



Discovery Harbour Community Association

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DHCA Newsletter 2014 - 4th Quarter

President's Message

Babette Morrow

Aloha! 2014 has been a great year in Discovery Harbour. This last quarterly newsletter of the year will give some brief updates, but the annual newsletter that we send out in March 2015 will give a more complete view of everything that we've been doing here.



Once again I would like to thank the other six Board members for so freely giving their time on a voluntary basis. There are many, many people in the community who help out on the various committees, and their support to the Board and the community is priceless. And, of course, the office staff keeps us all together!

We have begun hearing coqui frogs in our neighborhood, and we will be actively searching them down and getting rid of them. Our neighbors in Mark Twain have joined in the fight, which will make it easier for us to gain control.

Our social events were well attended, neighborhood watch routes are full, the architectural/environmental committee has been busy, and the voluntary Fire Dept. is at capacity. The Common Grounds Committee could use some help. (hint, hint...)

Please make plans to attend the Annual Meeting on March 14, 2015 and if you can't be there, please do send in your ballot.

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

COQUI FROGS

Check out the DHCA website for Control Guidelines. If you have them on your property, you can "rent" a back pack sprayer and citric acid for \$25.00 (\$20.00 is refundable upon return and \$5.00 is used to replenish the citric acid). Contact the office for details.



Get Involved with Your Community!

We have a lot of activities going on in the Discovery Harbour community, but we can't do any of them without the help of our members!

Neighborhood Watch is always in need of drivers, especially "back up" drivers to fill in when someone is off island or ill. All you have to do is drive the neighborhood one day a week for approximately an hour (as needed).

Social Committee is looking for energetic creative people to help organize & set up our fun activities—Looking for someone to chair the Valentine Dinner Party of 2015.

Common Grounds Committee wants handy people who can help with the planning and maintenance of our buildings and common areas. Construction experience is helpful but not required.

If you enjoy all the things that make our community great, then *please volunteer*. For more information check out our website or call the office at 929-9576.



Welcome to our new Office Assistant, Meliha Corcoran. Please drop by the office to welcome her to our community.

Secretary Update

Doug Castro



The following will give you a quick snapshot of the last 3 months' performance for our website. We think these key metrics will provide you with some insights about your DHCA website!

Time On Site
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The average amount of time someone spends on your site in a single visit.
Bounce Rate
4.07%
Our bounce rate shows how many people leave our site without visiting any other pages

Visits/Sessions
369
The total number of visits to your site last 3 months
Average Pages
10.24
The average number of pages viewed in a single visit

Our Audience

USA	Brazil	Canada
247 Visits	61 Visits	11 Visits
Italy	Russia	Spain
5 Visits	13 Visits	3 Visits
Philippines	Argentina	
5 Visits	2 Visits	
Portugal	Mexico	
4 Visits	2 Visits	

The current DHCA website has gone through several enhancements. There is a new Event Calendar and it is now updated with the 2015 events.

Movies or videos can now be shown on the website. Provide the office staff a link to your Drop Box, Google Drive, etc. The office staff can download the files and post to DHCA's website.

Year 2015, you will see these new features on the DHCA's website:

- Classifieds
- DHCA dues payment enhancement
- Form creations and management

More info will follow in the annual newsletter. **Much Aloha**

Civic Affairs—Neighborhood Watch

Dick Taylor



In the past year crime has been very low in Discovery Harbour. With the efforts of Neighborhood Watch and residents looking out for their neighbors, there have been only a couple of thefts or burglaries reported in 2014.

THANK YOU to all of our Neighborhood Watch volunteers for their time and efforts in helping keep our community safe.

The Police Department recommends marking your belongings so that in the event of theft they can be identified. There are engravers available for loan from the police department.

For those of you that will be away, try to make your house look lived in while away. Lights on timers at night, cancel the newspaper delivery. If you would like Neighborhood Watch to keep an eye on your place, fill out the DHCA house check form and turn it into the office.

For a Hawaii Police Home Security Checklist leaflet or DHCA House Check form, please see the Neighborhood Watch Committee Page on our website:

www.discoveryharbour.net

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Useful Phone Numbers

Emergency—911

Police Administrative

Na'alehu—808-939-2520

Hilo—808-935-3311

Discovery Harbour Office
808-929-9576

Weather Reports!



Weather Summary for December 2014 and the year.

Carl F. Goebel

December saw an average temperature of 69.3 to 79.6 degrees, 2.99 inches of rain and average wind ranging from 4.9 to 31.0 mph.

