

OHANA NAVY COMMUNITIES NEWS & STORIES



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

As we celebrate the spirit of the season, we wish you and your ohana a very blessed holiday and warmest cheers for the new year.

President's Message



Aloha, residents of Pearl Harbor communities.

In just a few short weeks, we'll be celebrating the beginning of a new decade. As we do, we remember that 2020 is the 19th year that our American troops have been fighting in the Global War on Terror-- America's longest war. During this holiday season, and

throughout the year, we appreciate the service and sacrifice you and your families make. With deployments or long training missions, our Service Members miss out on many special occasions like Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, and the New Year. This holiday season, our communities are doing special service projects to help those in needs such as Toys for Tots, Operation HomeFront, Troops for Trees, Christmas Angel, local food and toy drives, and much more. Through these efforts, we want to show our gratitude for our military families and all you do day-in and day-out. On behalf of everyone here at Hunt Military Communities, I want to take this time to wish you all a very safe and happy Holiday Season and a healthy and happy 2020.

Sincerely,
John Ehle
President, Hunt Military Communities

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OMC partners with Angel Tree program to benefit underprivileged children this holiday season

Every holiday season, it is our annual tradition as employees of Ohana Military Communities (OMC), to give to local causes that benefit underprivileged communities. This year, like the last, we have partnered with The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program--a campaign that allows less fortunate children to experience the joy of opening presents that they have wished for come Christmas morning.

"In the season of giving, it's our absolute pleasure to be able to help underprivileged children experience the joy of Christmas by coming together as a team and sharing the spirit of gift-giving through this noble cause," shares Daniel Turkin, senior director of operations for OMC.

"A lot of these children rarely have the pleasure of opening presents

during the holidays, and we want them to know that we're here to help grant their wishes because they deserve to be happy." The Angel Tree program is one of The Salvation Army's highest-grossing Christmas campaigns. It was created in 1979 by Majors Charles and Shirley White when they partnered with a shopping mall in Lynchburg, Virginia to provide clothing and toys for children during the holidays. Since its inception, the Angel Tree program has been able to provide millions of presents nationwide to various children throughout the years. It is the campaign's objective to "make children feel the magic of Christmas" without families having to "choose between paying the bills or paying for meals--especially during the happiest time of the year."

Between November and the beginning of the month, OMC was able to grant 129 children's wishes through the Angel Tree campaign with a total 204 gifts worth \$4,022, collectively.

SECURITY REMINDERS



Along with the season of giving comes a greater risk of theft in homes and neighborhoods. Protect yourself with the help of these tips below:

- Do not leave boxes out that identify new or expensive presents. Cut down cardboard boxes and place them in your recycling bin or take them to your local recycling center. (Remember that cardboard is not considered bulk therefore you cannot place them out for your scheduled city and county pick up.)
- Track deliveries online to avoid items being placed on your front porch for too long.
- Do not leave packages or bags from stores you have recently visited in your vehicles as this might give perpetrators the temptation for an easy score.
- Let a friend or a close neighbor know if you won't be home during the holidays so they can keep an eye out on your home.
- If someone is watching your home while you are away, let your RSO know so we can let them in in case they get locked out.
- Always be aware of your surroundings when you shop--park in well-lit areas, avoid taking cash out of the ATM when it's dark out, and keep a close eye on your belongings to avoid being an easy target.

A NOTE ABOUT HOLIDAY LIGHTS



Holiday lighting is authorized for use between 5 PM and 10 PM from Thanksgiving until the second week of January. Avoid overloading electrical circuits and extension cords, or leaving lights on unattended. Gutter clips or similar clip devices are required for affixing exterior lighting--nails, screws or tacks are not permitted. Roof decorations and lighting above the first floor roof line are also not allowed. Should there be any damages to the home, property, or any incident of injuries, residents are expected to accept all liability for each. Please contact your RSO if you have any questions, or need more information.

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us at all our upcoming events this month! Score some freebies, and get connected with your community.

Dec 18 | Loco for Cocoa! | 2-5 PM | Halsey Terrace Community Center

Who doesn't want a hot cup of cocoa once the holidays come knocking? Check out our hot cocoa bar selection at Halsey Terrace community center on December 18, from 2-5 PM.

Dec 20 | Santa Soirée | 4-6 PM | Hokulani CC

Santa Claus is coming to town! Join us for a meet-and-greet/photo op event with the jolly man himself! We're having fun games, a Letters to Santa station, arts and crafts, Christmas cookies, and a DIY peppermint hot cocoa kit up for grabs! Remember to RSVP at santasoiree2019.eventbrite.com to let us know you're coming! (Reindeer + sleigh not required)

Dec 21 | Jeep Wrangler Christmas Parade | 4-6 PM | Halsey Terrace Community Center

Ever seen jeeps deck the streets with boughs of holly? Neither have we! Enjoy this creative mobile display of lights only on December 21st, 4 PM at the Halsey Terrace Community Center.

MAINTENANCE TIP OF THE MONTH

The commodes and other water and sewer apparatus and fixtures aren't designed to be used for purposes other than what they were meant to handle. Do not allow objects such as diapers, toys, hygiene products, and any other foreign objects to be flushed down the toilets. When this happens, this may create a clogging problem with sewer and plumbing lines. Charges will be incurred towards the removal of these items. If a toilet overflows, first turn the water off at the valve below the flush tank. Keep a plunger on hand for use on simple toilet clogs. For any questions, please call our maintenance department at (808) 839 - HELP (4357).



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Holiday Safety Tips

The holidays are the perfect time to gather the family around and recreate traditions close to your heart. To ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday celebration, check out these tips below.

Plan for safety.

- Keep matches, lighters and candles out of reach of children.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing--particularly long, open sleeves--near open flames, such as those of a fireplace, stove, or candlelit table
- Never burn candles near evergreens. Burning evergreens in the fireplace can be hazardous as well. When dry, greens burn like tinder. Flames can flare out of control, and send sparks flying into a room.
- Look for and eliminate potential danger spots near candles, fireplaces, trees, and/or electrical connections.

Check all lights.

- Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets or repair them before use.
- Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.
- Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights.

Practice caution with candles.

- Always use non-flammable holders
- Keep candles away from other decorations and wrapping paper.
- Place candles where they cannot be knocked down or blown over.
- Never leave candles unattended.

Be careful with paper.

- When making paper decorations, look for materials labeled non-combustible or flame-resistant.
- Never place trimming near open flames or electrical connections
- Remove all wrapping papers from tree and fireplace areas immediately after presents are opened.
- Do not burn papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.

Beware of artificial snow

- Artificial snow sprays can irritate lungs if inhaled. To avoid injury, read container labels and follow directions carefully

source: www.cpsc.gov

For more safety tips, visit www.huntsafetyzone.com/seasonal-safety/december or go to www.cpsc.gov/safety-education/safety-guides

OMC Safety Connection : Safer Together

At Ohana Military Communities, your safety is our top priority. In the past month, there have been nine unauthorized entries into an unsecured vehicle, one stolen vehicle, and nine sightings of suspicious activity in your neighborhood that was brought to our attention. Though this is all unfortunate to hear, the good news is that crimes of this nature are considered preventable, making it easier to avoid if we stay vigilant. Home protection awareness starts with you. *If you see something, say something* and inform our security patrol team, your neighbors, and your RSO. If we all work together, 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.*

YOUR HOME

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

LOCATING AND OPERATING WATER SHUT OFF VALVES

- **Knowing how and where to shut off your toilet or sink water supply is important in times of emergencies.**
- **Toilets:** Toilets have a single cold-water valve, called a "stop valve." Turn the handle clockwise to shut off the water if your toilet is overflowing.
- **Sinks:** Look for the valve under the sink, usually at the back of the cabinet, they are connected to the water supply tubes that serve the faucet. One for hot, one for cold, usually with the cold on the right-hand side. Turn the valve(s) clockwise to turn off the water.



YOUR THERMOSTAT

- **Generally speaking an air conditioning system is designed to accommodate up to a 20 degree difference between the outside air and inside air while still keeping around a 55% humidity level which is comfortable. This means that if it is 80 outside, your AC can easily reach 70 degrees, since that is only a 10 degree temperature difference. So even if it is 90 degrees out your air conditioner should still easily reach the 70 degree mark. However, if it is 100 degrees outside, it will be nearly impossible to reach 70 degrees inside without the air conditioner working completely overtime and causing problems such as excess humidity.**
- **Keep your ac settings on AUTO and Cool or Heat**



HELPFUL TIPS

DRYERS, AC FILTERS AND PESTS

- **Dryer:** You should be checking your dryer lint tray weekly. Did you know dryer lint is one of the leading causes of household fires?
- **Filters:** Check your filter monthly. Your central heating and air conditioning unit work hard to push air throughout your house. By changing your filters on a regular basis, you help the unit operate efficiently and effectively. We change them quarterly for you, visit our self help section in our Maintenance Shop if you would like to change monthly.
- **Pests:** Want to keep pests away from your home? Clean cobwebs in the inside and exterior of your homes to prevent spider nests. Need Pest Control Service? Contact our office. Did you know that with our new pest control company every home will have an exterior service semiannually?



GARBAGE DISPOSALS

- If your garbage disposal stops working try to press the red reset button first to see if it resets. Be sure to call Maintenance if it doesn't reset.



LED LIGHTBULBS

- Uses over 5x less energy than an incandescent light bulb.
- Last 25x longer than an incandescent light bulb.
- Cost 6x less than an incandescent light bulb.
- More buying options than an incandescent light bulb.

If you have a maintenance request, contact us:

- CALL (318) 747-2723 - 24 hours a day
- Enter a work order on line: www.barksdalefamilyhousing.com
- You can also place a work order in person at one of our welcome centers or you can contact your Resident Service Specialist.

SINK AND TUB STOPPERS

- Closing your sink stopper while brushing your hair will prevent drain clogs. When finished remove hair and unstop your sink.
- Adding a cover to your drain in the bathtub will also eliminate clogs.



GFCI OUTLET

- Did you have an outlet stop working? If there is a GFCI on the outlet press the red RESET button.

If it doesn't work let us know!

Refuse Collection Schedule

Community	Service Provider	Household Refuse	Recycling	Bulk Refuse
Camp Stover	OMC Contractor	Thursday	Every other Monday	Every Thursday
Catlin Park	City & County	Friday	Every other Tuesday	*Contact C&C to Schedule
Doris Miller Park	City & County	Friday	Every other Tuesday	*Contact C&C to Schedule
Ford Island	OMC Contractor	Thursday	Every other Monday	Every Thursday
Halawa	City & County	Tuesday	Every other Thursday	3 rd Wednesday
Hale Alii	OMC Contractor	Thursday	Every other Monday	Every other Monday
Hale Moku	City & County	Friday	Every other Tuesday	*Contact C&C to Schedule
Halsey Terrace	City & County	Friday	Every other Tuesday	*Contact C&C to Schedule
Hele Mai	OMC Contractor	Thursday	Every other Monday	Every Thursday
Hokulani	City & County	Friday	Every other Tuesday	*Contact C&C to Schedule
Hospital Point	OMC Contractor	Thursday	Every other Monday	Every Monday
Makalapa	OMC Contractor	Thursday	Every other Monday	Every Monday
Maloelap	City & County	Friday	Every other Tuesday	*Contact C&C to Schedule
Marine Barracks	OMC Contractor	Thursday	Every other Monday	Every Monday
McGrew Point	City & County	Tuesday	Every other Thursday	Every 4th Wednesday
Moanalua Terrace	City & County	Friday	Every other Tuesday	*Contact C&C to Schedule
Pearl City Peninsula	City & County	Tuesday	Every other Friday	3 rd Wednesday
Radford Terrace	City & County	Friday	Every other Tuesday	*Contact C&C to Schedule

Contact City & County to schedule bulk pick up by visting www.opala.org or call 808.768.3200

Household Refuse

- Please place your trash bin at the curb the night before your scheduled trash pick-up day and remove them from the curb side by 6:00 p.m. that day.
- Your household refuse is taken to the City's waste-to-energy (**H-POWER**) plant that reduces the need for landfills as it converts household solid wastes into electric power.
- In addition to normal household waste, the following items may be placed in your container:
 - **Tin / steel cans.** Mechanical separators at the City's H-POWER plant pull ferrous and non-ferrous metals from the trash. The metal is cleaned and sold to a metal recycler.
 - **Paint.** Small quantities generated at home can be disposed of with your regular household rubbish. Latex paints can be hardened in the can, then thrown away. Oil-based paints must be solidified with an absorbent material, such as shredded paper, old rags, or sawdust, then sealed in a plastic bag. An oil change box provides the same results.
- If you live on a one way street, please place your trash bin on the passenger side of the street. Do not block the road. All trash must be in trash bins, 5ft apart from each other and be free of any obstructions.
- If you miss your trash pick up day, please do not leave your trash bin on the curb.

