## Hawaiian Paradise Park Neighborhood Watch Meeting

The following officers present

Judi Houle (President)

Chris Gray (Vice President)
Kathleen Shaw (Treasurer)

Barbara Robertson, (Secretary)

Sergeant Souki

December 7th, 2019
Call to Order
at 9:00 am



#### Also in attendance:

Gary & Nancy Anderson, Tom Cioch, , Bruce Derrick, Al & Julie Ercanbrack, Lyle Erickson, Kathleen B, John Seastrom, Betty Masterson, Sandra Kirkpatrick, Mary Cornish, Leonard Warden, Jennifer Meyers, Bob Essex, Al & Deb Bandur, Rosie Brown, Cynthia Hathaway, Mike Stratton, Randolph Valenzuela, Gregg Datlof, Antony Clarke, Pat Steffen, Gerry Madie, Mike McKay, Ann Chee.

- 1) Approval of November 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- 2) Crime Stats and Map for November Sergeant Souki
  - a) November Crimes, Arrests, and Most Wanted
  - b) Holiday Crime Trends and Prevention Tips
  - c) Report suspected drug houses to Police, Vice, and Neighborhood Watch
  - d) www.hawaiipolice.com to sign up for Nixle Alerts on traffic, crime, and most wanted
- 3) Hawaii County Code, Chapter 4 on Animals Prohi bitions, Seizures, and Enforcements
  - a) www.hawaiicounty.gov, Legislative Research Branch O# 961-8388
  - b) Humane Society www.hihs.org, 0# 966-5458, Emergency after hours # 934-5577
- 4) Block Watch Captain Team Leader- Gary Anderson
  - a) How to Observe and Report Suspicious Activity to Police nonemergency# 935-3311
  - b) HPP Neighborhood Watch email: hppneighborhoodwatch@aol.com
  - c) Report Criminal and Dangerous Activity to 911
  - d) Report Drug Activity to Vice Hotline# 934-8423 or O# 961-2340
  - e) Report Unsafe Drivers/Speeders/Racing to HPD# 961-2226

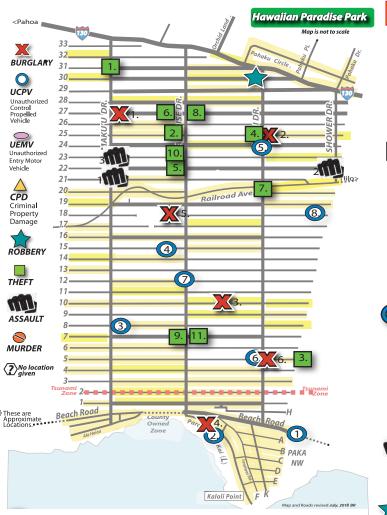
- 5) Community Emergency Response Team Coordinator Pat Steffen
  - a) Next CERT Meeting 12/19 Thursday at 6pm.
  - b) CERT Training 1/11,1/18, 1/25, 2/1 Saturdays in Hilo Patti Pinto email: hawaiicert@gmail.com
  - c) Reregister for Civil Defense Alerts: www.hawaiicounty.gov/active-alerts
- 6) Emergency Radio Team Leader Gregg Datlof a) Emergency Radio Team Update
  - b) HPP NW ERT Meeting 12/11 at 2pm
- 7) NW Vice President Chris Gray
- 8) Treasurer's November Report Kathleen Shaw
  - a) Treasurer's Report for November's Income, Expenses, and Upcoming Purchases.
  - b) National Night Out, Halloween, Food Pantry, and Christmas Gift Expenses
- 9) Nov. Food Pantry Report- 416 individuals were served. 151 children/ 194 adults/ 71 seniors Holiday Food Pantry 12/17 Tuesday at 1:30-3:00pm in the Activity Center \*Christmas gift wrapping in the Library 12/16 Monday at 1:30pm
- \*\* Mahalo to the Generous Donators for the HPP NW Food Pantry! Activity Center
- 11) HPP NW Block Watch Training to follow Meeting.
- 12) Adjourn Meeting

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Robbery 11/12/19

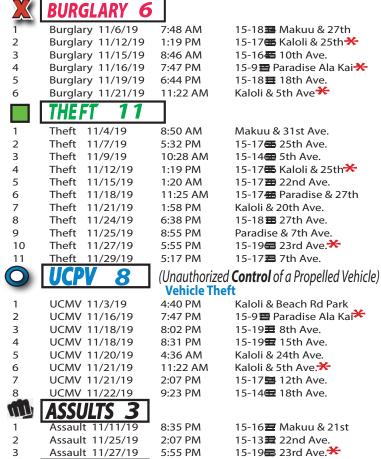
### Happy Holidays and Mahalo for a Great Year Volunteering Together for our Community

**Meeting Began**Call to order 9:am.

Minutes from last month were passed out to anyone who didn't see them on line. They were voted on and approved as per info. supplied at the time of the meeting. If new or corrected info come in later, we will change the archival copies.



