

OHANA INSIGHTS

Marine Community Updates and Stories | JANUARY- MARCH 2018



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SURF'S UP! ALL SMILES ASHORE WITH SURFER SANTA

Holiday greetings and yuletide cheer filled the air at the Marine Corps Base Fort Hase Beach beach on Saturday, December 9th as families joined together to pose for aloha-inspired Christmas photos with Surfer Santa and his favorite surfboards. Children delighted in local holiday goodies while enjoying a bright and early walk on the beach with the rest of their family. Mahalo nui loa for joining us!



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MARINE COMMUNITIES PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY

Playgrounds in Pa Honua, Mokapu Court, Hawaii Loa and Mololani will be undergoing improvements in 2018. This renovation, which is designed to increase the playgrounds' playability and safety, will address the short life and salt water corrosion evident in current playgrounds consequently due to their exposure to harsh ocean conditions.

Improvements will include the light demolition of thirteen playgrounds, full demolition and reconstruction of four other playgrounds, and the installation of four basketball hoops. The project is intended to reduce the number of playgrounds via consolidation and install coastal-rated playgrounds in new destination play areas.



Hawaii Loa and Mokapu Court playgrounds will undergo demolition and disposal of all playground equipment, play surfacing, cement pad repairs and power washing to ensure great quality to its overall finished condition. In Mololani, four playgrounds will be demolished and rebuilt with a coastal playground package and synthetic turf to ensure a longer life cycle in play surfacing. The Pa Honua playground equipment will also be demolished and have four of its basketball hoops replaced.

With the help of two separate building contractors, Ohana Military Communities aims to achieve the best value of this renovation and reduce overall construction time to improve the comfort of residents as they enjoy outdoor play and other leisurely activities not far from home.



SEE YA!

Join in on the fun and exciting events and activities we have in store for you!



January

2-26 | Color Me Happy! Monthly Coloring Contest | Waikulu & Mololani RSO
Win a special prize by bringing your coloring skills to the test! Pick up a coloring sheet from us and submit your masterpiece by January 26th. Winners will be contacted by January 30th. (Open to ages 3-5, 6-9, 10-12)

19 | Play Date at the Grand Opening of our Hana Like Playground | 2-4 PM
Stay active and eat healthy! Come enjoy our brand new Hana Like playground between 2-4 PM and grab some healthy grub--on us!

25 | Dental Health Awareness Day | Waikulu & Mololani RSO | 2-4 PM
Time to take care of those pearly whites! Learn how to keep them clean and healthy!

* please contact your Resident Services Office (RSO) for more information*

February

1-26 | Color Me Happy! Monthly Coloring Contest
Submit your masterpiece to us by February 26th to be eligible to win!

7-14 | Spread the Love on Valentine Week! | Waikulu & Mololani RSO
Donate canned goods during the week of hearts to received a raffle ticket for a chance to win a box of chocolates to give to your sweetheart!

8 | President's Day Event* | Waikulu & Mololani RSO
22 | Ice Cream Social* | Waikulu & Mololani RSO

March

1-26 | Color Me Happy! Monthly Coloring Contest
Submit your masterpiece to us by February 26th to be eligible to win!

9 | Float on By!* | Waikulu & Mololani RSO
Come grab a Rootbeer Float--on us!

23 | Puppy's Day Out* | OMC Dog Park
Reward your pup with an awesome play day at the dog park!

ALOHA, OHANA!

Friendly reminders from your Resident Services Team

To preserve the quality of our neighborhoods and ensure the safety of all of our residents, we uphold our community policies as provided in your Resident Handbook. With guidance from these regulations, here are some friendly policy-based reminders to make sure that you and your 'ohana have a clean, safe and well-kept living environment.



RESPONSIBLE REFUSE DISPOSAL

Please secure your trash and recycle bins after pick-up to keep your neighborhood neat and clean. Every resident is held responsible for the proper disposal of their own trash. Bins can be put out by the curb no earlier than 6PM the night before their scheduled collection and are required to be put away by 8PM on trash/recycling pick-up day. Every neighborhood has a different rubbish, recycle and bulk pick-up schedule, and if you need a copy of it please contact your RSO and we will be more than happy to provide you with one. Please remember to bag all refuse items for disposal and not to place single, isolated items in your bins which are most likely to come loose during trash pick-up. If your home was not serviced on your designated day, please contact us so we can address it for you.



