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Hot days in August



and we should all be grateful that we have central air conditioning at Honolulu Park Place!

Periodically you will receive a notice from the office asking you to schedule air condition-

ing maintenance in your unit.

As stated in the House Rules, *The Association shall be responsible for maintaining and changing the filters and cleaning the chilled water coils in the central air conditioning air handler unit in an owner's apartment. The Association shall inspect from time to time, upon reasonable notice to the resident, air handlers, coils, filters and other components of the air conditioning system located within an apartment and clean and repair the same at the Association's expense. Owners and residents must grant access to their units for such repair and maintenance. Residents are not allowed to leave their front door open as a means to cool their units. Violation will result in issuance of a citation and/or fine.*

There is a very good reason to have periodic maintenance—neglect can lead to **leakage** or **mold**. One owner neglected maintenance for three years then was faced with a \$9,000 bill for repairs. Especially if you are one of those owners "who never use the A/C," the unit will be more susceptible to problems. If your unit leaks onto the apartment(s) below you, it is **YOUR** responsibility and you will be liable for any damage.

Some people run their A/C 24 hours a day — please be aware the system can handle it, but this is *much more* costly, since each unit pays for its use of chiller water which is metered.

New carpet coming!

New carpet tile has been ordered for the hallways. It is the same type of flooring chosen for high-traffic areas such as the airport, hospitals and hotel lobbies. The beauty of the carpet tiles means that when one becomes soiled, it is easily cleaned and/or replaced. The new carpet is rated "severe" for the highest resistance to soil.

Installation is planned for early October. Thanks to the members of the Carpet Committee for their many hours of work: **Craig Williams, Serena Tzeng, Rick Baldwin, Christine Trecker, and Kathy Crosier.**

Get to Know Your Neighbors

Navigating Transitions: Ann and Glen Yamasaki

Ann and Glen Yamasaki are adept at adjusting to their environment. They had lived for five years in a house off the U.S. Naval Base in Yokosuka, Kanagawa, where Glen had served in the Defense Logistics Agency. Prior to their stay in Japan, they had lived in a large home in the Liliha neighborhood where they brought up their two daughters who now live in New York and Los Angeles.

The second shipment of their furnishings arrived from Japan in early June, two months after they moved into their apartment at Honolulu Park Place. The Yamasakis seem to take in



stride the challenge of downsizing.

Conversant in Japanese, they blended quite seamlessly in the Japanese culture and way of life. The couple also had opportunities to travel to China,

Taiwan, Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam. Aside from adjusting to the parameters of condo living, Glen and Ann have transitioned smoothly and quickly to their physical and cultural environment. Soon after their return to Hawaii, Glen accepted a position at Pearl Harbor. He also embarked on a training regimen in preparation for the Honolulu Marathon in December this year—his first attempt! Ann is exploring community service activities.

They are enjoying the ocean/harbor view from their penthouse apartment, and they appreciate the downtown amenities which are within walking distance.

In the words of Ann, "at times it feels as if we never lived abroad for the last five years." She enjoys walking, and the location of Honolulu Park Place allows her to walk to her service providers, stores, restaurants, and multi-cultural events. She values the staff at HPP and the security the condo affords its residents. *-Interview by Mimi Yoshikawa; Photo credit: Gary Everest*

You can live to be a hundred if you give up all the things that make you want to live to be a hundred. —Woody Allen



If you hear the fire alarm ...

In the event of a fire alarm in the building all residents are reminded to follow the National Fire Protection Association and the Honolulu Fire Department recommendations and **evacuate the building immediately.**

Many residents wait and allow what could be precious life-saving minutes to see if it is a False Alarm. Remember that there is no false alarm. **All alarms** are active and sound for a reason.

Yes, it is a major inconvenience but the fire alarm does not activate for no reason at all. For example, someone could be having dinner, then open his door to the hall which could trigger a **Hallway Smoke Detector. Also, a fire sprinkler head could pop for no reason or be tampered with. Or a child may even activate a pull station or perhaps ... the entire building may be burning.**

Nonetheless, none of these are indicators that should be ignored or waited upon. Take action immediately. **It could mean Life or Death.**

Immediately after an alarm sounds, Security dispatches the roving Officer to the indicated alarm location from the fire panel. This can take up to several minutes depending on the location of the alarm with the fact that elevators will be parked on the lobby level where an alarm is activated. So for a Guard to be able to respond, he must have an elevator, especially if the alarm is on a high floor. This means that the Guard at the desk must bypass the elevator lockdown feature to provide a means of getting a location for the roving guard. Once the roving guard arrives at the alarm location, he then assesses whether the situation warrants further assistance.

DON'T BE SORRY — BE SAFE!

LED Lighting

has now been installed in all hallways, trash rooms and lobby. Have you notice how much brighter it seems? And we're saving money, too! Next to be installed is LED lighting in the parking garage and fitness center.

Thanks to HPP Board Member **Dennis Padlock** for his efforts on our behalf for the lighting efficiency project.

HPP Maintenance Staff

Meet Zoltan Hayth

Zoltan Hayth joined our maintenance crew over a year ago. He is involved in all aspects of maintenance at Honolulu Park Place with a focus on preventive maintenance.

Zoltan comes from Budapest, Hungary, where he earned a Master's degree in Engineering. His passion for literature and acting led to his career as an actor in Shakespearean plays in Hungary, France and Germany. In Honolulu, he has played a few minor roles in *Hawaii Five-O*.

Maintenance work is a far cry from acting. But Zoltan maintains that he appreciates the opportunity to expand his repertoire of skills and life experiences. He attributes his spirit of resilience and work ethic to his parents. He finds the residents at Honolulu Park Place to be "very nice." appreciates his co-workers, and calls **Walters Miranda** a great supervisor.

-Interview by Mimi Yoshikawa; Photo credit: Gary Everest



On behalf of Randy

"A big Mahalo and a GreatThank You" to the residents of HPP who donated to the fund for former employee **Randy Sanchez**. HPP resident **Sally Stuart** says that just under \$500 was raised to give to Randy the day before he left for Hawaii for his mother's home in Illinois.

Sally met Randy at Center Court at Ala Moana and reported that he seemed so pleased and was in great spirits when she gave him a new shirt and shorts to wear on the plane.

Sally wrote, "I don't think he is used to people reaching out to him as he seemed a little overwhelmed by what we had done. He was most grateful for your support in this time when he is so helpless. It's great to know how people here respond to these situations. Again, my gratitude to you all."



Do You Have a Bicycle?

From time to time, HPP staff cleans out the bike cage and ask that if you store a bike, you need to re-register it. Please note the deadline of **Sept. 1** as the day bicycles will be removed from the garage if they are not re-registered with the HPP office.

HPP Cafe

There's always something on at the Cafe. We've got live music on selected weekends, we offer cooking classes, we have a full catering menu for your events at HPP or at any other location, we have a personal chef service — offering off-the-menu meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Also ask us about our Wine & Foods Pairing class! Phone Heidi at 271-7052.

Massage at HPP

Susan Lovinger phone **808-342-6402**. Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 pm-9 pm; Saturdays, Noon to 6 pm

By appointment only. \$50/hour massage; \$80/hour & half. Gift certificates are available.

Aloha to former HPP board member and long-time massage therapist **Louanne Cossa** who moved to the mainland.