# HPP Crime Map for Nov. 2019



9:13 PM

15-15**喜** 30th Ave.

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### NOV's 2019's Crime Stats by Sergeant Souki

Sergeant Souki was our officer for our meeting today. He has 15 years with HPD six of those with VICE. He read the crime stats and discussed those cases he was familiar with and the persons involved in the crimes. The Sergeant gave suggestions of ways to avoid being a victim and some helpful ways to protect our property. He mentioned the new construction crimes with all the new builds going on. Get to know the project mgr of the site or the builders name and number. Calling either when you see something suspicious could prevent crime near you. Remember if the criminals are that close to your home you might be the next target. Report anything that looks of feels suspicious. You just never know if that information will assist the police in solving a case.

Abandoned vehicles are everywhere and HPD is putting a bright pink card or sticker on them if they are in the process of county removal. Please report any abandoned vehicles to the non emergency police phone number and an office will come out and investigate and start the process for removal if deemed necessary. Please know that it could take 4 to 6 weeks for the vehicle to be removed. If you see someone dumping a vehicle and you can safely get their licence plate number or any other details please report that to HPD ASAP.

## We would like to thank Sergeant Souki for kindly coming to our meeting and filling in for our CPO.

As always, we want everyone to sign up for **NIXLE ALERTS**. Go to www.hawaiipolice.com and click on Visit Nixle's online site to register. Sign up for road closures, emergencies, current crimes, who the police are looking for and who they have arrested.

Squatter houses are a source of much crime and concern to the neighbors, police, and Neighborhood Watch. If anyone has additional information on a crime in the Park, we would greatly appreciate your input by emailing Neighborhood Watch.

### FOR THOSE WHO MAYBE NEW TO THE GROUP HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT BITS OF INFORMATION:

For new attendees here are some particulars of the crime map we share. The yellow lines on streets are where we have an active Neighborhood Block Watches. We believe there are less crimes on those streets. It is to have your block be part of the group and the advantages of doing so. After the meeting anyone wanting to form a Block Watch can stay for training.

With 8,800 lots, 15 square miles and a population of now 18,000 people HPP is the biggest subdivision on the Big Island. The crime is low because our Neighborhood Watch group and being able to work with the police. Judi's very hard work being so dedicated and involved with many groups including the Puna Watch and county officials has brought us to the successes we are seeing now. After more than ten years of this groups work the crime stats prove this kind of dedication works.

The police have a new Squatter Form that they will keep on file with pertinent info about specific properties and contact info of the owner or institution of record. This will be pulled each time HPD gets a call about a possible Squatter issue. Officer will pull the file and know immediately if someone or group is trying squat. Your reporting of suspected squatter issues are very important so the police can act fast and save you and your neighbors the grief of a long term eviction process.

The County is involved as well as Hawaii Environmental division. HPP residents are very concerned with the junk vehicles showing up everywhere in the park. Discussed were the reasons why and how the last registered owner listed on the Vin number will be held accountable and when they try to register or renew a different vehicle they will have to make restitution with the state first.

LET's STOP

Dangerous &

Careless Drivers

REPORT THEM TO

TRAFFIC SAFETY

961-2305



# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We look out for each other!
by Gary Anderson
Block Watch Captain Leader
g19n83@gmail.

### **Dec's Blockwatch Captain's Report**

Gary spoke about the best way to keep your home safe, organize with your neighbors, they are your best defense. Call in those suspicious people and vehicles that are in our neighborhood. We are the eyes and ears for the police. Your report could and have made the difference catching criminals. You heard the officer say it, call it in. Keep note paper handy or use your smart phone to record, photograph or reminders. What you may think is insignificant could mean so much more to police trying to close a case.

# Please Keep calling that Non-Emergency 935-3311 for anything that doesn't look or feel right.

Your safety is most important. If you want to take photos, be discreet and act like you are talking on your phone. Don't put yourself or loved ones in a situation that could have you become the victim.