TREE SWINGS CAUSE DAMAGE

If you have any personal swings attached to trees, please remove them. Tree swings are prohibited in all areas of our neighborhoods. Trees are alive and constantly growing. Help encourage their health and maturity and be mindful of the environment by respecting the need of trees to thrive. Some swings have rubbed into the tree cutting into the bark, negatively affecting their growth. We have contractors out on property trimming tree branches, raising skirt lines, pruning palms and cutting back the overgrowth around fenced areas to help us with this goal. In some cases, the grass underneath swings can get damaged leaving the ground with dirt and rubble from concentrated foot traffic. In an effort to maintain the health of the trees and the overall aesthetics of the property, please keep trees free of swings, hampers and/or ropes on tree branches. OMC will be going through the properties to remove tree swings, ropes and anything in general that is left attached to trees in both the common areas and behind backyards. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and assistance in taking care of the environment and our trees.

UPDATING YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Please make sure to update us with any changes in your contact information such as phone numbers and email addresses. This ensures that we can get a hold of you when necessary. If you are not receiving our emails, resident event invitations or notices, please call or visit our community center and we can ensure that we have your current information updated on your file, or change it as needed. Our Resident Services specialists are always available to help Monday through Friday, during normal business hours.

Your Resident Handbook is available for your reference from any one of our Community Centers. If you have any questions, or need someone to speak to, please contact your Resident Services Office. On behalf of all of us at Ohana Military Communities, thank you for following our community regulations and for helping keep your neighborhood clean, safe and beautiful. Mahalo Nui Loa!

REPLACING YOUR A/C FILTERS

Did you know that replacing the filter in your air conditioning system is not only an important part of ensuring that your system works properly but also helps keep your energy consumption low? It's a task that many forget about months at a time, which can end up costing you on your energy



bill and contributing to other A/C maintenance issues down the line. Typical filter replacement recommendations range from every 2-3 weeks for heavy use and households with pets and/or every 30 days for normal wear. We provide filter replacements on a monthly basis at our Self-help Warehouse located at 2029 McLennan Drive. Just bring your old one and trade it in for a new one. If you notice any leaks in your system, call us at (808) 833-HELP so we can send a maintenance technician to check it.

GREEN LIGHT



Go **GREEN!** From reducing the carbon footprint in your home to receiving more credit towards your monthly electric bill, this energy-saving information will surely get you more out of your daily energy consumption and also put some **"green"** back into your pocket!

WHAT IS VAMPIRE ENERGY?

Halloween is definitely over and left in the dust of 2017, but did you know that energy vampires exist all-year-round? These are electronic appliances that **suck out energy while they are switched off or in a standby mode but still plugged into your outlets**. One of the most common examples of these are **cell phone chargers, video gaming systems and consoles, personal computers, laptops, standby coffee makers, and devices that turn on instantly via remote control**. Considerably one of the greatest energy vampires is your DVR player. Here's why:

Cable boxes and DVRs are tremendously inefficient when it comes to energy use. A 2011 study by the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) found that cable boxes and DVRs were so staggeringly power-hungry that, based on the estimated number of these units in the United States the net power bill for all the cable boxes and DVRs across the country was roughly \$3 billion (\$2 billion of which was wasted on the approximately 16 hours a day the devices sat idle). On a smaller scale, their findings indicate that power consumption of the average cable box/DVR combo (~446 kWh/year) was higher than the average refrigerator (~415 kWh/year).

Just like a TV, consumers expect this appliance to be instantly ON at the touch of a button and cable boxes are designed this way. Unlike computers, where the consumer has some expectation that they will have to wait for a small window of time after the device is turned on, televisions are expected to turn on immediately. The majority of cable boxes on the market never idle, never hibernate, and never go into any sort of power saving mode. It's essentially the equivalent of running a computer 24/7 so that someone can sit down at any moment, turn the monitor on, and start surfing the web.

