Washington Post explained why birds and their songs are good for our mental health. The article advises paying attention to birds could improve your mental health and being around birds is associated with better mental health. In scientific studies, researchers found a significant positive association between seeing or hearing birds and improved mental well-being. Also, the benefits persisted well beyond the bird encounter as participants reported their mental well-being was higher hours after the encounter. Here at Poinciana Manor we are lucky to have a beautiful courtyard filled with birds and their songs, that provide us with a way to connect with nature just steps from our units. One particular favorite is the white-rumped shama with its beautiful, melodic song. So, the next time you're woken a little too early by birdsong, remember its positive benefit will last throughout the day.

HOUSE RULE REMINDER

With the rainy season behind us and many embarking on spring cleaning, note that the House Rules prohibit beating rugs, hanging items from the railings or sweeping litter from lanais. Please kokua.

To assist in spring cleaning efforts, the car wash area may be used to wash large window screens.

Also, if any decluttering or organizing results in unneeded or unwanted items, there is a donation site for Goodwill located in the parking garage behind the resident manager's office.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 13, 2023

6:30 p.m. – St. John Lutheran Church

HOUSEKEEPING HINTS

The exterior of the 4th floor clerestory windows are cleaned by a company hired by the HOA periodically, approximately 2-3 times a year. If an owner wants other windows, or the inside of their windows washed, arrangements may be made with the window washers and paid independently. For more information, contact Resident Manager Warren Ford.

FAQ

Question: Why did I receive a warning to remove the decorations and/or shoe stands or other items from my front door area? Answer: While the desire to decorate the entrance way to a unit is understandable and even commendable, the HOA By-laws prohibit certain items from being placed at the entrance to a unit. Article 5 Section 3(c) and 3(g) of the by-laws prohibits placing any items that obstruct transit through certain common elements and decorating or landscaping any entrance. The Fire Department has repeatedly advised that shoe stands, planters, etc. placed on walkways leading to a unit's front door could interfere with first responders' access to units in an emergency. An exception is made for second floor units which are allowed two planters to be placed in front of their kitchen windows. Article 5 section 3(f) prohibits placing any signs on common elements, including walls, presumably to maintain a cohesive appearance on the property. However, the residents are free to express their individuality and design aesthetic by decorating or placing signs on their unit's entry door.