REMEMBER: WE DON'T WANT YOU TO AGITATE SUSPECTED CRIMINALS & PUT YOURSELF AT RISK.

### **Squatters' & Drug Houses Warnings**

We've resolved 16 homes with squatters and drug activity over the past 2 years by working closely with neighbors, NW, HPD, and Vice.

Chair, If you suspect squatters: log their license plates, note vehicle types and colors, catalogue people comings and goings. Report to HPD, VICE, and Neighborhood Watch. It helps to report to all three. If we are all on the same page the better the chance good results will happen. Our CPO has repeatedly confirmed the best protocol for reporting squatters is to give the physical location and activities.

Residents share their own stories of having to deal with squatters and how it has impacted their lives and their neighbors. We talk story & share ideas at meetings of how to handle this epidemic and success stories with the best ways to PREVENT a squatter house from popping up in your neighborhood. NW members share ideas on dealing with this problem and what our government officials are doing and not doing to help us. The important thing is that we act together and prevent empty building from falling into a problem properties. There are always ideas shared at our meetings and solutions presented. The bottom line is it is much easier to prepare ahead of the problem by knowing all you can about the people and properties that surround you. Keep contact info on hand to alert the police and property owners of any changes ASAP. Talk to your neighbors because you/we are all in this together.

# Security Surveillance Updates & Messages



#### We have loaner cameras again.

You can let us know the details of your issues and the board will follow and get in touch with you. Or come to the meeting and speak to the President in person or see our Camera Loaner Program director, *We are now looking for a volunteer to help install Cameras*.

Our cameras are available at our meetings and we have more on order if someone is in need, please sign up. We have changed the loan time to 90 days now. If it is not needed by another resident on the wait list we do allow a borrower to keep the cameras longer. Please know that the longest out after 90 days will be first called back in.

We still have an engraving tool that we freely loan out to HPP residents. Residents can mark their valuables for proof of ownership. We suggest using your name, address, or phone number to help identify your items if or when recovered. Often stolen items will turn up during a police raid, at garage sales, on Craig's List, and/ or at Swap Meets. If it is marked with "Property of" and your name, it becomes very hard to past it off at any random 2nd hand sale. Pawn shops will not want it and it makes it harder to sell. Honest people don't want to buy stolen items. Criminals just want to turn your hard earned goods into quick cash for any number of reasons including drug use.

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REMINDER: Reminder for the group that crimes are often just executed because the opportunity is there. So please don't give thieves the chance. Secure your belongings. Cable lock your equipment up. This may slow thieves down. Get a security system with cameras, organize with your neighbors. Also reminded residents about common practices to help make your property and yourself safer by referring to the Helpful Hints hand out supplied by NW. Also signing up for NIXLE.COM alerts. He also shared his info about "Squatter Properties" and problem areas his sharing info and cameras with. These properties are a chronic source of crime and unrest to all the neighbors in the immediate area. In addition the crimes radiate outward from these locations effecting everyone in HPP.

So please keep reporting empty properties to us and the police when activities are seen.

### Pres. Judi Houle's December

During the Holiday Season there are a lot of activities, traveling, drinking, parties, shopping for gifts, and heightened emotions. This is the time of year we need to be extra vigilant and compassionate.

Help watch the streets and our neighbors homes while they are away. Crime normally goes up and we saw that in November. Protect and secure your home, be aware, and report suspicious activity.

Thank you for volunteering to make HPP a better place to live!

Hawaiian Paradise Park Neighborhood Watch has evolved into a Non-profit 501c3 finding new ways to reach out to our community to improve the safety, security, and quality of life for our residents.

HPP is a large subdivision of almost 18,000 people with many needs and concerns.

Neighborhood Watch is not just about crime, but finding ways to prevent crime and target projects to strengthen our community with special outreach events.

**NOTE**: Neighborhood Watch has been working closely with our State and County Representatives, Prosecuting Attorney, Police, and Vice to represent and protect residents in HPP and Puna from criminal activity. When new Bills come up needing Testimony and Support, please take the time to write or go in person. HB 1561 (Nuisance Abatement) became law, but more are needed to secure our neighborhoods.

Rep. Joy San Buenaventura has introduced 4 bills to address squatters: fine absent homeowners / banks, allow Dept. of Taxation to demolish or sell vacant and abandoned homes, and allow neighbors and HOA to evict squatters.