Bulk Trash

For those neighborhoods that are listed as part of the City & County bulk scheduling program, please visit the website at www.opala.org OR call 808.768.3200 to schedule bulk pick up for your home. Instructions on placement date and time will be provided by the City.

ALL OTHERS with schedules listed:

- Please place your bulk refuse at the curbside by 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled pick up day.
- Pick-up of bulk items may take place 3 to 4 business days after the scheduled date as a visual inspection is conducted of the neighbors on the first day to estimate the amount of items to be picked-up.
- Separate your metal appliances (air-conditioning units, washers, refrigerators, etc.) from your furniture items (sofas, chairs, bookcase, etc.)
- **Cardboard boxes are NOT considered bulk refuse.** They must be broken down and placed in the regular trash bins or taken to a recycling center. Please ask your moving company to remove all packing materials from your home, as required by their contract.
- If you miss your bulk pick-up day, please do not leave your items on the curb. You will need to either store your items until the next month's scheduled collection or dispose of your items at any of the City's Convenience Centers. A complete listing of all 10 convenience centers operated by the City & County of Honolulu is at: http://envhonolulu.org/solid_waste/community_recycling_centers.html
- A fine of \$150.00 or more for trash that is improperly disposed of will be charged to the resident.
- All 'Ohana Military Communities participate in a recycling program. Please refer to page one schedule.
- All household trash, whether collected by the City and County or by 'Ohana Military's contractors, is taken to the City H-POWER plant where metals are separated for recycling and other items are burned and converted to electrical energy. Thus, your normal household wastes are routinely being disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner.
- Residents who wish to take a more active role in recycling are encouraged to take their recyclables (newspapers, magazines, cardboard, aluminum cans (don't crush them,) plastic containers, etc.) to the nearest recycling centers:

Navy Exchange 4725
Bougainville Drive
Tuesday & Saturday only

Reynolds Recycling 850
Kamehameha Hwy Mon -
Sat 9am - 5pm

- A complete list of the City's recycling centers can be found [here](#)

Hazardous Waste

- Paint and motor oil may be disposed of in your normal household trash after they are completely dried with absorbent materials to prevent spills. Car batteries should be turned in where you bought the new one; also, most battery dealers will accept batteries for recycling, even if you didn't buy a new one from them. Other household hazardous wastes may require special handling - Please call the City and County of Honolulu's household hazardous waste phone line at 692-5411 and tell them what and how much you have.

Manager's Message



Aloha Residents,

This year has passed by so quickly. We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Our thoughts are with those who are not able to be home and spend time with their families for the holidays. Please know that we appreciate the dedication and sacrifice that you and your families devote to keep our nation safe. For those with deployed spouses this season, please remember that we are here to help keep the little things out of your way so you can enjoy the holidays hassle-free. Our Deployed Spouses Program provides complimentary yard care for you at no cost while your spouse is away. All we need is a letter of deployment from you in order for us to send you some help courtesy of our Davey Tree landscaping team. We would also want everyone to have a safe and happy holiday season. For those who have live Christmas trees in their home this year, please make sure that your tree is placed away from any heat source which may cause it to dry out too quickly. Inspect all lights, wires and connections before placing them on your tree. Keep gifts and other flammable materials away from direct contact with the tree. Only plug lights in if you will be home to attend to them--otherwise, please do unplug them when you leave the house and before you go to bed. A couple of last reminders from our office--our community centers will be closed for Christmas and New Year's Day, but will reopen once our regular business schedule resumes. We hope you have a great and wonderful holiday celebration. Season's greetings to you and your family, and cheers to the New Year ahead!

Jessica Galindo, Community Manager



Santa is Coming to Town!

Friday, December 20th • 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Location: Hokulani Community Center • 298 Main St., Honolulu, HI 96818

Ho ho ho! Have you been nice this year? Tell Santa all about it at our Santa Soiree meet-and-greet event!

Jingle and mingle all the way to Santa's chair for a fun photo op, and enjoy some holiday games and prizes, a Letters to Santa station, delicious sugar cookies and a hot peppermint cocoa DIY kit we've prepared just for you! Let us know you're coming at www.santasoiree2019.eventbrite.com.



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