

# Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association JULY 2015

# **Treasurer's Financial 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 three 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

### **REMEMBRANCE –**

On January 1, 2015, our beloved Walter Bell left the planet. He was 86 years old.

For many years, Walter was active in HPP on the board of directors and the Conch newsletter. He designed and painted signs of community meetings and events and posted them around the Park. He made an effort to bring the community together.

Professionally, Walter was an accomplished architect in San Francisco and in Honolulu. In Honolulu, he worked for Architects Hawaii and Group 70. After retiring, he moved to the Big Island with his wife, Norma, and built a lovely home in Paradise Park.

In 1998 and 2005, Walter was recognized as an outstanding volunteer with HPPOA for his dedicated service.

He will be missed.

### **CANDIDATES HAVE STEPPED FORWARD**

John Rudolf, who resides on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, has expressed interest in being appointed. As he lives in the 6<sup>th</sup> District, he is to be considered for this vacancy. He is experienced with community board of directors with years of experience as a military man and educator.

Paul Wheeless, who resides on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue has also expressed interest in board appointment. He resides in district 9. He has an extensive military and community organizational experience.

## MAKE AN EMERGENCY KIT

Through November, hurricane season is upon us. Hawaii County Civil Defense and Councilman Greggor Ilagan urge us to be prepared for emergencies.

It is recommended the following items be prepared.

- 1. Water one gallon per person for seven days
- 2. Food seven days of non-perishable food per person

**3.** Radio – Battery powered or hand cranked, extra batteries.

- 4. Medications Prescription medications & glasses
- 5. Clothes Change of clothing; bedding per person
- 6. Flashlight batteries, whistle, cell phone & charger
- 7. Hygiene Items Diapers, toothbrush, soap, towel
- 8. First Aid Kit medical supplies, trash bags
- 9. Cash cash, traveler's checks, change
- 10. Pet Food Pet Food & extra water for your pet.

## PROPOSED COUNTY PARK

Councilman Greggor Ilagan and HPPOA have begun the process of seeking a 20 acre county park in HPP. As the project progresses, you will be informed.



<u>Change of Address?</u> Notify the Association Office by mail, telephone, fax or email. Include the TMK or block & lot number of your property and telephone number.

# **TREE SAFETY & OBLIGATION**

Trees that originate on your lot(s) are your responsibility to maintain. Owners need to keep the front of their lots clear from pin to pin to ensure HPPOA easements are clear.

# New General Manager

We welcome Donald Morris, the new GM. He has experience in road construction.

This is a temporary hire for a period of six months.

# Get Connected... HPP ON THE WEB HPPOA Official Website:

http://hppoa.net A wealth of information about the Association, including meeting minutes, news, & road maintenance improvements.

**ROAD MAINTENANCE BILLS** The due date to pay is April 1, 2016. Daily interest begins April 30<sup>st</sup> on the current year's late payments.

2016 road fees will be determined by a BOD vote in November of 2015. Please verify your mailing address shown on your road maintenance bill. Please indicate any updates on your payment voucher in the space provided or contact the office.

In order to facilitate payments of road fees, past and present, incremental payments will be accepted. Please call the office to make arrangements.

# **HPP Owners Association**

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# Administrative Office

15-1570 Maku'u between 16th (Lu'au Paina) & 17th (Lokelani) Office Hours 8:00am - 5:30 pm M-F **Association General Manager Donald Morris** Administrative Associates Donna Frank Susan **Road Maintenance Supervisor** Santos Tolentino **Board of Directors** District 1 - Francis Ganon District 2 - Ruth Mizuba District 3 - Paul Wheeless-Secretary District 4 - VACANT District 5 - Jo Maynard, Vice President District 6 - Craig Crelly-President District 7 - Janice Ashford, Treasurer District 8 – Roseanne Mclean District 9 – BI Mullenix

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

# NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given of the 2015 meetings of the Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners' Association Membership on Sunday, June 21 at 3 p.m., moved from June 28th and October 25, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. 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 is an obligation of ownership, not membership.

## Want to know what's happening?

Check the Activity Calendar on the website. Also, the bulletin board in front of the office and in the activity center has current information on events in the area.

## ROAD PAVING UPDATE

As there are still roads to be paved, other types of paving are being considered. Chip Sealing has proven to be an effective road surface in Hawaiian Ocean View Estates (HOVE), Kapoho and Fern Acres. Staff has made visits to these sites. We await further updates while this option is explored.

If you support road paving by chip seal, email the HPPOA office at info@hppoa.net.

If you have any questions regarding the road maintenance, call the HPP Office at 966-4500. The website offers up- to-date information on the paving.