HPP Emergency Preparedness Plan', through the help of Judi Houle, Pat Steffen, the ERT, and others.

We have a robust proven product (emergency communications from ERT, first response, Medical assessment, Structure/scene size up, SAR, etc. We abide by CERT requirements-rules, etc.), which is available to any served agency-stake holders who choose to work with us. This in itself is still an unknown, even after many tries to open a dialogue. We continue to try to find common ground, and are always open to meeting with other groups.

Amateur Radio starts Feb.6th, for Class-info contact: Doug Wilson email:douscelle@aol.com

### **Message from Our V.P. Chris Gray**

Our Emergency Radio Team, Emergency Action Committee, CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) and Our Own Neighborhood Watch are doing the work so we will not be caught unprepared with an emergency or island wide disaster. If a disaster is state wide we can expect a long gap in wait time for help from outside sources

CERT is valuable for community serve. We can be a force for preparedness with our radio team that other Subdivisions are taking note of and becoming aware of the our accomplishments and the importance of for their own neighborhoods

"For information about our radio team feel free to contact Greg at: 443-3713 - wh77fc@gmail.com

**NOTE:** We often explain why we started the radio team and what our purpose is to some new residents. Sudden and Island-wide disaster such as an earthquake could cause island beltways to become impassable. Imagine how many areas of your life could be affected. In addition, all the obvious problems and now add no communication with the outside world. **Hurricane Season is June-November.** Hurricane activity and intensity increases during August and September. Earthquakes & volcanic activity doesn't have a season, they can occur anytime without notice.

# Community Emergency Response Teams C.E.R.T. Program

by Pat Steffen, HPP CERT Lead

CERT members are trained to respond to disasters when professional first responders are overwhelmed or delayed in responding. CERT training is beneficial even if it is just something you want to learn for yourself and immediate family, but when you join the HPP CERT team, you play a valuable role in helping your community get through the aftermath of a disaster and back on its feet. For those who don't know, our team was front and center the full length of the lava emergency in lower Puna. With our CERT training and the wonderful dedication of our HPP CERT members, we were able to make a real difference for Puna residents impacted by the disaster.

The HPP CERT team meets the 3rd Thursday every month at 6 p.m. in the HPP Activity Center Library to keep member skills sharp and stay prepared to serve our community. In addition, every month HPP CERT has a fundraising table at the Swap Meet for public outreach and to help raise funds for emergency equipment and supplies. HPP residents are welcome to stop by and chat with us about the CERT program and general disaster preparedness.

Hawaii is the most isolated populated island chain in the world. Hawaii County is #1 out of the 3,140 counties in the USA for the potential to be impacted by hazards. You need to be prepared. When disaster strikes our area, you will know what to do if you've had CERT training.

The next CERT training class will be in Hilo starting Jan. 11, 2020. To register for the class or to get more information, please contact the Hawaii County CERT Coordinator Patti Pinto at: hawaiicert@gmail.com.



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#### **Get Civil Defense Alerts:**

www.hawaiicounty.gov/active-alerts Emergency Alert System Radio Stations: KHLO 850 AM, KKBG 97.9 FM, KPUA 670 AM, KWXX 94.7 FM Emergency Preparedness Tips

**Develop a Family Emergency Plan that includes every** member of the family (and pets) and make sure each member of the family understands the plan. Exercise your plan - conduct an evacuation drill, check your first aid kit, rotate emergency food and water supplies. Figure on 1 gallon of water per person per day (2 qts. for drinking, 2 gts for cooking and sanitation). Do not wait until the last minute to buy supplies everybody will need such as batteries and water (stores may run out). Know where your family will meet if a disaster occurs. Have a "go" bag ready for each member of the family and pets that can sustain you for 3 days should you need to evacuate. Keep a list of items to add at the last minute (e.g. medications, reading glasses, etc.). Keep important documents in one place so you can grab them quickly. Include proof of home ownership, rental agreement, insurance, bank info, vehicle titles, pet microchip info and current photos of all family members. Have a list of emergency numbers near or entered in your phone. Make sure you have some emergency cash on hand. If there is no power, ATMs and charge card machines may not work. If you are staying in place, have at least 14 days of food, water, and disaster supplies on hand. Know how to safely turn off your gas, electricity, and water. NOTE: Gas must be turned on by a qualified professional.