For the year:

Average temperatures ranged from 66.2 degrees to 78.1 degrees; 48.36 inches of rain for the year and average winds ranging from 5.4 to 37 mph

Architectural & Environmental Committee

Tommy Akin



We would like to wish all of our members a very Happy New Year 2015! Also to recognize and thank all of you that keep your properties in top shape, which has really been a challenge this past year with all of the extra rain.

The A&E Committee has been actively pursuing complaints of overgrown lots and has had success getting some of them cleared, unfortunately at our expense. It is costing from \$500 to over \$1000 to clear weeds from some lots. Our A&E budget for 2014 was \$800. The Board of DHCA has given us more funds for 2015 which is great, but it will only be enough to do a few more. With current dues at only \$85 a year, it only goes so far.

Your comments and assistance are appreciated, and we are all fortunate to live in what we feel is one of the best communities in Hawaii.

Aloha

Common Grounds

Joe Klecak



It is the end of the calendar year and just a note to let you know what the Committee has been doing. The volunteer committee consists of Jim Saathoff, McIntosh, Missi Wheeler and myself.

Our solar system has been a blessing to our utility bills; even with cloudy afternoons, we are still on task to meet our average KWH for the year.

New projects on the docket include carts for our chairs and tables so they may be more easily moved to make more room in the Hall.

We also have plans of adding 3 ceiling fans to make the Hall more comfortable on those hot days when Nature's air conditioning, the Trade Winds, are taking a break.

If you have any recommendations for new projects for the committees to make our spot in Paradise a little more comfortable or safer, let us know and the volunteers will make it happen!

And to all the members and families, we wish you a safe and prosperous New Year!

At the Office.....

*Suzanne Brady
Meliha Corcoran*

Office hours are Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 8am-12noon

www.discoveryharbour.net You can find answers to questions and forms you might need. Enjoy the pictures from Thanksgiving and the Holiday Party as well as all of the up-to-date reports from the different committees! If you know of a local event you would like to put on the Announcement scroll, let us know. We welcome comments or suggestions—this is YOUR website.

If you have recently moved or changed your contact information, please let us know as soon as possible. We often have important information to share or questions to ask, and this will allow us to contact you as appropriate. This is especially important for those of you who are *new residents*, as we do not necessarily get that information from the title company.

FYI, we have a *Phone List* with names and phone numbers of residents who have given us permission to share their contact information within the community. This list is available in the office, if you would like one. Also, if you would like to be a part of this list, just let us know! Residents often need to contact a neighbor or a committee member for information on activities, etc, so this is a valuable tool. Of course, we would never share this information in any other way.

We are in the office to serve you with aloha, so please let us know how we can be of assistance.

Real Estate Market Update

Another year of real estate recovery. Prices continue to go up. This past year showed sixteen home sales \$150,000 to \$365,000 with 13 active listings at this time, ranging from \$209,000 to \$475,000. Median sale price around \$240,000. We are looking forward to an active high season (Nov through April).

Land prices also continue to increase in value. Twenty-four active listings at this time ranging from \$30,000 to \$134,000. Thirty lots sold in the last year ranging from \$18,000 to \$68,000. We still have some bank owned properties showing up at the lower end of the market and in need of repairs. Good for those who enjoy fixing up a property.

The market continues to go up in Kailua-Kona area, the gold coast and on the neighboring islands. This adds to our desirability due to our county water, roads, utilities and weather.

Happy New Year!

*Joanna Roskowitz, PB
Relax Aloha Realty LLC
808-939-8091*



Social Committee

Looking back at 2014

The Social Committee has been very busy this year. We had a Valentine Dance and a Halloween party that had not happened in a while. We also hosted a 4th of July BBQ. All were successful and well attended.



Irene Eklund

The Thanksgiving Dinner and Holiday Dinner were attended by nearly 80 guests at each. Both dinners were financially self-sufficient and I hope you agree that the food was superb. We tried moving the room around a bit this year and it seem to help expedite the flow of people.

I want to personally thank all those who cooked food for both occasions, they did an awesome job.

We have started a First Monday of the month movie night; the first movie was "The Descendants" and the upcoming movie will be "Blue Hawaii". The first movie was not well attended and we hope to get more of you to join us so we can continue this event. Bring your popcorn, drinks and maybe a comfy chair and join the fun. If you have a movie you would like to request, we will do our best to accommodate you.

The Social Committee is made up of our neighbors who volunteer their time to create fun social gatherings here in Discovery Harbour. We would like to bring back things like Mother's Day and Father's Day brunches, but it takes volunteers. It has been a fun year with lots of things happening in our paradise. If you would like to volunteer for the Social Committee, please contact me at: social@discoveryharbour.net

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou...

