



Atkinson Towers

Quarterly Newsletter

Spring 2006

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From The Editors

We appreciate the compliments we have received after the publication of the first issue. We are surprised, however, that no one took us up on our offer to publish your suggestions for this issue.

Also appreciated was the help offered by George Segedin and Paula Luv, who helped with the printing; Margie Frette, who helped fold and address 150 copies (copies were sent to all owners, all renters, and Agents); and Barbara Speark, Norm Smith, and Jean Carr, who helped with the distribution.



If you would like to make suggestions, or provide feedback to the newsletter, please drop off a written note at Apartment #1004, send an email to ATNews@att.net, or mail a letter to AT News c/o Secretary Jennings at 419A Atkinson Dr #1004, Honolulu, HI 96814,

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK
THE LARGE BULLETIN
BOARD AS YOU WAIT FOR
THE ELEVATOR**

Update from the Board

A number of issues have come before the board since the last newsletter.

- Enforcement of illegal parking has been increased. The towing company now has permission to enter our property at any time and remove any unattended vehicle parked in the No Parking area. There will be NO pre-notice to violators.
- It was decided to activate the alarm at each of the stairwell doors from the evening until early morning. The starting date and the exact times will be posted on the bulletin board.
- Because of the volume of the business to be discussed at our monthly Board meetings, the time allowed for Resident Concerns had to be limited. The new policy is that when a resident wishes to express a concern or ask a question, he/she will put it in writing and email or mail it to Alan Takumi at Certified Management who will include it in the Agenda.
- The Board is grateful to resident Ed Conway for volunteering to begin the process of our major project, repairing the leaking roof. Specs will be drawn up, bids sent out, and repair work should begin in late March.
- A Co-op to Condo conversion timeline has been proposed. The current plan is 6-12 months, but dates are not yet firm.
- Kitchen window replacement and trash chute repairs will be delayed until after the Co-op to Condo conversion costs are finalized.

Where Are They Now?

Some of our longtime owners have moved from Atkinson but are still living on O'ahu. Sam and Amy Ruben are now living in a Care Home in Nuuanu. Amy just celebrated her 95th birthday. Sam is 98! Genevieve Trout moved to a retirement community in Hawaii Kai, and more recently Lee Cho moved to Arcadia. Sam and Lee's late husband, David, served for many years on our Board of Directors.

Annual Meeting

No date has been set yet, but the Annual Meeting could be just a few months away. Those up for reelection are Mike Polovcin, Bob Fahl, Peter Hoffman, and Jack Morgan. There may be a seat vacated by a departing Board Member, so now is the time to think seriously about becoming a part of the group that will decide your future here at Atkinson. As the time gets closer be sure and submit your name to Certified Management along with a bio for our information.

Emergency Access/After Hours

The Board suggests that all residents keep with them the emergency telephone number for Certified Management (808-837-5239). In the case of an after hours emergency (water flooding, elevator malfunction, lobby door malfunction, etc.), Certified will be able to contact responsible parties. The Board is working on an alternative notification procedure, which will be available in the next few months.

Additional Emergency Alert

Neither the police nor ambulance drivers has a way to enter the lobby or proceed up to your apartment. Keep your neighbor's phone numbers handy to ask them to go down to the lobby for you if necessary.

Apartment Upkeep

Despite the reminder in our last Newsletter, several apartment doors are in dire need of cleaning. It doesn't take much effort, and continual deterioration will obviously lead to an expensive new door. Simply wipe down the door with a damp cloth to get surface dirt off. Once clean and dry, apply a liberal amount of mineral oil, making sure first that newspaper has been placed underneath. Mineral oil will stain the new walkway paint. Mineral oil is very cheap—found in Longs in the pharmacy department.

And why not wash your windows while you're at it!

Service People

Rather than using a hit-and-miss system when looking for a good plumber or electrician or carpenter, check with the office for a list of recommended workers. Those of you who already have such a worker in your files, please share your recommendation with the rest of us. Give the information to the office. That goes for workers you would NOT recommend as well.

Recycling Reminder

As the saying goes, “What part of break-down-boxes-and-hand-carry-to-ground-floor dumpster don’t you understand!” Most of our residents are very good about recycling paper, glass and aluminum. But almost daily un-flattened boxes are found in the dumpsters (taking up a great deal of space) and worse, jammed into the chutes. So, once again we shall list how and where throw-away items are to be handled.

What To Do With Stuff

That Should NEVER Be Dropped Down The Trash Chutes

Newspapers, Aluminum Cans, Glass Bottles	Carry down to the recycling bins located beside the Eva garbage dumpster
Cardboard Boxes	Break down flat and leave beside the Eva garbage dumpster
Bulk Items	Appliances, mattresses, furniture are not to be placed by the dumpster. On Friday (only), arrange for the Maintenance Manager to unlock the back gate in the parking lot and carry those items out to the curb.
Construction Materials	Must be removed from the property by the contractor or unit owner. Do NOT leave by the dumpsters or drop in the trash chute.
Cell Phones/Pagers	VolunteerHawaii.org; Goodwill; Salvation Army; Assistance League of Hawai’i; The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Computers	VolunteerHawaii.org (536-1951); Salvation Army; Assistance League of Hawai’i; Hawai’i Computers for Kids; Hawai’i Computer Recycling

TVs, DVDs, VCRs	VolunteerHawaii.org; Salvation Army; Savers; Goodwill (for small TVs); Assistance League of Hawai’i (table top TVs only)
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Neighborhood Events

Keep the following dates in mind as they will probably have an impact on the traffic in our neighborhood and Waikiki.

March 4, 2006, Saturday morning - FT. DERUSSY BIATHLON

March 12, 2006 Sunday evening - HONOLULU FESTIVALS PARADE on Kalakaua

March 25, 2006 Saturday evening - PRINCE KUHIO COMMEMORATION PARADE on Kalakaua

April 12, 2006 Wednesday evening - SALUTE TO YOUTH PARADE 1 on Kalakaua

April 19, 2006 Wednesday evening - SALUTE TO YOUTH PARADE 2 on Kalakaua

April 29, 2006 Saturday afternoon and evening - SPAM JAM STREET FESTIVAL on Kalakaua

May 6, 2006 Saturday morning - USO HAWAII PARADE from Ala Moana Park up Kalakaua to Kapiolani Park

May 13, 2006 Saturday morning - MABUHAY FESTIVAL 2005, FILIPINO FIESTA & PARADE on Kalakaua

May 20, 2006 Saturday morning - VISITOR INDUSTRY CHARITY WALK from Ala Moana Park up Kalakaua to Kapiolani Park

May 26, 2006 Friday evening - TROY BARBOZA LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN from Fort DeRussy Park up Kalakaua to Kapahulu

May 29, 2006 Monday evening - SHINNYO-EN LANTERN FLOATING CEREMONY (TORO NAGASHI) at Ala Moana Park

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Fire, HPD, Ambulance.....911
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Telephone Repair.....611
Hawaiian Telecom.....643-3343
Spouse Abuse.....841-0822
Building Permits.....527-6743
Mediation Center.....521-6767

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

Date: 3rd Monday of each month
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Lobby

- To receive monthly Minutes and Agendas via email, call Certified Management (808-837-5239)
- For a printed copy call Bobbie Jennings, Secretary (808-946-8661)

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