# Reminder and Info for new residents EMERGENCY ACTION TEAM

Hawaiian Paradise Park has an Emergency Response Plan that can be found on the HPPOA.net website. If a Disaster hits HPP our Activity Center will be turned into a Command Center to assist our residents to provide services and supplies. Reminder:

Our Team springs into action after a disaster. Several of our NW members are also volunteers on our EAC. It will allow us to act quickly to help those who may need it. If you wish to volunteer for this worthwhile program feel free to contact us through the NW email.

HPPOA Office or/and come to an EAC meeting. EAC meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 2:PM at the Hui Library.

For amateur radio training contact: **DougWilson:douscelle@aol.com** 

### **GO BAG CHECK LIST:**

Identification card or drivers license, Credit/debit card numbers, bank account numbers, Medical insurance cards Advance health care directives, Copy of titles/deeds to property, Copy of prescriptions (medicine, hearing aids, glasses, etc). You can scan all these documents into a computer and EMAIL the doc to you own email acct. You will be able to access all your documents when the internet is back up.

Change of clothes and sturdy shoes, Portable battery or crank powered. Non-perishable foods, Water, Storage containers, Hygiene supplies, Comfort items, & whistle. Don't forget all the things you need for your pets.

### NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

1-888-373-7888



Our Swap Meet is the source of our financial support. **HPP NW Swap Meet** volunteers often donate supplies in addition to their time and talents. With the help of our vendors we sponsor **HPP Neighborhood Watch** projects that keep our neighborhood safe. These dona tions also allow us to sponsor and supply the **HPP FOOD PANTRY** that helps our Puna neighbors in need.

# Vice/Drug Tip Hotlines

934-"VICE" (934-8423)

Information pertaining to Districts of Puna, South Hilo, North Hilo and Hāmākua.

The 24-hour anonymous vice/drug tip hotline is a means for citizens to provide the Police of illicit drug use & distribution, as well as vice issues such as prostitution, gambling and other related crimes.



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# Treasurer's Report for November' 19 by Kathleen Shaw

Nov. 1st Opening Bal SAVINGS \$ 2,380.00 Nov. 1st Opening Bal Checking \$ 5040.28

#### **Nov's Swap Meet INCOME:**

+ 596.00**‡ FOOD DONATIONS VENDOR DONATIONS (22 Tables)** +220.00**VENDOR DONATIONS (18 Spaces)** +110.00Cash Donations in box + 35.00 Signs sold at cost

Sub Total + \$ 961.00\*

#### **Nov's Swap Meet EXPENSES:**

(Reimbursements for supplies) # 685 BarbaraR \$48.03 31.25 #680 Sharon S JudiH 44.76 # 687 Bill E # 684 93.91

Sub Total- \$217.95.\*

Not in Accounting, for reference only
NOTE: Constant Float is Cash kept on hand for change in drawer \$130.00
Nov's Swap Meet OperationalExpense:\$ 743.05

Hui monthly rental 1/12

1/12 of insurance premium - \$155.00 General Excise Tax on **Nov's** food sales 4.25% - \$ 25.33 **‡**EST.

Proceeds realized from Sept's Swap Meet Sub T. \$542.67

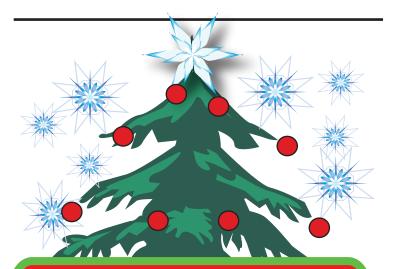
After Operating Expenses Total +\$542.67 \*

**Expenses:** 

### **Nov's Closing Checking Bank Bal.** \$ 5828.68\*\*

\*\*Actual bal. Including unchecked (outstanding)checks

**Nov's** Closing **Savings** Bank Bal. \$ 2580.00



This month the Salvation Army will sign up children 12 and younger for Angel Tree gifts. We've also invited Crisis Intervention Counsel-

ors to assist evacuees and the homeless.

We wish to say Goodbye to two more great volunteers who have moved away. Terri & Mike Stratton. Both active in our neighborhood for many years. You will both be missed. Good luck

### **HPP Neighborhood Watch** Nov's FOOD PANTRY REPORT

Nov. 1st Checking Balance \$ 39.75 Deposit 11/20/19 \$250.00\* Exp. Food Basket - Food (Ck#132) -\$ 37.55 **Nov 30th Checking Balance** \$252.20

\* Donations from Gerry Madie, Mike McKay, and Barbara Robertson



### **HPP Neighborhood Watch** November's FOOD PANTRY

### Judi Houle Reports About the Food Pantry. Aloha Food Pantry Volunteers,

Thank you for volunteering to be part of this compassionate program to provide food for those in need! In November we provided food for 416 people.

