



# The Conch

The Newsletter of Hawaiian Paradise Park

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## HAPPY SPRING HAWAIIAN PARADISE PARK!

Welcome 2021!

HPP is a very diverse community full of people with many talents that call it home. We may have different opinions, lifestyles, goals, views on use of our properties and have various pets. Our association is made up of over 8000 properties, most of which is zoned agricultural.

The one thing we have in common is the love of the aloha spirit, living in harmony with the people and land around us with grace and kindness, love and fellowship, compassion, and a mutual understanding of respect. We may be the second largest subdivision in the US but remember we are the largest with ALOHA!

## **2021 HPPPOA General Membership Meetings**

@ 3:00 pm

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Sunday, June 27, 2021

Sunday, October 31, 2021

HPPPOA Activity Center 15-1570 Maku'u Drive

## CANDIDATES WANTED

**The association needs the communities assistance!**

7 Director seats 2,3,4,5,7,8,and 9 are open for the upcoming election. The current Director seats open for election will expire on 6/30/2021 all 7 seats were appointed in 2020 therefore all seats elected will serve for the duration of these terms. Please consider participating by applying for your district. You can contact the nominating committee that will be formed at the February membership meeting, the corporate office (808-966-4500), or any district representative for the required process.

## ROAD MAINTENANCE UPDATE!

HPP is the second largest subdivision in the US, which explains the cost associated with many miles of roadways and common areas in need of maintenance and improvements.

Due to the silica content in red cinder the department of health has deemed this not a valid option on our private roadways. The aggregate used today on our roadways is 1½" base course purchased through 3 separate quarries. A rough idea of import and grading of 2 inches of material over 1 mile of roadway would be an approximate of 980 tons calculating the cost would be \$26,000. With the approximate of 65 miles of unimproved roads in HPP to repair and grade annually this can be quite costly! Asphalt paving cost varies as road conditions vary and is estimated to be between \$300,000 -\$450,000 per mile depending on road conditions and contractors estimates. To date the association has paved approximately of ½ of the subdivision.

The Corporation has made some significant improvements in the past couple of years to include:

Paving of 1st street between Kaloli and Paradise, and the restriping of the four thruway streets. 7th street off Kaloli dead end, 22nd street off Maku'u dead end, and 12th street between Paradise and Maku'u will be paved shortly, the board of directors are moving forward on approval of another 2 miles to be paved. The installation of road reflectors is underway for the 4 main access roads to enable safer driving conditions especially during nighttime hours and severe weather conditions. The association has recently erected a 6' security fence around the maintenance warehouse for the safety of the public and employees which will ensure safeguarding of the corporation's assets. Please be patient and understanding in the efforts and costs associated with the maintenance of our community roadways and community properties. Working together

**FOOD PANTRY IN HPP**

Happy New Year Food Pantry Volunteers and Donators! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. Everyone worked hard and deserve a long rest after providing food and hope to over 12,000 people since COVID hit in March 2020. The COVID CARES ACT ended on 12/31/2020 and we are waiting to hear if that assistance will continue in 2021? Until then we will continue regular HPP NW food pantry drive-thru on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 1:30 pm. The Mele Kalikimaka holiday drive-thru was a big success even with the flooding rain. Everyone appreciated the big efforts made to decorate, provide food, gift bags and share the Holiday Spirit. Because of all our compassionate volunteers and generous donators, we were able to provide meals and keiki goodie bags to 920 people. Also, a big mahalo to Debbie and Vanessa for taking photos, ladies that baked cookies, Francis as Santa Claus to bring joy to the keikis! Judi and Vanessa spent thousands of hours behind the scenes over the past 10 months preparing, zoom meetings, transporting, coordinating home deliveries, and doing paperwork. We are so grateful we were able to participate in this Resiliency Outreach Program that was far greater than ourselves and more than we had have predicted. We are so proud of our courageous and exemplary team of volunteers and honored to have been a part of helping Puna through this unprecedented COVID Pandemic! Sincere gratitude for everyone that stepped up to help during this crisis!

**Judi Houle**

HPP NW Food Pantry Manager/ HPP NW President

**HPP Neighborhood Watch**

HPP Neighborhood watch is a non- profit volunteer organization whose mission is to reduce crime and improve the safety, security, and quality of life for our residents. We meet to listen to our residents and help find solutions by working with our police department, community association, and government officials. Preventing crime is our #1 priority by knowing your neighbors, forming a block watch, securing your home and property, being observant and a good witness, and reporting suspicious activity to the police. Our purpose is to provide monthly meetings, inform, educate, train, listen, and increase block watches. We currently have 75 block watches, and our meeting topics range from crimes to current community events and safety concerns. We have expanded our duties to include HPP Food Pantry, HPP NW Emergency Radio Team, Swap Meet, Halloween in Paradise and Mele Kalikimaka. Our primary fundraiser had been managing the monthly swap meet and kitchen. The monies raised provides free block watch training, manuals, signs, t-shirts, stickers, equipment, cameras, radios, and emergency food. We are neighbors helping neighbors and the eyes and ears for law enforcement. We do not confront criminals and put your lives in danger. Building bridges and uniting our voices gives us strength to accomplish great things for our community! **Join us the 1st Saturday of every month @ 9:00 am in the Activity Center. Visit our website @ [www.HPPWatch.org](http://www.HPPWatch.org) or email us @ [hppneighborhoodwatch@aol.com](mailto:hppneighborhoodwatch@aol.com).**

