

THE CURRENT

Catch up on happenings and information from this summer

Office Hours

The office is open 7:30 am – 1:30 pm M-F, Closed - Sat. & Sun.
Mail is ready for pick-up by 12:30 pm Monday-Friday.

Yearly Use Updates

According to Maui County Code, condominium association are required to file an annual report declaring the actual use of all units within their project.

Watch for a letter from the office asking how you use your unit. Some units are used as short term rentals, full time residence for homeowners, or long term rentals. It's particularly important to communicate with the office if you are a new owner, or if your use has changed.

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Lane & Olivia visit Wavecrest!

Hurricane Lane, a Category 5 strength hurricane passed over Molokai as a Tropical Storm on Thursday night and Friday, August 23 & 24.

How Wavecrest prepared: The single most important thing that was done, was that Ted Johns pressed our local excavator to come into the dry creek bed and clear it out on Wednesday the 22nd. That work assured that the creek would function perfectly, allowing the tremendous volume of runoff to bypass Wavecrest. Notice was given to owners to move lanai furniture indoors. The lounge chairs near the shore were strapped to cyclone fencing and the pool area furniture and pots were moved into the cabana, and gas lights shut off to barbecues (see above photo).

With its track uncertain and the hurricane showing no signs of weakening early in the week, schools across the island closed on Wednesday, Aug. 22 through the end of the week, while on Thursday, the American Red Cross opened Molokai High School as a storm shelter. At peak, the gym housed 21 Molokai residents.

As of Friday morning, Maui Electric reported that 2,600 customers on Maui and Molokai were out of power. Hawaii Island suffered significant damage from rainfall totaling more than three feet near

Hurricanes

The Central Pacific hurricane season runs from June 1st through November 30th.

Here is a link to a [short video](#) on what to do to prepare for a hurricane. Watches and warnings are prepared for the Hawaiian Islands by the [National Weather Service Central Pacific Hurricane Center](#) in Honolulu.

When watches and warnings are issued, people should closely monitor local media, such as radio, television, or [NOAA](#) weather radio (requires a special radio receiver), for official bulletins of the storm's progress and instructions from Civil Defense authorities.

Emergency Alerts

Receive alerts about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for Maui County's Emergency Alert Program. This system enables them to provide you with critical information quickly for a variety of emergency situations.

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Hilo, and several stranded people were rescued from areas of heavy flooding. Luckily no storm related deaths were reported in the state.

Fueled by the heightened winds of Lane, several fires were visible from Wavecrest as they burned in the hills above Lahaina, Maui on Friday. Those fires destroyed or damaged at least 21 structures and left more than 50 residents without use of their homes.

The highest wind gusts from the storm on Molokai were reported at the Ho'olehua Airport at 43 miles per hour on Aug. 23.

Officials advise residents to continue to be ready for hurricanes through November, and to keep food and water well stocked with emergency kits and supplies handy. If you rent your condominium, consider updating your emergency information that is available to renters.

Tropical Storm Olivia, on September 12 & 13 left Molokai with flooding, road closures and the longest extended power outage that many residents can remember. Wavecrest was without power for 36 hours straight. Approximately 1,000 homes on the island were without power during most of that timeframe. The storm's trajectory was expected to hit Molokai straight on, but in the late hours of September 11 it turned a little to the south.

Maui Electric crews worked through the storm to address the toppled trees and downed power lines, but flooding and saturated ground hindered their progress. Additional crews flew in from Maui on Thursday to help in the effort. The Maui Electrical telephone staff at 1-808-871-7777 were very helpful offering information regarding the work as it proceeded.

Due to the loss of power during Lane less than 20 days earlier some at Wavecrest were more prepared for Olivia. They followed recommendations to set their freezers to the coldest setting possible days in advance, buying bagged ice and putting often used items in ice chests to keep from opening freezers and refrigerators during the outage. The extended outage made clear the need for back up chargers for cell phones.

Spectrum 100Mbps

Owners who have their own internet service through Spectrum can now pay to upgrade to the faster download speed of 100Mbps. Wavecrest was previously at a maximum available speed of 50Mbps.

New washers and dryers installed

Just as Olivia was bearing down on Wavecrest, our new laundry provider delivered the long awaited factory fresh washers and dryers to our laundry rooms. They are Speed Queen commercial units with higher capacity than the old units.