In multi-box households, especially those households that have newer cable box/DVR setups where the main box/DVR acts as a central client and the other boxes in the house act like thin clients, you will likely benefit from putting the lesser used boxes on either timers or switches. **The primary box, especially if you have a DVR, will need to stay on to communicate with the cable company and record shows, so we don't recommend putting these devices on any sort of timer or turning them on and off daily. However, any secondary boxes will likely communicate with the main box and thus not take as long to boot up if you turn them off.** If you don't watch television late at night or at all during the day while you're at work, you could also set up an appliance timer to turn the secondary box on a half hour or so before you usually watch TV and a half hour or so after you typically go to bed. This will give the box plenty of time to update the programming guide and finish warming up so you are ready to watch.

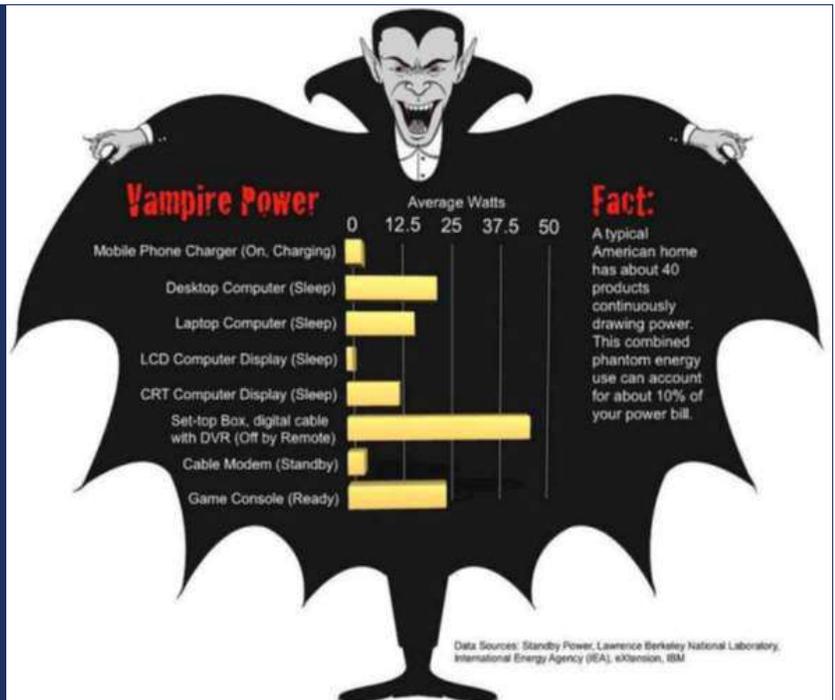
WHAT YOU CAN DO TO MAKE A CHANGE

Cut the cord

Recently, more and more people have decided to make the switch from cable to online streaming services or free TV via an antenna. This eliminates the necessity for a power-hungry DVR box and if you choose to, could significantly impact your energy usage and electricity bill.

Utilize a Powerstrip

Other devices commonly found around entertainment systems such as Blu-Ray players, gaming consoles, Bluetooth speakers, printers, etc. could be put on a **Smart Powerstrip** that could cut off their power source while your TV is not in use. Less energy-hungry devices such as coffeemakers, hand-held devices, laptop and cell phone chargers, etc. may be put on a regular power strip which you can turn on and off accordingly. To learn more about Smart Powerstrips, [click here](#). Ohana Military Communities does provide one Smart Powerstrip per household to further reduce vampire loads. Please contact your RSO for more details.



