# **Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association**



**Annual Update** 

March 2015

# HPPOA 2015 Membership Meetings June 21 and October 25 at 3PM

HPP Activity Center, Maku'u Drive

#### **WANTED:**

DIRECTOR CANDIDATES FOR FOUR DISTRICTS

Three 3-year terms on the nine-member Board of Directors will expire at the end of June and directors will be elected for Districts 2, 3 and 4. District 6 has a one year term remaining. If you live in any of these districts, won't you give serious thought to run for the office? You will have the opportunity and satisfaction of sharing in the guidance of your community.

Candidates must be lot owners of record, must run in the district where the lot is located, have paid road maintenance fees in full, be able to attend regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors and Association Membership and attend to committee assignments. Directors serve without compensation.

To run for office, contact the Association Office to receive a Candidate Form to be submitted no later than March 20, 2015. The form is also available at the Association website <a href="www.hppoa.net">www.hppoa.net</a>. Applicants are responsible for ensuring their applications are received.

A Nominating Committee was elected at the February Membership Meeting. The Committee will receive the applications, verify qualifications, and make nominations in accordance with the Bylaws, Article X, Section 1(b) 3.

If you are not sure of the number of your district, you can locate it on the district map at the end of the bylaws on the website or call the Association Office at (808) 966-4500.

#### **ROAD MAINTENANCE BILLS**

The 2015 road fees will remain the same as last year - \$275.00. This year there will also be  $\underline{no}$  discount available. Daily interest begins April  $1^{st}$  on the current year late payments.

Please verify that the address we have in our database is correct. If it is not, please indicate any changes on your payment voucher in the space provided or contact the office.

In order to facilitate payments of road fees, past and present, payment plans can be arranged. Please call the office to discuss a plan.

Payments can be submitted online at the website www.hppoa.net

# **Treasurer's Update**

By Janice Ashford, Treasurer

In October 2014, an accounting for the Bond, Accounts Receivable and Statement of Finances were included in the Annual Fiscal Report mailed to all owners. This report was a month later than normal due to Tropical Storm Iselle.

The total in our checking, savings, investments and bond accounts at the end of February, 2015 was \$4.6 million. The Association continues to be in a strong financial position.

At the November 2014 regular board meeting, the Board of Directors voted to keep the road fees the same as last year \$275.

Collections of past due accounts of 3 or more years are deposited into the Road Improvement Fund. The balance in this account at the end of February 2015 was \$303,851.62.

#### Want to know what's happening?

Check the Activity Center Calendar on the website www.hppoa.net or pick up a copy in the HPP Office. Also, the bulletin board in front of the office and in the activity center has current information on events in the area.

Board of Director's meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 6 pm in the HPP Activity Center

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# Openness, distributed power, and respect for bylaws

by Rod Thompson, Bylaws Committee chairman

Open community government – no concentration of power in the hands of a few – obedience to the bylaws of our community - those are the goals that have guided the general membership's Bylaws Committee as it reviewed HPPOA bylaws since November. The committee presented its proposals at the Feb. 22 membership meeting.

Open government is already written into the bylaws, but the word "openness" is never used, until now, and the requirements are sometimes vague. Our proposals create clarification.

Current bylaws may be read to allow as few as four board members, called the executive committee, to bypass the full nine-member board. We propose to abolish the executive committee. Current bylaws, when the board has many vacancies, allow just three board members to be considered a majority. We propose that a majority will always be at least five board members (fewer only when necessary to fill vacancies).

## Notice of Membership Meetings Change

June 21,2015 and
October 25 2015 @ 3:00 PM
at the Hawaiian Paradise
Park Activity Center on
Maku'u Drive in Hawaiian
Paradise Park.

A property owner in HPP is automatically a member of HPPOA unless membership is declined in writing. Payment of road maintenance <u>is an obligation of ownership, not membership</u>

#### **House Numbers**

Please assist the emergency personnel in finding you by posting your house numbers. They need to be at least 3" tall if posted on the front edge of the property and at least 4" or more if located more than 50' from the road.

#### **HPP Owners Association**

Paradise Hui Hanalike HC3 Box 11000, Keaau HI 96749

Tel. (808) 966-4500 Fax (808) 982-5198

Road Concerns: (808) 966-4500

Email – info@hppoa.net

#### **Administrative Office**

15-1570 Maku'u between

16th (La'au Paina) & 17th (Lokelani) Office Hours 8:30am - 4:30 pm M-F

#### **Association General Manager**

Interim / Dr Jo Maynard

#### **Administrative Associates**

Morgan Sky

Susan Escobar

Donna Caceres

#### **Road Maintenance Supervisor**

Jamie Soares

#### **Board of Directors**

District 1 - Francis Ganon

District 2 - Ruth Mizuba

District 3 - Craig Crelly

District 4 - Randi Larzalere -

Secretary

District 5 - Dr Jo Maynard - VP

District 6 - Moani Pai-Paige

District 7 - Janice Ashford -

Treasurer

District 8 - Rosanne McLean

District 9 - BJ Mullenix - President

Please refer to the map on <a href="https://www.hppoa.net">www.hppoa.net</a> or check with the office if you are unsure of what district you are in.

# **HPPOA Committee's**

Community Action - Judy Sumter Emergency Action - Peggy

McKinsey

**Bylaws - Rod Thompson** 

Path - John Seastrom

**Dust Abatement - Kareen Haskin** 

**Finance - Janice Ashford** 

Human Resources - Moani Pai-

Paige

Albizia – Judy Houle/Randi Larzalere

Road Traffic Safety – Mayelin Stillwell

Please help our community by getting involved. The committees are always looking for volunteers. Please contact the HPPOA office for meeting dates and time of these committees.

# PROBLEM: ENCROACHMENTS HPPOA Right of Ways /

**Easements** 

The property in front of your pins facing the road belongs to HPPOA. NO structures, landscaping (except grass), plants or rocks should be in this area. Please remove if you have encroached.

Gates - For safety sake, don't leave gates open into the HPPOA easements.

Albizia Trees - are a safety hazard.

Please kill and/or remove your trees if they are bordering HPPOA easements or neighbors' properties. Please check the HPPOA calendar for workshop dates and times. There will also be information from BIISC (Big Island Invasive Species Committee) available in the HPP office. These trees "are your liability" and are doing a great harm to the infrastructure of HPP.

#### **Update from the President**

By BJ Mullenix

As many of you know, there is a lawsuit pending by three former employees who have been terminated. The employees are Scott Reilling, Kathleen Whitney-Fincher and Thomas Spencer.

These employees claim that they were wrongfully terminated.

The association firmly believes that the terminations were proper, for good reason and in the best interest of the association.

Because this matter is currently in litigation, the association's attorneys have instructed us not to discuss the lawsuit further at this time.

This may not satisfy all members, but further comments could adversely affect the defense of the claims and potentially result in further allegations by the plaintiffs.

### **Green Waste Dumping**

Many lot owners dump their green waste onto HPP's shoulders and neighboring vacant lots. That is an eye sore, and can obstruct our bail out zone. Please haul your waste to the dump or designate a spot on your own property. HPPOA cleaning up others waste is a waste of our road crew time and money.