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## The Big Reveal ...

## Long House Renovation Complete!

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The new picture window with a view of Punchbowl

In the last newsletter, it was reported that the Long House was undergoing renovation and that it was expected to be completed in October. We're happy to report that it is now finished. The Long House has been transformed into a bright, open and airy space. A **large window** has been added in the kitchen that offers a perfectly framed view of Punchbowl. A **counter** with seating for four allows persons to take in that view while keeping an eye on what's happening in the kitchen. A **new ice maker**, electric six burner **commercial grade stove** and **refrigerator** replace appliances that had reached the end of their useful life.

Custom designed **stainless-steel cabinets** and **countertops** on one side of the kitchen create a sleek built-in look. The counter on the opposite side of the kitchen is topped with a quartz stone material that is known for its durability and ability to resist staining. A new addition to the kitchen is a small, **under-the-counter freezer** for frozen goodies like ice cream. The old black tile has been covered with a resinous, seamless flooring system that dramatically lightens the entire space. A new **big screen television** offers users many more entertainment options. **New chairs, barstools and tables** have been added. The new furniture is definitely a step up from the old. The chairs and

barstools are light in appearance and weight and are very comfortable.

The successful completion of this project would not have been possible without General Manager **Walters Miranda's** involvement. Walt has a tremendous level of expertise and experience in projects like this. He provided input at every step and his suggestions and guidance kept the project on track and on budget. Walt's staff was responsible for all of the

construction with the exception of the new window which was installed by a licensed contractor.

Walt also provided the idea for the faux wall that



New countertop, tables, chairs and flat-screen TV

houses the new television.

The members of the Long House committee started this project with the goal of creating a space that is just as inviting a place to entertain as most any apartment in Honolulu Park Place (HPP) with the added benefit of more space for more guests. The committee's guiding principles took into account two of the great features of a typical apartment at HPP.

## Long House, cont.

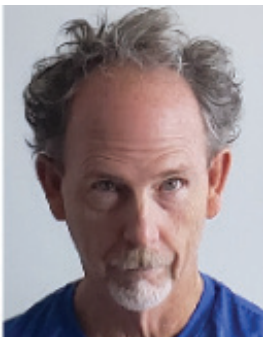
The first is a floorplan that places the kitchen at the center of the apartment, consistent with its centrality in current day entertaining. The second are the spectacular views of Honolulu and its environs through floor to ceiling windows that almost every HPP apartment enjoys. Residents are encouraged to see and use the renovated Long House. We hope that you will agree that the committee's goals have been achieved.

—Kelly Brehm, Rebecca Friedman, and Melanie King

**More photos can be viewed  
on the HPP website: [www.hpponline.org](http://www.hpponline.org)**

## Living Well during the Pandemic

Here is how some HPP residents and staff are doing.



It's not hard to remain positive during these trying times, living in Hawaii, in a building with proactive leadership working hard to keep us safe. To reduce TV time, I've doubled my fitness routine and spend more time in my art studio to keep body and mind active and positive. Finally, I try to have some fun with the shutdown, including a new hair style. — Gary Everest

The highlight of our Covid-19 experience was the celebration in August of our seventh wedding anniversary! In hindsight, we were fortunate to be able to dine out that evening, adding to our memories. Christina is now working from home and expects to do so for some time, to the approval of our cat, Toby! We remain grateful that exercising good practices has helped to keep us healthy and Covid free. —Christina and Trappeur Rahn



He maintains regular communication with his siblings and children (on the mainland) and with friends via phone, FaceTime and video chat. Maintaining his faith in God and helping others keep him grounded and forward-looking. He tries to keep healthy through exercise and a balanced diet. Like others, he and his wife observe the recommended health and safety protocols. —Kenneth Jackson

She tries not to focus on the negativity surrounding the Covid-19 impacts on our state and nation. She sees it as an opportunity to step back and take a deep dive into what is really important in life. Her faith in God has deepened. —Christina Ornilas



When we look back at how our daily lives have been impacted during the pandemic, reality is that not much has changed.

We continue to frequent our favorite restaurants whether dining in, when permitted, or ordering takeout. Lawrence continues to cycle over 100 miles every week! —Rebecca, Lawrence Friedman & Bella

He and his fellow workers are thankful for their jobs, which lend stability to their lives. He is also thankful for his health, which allows him to perform his duties to keep HPP operational and safe. —Michael Howard



My quarantine project was making and giving away nearly 400 cloth masks.—Katherine Crosier

We thank the HPP management and staff for the exceptional job they do to keep our environment and community safe under mitigating circumstances. We continue to count on our residents to be vigilant about observing enhanced health and safety protocols and measures. —Mimi Yoshikawa



Park Place Cafe, chef Kenneth Weir, phone 782-7776. Open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; Wednesday and Saturday, 11:00 am to 6:30 pm. Delicious comfort food at an affordable price. Daily specials available.

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in the elevators  
and common areas**

**To keep social distance, no more than 4 people in the elevator unless you are part of a family unit. If there are more people, wait for the next elevator**