OMC SAFETY CONNECTION



At Ohana Military Communities, your safety is our top priority. By sharing information and working together as a community to look out for each other's safety, we lessen the danger of being victims of preventable crimes. Let's work hand-in-hand in our fight against crime because *together, we are safer.*

A MESSAGE OF CONCERN FROM YOUR OMC OHANA

While Ohana Military Communities remains diligent all-year-round in keeping your Communities safe, we still however, need your help. Here are some suggestions to stay safe throughout the new year:

1. The holidays have passed, and Santa may have brought some expensive gifts last month. Please document and register these items as soon as possible. Most electronics and large ticket items like bicycles and motorized vehicles have serial numbers associated with them. Keep a photo catalogue of your items and store them on a thumb drive or on your computer. In an unfortunate event that your item is lost or stolen, the serial number is the best way to claim ownership of your item.
2. When throwing out trash, we suggest that large boxes from items such as laptop computers, televisions, or other electronics and high value items be taken to the refuse station and not be left outside your home. Most criminals will notice these boxes outside of homes, and may use it as motivation to burglarize your home.
3. If you are leaving the island for any amount of time, please be sure to notify your respective Residential Services Office so they can keep a watchful eye on your home. Lock and secure your vehicles and residence. Valuables, including vehicle keys, should be locked up and hidden from sight.
4. If you see anything suspicious in your neighborhood, do not hesitate to call Base Police so the concern can be further be investigated.
5. Many of you may be hosting parties or going to someone else's home for dinner. If you are hosting or attending parties, we would like to remind you to drink and celebrate responsibly. If you plan to drink, please DO NOT drive, instead, use either a taxi service, trusted ridesharing service, or have a designated driver.

A MESSAGE OF CONCERN FROM THE MCBH PROVOST MARSHAL OFFICE CRIME PREVENTION DIVISION

OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

Crime Prevention Division

Provost Marshal Office, MCBH Bldg. 1095

Property crimes are highly lucrative for burglars and thieves because most stolen property are not properly identified. This makes it easy to sell these stolen items. Recovered property that lacks personalization identification hampers efforts to locate the owners and return the property. It also hinders any prosecutorial efforts against the burglars and thieves.

Operation Identification offers personnel residing aboard MCBH, Camp Smith and Manana Housing the opportunity to check out an electronic engraver from the Crime Prevention Office at the Provost Marshal Office. The electronic engraver can be used to engrave any personnel property deemed valuable to the owner. When personnel check out an electronic engraver for participation in Operation Identification they will also be given educational crime prevention material regarding marking personal property and inventorying personal property.

For more information, please visit the MCBH website or [click here](#)

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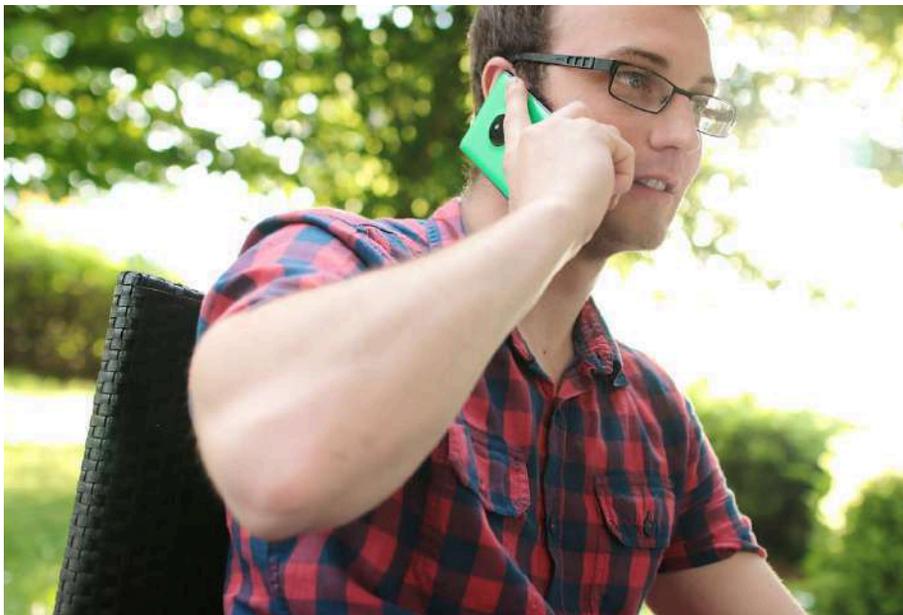
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