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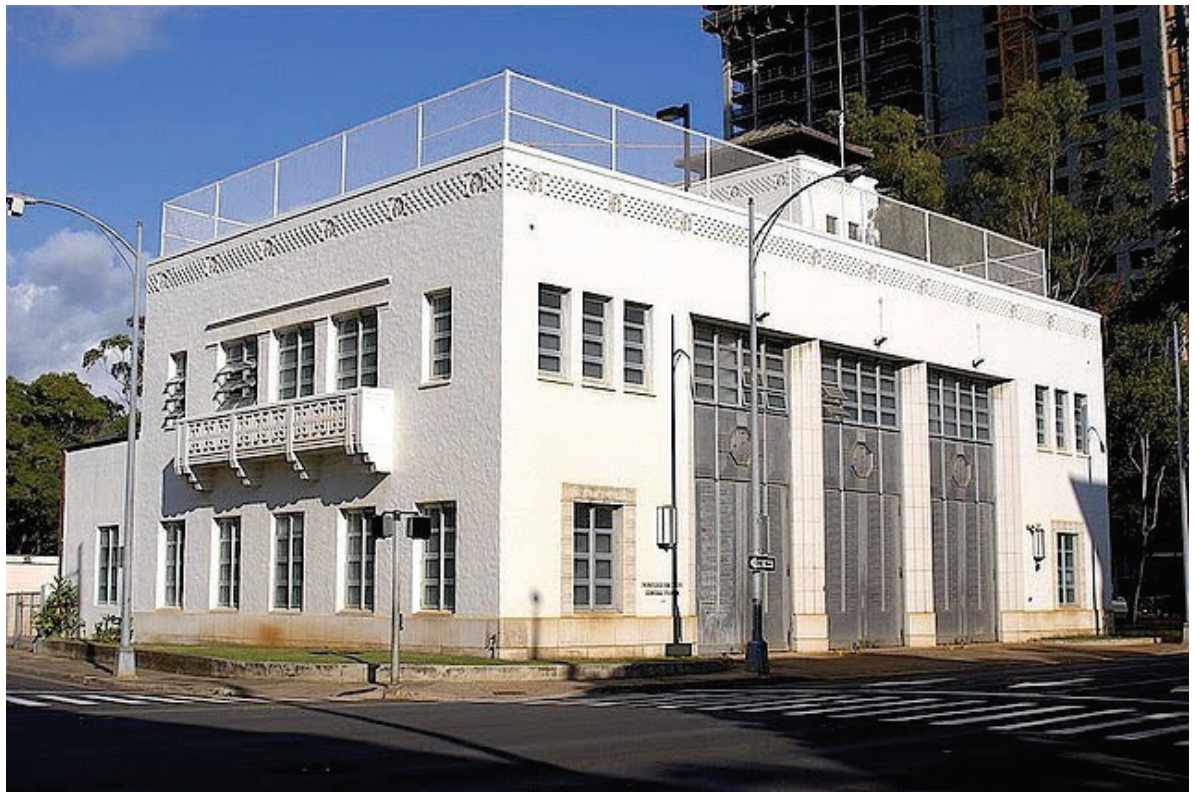
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The Central Fire Station was built in 1934 and designed by architect Charles W. Dickey.

Proposed Fire Station Across the Street

The Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) has proposed replacing its Central Fire Station with a new one on Beretania Street between Nuuanu and Bethel (where the Beretania/Nuuanu parking lot is now). That's almost directly across the street from Honolulu Park Place (HPP). The proposed plan could include a second story with affordable housing.