151 kids, **194** adults, & **71** seniors.

The Fire Prevention Bureau has a free smoke alarm and installation program for seniors. We have completed the senior's sign up and have submitted the list to the them. The Fire Prevention Bureau will call each senior when the alarms become available. There were no financial requirements necessary. Project Vision gave 26 eye screening and 20 eye glasses at the October Food Pantry.

Hope Services is helping with the increase in Homeless person that we seeing at the Pantry.

Please join us **12/16 Monday** to wrap gifts for the children and Tuesday to help unload, bag, and distribute 180 bags of food.

11:30-1pm 10-12 Volunteers are needed-Unload 3 pallets of food, set up tables, chairs, sort, Inventory, and fill 180 bags

1:30-3pm 10-12 Volunteers are needed-

1- Sign up new recipients, SNAP, and Family Resources. 5- Sign ins, document, file, and give out tickets. 6-Hand Out food and help carry for the disabled 3:15-3:30pm 4-5 Volunteers are needed

For the clean up and lock down

We greatly appreciate all the volunteers and donations of bags, clothes, toiletries, diapers.

Let me know if you can help Tuesday?

Sincere Gratitude to all the wonderful volunteers, Judi Houle, HPP Food Pantry Coordinator

The need grows greater every month, so we need to purchase more supplies from the Hilo Food Basket and receive more donations from the public. We are a 501c3 non profit. Your donation is tax deductible and you will be helping you neighbors in need. Please see or email me for any questions you may have about making a donation. Funds raised at our Swap Meet also supports the Food Pantry. If you want to volunteer, please contact: Judi Houle, nwhppjudi@gmail.com

### amazon sm

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmiles purchase organization of your choice. (That would be HPP Neighborhood Watch)

Amazon Smile is the same Amazon Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping

We would like to thank the person who signed us up for this program, donations are coming in. Mahalo

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# helpful phone numbers

Mayor's Office: Harry Kim: 808-961-8211

Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura
House District 4 Hawaii State Capitol 808-586-6530

Joy's email: repsanbuenaventura@Capitol.hawaii.gov https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/memberpage.aspx?member=Sanbuenaventura

Senator Russell Ruderman State Capitol District 2 808-586-6890

**Ashley Kierkiewicz**District 4, Hawaii County Council Member 808-965-2712

Mitch Roth, County Prosecutor: (808) 961-0466 Child and Family Services: 935-2188 Domestic Abuse Hotline: 959-8864 (24/7)

### Puna Community Police Officers: 965-2716

Officer Eddie Cardines - Pahoa to Kalapana Officer Earl Haskell - Kurtistown to Volcano Officer DuWayne Waipa - HPP, Orchidland, Ainaloa, Keaau Officer Jeremy Kubojiri

Air Pollution: 933-0404 HELCO (Electric Co): 969-666 Civil Defense: Bill Hanson 935-0031 Humane Society: 966-54586 County Bus Service: 961-8774 Hawaiian Telcom: 933-6411

Fire Dept. Non Emergency: 961-8336

Board of Health: 947-6025 for Dengue Fever: 974-6001 Contact info for Big Island Ivasive Species Committee Office: 933-3340 • HOT LINE: 961·3299

HPP Office: 966-4500

Admin Assoc: Donna Caceres, Bridget Haley General Mgr: Don Morris

Please call the police non emergency phone# 935-3311 for anything suspicious Program it into your phone.

Observe, Record, & Report •

Non Emergency Police # 935-3311

LET's STOP Dangerous &Careless Drivers REPORT THEM TO TRAFFIC SAFETY 961-2305

It is that time of year again when critters want to be in your warm dry house. A little peanut butter can save you lots of head aches and reduce the Rat Lung cycle. PVC pipe, wire, & a 5 gal. bucket of water.



Sign up if you would like our Albizia Team to come and assess your property to see if we can come and treat Nonhazardous Albizia Trees on your property.

