



# The Conch

The Newsletter of Hawaiian Paradise Park

JANUARY 2014

## **Bike Safety Class from 12-2:30 pm February 23 prior to the Membership Meeting**

Families and friends are invited to take part in a free 2 ½ hour bike safety class: How to ride your bike safely and confidently in traffic and methods of avoiding hazards. Bicycle maintenance will also be covered. The class is developed by the League of American Bicyclists and taught by trained professionals from PATH (Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii).

Enrollment must be no later than February 17. To enroll or for more information, call Dean Silber 966-9969 or email Mary Cashman at [HPPOApaths@gmail.com](mailto:HPPOApaths@gmail.com).

## **ENCROACHMENTS**

Owning property in Hawaiian Paradise Park has benefits and responsibilities. Sometimes the responsibilities escape our notice. The primary purpose of HPPOA is road maintenance and improvement which is accomplished through the mandatory road maintenance fees. There are no CC&Rs in HPP, but there are a number of policies which owners need to be aware of. One of these is road easement responsibilities.

Main roads are 60 feet wide; side roads 40 feet wide. The road itself is approximately 20 feet wide. The remaining footage is the easement on either side which must remain clear up to the perimeter of your property line. If your property pins are not clearly marked, approximately 10 feet from the edge of the road is the easement area. **There are to be NO structures (fences, gates, walls, statuary, etc) or plantings outside your property boundaries.** Some of these items may have been on the property when you purchased it, but they could be a safety hazard. Grass is acceptable and if you trim and mow the easement area, our sincere thanks.

The HPP Road Traffic and Safety Committee is diligently working on those areas of safety concern and will make recommendations to the board. Your cooperation in correcting problem areas is greatly appreciated. Thank you for caring for and about your community.

## **NEEDED: Director Candidates! Six Districts open for Director Elections**

Three 3-year terms of the nine-member Board of Directors will expire at the end of June and directors will be elected for Districts 5, 7, and 8. Districts 2 and 4 have openings for a one year term and District 9 has a remaining 2 year term. If you live in any of these districts, won't you give serious thought to run for the office? The duties and requirements are not onerous and you will have the opportunity to share in the guidance of your community.

Candidates must be owners of record of a lot, 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 14, 2011. The form is also available at the Association website, <http://www.hppoa.com> Applicants are responsible for ensuring their applications are received.

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.

**HPPOA  
Membership Meeting  
Sunday, February 23  
3pm in the  
HPP Activity Center  
Between 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Avenues  
on Maku'u Drive**



The Conch is published three times a year for the benefit of Hawaiian Paradise Park.

The Conch's mission is to...

- **INFORM** our readers of matters which affect our quality of life.
- **INVITE** their participation in this process of communication, and
- **INSPIRE** an ongoing sense of community in Hawaiian Paradise Park.

The views expressed herein are those of individual contributors and do not reflect the opinions and policies of Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association, its Board of Directors, Officers, or members.

**Contributions:** Submissions of community interest, typed and signed are welcomed. Submissions should be titled "Conch" and e-mailed to [info@hppo.com](mailto:info@hppo.com) or typed submissions may also be mailed or delivered to The Conch, c/o HPPOA Administrative Office.

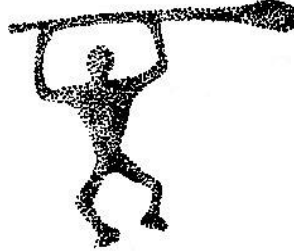
Articles and letters may be edited at the discretion of the Conch staff.

### NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners' Association Membership at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, February 23, 2014, 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. Payment of road maintenance is an obligation of ownership, not membership.