"Discovery Harbour, our hidden gem on the Big Island"

DHCA Scheduled Activities

As you must know by now, there is always a lot going on in Discovery Harbour! The following will give you some ideas on how to get involved:

Meetings:

Board Meetings:	2nd Saturday each month, 9am
A & E Committee Mtgs:	Mon before the Board Mtg 2pm
Neighborhood Watch:	3rd Monday each month, 5pm
Common Grounds:	Tue before the Board Mtg 4pm
Social Committee:	Determined by upcoming event
Volunteer Fire Dept:	1st Tues each month, 4:00pm 3rd Tues each month, 4:30pm

Activities

Game Night: Enjoy great conversation and—of course—playing games every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. There's a Pot-Luck Dinner at 5:45pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month, so bring your favorite dish to feed 6 people. Contact Harry or Lucy Walker at 929-7519.

Ka Lae Quilters: Beginners and experienced quilters get together every Thursday from 10am to 4pm. Contact Barbara Beatty at 929-9072 or Alice De Graff at 929-8111.

Exercise For Energy: Every Monday and Wednesday at 4:00pm. Exercise by DVD using balance balls, stretch bands, and Pilates. Contact Judy Knapp at 929-8149.

Hula Classes: Every Friday at 6.30pm. Class by Kumu Hannah Uribes. Contact Mary Ramsdell at 929-8161.

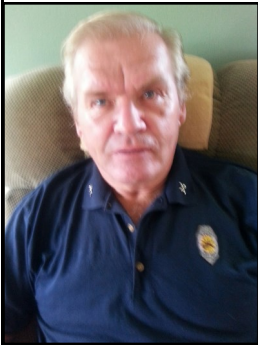
Yoga: Every Tuesday, and Thursday at 8.30am. Bring mat, towel, block, strap & water to this 1 hour beginner and intermediate yoga session. Contact Suzanne Brady at 930-4678.

Hawaiian Kahiko Hula: Every Thurs, 4-6pm, sponsored by Ka'u School/Arts. For more info call Brad Grohs at 854-1540.

Country Line Dancing: Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm until May. Contact Suzanne Brady, 930-4678

DISCOVERY HARBOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

Ken Shisler



With the calendar year of 2014, Volunteer Co. 11-C has received a total of 16 call outs, including one brush-fire at Punalu'u, four brushfires or flare ups at Ka'alu'alu Bay.

11-C personnel also responded with other fire

Companies to flare ups and mop ups that were not accessible with our engine. Five smell of smoke calls that we were "stood down" while in route, two unauthorized trash fires, one cooking fire, two fire alarm soundings.

T. James of 11-C provided drivers' training to Naalehu, 11-D. Company. Engine 11-C with 5 personnel participated in the Fourth of July parade. The engine was washed, spruced up and decorated with flags—Lookin' good.

Dec. 2nd DHVFD held a Christmas dinner for all volunteer fire companies. It gave firefighters the firefighters time to associate with other volunteers that they may only see at combined training sections or fire calls.

I would like to thank my wife, Dina, for pulling off this wonderful dinner and the others who helped.

Doug Castro, Liz Stabo, and Christine Kaehuaea have completed their text and practical training and received Firefighter 1& 2 Certificates from the Hawaii Fire Dept.. Thank you to the following for their time and efforts to the DHVFD:

*T. James
Doug Castro
Liz Stabo
Tommy Akin
Meliha Corcoran
Jeremy Buhr
Nels Eklund
Tom Ries
Christine Kaehuaea*

Note: *Maintenance of the golf course is currently being supported by a group of resident volunteers. Following is a request for donations from the Friends of the Golf Course. Discovery Harbour Community Association has no official policy or position regarding maintenance of the golf course."*

DONATIONS NEEDED & APPRECIATED!

The Friends of Discovery Harbour Mow Crew needs your continued help. We thank those who have provided donations to date and still need more. Our typical fuel costs for a single mowing of the entire course averages \$250—plus any maintenance and/or replacement parts, which are required from time to time. There are no labor costs involved as we all have been donating our time.

Presently we have 9 members mowing .While we greatly appreciate those who have donated monies for this effort, we could really use your monthly support. Those of us who are mowing are not only donating our time but also a significant amount of money for fuel.



A special 'Thanks' again to Ron & Thelma Hughes who have purchased and are shipping over a new fairway mower.

You may drop off your support at the DHCA office, or **contact Jim Saathoff at 808-896-6074.**

