HOLOMUA NEWSLETTER

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Alterations to Units

Over the past several board meetings, it has become apparent that few owners understand the rules when making alterations to their unit. Everyone needs to be aware that certain alterations are prohibited or regulated, due to their potential to disturb or impede upon your neighbors. Here is a quick guide to finding the applicable rules in our project documents (available on our condo website holomuacondo.weebly.com):

- All owners should carefully read **Sections D and L** of the **Project Rules**, as well as **Section L** of the **Declaration** of Condominium Property Regime. These sections define permitted and prohibited alterations, and what requires approval from the Board PRIOR to the alteration being done. In particular, *anything that may affect other units (e.g. adjoining walls, floors) or be visible outside your unit* is strictly regulated.

- The **Application for Design Approval**, as well as guidelines on window tinting and storage sheds, is available in the mailroom or from the Resident Manager. These will also be posted on the website soon. *Applications must be submitted to the Managing Agent (Hawaiiana) and approved by the Board PRIOR to any work being done, even before applying for building permits.*

- Here is a list of some sections regarding alterations in the Project Rules (some of this information is also in the Declaration):
  - Section D: **Window Coverings** (**Tinting** – see recent memo mailed to all owners), **Walls/Floors** (Sound Attenuation – may affect adjoining units), **Lanais**, **Electrical Equipment**
  - Section G-2, 3: **Structural Changes**, **Penetrations into Walls**
  - Section K-6, 7: **Exterior Lighting**, **Signs**
  - Section L-8 to 10: **Doors, Doorbells**

Also, in preparation for the end of the year, the Board has defined guidelines for holiday decorations visible outside your unit (lanais, doors). Please refer to the article on page 2 of this newsletter.

Mahalo for respecting the rules and the rights of your neighbors! Let's all work together to maintain the quality of life we enjoy at Holomua.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY November 12th** at 7:00 p.m. in the 7th floor Activity Room (Tuesday 11/11 is a holiday).

New Board Member!

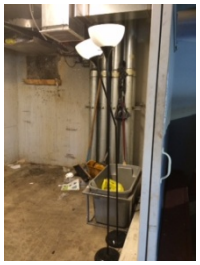
Please welcome **Kevin Shimizu** to our Holomua Board of Directors! Kevin has been a consistent presence at our board meetings, always sitting in the front row. At the last meeting, he decided to step up and fill the position that has been vacant for many months. Many thanks to Kevin for volunteering to help support our community.

CONDO WEBSITE: holomuacondo.weebly.com

The Joys of Holomua Condo Life

It Takes A Village of Responsible Residents

Home is where the heart is… at Holomua! Overall, life here is great for our residents, which is the result of people respecting each other and exercising common sense. But a few irresponsible people violating basic house rules continue to create work for our Resident Manager Jim and our maintenance crew Rodel and Roberto, as well as detract from the overall appearance of our home. Over the long term, willful disregard of rules can increase maintenance fees and degrade the general physical condition of Holomua, which ultimately affects property values. For example, large pieces of broken furniture should not be placed in the garbage area on the ground floor in hopes that "someone else will take care of it." The garbage area is not a dump site. There have been instances of large lamps, broken recliners, etc. dumped in the garbage area. Jim has to arrange for these items to be disposed of, as the regular garbage pickup will not handle them. Also, frequent stains on carpets in the elevators and hallways of some floors have kept Rodel and Roberto busy with cleanups. Some of these stains have been attributed to pet owners who don't supervise their pets, and residents who drag leaky garbage bags to the trash chute.



Please respect our home and your neighbors, and take care of your own mess! Mahalo.

TIME FOR GHOSTS, GOBLINS & WITCHES

Halloween evolved from the ancient Celtic holiday of Samhain, dating back to the 1st millennium A.D. This holiday marked the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. It was believed that during this time, the ghosts of the dead were able to mingle with the living. Folks tried to appease those spirits by setting out food and drink. Around the 8th century, All Saint's Day (also known as All Hallows Day) replaced Samhain, but it was still seen as a time of the wandering dead. It wasn't until the 1950's that this holiday, today known as Halloween, really took off. Today, $2.5 billion is spent on costumes alone, $6 billion if you include the money spent on candy. This event is only surpassed by Christmas in the amount spent. It has become not only a celebration for children, but is popular with adults as well. Children go from house to house for candy or other treats. The call of "trick or treat" refers to the threat of mischief if no treat is given.

The most popular costumes for 2014 include:

- Girls: Elsa from Disney's "Frozen", Pink Power Ranger, Midnight Huntress, Belle, Princess Aurora and Ariel.
- Boys: Captain America, Amazing Spiderman 2, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Rocket Raccoon and the Reaper.
- Witches, goblins, ghosts, ballerinas, any of the Marvel characters, cowboys, Star Wars, pirates, Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Super Mario, My Little Pony and Hello Kitty characters continue to be popular.

If you're not venturing out, you might want to spend the night viewing the perennial Halloween movie favorites while munching popcorn balls and caramel candy apples. Among the favorites:

- Halloween (scary)
- It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown (great for kids)
- The Haunting (scary)
- Young Frankenstein (directed by Mel Brooks, funny)
- Night of the Living Dead (involves flesh eating ghouls)

Halloween Events Around Town

Looking for something to do to celebrate Halloween? Here are some free events happening in Honolulu:

- Great Pumpkin Festival: Sat 10/18, 10am-4pm @ Holy Nativity School, 5286 Kalanianaole Hwy, Aina Haina. Pumpkin Patch, Keiki Fun Zone, country store, craft booths, entertainment.
- Bank of Hawaii Family Sunday "Trick or Treat!": Sun 10/19, 11am-5pm @ Honolulu Museum of Art; activities end 3pm. Keiki are invited to dress in costume, make jack-o'-lanterns, drawing contest.
- Keiki Story Time: Sat 10/25, 11am @ Barnes & Noble Ala Moana. Fun giveaways, activities, reading of Halloween stories.
- 7th Annual Hallowbaloo Music + Arts Festival: Sat 10/25, 5:30-10pm @ Chinatown Arts District, Downtown Honolulu. Put on your costume and enjoy music, dance and performance art.
- Royal Hawaiian Center's Keiki Costume Contest: Sun 10/26, 3-5:30 pm @ Waikiki. Costume categories vary by ages. Entertainment by Stevo the Clown, mall-wide trick-or-treating to follow.

The 34th Hawaii International Film Festival

Do you love international films, documentaries and creative films that go above and beyond the usual blockbuster movies? Then the Hawaii International Film Festival is for you. This year's fall festival runs 10/30-11/9 and features over 180 films from around the world, including Asia, Europe and those made right here in Hawaii. Most films are screened at the Regal Dole Cannery Theatres in Iwilei, but some special screenings will also take place at the Hawaii Theatre in downtown Honolulu, the Koko Marina Theatres in Hawaii Kai, and various venues in Kakaako and Waikiki. Go to www.hiff.org for complete film listings, advance tickets sales and membership info. If you are interested in attending any films, please contact Robert at robertokano@yahoo.com, as he can get member line tickets to most films for $8.

HIFF HAWAII INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Holiday Decorations

The Board has approved the following rules for holiday decorations visible from outside your Unit:

- Allowed period: starting the day after Thanksgiving, until 10 days after Christmas
- NO door decorations, please
- Lanai: holiday lighting approved for outdoor use, which must be secured but without penetration into the walls, railing, ceiling or floor.