### Huki Like Kakou



### HPP Owners Association

*née Paradise Hui Hanalike*

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#### Administrative Office

15-1570 Maku'u between

16th (Lu'au Paina) & 17th (Lokelani)

Office Hours 8:30am - 4:00 pm M-F

#### Association General Manager

W. Scott Reilling

#### Administrative Associates

Morgan

Cathy

Chris

#### Road Maintenance Supervisor

Tommy Spencer

#### Road Crew

Calvin

Jaimie

Guy

Troy

#### Board of Directors

District 1 Francis Ganon

District 2 vacant

District 3 Terri Michels, Secretary

District 4 Joan Galante, Treasurer

District 5 Judy Sumter

District 6 June Conant, V President

District 7 Verne Presnall

District 8 Bill Newman

District 9 Larry Brennan, President

### Daily Calendar of Events

#### Mondays

*Seniors of Paradise*

1st Monday 9:30 am-noon

*Seniors Board of Directors*

3rd Monday, Library 9:30 -11am

*Road Safety Committee*

4<sup>th</sup> Monday 3: 30 pm

*Tai Chi*

8:30 – 10 am

#### Tuesdays

*Senior Hula*

9:30 – 11:30 am

*Mah Jongg*

11:30 am – 3pm

*Kempo Karate*

5:15 – 8:15 pm

Path, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues, Library

6-8pm

#### Wednesdays

*Tai Chi*

8:30 – 10 am

*Senior Art, Library*

10 – noon

Zumba

6:00-7:00 pm

*HPPOA Board of Directors*

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

6 pm

#### Thursdays

*Senior Hula*

9:30 –11:30 am

*Kempo Karate*

5:15 – 8:15 pm

#### Fridays

*Tai Chi*

8:30 – 10 am

Zumba

6:00-7:00 pm

PAKA, 4<sup>th</sup>Friday, Library

8:30 am

#### Saturdays

*Swap Meet - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat*

7 – 11 am

*Neighborhood Watch Meeting*

1<sup>st</sup> Sat - Library

9 am

#### Sundays

**Membership Meeting -Sunday**

Feb 23

3pm

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 6 pm in the HPP Activity Center

#### Get Connected...

### HPP ON THE WEB

**HPPOA Official Website:**

<http://www.hppo.com>

A wealth of information about the Association, including meeting minutes, news, calendar, and paving information.

#### Support Our Swap Meet

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 7-11 am  
HPP Activity Center**

Come shop for plants, fresh fruit, clothes, books, odds and ends  
Café goodies available

**Gates open for vendors @ 6:30am**

## SPEED ORDINANCES

Because of the dust issue and as an effort to try to control it, the HPP Board pursued initiating county approved speed ordinances for our roads so that excessive speed can be controlled.

Ordinance 1381 establishes a 15 mph limit on all unpaved HPP roads. Ordinance 1382 sets the speed limit on paved cross streets at 25 mph and Ordinance 1390 states that 35 mph is the speed limit on Shower, Paradise, Kaloli, and Maku'u Drives.

On dry days, it is sad to see owners pull out of their driveways and speed down their road creating clouds of dust. Everyone must adhere to an appropriate speed, but it is essential to be more diligent during the dusty times.

The law does allow police to issue tickets regarding speeding in subdivisions like HPP, so please be aware and drive accordingly.

**Be a good neighbor and slow down.**

## Community Action Committee

This is a new committee formed to explore the revision of the HPP Master Plan. The 1997 Master Plan approved by the County Council was revised in 2005 but that revision was never approved. The committee hopes to investigate the possibility of establishing a town center area and to construct some ball fields.

If anyone is interested in joining this group, please contact Terry Michels, [district3@hppo.com](mailto:district3@hppo.com) or Judy Sumter, [district5@hppo.com](mailto:district5@hppo.com).

## PATH COMMITTEE

This committee dedicated to get bike and walking paths throughout the Park is working on a biking/walking path on the HPOA property behind the HPP Activity Center. This path would be around the perimeter of the property and in the rear of the Activity Center. They hope to start construction soon with volunteer help. The group has also roughed out a walking path in the center of this area.

The committee meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the HPP library. Anyone interested in this committee and/or wants to help, please attend the next meeting or contact Dean Silber, 966-9969.

## PAYMENT PLANS/NEW EMPLOYEE

Because of the increased efforts to collect delinquent road fees and to maintain payment plans, HPP hired Christine Scherr part time to assist with this area of business. Chris is well-versed in collection procedures and is willing to work with you to develop a payment plan if needed.

