

Grand Champions Villas

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Aloha Fellow Homeowners,

Greetings from Maui in the midst of Hurricane season. Fortunately, to date, all hurricanes have veered away from the islands, but have left us with hot and humid weather, the likes I cannot remember.

This issue of the Newsletter features our landscaping, which I am sure we are all very happy about, and an update on Hawaiian Telcom's installation of fiber optic cable for high-speed internet service.

NON-SMOKING

I suggest that those of us who rent their units, rent them as "Non-Smoking" condominium units. Two of the major rental agencies, who handle many of the units in GCV, have already followed the popular trend and rent all of their units as non-smoking units or residences. If we all follow their example we will, in effect, have a largely smoke free Grand Champions.

**Aloha for now,
Tom Jordan
Board President**

GCV Website Update

Grand Champions Villas website (grandchampionsvillas.com) has been updated, with the most current and up to date documents, including meeting minutes, financial info, newsletters and more.

To access the "Owners Login" on the website, you will need a username and password, please contact the GCV AOA office for the login information.

High Speed Internet Service

If you are in Maui right now, you will have seen Hawaii Telcom's trucks on Wailea Ike and Grand Champions bringing high speed, fiber optic cables into our complex. We will soon be notifying you as soon as the schedule for each individual unit has been set.

The plan is to install the Optical Node Terminal (ONT) and Residential Gateway (RG) at the entry point to each unit, which in most cases will be on the interior wall right behind the unit's television set. This will in turn provide Wi-Fi service covering the entire unit without the need for additional cabling, moldings etc.

Please be sure to sign the waiver that was mailed to you and return it to the office, so the technician can enter your unit at the time of installation. I believe we will all be very pleased with this more reliable and much faster internet service once it is installed.

Category Three Remodels

Each year, from December 15th through April 1st, category three remodels are not permitted.

Category three remodels include carpentry, tile etc. All category three remodels require approval by the GCV office before starting.

Please visit Grand Champions Villas website for the appropriate guidelines and remodel forms.



Landscaping

One of the key assets of Grand Champions is our landscaping, we continuously receive compliments and favorable comments from visitors and owners alike, and as our community is certainly one of the best-landscaped complexes in South Maui.

We have been fortunate to have Mo Jim, handle our landscaping for the last nine years. Mo and his team have been with us the entire time, and his expertise and devotion to keep our landscaping at top, premier levels clearly shows. Monday through Friday, they are on our premises to plant, water, clean and care for our trees and plants.

Some of their landscaping principles include:

- *Preference for native Hawaiian plants
- *A large variety of plants and colors
- *Something in bloom year round
- *Care of our signature waterfall at the entrance
- *Treatment and removal of invasive plants and pests
- *Beautification of the pool enclosures

The next time you see Mo and/or one of his crew, give them a wave, they deserve it.

MAHALO from the GCV Staff,
Toni Fowler, Resident Property Manager
Kawena Cramer, Office Manager, & Editor
Richard Delapinia, Maintenance
Stephen Molina, Maintenance



Manager's Report

Painting Update: There is new paint on about 1/3 of our lanai and entry railings, which makes a notable improvement. This project is moving along smoothly. It is important to routinely clean your lanai rails or the Maui dirt will eventually penetrate and permanently stain the paint. Also, if you suspect that there is dry rot on your lanai, please report this to the office immediately to prevent major damage.

Tile replacement at the exterior entries and landings to the upper floors is approximately 25% complete. It looks like we will exceed our goal of completing 50% of the complex this year; we will complete the remainder of this tile project next year between April and December.

This year we are replacing all of the street lamps with LED lamps. Utilizing the existing fixtures, we are able to retrofit an LED "Lucy Lamp", at a fraction of the cost (thanks to Lee Sanders, fellow GCV owner, for the prototype). We will also replace all of the entry and sidewalk bulbs with LED bulbs by the end of this year, which should bring more light at a lower cost.

Mahalo,
Toni Fowler
Property Manager

Hurricane Preparedness

In Hawaii, hurricanes are most likely to occur from July to December, Grand Champions Villas has a "Disaster Preparedness" room located on property equipped with necessary items used in the event of a hurricane or any natural disaster.

Being prepared is always beneficial; here are a few tips on how to prepare:

- 1) Develop an emergency plan
- 2) Prepare a home survival & evacuation kit
- 3) Listen to your local radio station for announcements by Civil Defense and the National Weather Service

For more info, please visit www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare.