



## NEWSLETTER

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#### President's Message

Welcome to the very first issue of The Koi, the monthly newsletter of Marina Towers.

We're excited to be able to keep you informed and engaged with everything happening in and around our vibrant community. From upcoming events and activities to important updates and maintenance notices, this newsletter is your go-to source for staying connected. Here's where you'll find useful tips, fun features, and opportunities to get involved. We look forward to sharing stories, building community spirit, and ensuring you always feel at home at Marina Towers. Happy reading!

Why "The Koi"?

As one of the most prominent symbols of our building, the koi have always been our building mascot. According to an ancient Chinese legend, koi symbolize courage and the ability to attain high goals, The Japanese also associate koi with perseverance in adversity and strength in purpose. Which is why we couldn't have picked a better symbol to represent our building and those who live in it.

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#### Building Committee: per Committee Chair Rob St. Onge:

Recent projects include installing improved lighting in the lower parking area and raising the height of the recreation area walls near the pool to lessen the likelihood of intruders climbing over. Upcoming projects include soliciting bids for concrete driveway repair on the Lipeeppee side of the building and updating and moving some of the monitoring cameras and lighting. The committee is also working on replacing our aging entry phone system.

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#### Safety Committee: per Committee Chair Nelsson Becerra:

We have replaced the old camera monitoring system with a new video monitoring system. You can view all 20 cameras live on your own tv set by accessing Spectrum channel 900. We have been very fortunate with our safety and monitoring in our building, but "if you see something, say something!"

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Carol Cambareri

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**Welcome Our New**

**Residents**

Unit 206

Zachary Bryan

Vi Phung

Unit 208

Journey Imholte

Unit 707

Makena B Owen

Unit 1101

Tori Gutierrez

Unit 1205

Viola Hill

Unit 1402

Henna Ahmed

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**Design Committee: per Committee Chair Rob St. Onge:**

Recent projects include: new lounge ceiling lighting and a new ceiling fan. New copper lighting wall sconces were installed in the pool area as well as accent lighting around the pool walkway. A new piece of artwork was acquired and installed over the recreation area sofa. And most recently new cushion covers were purchased for the dining chairs. (A very big mahalo to office manager Marianne Stone who spent a great deal of time on the phone with the vendor in India to get this project completed.) New covers for the lounge seating is in the works!

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**Communication Committee: per Committee Chair Nelsson Becerra:**

To ensure seamless communication with building residents, we emphasize the importance of utilizing both email contact and website resources. Residents are encouraged to check their mailboxes regularly for important notices, updates, and community newsletters which are sent out to keep everyone informed about building events, maintenance schedules, and policy changes. We are working on a new website that will serve as a vital hub for real-time updates, document access, and digital communications. We'll let you know when the new website is up and running, and when it is we encourage you to visit it frequently. There will be an online form for inquiries, service requests and feedback. Combining all these methods will ensure that residents stay well-informed and connected with our community.

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**Building Calendar:**

Regular Board Meeting of Apartment Owners

Date: September 17, 2024

Time: 5:00pm

## Suggestion Box

### HOUSE RULES REVIEW



## MOVING INFORMATION

Residents are responsible for making sure their movers comply with Marina Towers rules.

Moving hours are from 8 am – 4:30pm Monday through Saturday, except Federal and State holidays. Schedule at least one business day ahead of move to allow the elevator pads to be installed. NO moving is allowed without the installation of pads.

A key to control the elevator may be obtained from the office or resident manager at the start of the move and returned via the office door mail slot when done.

The lobby should not be used as a staging area for large items in transit.

The front gate is not to be left propped open unattended.

Bicycles and/or surfboards are not allowed in the lobby or in the elevators. See the House Rules for bicycle and surfboard storage locations.

Contact the office at 808-949-3401 for storage availability.

### REGISTRATION

All new residents are to register with the office to receive moving information (if not already received). The Marina Towers House Rules will be emailed to new residents at the email address provided on the registration form.

### DISPOSING OF MOVING BOXES & PACKAGING

**Lanais may not be used for storing boxes and other such packaging items.**

Large amounts of moving boxes and packing supplies should be disposed of by the movers or by scheduling a bulky item pick up with the city. Go [toopala.org](http://toopala.org) to schedule.

### KEYS

Additional security keys may be obtained from the office by registered and verified adult residents only. A deposit is required in the form of cash or check. Contact the office for more information.

### TRASH ROOMS / RECYCLING / TRASH CHUTE

A trash room is located on each floor. Hours of use are 7 am – 10pm. Please do not use before or after hours. See posted notices in each trash room regarding recycling and trash chute use.

Regular household rubbish is to be bagged and put down the chute. Maximum bag size is a “tall kitchen garbage bag.”

Items scheduled for pick up must NOT be left at the pick-up area prior to 7 pm the evening before.

NO boxes or loose packing material are to be put into the trash chute.

Direct access to the dumpsters is located on the mauka (mountain) side of the building on the upper parking level.

## **PLUMBING**

### **Garbage Disposers**

Most units have a garbage disposer. However, items such as banana, potato and apple peels will likely result in clogging the pipes, requiring the cost to call a plumber.

While no wet garbage is to be thrown down the chute, only above-mentioned items may be double or triple wrapped in plastic bags (so the bags do not break on impact) and thrown down the chute.

There is no such thing as flushable wipes.

The use of so-called “flushable wipes” has resulted substantial plumbing repair costs to the building. No such wipes are to be disposed of in the building’s drain pipes. Please use a trash can for disposal.

## **EV CHARGING STATIONS**

Marina Towers does not have any EV charging stations.

## **UTILITIES**

### **Electricity**

Contact Hawaiian Electric (HECO) for electrical service hookups or shutoffs

### **Cable/Internet**

Internet and the Spectrum Bronze cable package (that includes Spectrum TV Select, Digi Tier I, plus Showtime, Starz, and Disney+) is provided at no cost to all Marina Towers residents through owners’ maintenance fees. To acquire service contact Spectrum or visit their customer service center at Ala Moana Shopping Center nearby. A credit card is required to activate an account.

Labeled barrels are provided for HI5 containers ONLY (look for the HI5 on the bottle/can).

Detergent bottles, food packaging containers and bulk cardboard are not recyclable at Marina Towers.

NO wet garbage is to be thrown the trash chute.

## **PARKING**

Please Park in designated stall only. Unfortunately, there are no guest parking stalls at Marina Towers.

Parking for 2-wheeled vehicles (mopeds, motorcycles) is available to rent. Please see the office for information.

### **Loading area in front of building**

The “loading area” in front of the building on Ala Wai is NOT legal parking, although moving/delivery trucks are generally not ticketed. USPS trucks use the loading area for mail delivery parking.

**The car wash area is for active car washing and not to be used for guest and/or personal parking. Cars parked there are subject to tow.**

## **RECREATION AREA**

Pool hours are from 7AM to 10 PM.

Recreation area BBQ hours of usage are from 10AM to 10PM.

## **MAIL**

The green light over the entry canopy indicates the mail has been delivered. Please be sure to check your mail regularly, particularly during the holiday season.

An outgoing mail drop is located next to the mailboxes.

Packages may either be put in your mailbox, or a key will be put in your mailbox to access one of 11 parcel boxes.

Oversize packages may be placed at your door or retained in the office. The carrier will leave a note in your mailbox if your package is in the office.

**WORK RELATED NOISE**

Work-related noise is allowed only between 8 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Saturday, (except Federal or State holidays), except in emergencies.

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 12:30pm

Friday 8:30am - Noon

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