More Molokai News

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Renter's Honeymoon Tragedy

Wavecrest was the center of a sad news event that reverberated across Hawaii last week. A young couple (Stephan and Jeffanie) were married in the Washington DC area on September 8, 2018, and chose Molokai as their honeymoon destination, arriving on the island on September 10th. They started at the Hotel Molokai before moving into an A-Building condo here at Wavecrest. Stephan was a US Veteran and experienced hiker. On Monday, September 17th he left Wavecrest on foot to go for a hike in the mountains. His plan was to find a trail that would be appropriate for Jeffanie to take with him on a future day. Several hours after leaving, he texted Jeffanie to let her know he was a few hours from returning and it was slow going. Stephan did not return and later that evening Jeffanie called 911. On Tuesday, helicopters were brought in to search for him. Then on Wednesday search and rescue dogs were also brought in. By Thursday, local hunters had been recruited to help with the search. Stephan's parents arrived on Thursday evening (also from the D.C. area). Stephan's body was found on Friday morning the 21st, about 9:15 am about 1/2 mile N/E of Wavecrest. The exact cause of death is awaiting autopsy.

A special thank you to Dorothy and Lynn Donaldson and Mike Nichols for offering their condos at no cost to the family. Also, thank you to all those who offered emotional support, prayers and meals to them.

This tragic event should be a warning to all of us that the mountains (and ocean) can be very dangerous. You should never go into either alone. Steven Hurley is working with a local friend to get a list of local hunters who will be available for hire if you or a renter are interested in a mountain excursion or hunting.



Cabana Upgrades

The Cabana Committee has been working with management to make small, low-cost improvements to the Cabana/Pool/BBQ area. Those include new cafe-style string LED lights which automatically illuminate for about 3 hours each evening. They help to provide inexpensive lighting and add an upscale resort look to the BBQ area. A privacy partition has been built in the men's restroom so you no longer see the urinal when the door is open. The art work which hangs on the bathroom doors has been framed (frames were a donation). Extra lounge chairs have been brought out of storage, and some are now positioned around the pool. Two additional ceramic glazed pots have been moved to the deck area for added foliage. (Wavecrest already owned the pots, but there were hidden away.)

The Cabana Committee is also planning a fundraiser for the winter months of 2019/20 to help purchase some additional large scale tropical-themed artwork that will coordinate with the existing pieces and enhance the Cabana.

Spotlight on Ted Johns

Not everyone at Wavecrest has had a chance to sit down with Ted and get to know him, so here are a few details I learned recently in a short interview. Ted's originally from Ohio, and has been married for 39 years. He and Darlene have two children, a son who is an Architect and a daughter who is a Physician. Ted earned his Bachelors of Science degree from The Ohio State University majoring in Geology. When he was 10 he wanted to be an Oceanographer and loved to scuba dive while visiting relatives in Florida. In the 70's he joined the Navy and served as a Hospital Corpsman, stationed in Hawaii. That's when he fell in love with the state and vowed someday to come back. Once he and Darlene had put their kids through college, they bought some of Darlene's family land across from Wavecrest, and began to build a home. That was in 2010. They began as renters here at Wavecrest, but after two years of permitting obstacles (it is Molokai after all) they decided to become owners.

Ted's work experience outside the Navy has been as an Orthopedic Technician (treatment of bone and joint injuries) in a Level 1 Trauma Center Emergency Room, and later as owner of his own Real Estate Development company. Ted holds a Grade 2 wastewater license with the State of Hawaii and is our wastewater plant supervisor. He's also a State of Hawaii licensed security guard. Now into his fifth year as a Wavecrest employee, he believes that his personal integrity, work ethic, fairness, and familiarity with building systems (plumbing, electrical, etc.) all combine to make him a unique fit for Wavecrest.

When he's not working he spends time with his wife and family. Some people may not know that he also likes to paint and draw, and often will offer back something he's painted as a thank you for another person's kindness. In younger days he was an undefeated Brown Belt in Taekwondo and boxed as an amateur in the Golden Gloves!

Motto: If you don't have time to do a job right the first time, when are you ever going to have time to go back and fix it?

Pet Peeves: People being inconsiderate of others and not adhering to a social justice system. In a Condo environment courtesy is very important. There's no room for rudeness.

I asked him how he wants to be remembered: As an individual who tried to do the right thing. As a faithful husband and father, and as a dedicated worker. "I take my job very seriously, and I am by nature an optimist. I look at the glass being half full. So even from bad events something good can come."

Interviewed by Roger Tinsman for The Current