Landscaping Pilot Project

Thank you to University Housing residents who have been providing feedback to our office regarding landscaping issues. We have been tweaking our landscaping procedures over the past year to find the optimal program that will ensure appropriate upkeep is occurring with minimal noise and disruption to our tenants. The current program in place will run into spring 2020 and we plan to solicit feedback around Spring Break to gauge its effectiveness.

The plan to reduce noise disruptions from landscaping operations involves the following two components. These schedules are guidelines which will be followed whenever possible; however, please note that inclement weather will affect service dates and times on occasion. In addition, emergency landscaping issues may affect scheduling from time to time.

COMPONENT 1

The first component is revisions to scheduling intended to minimize the hours and days when work will occur directly adjacent to any unit. At all properties, there will be no landscape power tool usage before 9 a.m. in the property interiors near resident buildings. Furthermore, except for some overlapping areas, each section of a property will be serviced no more than twice weekly. Property specific scheduling includes the following:

K. NUI
The Landscape Maintenance service on the interior of the property has been reduced from five to three days -- Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The interior service days will be divided into different sections of the property, as noted on the map below.
Monday work will occur in the section around buildings H, I, J, K, the grassy hill, and the front of building G.

Wednesday work will occur around buildings B, C, D, E, F, front of building A, and main entryway.

Friday work will occur around buildings L, M, N, O, P, Q, and the grassy banyan area.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, exterior service on Woodlawn, Lowrey, & Kalawao Street will occur.

K. Iki and Waahila
The landscape maintenance service on the interior of these properties will occur on Mondays and Fridays.

Component 2
The second component of the noise reduction plan involves an investment in a new line of electric landscaping tools that will meet our commercial needs while significantly reducing the volume output. These tools are currently being incorporated into the operations of several hotels on O‘ahu with promising results. We anticipate being able to implement this component by year-end.

Halloween Lanai Decorating Contest
No event at University Housing brings out a crowd like Halloween does. This year to add to the festivities, we will beholding a lanai decorating contest. The winning lanai at Waahila, K. Nui, and K. Iki will earn a prize pack from Food Services and bragging rights for a year! Judging will take place on October 31st at 7:00 p.m.. If you would like to volunteer to be a judge, please contact University Housing at fachsg@hawaii.edu
Resident Spotlight

University Housing always enjoy hearing about the work our residents are doing! We had the opportunity to catch up with Dr. David Lee and ask him a few questions.

What is your current position with the University?
I am an Assistant Professor in Public Administration Program in the College of Social Science at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Where did you go to college?
I received my doctoral degree from Indiana University Bloomington. Go Hoosiers!

Where is your favorite place to eat?
It is very hard to pick only one restaurant, but my favorite place to eat right now is Waioli Kitchen and Bake Shop.

What are you currently researching?
I am working on a study investigating how cross-sector collaboration shape local government strategic plans on homelessness.

What was the topic of your last published paper?
I recently published an article on the impact mentors have with women reporting workplace discrimination in public organizations.

What is your favorite thing to do on the weekends?
Again, it is very hard to pick only one thing to do on the weekends. Any activities with my 3-year old daughter are my favorite things to do on the weekends!

What’s the best piece of advice you’ve ever been given?
“Hang in There” from my advisor during my Ph.D. years (especially during my first year in Ph.D. program, qualifying exam, and, of course, my job market).

More information regarding, David Lee and his academic work can be found at https://puba.manoa.hawaii.edu/david-lee/.

If you would like to be featured in a future Resident Spotlight column, please reach out to Andy Lachman at lachman@hawaii.edu

Team Member Spotlight

Audrey Lum keeps the University Housing Office running. You may not recognize the name, but she is the powerhouse behind many of the emails and conversations with our office. Just a few things Audrey does includes keeping our records up to date, processing applications, maintaining the waitlist, and preparing the lease renewal documents.

In her free time, Audrey is a reiki practitioner that volunteers at Kapiolani Women’s and Children’s hospital. According to the International Center for Reiki Training, “Reiki is a Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing”. She also enjoys walking the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus and admiring the scenery and art.

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