HPP understands that economic situations can make the payment of road fees problematic, but the fees are a legal responsibility of owning property in HPP. The Association needs to hear from you if you require assistance. Please call the office and ask for Chris.

## Spring Special Events

There are always lots of extra things to do in the Park. These great events are coming up:

**Hula Merrie Monarch, April 24** The Seniors of Paradise Pua Kea hula halau will present their annual HPP version of Merrie Monarch at 10 am at the Activity Center. See article on page 5.

### **Malamalama Spring Event, May 3**

On Saturday, May 3, the school will hold a Spring Faire and Open House. The time will be 9 or 10 am until early afternoon. Other Open House dates are available. Please check their website at [www.hawaiwaldorf.com](http://www.hawaiwaldorf.com) for updated information.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The HPOA Neighborhood Watch continues to organize Block Watches for enhanced neighborhood security throughout HPP. A Block Watch is a group of neighbors who join together to enhance security in their immediate area, usually one block of road between two of our major roads running from the highway to the ocean. An orientation session is held in which neighbors on that block are taught basic security, observation, communication and reporting methods. Some basic equipment and signage are provided to make the area identifiable as a participating NW block. Contact us at "[hppneighborhoodwatch@aol.com](mailto:hppneighborhoodwatch@aol.com)" for more information or to schedule a training session. Block Watch members are not expected to attend every meeting but instead elect a Block Watch Captain to attend NW meetings for updates and to share information on current issues.

Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month @ 9am in the HPP Activity Center library. Please volunteer to form your Block Watch to keep crime off your streets!

Chairperson, Judith Houle

**Another fabulous Thanksgiving Dinner**

Tesse Tinker and her kitchen crew prepared another great Thanksgiving dinner. This tradition started over 30 years ago because there were so many “transplants” in the Park who did not have other family here. It has been taking place ever since and has become the best deal in town as well as a wonderful time to share with friends.

Many thanks to Tesse for spearheading this event again.

**7th Annual HHP Howling Holidays another success!**

The 7th Annual Howling Holidays fundraiser was a huge success this year. The proceeds benefit the Rainbow Friends animal Sanctuary and Kukini Agility.

The event included demonstrations in agility and, search and rescue; there were games throughout the day and contests such as Best Costume, Best Howler and others. Booths included Ask a Vet, photos with Santa, music, food by FCE, and a great silent auction.

Many thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who put forth such efforts to ensure that pets needing homes will have a better life. For more information about Rainbow Friends Animal Sanctuary, please call Rainbow Friends @ 982-5110.

**EDITORIAL BY ONE OF THE STAFF RE: ROAD FEES**

We often get asked “So, what do we get for these outrageous road fees?” Here’s your answer.

For your 76 cents per day, per lot, you don’t have to go out and buy material to spread on the roads or to fill potholes. You don’t have to hire someone with equipment to drop material, grade, and roll or to fill those potholes. Even if you only live one or two lots in from a paved road and could get the folks across the street to pitch in with the cost, it will cost each of you more than the \$275 you pay the Association each year and that won’t leave you any money left over to remove any trees that may fall across the road in a storm, mow or otherwise control the vegetation common to this jungle environment. Don’t forget you need to be able to drive to the highway and back to your lot, so all those miles of paved roadway also need to be maintained, not just the 135 feet in front of your lot. Asphalted roads also get potholes and cracks that need material and manpower to repair.

For your 76 cent a day, per lot, you don’t have to bother removing the maggoty pig and other animal carcasses that are left by hunters or hit by speeding drivers on a regular basis. You don’t have to have someone come and pick up the car parts, furniture, appliances and other household trash left by the side of the road. For your 76 cents a day you don’t have to replace or repair the road signs which, by law, must be posted.

For your 76 cent per day, you employ a small staff and crew to do this, and more, for you. Some of your 76 cents goes to collect delinquent road maintenance fees. If everyone contributed to the maintenance of the subdivision as required by the Hawaii State Supreme Court decision, more improvements (including paving) could be done. While this Association was created specifically for road maintenance, we try to be helpful in other areas, totally unrelated to road maintenance. Some folks will say “Well, I can do all that myself”. Maybe so, but why would you want to when you can get someone else to do it for you for less than the price of a cup of coffee?