**Committees**

Over the years HPP has formed many committees some are still active some are not. Unfortunately due to the pandemic restricting the normal day to day lifestyle and business alike for the year 2020 the latest membership meeting in October 2020 did not hold quorum long enough for the membership to elect any committee required in the bylaws of the membership. All Committees play a vital role in the association and are an important part of helping HPP run smoothly, though the bylaws state they are advisory and make recommendations to the board they assist GREATLY with ideas, suggestions, footwork, and many hours of time invested into bettering the association and community. Please consider joining a committee in progress or originating one unique to our community!

### Through the Past

Have you ever wondered what took place on this land we live on in days of past? I looked into it and found these acres of Hawaiian Paradise Park have an interesting history which I would like to share as I discover.

HPP was the ahupua'a of Waiakahelē in those times. Most of the villages were along our shoreline, rather than inland. We all know that Kamehameha the Great was the first king of Hawai'i. We know he lived from 1736-1819. We also know he was from the Big Island. I had always associated him with Kona but before he became king, he had to conquer his enemies on both the Big Island and the other islands and stayed extensively in Hilo and fought in Puna and Kau.

Several battles were fought in Puna by Kamehameha and his supporters beginning in the 1750's. Kamehameha was fighting rivals for leadership of the island of Hawai'i. I enjoyed several accounts found in Hawaiian Warfare by Tom Walforth and will supply the link at the end of this article. Here is one account: leaving Hilo, Kamehameha's forces travelled to nearby Laupahoehoe by canoe, and used this frontier zone as a staging area for raids on Hilo. During his encampment at Laupahoehoe, Kamehameha set out on a task that became famous in Hawaiian lore. He decided that he needed to secure a sacrifice for war preparation ceremonies, so he organized the crew of his personal war canoe to sail east past Hilo to the Puna coast without notifying anyone else. He landed at Papai'i in Kea'au where he saw fishermen with their families along the shoreline, folks living under the rule of his enemy Keawema'uhihi. Kamehameha ran towards the assembled group. Most of them fled, but two men were trapped and stood to fight the oncoming warrior. The fishing folk had but their paddles for weapons, and they used them as best they could against this unknown assailant. That turned out to be sufficient, because Kamehameha inadvertently stepped into a crevice in the lava, got stuck and could not leave the spot. The fighting fishermen took advantage of the situation to rain blows with their paddles down on the chief's head. With the help of his canoe crew Kamehameha was able to extricate himself and escape to Laupahoehoe.

Just think fishermen on our land fought hand to hand with Kamehameha !! Their village and port were Papai'i at Shipman's, just next door to HPP on the Hilo side. It is near the Shipman estate. (a family I am exploring and hope to write about) The battles raged on in Puna and Kau, and our Waiakahelē, with many battles and skirmishes. Ke'eaumoku with the foreigners John Young and Isaac Davis with their arms and cannon, attacked Kea'au forces somewhere in Hilo. At the same time Kamehameha's army under the direction of Ka'iana took a fleet of war canoes to South Point. Keoua's warriors set out in canoes and attacked Ka'iana's men just off the coast there. The battle moved to land at Paiaha'a below Kama'oa (Volcano). The fierce battle lasted for three days. The two forces continued fighting at Kama'oa and Ua'ohulelua where the struggle was worst of all. Keoua Kamehameha's rival maneuvered north to Punakoki in Puna then made a stand before Ka'iana's pursuing army. Keoua escaped to the Kilauea volcano, which erupted. Many warriors died from the poisonous gas emitted from the volcano. They fought for three more days until Ka'iana fled, boarding his canoes, and leaving the east side of the island. At that point Kamehameha became King of Hawai'i.

Just think our little community was once the site of fierce battles by feathered warriors vying for control of the island!

Jeff Finley

Reference: <http://www.hawaiianwarfare.com/pages/battles-big-island>



www.hppoa.net is the official website of the community and association. The website is currently under reconstruction to support additional information and organization for the community to better maneuver for easy access of information. If members are seeking current, accurate, and factual information please refer to the official website, the corporate office (808-966-4500) or reach out to your district representative.

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### Administrative Office

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**Office Hours: 7:30am - 4:00 pm MON-FRI**  
**(except holidays)**

### **Current Board of Directors**

**District 1 – [Larry Kawaauhau](#) (President)**

**District 2 – [Tanya Seaver](#)**

**District 3 – [Benjamin Foster](#)**

**District 4 – [Kenneth Helgren](#) (Secretary)**

**District 5 – [Emma Hoglund](#)**

**District 6 – [Craig Crelly](#) (Vice President)**

**District 7 – [Corky Schoomaker](#)**

**District 8 – Vacant (Treasurer)**

**District 9 – [Jeff Finley](#)**

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BOARD OF DIRECTOR  
 Meetings

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
 of each month 6:00 pm

@

HPP Activity center  
 15-1570 Maku'u Drive

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 representative