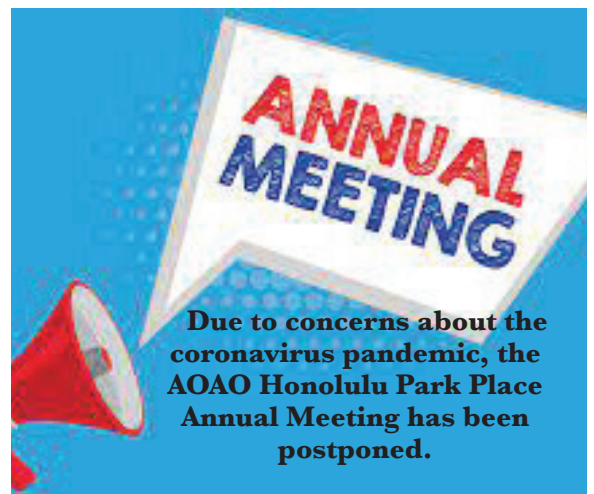
To date, over 100 residents have signed the HPP Petition in opposition. On March 24th, the City Council had a hearing on Resolution 21-48 which, if passed, would help pave the way for building a fire station across the street. At the hearing there were many testimonies in opposition to the Resolution including **Rebecca Friedman**, President of HPP's Board of Directors, who presented the HPP Petition.

Given the considerable opposition, the Zoning & Planning Committee decided to defer Resolution 21-48 and requested the HFD to explore more potential sites for the fire station. This is good news, but we still have no guarantees that the site across the street will no longer be considered.

If you are opposed to building a fire station across the street, please sign the Petition at the Security Desk if you haven't already. The more signatures we have, the greater our impact on decision makers!

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Meet Your Neighbors

For **Tom and Sandi Wong**, the past Christmas and New Year were especially memorable because their son, Andrew, returned from the Mainland to spend the holidays with them. Their daughter, Angela, was unable to visit as planned due to the severity of the Covid-19 pandemic in California. When Andrew was home, Tom took time off from his work as attorney and partner at Honolulu Law Firm, Devens, Nakano, Saito, Lee, Wong & Ching.



Long-time residents at Honolulu Park Place will remember the well-mannered children who were born and lived here until they left for study at universities on the Mainland. After graduating from the University of Dayton with a degree in Business, Andrew was hired by Synchrony Financial in Salt Lake City, and is currently working for the company in Charlotte, North Carolina where he is participating in a Leadership Business Program.

With a degree in Aerospace Engineering from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Angela works for Boeing as an Aerospace Engineer and lives in Long Beach California. She is part of a team that was recently named as Engineering Team of the Year for their research on using ultra violet rays to covid proof airplanes.

The Wong family is a close-knit family. Sandi and Tom miss their children but support them in their career progression on the Mainland.

They will continue to maintain close communication with one another and have regular family reunions. When asked to reflect on his future goals and plans, Andrew articulated that his philosophy in life is “to make the greatest positive impact for the greatest number of people.” To him, “it is important in life to challenge yourself, be different, and strive to be just a good person.”

Interview by Mimi Yoshikawa

Less is More!

Please use only the **recommended amount** of detergent in your washing machines. Apparently, using too much detergent can actually create *more* problems, including stain or residue on clothes, odor left behind in the washing machine from trapped excess residue, loads not having a chance to drain properly, resulting in wetter clothes, increased wear and tear on the washing machine’s pump and motor.

Condo Living 101

- **Say Hello.** It takes only a second to say hello when you run into your neighbors in the lobby or elevator. Be nice. It costs nothing and goes a long way toward friendly community living.

- **Keep the Noise Down.** Show consideration for your neighbors who may maintain unusual work schedules. Don’t stomp your feet, hammer nails, or drag heavy furniture around late at night. If you like to play your music full-blast, use headphones.

- **Be Considerate if You Smoke.** Refrain from smoking in all common areas. Do not litter the property with cigarette butts.

- **Contain Your Pets.** Pets must not make excessive noise nor should they be allowed to run free in common areas.

- **Respect Garbage and Recycling Rules.** Carry large items to the trash room, don’t put them in the trash chute.

- **Be Respectful when Parking.** Park straight and stay within the lines!

- **Treat Common Areas with Care.**

- **Observe Security Measures.** Safety and building security should be a priority for all residents in a condo community.

Please Note: There is a security deposit of \$250 for any move-ins or move-outs, payable in check or cash.

Starting in October

All phone service providers will be implementing mandatory 10-digit local calling. This means Hawaii residents will **need to include area code 808** before dialing any local phone number they want to reach, or the call may not be completed.

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**“Of course I’ve gained weight.
That’s why it’s called growing older!”**