### Albizia, Rapid-ROD (Ohia Death), Fire Ant & Rat Lung Worm Workshops

The next Albizia Tree & R.O.D. Workshop
March 21st at 9:am

### Rat Lung Worm: Jan. 18th at 9:am

### Fire Ant Workshop: Feb. 15th at 9:am

### Sponsored by Big Island Invasive Species Committee

We would like to invite you to our next Albizia Control Work shops 3rd Saturday @ 9:am.

We meet at the HPPOA Activity Center Pavilion building in the library located on Makuu Dr. between 17th and 16th Ave. Starting at 9:am for about one hour, BIISC will teach us Safety and Milestone Treatment.

Big Island Invasive Species Committee can answer your questions, and talk about safety concerns.

Everything will be provided FREE by BIISC and HPP Albizia Control Committee!

Please show our Community, and Politicians that supported this program, that you care. Our active participation in this Albizia Control Project could effect it's future funding, improve our Safety, and increase property values.

For program questions, please contact:

Judi Houle - (HPP Albizia Committee Chair)Cell#(808)895-3529 email: nwhppjudi@gmail.com

If your neighbors have these dangerous trees on their property and they could be a threat to you, try to contact them and if you need help, we can help you. The State and County have new laws that can make them remove the trees or the State will do so and charge residents at a higher cost.

We have just started a new program to assist our HPP residents in treating \*"Non Hazardous locations" for FREE.

\*(Non Hazardous locations means, they are not too close to any structures or power lines).

We have handouts on ways to contact your neighbors about this problem. Contact Neighborhood Watch via our email and we can send you the handouts . Our email is: hppneighborhoodwatch@aol.com

### FIRE ANTS CONTROL PROGRAM

Note: Fire Ants... NW can't recommend one company over another. Here is a company that several residents used called KFA their number is 965-0209.

Contact info for Big Island Invasive Species Committee: Office: 933-3340 • HOT LINE: 961:3299 - www.biisc.org

# **WARNING**Queensland Longhorn Beetle





#### DESCRIPTION FROM THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LARVAE

- 2 cm 4.5 cm (3/4 in 1 13/16 in)
- ■Antennae over 1-2 times the length of its body
  ■Dark brown
- ■No patterns or spots on body
- Two spines on sides of pronotum

IF FOUND Call HDOA 974-4146, Email:HDOA.PPC@Hawaii.gov

Legless

Cream-colored

Can reach lengths of over 5.75 cm (~2 1/3 in)

Also reach out to BIISC. www.biisc.org

# Hawaii Police Department committed to preserving the spirit of aloha

### Community: 11-29-19 Holiday theft prevention tips

With the holiday season now upon us, Hawai'i Island police advises the public to take precautions against car theft, identity theft and the theft of items from within vehicles.

This time of year, more cars are parked at shopping areas or at home while their owners are out shopping or attending parties, offering criminals more opportunity to break the law. To help prevent vehicle thefts and thefts of items in vehicles, police offer these tips:

- Remove your keys from the ignition and take them with you.
- Lock your vehicle.
- Never hide a second set of keys in your vehicle.
- Park in attended lots and in well-lit areas.
- Never leave your vehicle running, even if you will be gone for only a minute.
- · Completely close all windows of parked vehicles.
- · Do not leave valuables or paperwork in plain sight.
- To eliminate drawing unwanted attention to contents in your vehicle, place packages or bags and other tempting items—especially cell phones and other electronic equipment—out of sight.
- At home, park your vehicle in a locked garage, if you have one.
- Back a rear-wheel-drive vehicle into your driveway to make it more difficult to tow.
- When parking on the street, turn your wheels toward the curb to make your vehicle more difficult to tow
- Set the emergency brake to make a parked car more difficult to tow.

To reduce the threat of theft or identity theft, follow these tips.

- When shopping, do not leave purses or bags unattended in shopping carts. All it takes is a split second for a thief to walk by, remove your bag and flee undetected. Shoppers should keep their bags or purses on their person and zipped or snapped shut.
- When paying for merchandise, be wary of openly displaying checkbooks or credit cards, as they
  contain vital financial information that identity thieves can write down or photograph with smart
  phones. If paying with cash, avoid openly displaying the contents of your wallet.
- When approaching your vehicle to load your purchases, keep at least one hand free to open your trunk or doors. While loading your packages, don't leave your handbag or purse unattended.
- Do not leave any papers with personal information in your car. Even blank papers might tempt a thief to break into your car in an attempt to steal your identity.

Police ask the public to report any suspicious activities by calling the Police Department's nonemergency line at 935-3311.