# HPPOA Committees & Chairs

Community Action – Judy Sumter Emergency Action – Peggy McKinsey Bylaws – Mayelin Stilwell Path – John Seastrom Dust Abatement – Kareen Haskin Finance – Janice Ashford Human Resources – Jo Maynard Albizia – Judy Houle/Randi Larzalere

## **Emergency Response Training**

The Hawaii County Civil Defense offers classes periodically for Emergency Response Training. This starts by preparing your own home. Learn how to prepare your home before a disaster strikes and things to be prepared for after. You may need to rescue your own family members and pets. The class also includes training in helping others after a disaster strikes. If you are interested in learning more about this and/or signing up for these classes, please contact Jim Tatar at james.tatar@yahoo.com or at 982-3623.

## **Trash Dumping in the Park**

Trash dumping continues to be a problem in the Park. The illegal dumping of household trash, televisions and dead animals continue. Removal of these items is an unnecessary burden on the road crew There is a tipping fee for every trip to the transfer station. Fees can be more than several hundred dollars each, sometimes amounting to more than \$1,000/month.

If you witness illegal dumping, please call the non-emergency police number, 935-3311. Take note of the vehicle license. Help keep the Park clean.

#### House Numbers

Please post your physical address to assist emergency personnel in locating your property. On the front edge of the property, numbers need to be three (3) inches tall. If more than 50 feet from the road, numbers need to be four (4) inches tall.

#### **ENCROACHMENTS**

The primary purpose of HPPOA is road maintenance and improvements, which is accomplished through the mandatory road maintenance fees. Road easement responsibilities are a policy that all owners should be aware.

There are to be no structures (fences, gates, walls statuary, etc.) or planting outside your property boundaries. Grass is acceptable. If you trim and mow the easement area, our sincere thanks.

### OFF ROAD VEHICLES

All terrain vehicles (ATV) and dirt bikes are not to be driven on HPP roads. The police can ticket violators.

As with other matters, a destructive few give all a bad name. High speed and skidding patterns may be fun for the operator, but does severe damage to the roads. Then, all residents live with a damaged road for the fun of a few.

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#### POLICE IN THE PARK

The police do not regularly patrol, but will response to resident complaints.

Please help to keep our roads safe by obeying the 35 MPH limit on the main roads, 25 MPH on paved side roads and 15 MPH on the gravel roads.

#### FERAL ANIMALS

**PIGS - Feral pigs continue to** destruct private and community property. If you can assist with the eradication of these animals, please contact the HPP office with your contact information.

CATS - Domestic and feral cats continue to be on the loose. Cats are indiscriminate killers and prey on our native bird population. If you value your pet cat, please keep them controlled, vaccinated and sterilized. Feline AIDS and Feline Leukemia are fatal diseases to cats. There are vaccines available for both. Periodically, feral cats will be trapped and taken to the Humane Society. Please microchip your cat to insure its safe return if caught. Please protect your cat.

DOGS - Please keep your dogs controlled on your property. Keep them vaccinated from heartworm and other parasites, to protect them, the people in your household and neighborhood. Please have pets sterilized to prevent unwanted baby animals. Loose dogs continue to be a hazard for those walking our roads. **Enforcement of the county lease** laws is the domain of the Humane Society and the police department. Do what you have to do to protect yourself from aggressive dogs. Walk a different road. Leave a note for the owner. Carry a stick or a bat, or pepper spray (stay upwind). Do what you have to do to continue to enjoy your community walks. Please protect your dog and the

RABBITS – Rabbits are not native to the Islands. Loose and breeding, they are an invasive species who fall prey to dogs and mongoose. Hawaii State law dictates that rabbits be kept off the ground, as they can dig out of a

people who walk our roads.

#### ground level enclosure. Fines can be \$100, 6 months in jail, or both. <u>THE ROAD CREW</u>

Santos Tolentino is the lead crew member. For ten years, he has been a Big Island resident. His family has a tradition of working heavy equipment. Since September 2014, he has worked for HPP. He is focused on his family of three teenaged sons.

Jeff Silva is a jack-of-all trades and an accomplished mechanic. His family has a tradition of mechanic work and fabricating. Since October 2014, he has been with the HPP crew. He is the devoted father of ten children, including two sets of twins. He is the humorist of the group.

CJ DeSilva was raised in the Puna District. Since 1989, he has resided in HPP. He comes from a background of landscaping and heavy equipment operation. His optimism and intuitive skills are a source of pride for him. He is the devoted father of four.

Brandon Lani is a lifelong resident of HPP. His family has a tradition of mechanic work. He has worked construction and truck driving for various businesses on the Big Island. Since October 2014, he has worked with the HPP crew. He is a surfer, a dirt bike enthusiast, a champion arm wrestler and body builder. He believes in a higher power, which comes in handy given his challenging hobbies.