**ROAD PAVING UPDATE**

Phase IV Change order 3 – The following roads are being *prepared* for this phase which will begin shortly:

26 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Kaloli to	Shower
23rd Ave	Paradise to	Kaloli
25 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Paradise to	Kaloli
25 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Kaloli to	Shower
32nd Ave	Maku’u to	Paradise
*33 <sup>rd</sup> Ave	Maku’u to	Dead end

*\*33<sup>rd</sup> Ave will be paved as far as the remaining bond funds allow. This phase will use the remaining funds in the Road Paving Bond. Future paving will be done on an “as needed” basis using the Road Improvement Fund..*

*If you have any questions regarding the paving, please call the HPP Office at 966-4500.*

**ROAD MAINTENANCE BILLS**

The 2014 road fees are the same as last year - \$275.00. In order to meet the increased bond payment obligation, no discount is offered this year. *Daily interest begins April 1<sup>st</sup> on 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 will be accepted. Please call the office to make arrangements.

### Seniors of Paradise

If you are 55 or over, you are invited to join Seniors of Paradise, a program of the County Parks and Recreation, Elderly Activities Division, Elderly Recreation Services.

Seniors of Paradise meets at the HPP Activity Center the first Monday of each month from 9:30 am to noon. The group offers entertaining programs and bingo followed by a potluck lunch. Come and make new friends and become acquainted with your neighbors. Dues are \$12 a year.

Three separate activities are available to Seniors of Paradise:

The Seniors Hula group, Pua Kea Hula Halau, meets twice weekly, 9:30 am to 11:30 am, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Activity Center. Contact Tesse Tinker, 982-7611.

The Seniors Mah-Jongg group meets at the Activity Center every Tuesday, 11:30 to 3 pm. Beginners are welcome and there is no age requirement. Contact Elva Jones, 982-9082.

The Arts, Crafts & Games Group meets every Wednesday morning from 10:00 to noon. Contact Maxine Jenkins, 966-4578 .

### SPRAYING VEGETATION

Everything grows easily and quickly in HPP and cane grass is a real problem. Cutting it just spreads it, so during the third week of the month, weather permitting, the road crew sprays weed control on concentrations of this type of vegetation throughout the park. Vegetation control is one of the responsibilities of HPP road maintenance.

If you have concerns about any of the road maintenance, please contact the office at 966-4500. Thank you.

### HPP HULA MERRIE MONARCH

Don't miss this great event! The Seniors of Paradise hula halau, Pua Kea, will present their annual Merrie Monarch event on April 24 at 10 am at the Activity Center. Tesse Tinker and the halau present a fabulous hula show with a potluck following. If you have never been to this delightful show, you are missing something special!

Please come and enjoy this presentation. Bring a dish to share.



### Malamalama Waldorf School Spring Events

Malamalama Waldorf School, located at 26<sup>th</sup> and Maku'u, offers Waldorf education to approximately 90 students in preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The Waldorf curriculum is rich in the arts, language, music, and imagination with a solid base of academics. It fosters a student's natural thirst for learning, investigating, and questioning the world around them. The school is currently in the accreditation process and has established a tuition assistance program.

This year, Malamalama will host a Spring Faire and Open House on Saturday, May 3. The time will be 9 or 10 am until early afternoon – please check the school website for details.

The School Walk-Through & Open Houses are usually on Wednesdays. Call or check the website for scheduled dates. Walk-throughs can also be arranged by appointment. Open enrollment for new families for the 2014-2015 year begins March 1 for pre-school through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Pre-school starts at age 3. Check with the school for their summer program offerings.

Please visit the school's website at [www.hawaiiwaldorf.com](http://www.hawaiiwaldorf.com) for further information about any of the school events. MWS welcomes new residents to the Park and anyone interested in learning about the school or Waldorf education. Call 982-7701 to request information or to arrange a tour.