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The new security desk

As a full-time security guard, **Halen Bargas** had the opportunity to witness the construction of the new security desk from inception to completion. To him, everyone involved in the project did an amazing job. "It provides that appealing modern look that captures the attention of everyone who comes through our doors along with an improved work space that allows our staff to provide a safe living environment for our residents."

According to **Kenneth Jackson**, the expanded space provides adequate space for cabinets and storage as well as room for a second officer to do paper work. The size and shape of the desk allows the security guard on duty a greater field of vision with visibility from the entry to the Club to the door leading to the lobby parking garage. In addition to the improved functionality, the present desk also looks classy—like a hotel lobby desk.

Sonny Petalvas thinks that the overall appearance of the security desk is good. Employees have more room for the process of signing in for work and signing out on completion of their work.

Serena Tzeng and her daughter, Margaret, are impressed with several features of the new security desk. They especially like the use of the high quality quartz material with its natural



beige color. "The contemporary design is eye-catching and interesting." It also has adequate space for the security guards on duty and for the storage of equipment.

Lawrence Friedman likes the new security desk because it is modernized and spacious.

Richard Wagner's observation is that the functional and spacious work space for the security guards appears to be working out well.

Saamaythong Nguyen views the new security desk as being structurally sturdy and spacious.

For **Lucy Liu** and **Lorraine Yoshioka**, the more spacious and functional work space is a welcome improvement.

Katie Schroeder thinks that the new security desk is beautiful with its modern, clean-cut lines. She likes the contrasting colors of the facade and the insert panels.

With the consideration that the front part of the lobby creates the first impression for entering residents and visitors, **Christine Trecker** observes that "it is perfect to have a new, sleek, beautifully designed security desk to complement our spacious, plant-filled lobby." For her, the excellent upgrade was well worth the wait.



By Mimi Yoshikawa. Photos: Lawrence Friedman



"After I lost weight, I had a lot more energy!
More energy for cooking, more energy for
chewing, more energy for going out to dinner..."

Dial 808 to make local calls

Starting Oct. 24, 2021, the Hawai'i area code 808 must be used for all Hawai'i phone numbers. The change to 10-digit dialing for local calls is driven by the Federal Communications Commission order to use "988" as the three-digit code to reach the **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**, starting on July 16, 2022.

In addition to changing the way you dial local calls, all services, automatic dialing equipment and other types of equipment that are programmed to complete calls to 7-digit local numbers will need to be reprogrammed to complete calls to 808 + telephone number. Don't forget life safety systems or medical monitoring devices, PBXs, fax machines, Internet dial-up numbers, speed dialers, mobile or other wireless phone contact lists, call forwarding settings, voicemail services and other similar functions. Be sure to check your website, personal and business stationery, advertising materials, personal and business checks, contact information, your personal or pet ID tags and other such items to ensure the area code is included.



*I know they say that money talks,
but all mine says is 'Goodbye.'*

Good Neighbors Come in All Colors

Residing in a condominium may liberate you from the headaches of owning a house, but everything comes with responsibilities. An apartment lifestyle can be complicated when it comes to etiquette issues. A little courtesy can certainly make condo life much easier. This article offers a few helpful tips on maintaining a courteous relationship with your fellow apartment neighbors, so that you can live in harmony—or at least something close to it.

1. Be friendly towards others. You don't necessarily need to know them, but a simple hello or greeting goes a long way. Creating friendly relationships also makes it easier to interact in the future if anyone has questions or concerns.

2. Acknowledge neighbors who smile at you or greet you. You don't have to stop and chat, but a little smile and wave don't cost you anything. Remember the nasty thoughts that crossed your mind about people you've said hi to who ignored you? You don't want anyone thinking of you that way.

3. Be soft-spoken when entering and exiting. It may be normal to walk from the parking lot to your front door and vice versa, but you'll need to consider how loud a person is. Avoid stomping on stairwells, especially when leaving before sunrise or coming back late at night. Try not to walk around apartment with wood floors in your shoes (put them on just prior to leaving your apartment and remove upon entering your apartment) — not all tenants work a "9-5" job and may be trying to sleep during "regular" daylight hours. Keep the noise at whisper-level in hallways. Loud laughter and conversations while people are relaxing or sleeping are a nuisance. Close doors behind you gently. Apartment doors create a lot of noise. Don't let them slam shut.

4. Be considerate of the noise level

inside your condo. This is one of the most common complaints reported to managers. More noise etiquette is needed if you live above

another person. Soft footwear makes less noise than heavy duty items such as boots or high heels. It's not necessary to thump your heels around the kitchen in the middle of the night. If a neighbor requests for you to keep the noise level down, take it to heart. Rugs and rug pads are a must if you have hard flooring. Avoid dragging heavy furniture across the floor or bouncing balls which will be heard by your downstairs neighbors.

5. In the parking garage, DRIVE SLOWLY. The speed limit is **5 mph** which is a lot slower than you think! Our garage is very narrow and it may be necessary to make wide turns; therefore please SLOW DOWN. Turn your lights so that other cars will see you. Use the big round mirrors to see around the corners.

