

Hawaiian Paradise Park Neighborhood Watch Meeting

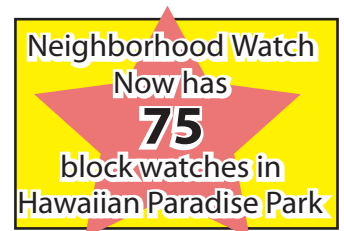
email: HPPNeighborhoodWatch@aol.com

The following officers present

- ✓ Judi Houle (President)
- ✓ Chris Gray (Vice President)
- ✓ Kathleen Shaw (Treasurer)
- ✓ Barbara Robertson, (Secretary)
- ✓ Serg. J. Kubojiri (*filling in for*) CPO DuWayne Waipa

March 7th, 2020

**Call to Order
at 9:00 am**



Also in attendance:

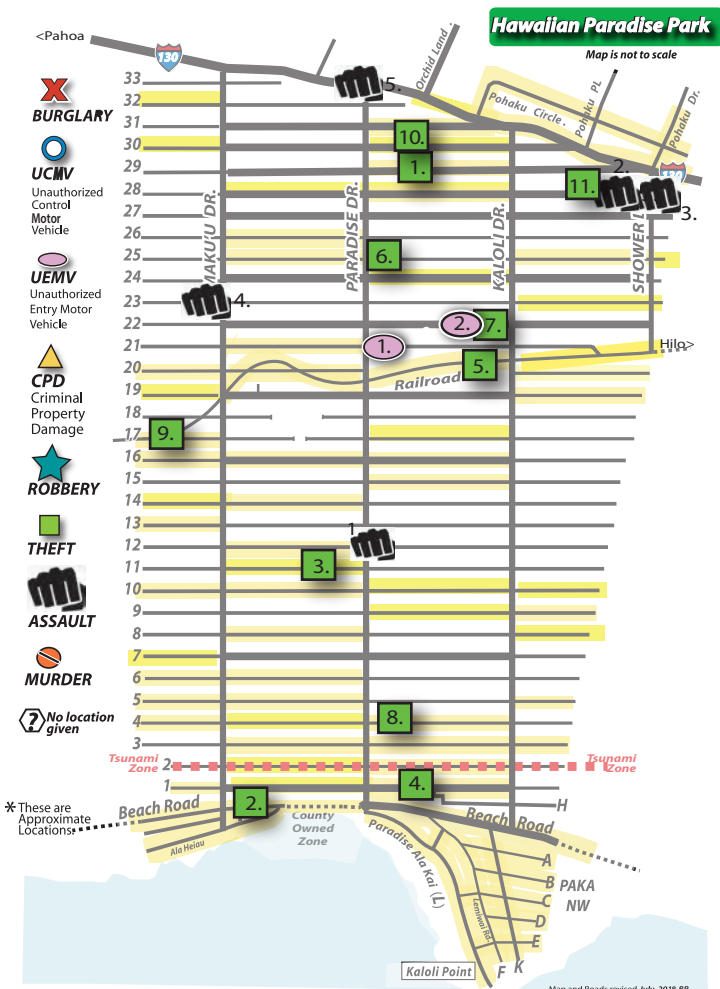
Lyle Erickson, Lyn Wandell, Robert Gluckson, Dave Lunsford, Al & Deb Bandor, Azya Martinez, Bonnie McCoy & Walter, Marianne Freelong, Kaliko Barela, Roland DeLeon, Brooksie Goddard, Ann Chee, Paul Hardy, Gerry Madie, Sandra Kirkpatrick, Mary Conrith, Kevin Malmgren, Theresa Demello, Betty Masterson, Gary & Nancy Anderson, Gregg Datlof, Bruce Derrick, Francis Blas, Justin Meske, Jennifer Meyers, Tom Cioch, Leonard Warden, Kathleen Boyd.

HPP Neighborhood Watch Meeting Agenda 3/7/20

- 1) Approval of February 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- 2) Crimes During February – Community Police Officer Kubojiri
 - a) February Crimes, Arrests, Most Wanted, and Trends
 - b) How to report Squatters and Drug Houses
 - c) Abandoned Vehicle Removal and Reporting Illegal Junkyards
 - d) Report suspected drug houses to Police, Vice, and Neighborhood Watch
 - e) www.hawaiiipolice.com to sign up for Nixle Alerts on traffic, crime, and most wanted
- 3) Block Watch Captain Team Leader- Gary Anderson
 - a) 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 Traffic Safety# **961-2226**
 - f) Report Crimes Anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers # **961-8300**
- 4) Community Emergency Response Team Coordinator – Absent
 - a) Next CERT Meeting 3/19 Thursday at 6pm.- **Cancelled**
 - b) Earthquake Disaster Preparedness Exercise 5/30 Saturday 8-4pm - **Postponed**
 - c) Reregister for Civil Defense Alerts: www.hawaiicounty.gov/active-alerts
- 5) Emergency Radio Team Leader – Gregg Datlof
 - a) Emergency Radio Team Update
- b) HPP NW ERT Meeting- Wednesday 3/11
Earthquake Disaster Exercise Practice for Radio and Search & Rescue Team
- 6) NW Vice President – Chris Gray
 - a) Update on Novel Coronavirus
- 7) Treasurer’s February Report - Kathleen Shaw
 - a) Treasurer’s Report for February’s Income, Expenses, and Upcoming Purchases.
- 8) Feb. Food Pantry Report- 419 individuals were served. 164 children/183 adults/72 seniors
Next Food Pantry 3/24 Tuesday at 1:30pm in the Activity Center
** Mahalo to the Generous Donators and HPP NW Food Pantry Volunteers!
- 9) Swap Meet -3/14 Saturday 7-11am in the HPP Activity Center
- 10) Albizia & ROD Workshop- 3/21 Saturday at 9am in the Activity Center - **Cancelled**
- 11) Adjourn Meeting- Neighborhood Watch Block Watch Training will follow meeting

Mahalo for Volunteering for our Community!

Meeting Began Minutes from last month were passed out to anyone who didn’t see them on line. They were voted on and approved as Call to order 9am. 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 Feb. 2020

Icon	Crime Type	Count
Green square	THEFT	11
Green square	1 Theft 2/5/20 10:00 AM 15-16 Beach Rd.	
Green square	2 Theft 2/8/20 3:36 PM 15-18 Beach Rd.	
Green square	3 Theft 2/11/20 3:30 PM 15-18 11th Ave.	
Green square	4 Theft 2/11/20 4:00 PM 15-16 1st Ave.	
Green square	5 Theft 2/12/20 3:37 PM 15-13 Railroad Ave.	
Green square	6 Theft 2/20/20 9:14 AM 15-17 25th Ave.	
Green square	7 Theft 2/20/20 12:59 PM 15-15 22nd Ave. *	
Green square	8 Theft 2/21/20 5:38 PM 15-16 4th Ave.	
Green square	9 Theft 2/26/20 8:21 PM 15-20 17th Ave.	
Green square	10 Theft 2/27/20 11:14 AM 15-16 30th Ave.	
Green square	11 Theft 2/29/20 12:35 PM 15-14 28th Ave.	
Pink oval	UEMV	2
Pink oval	1 UEMV 2/7/20 5:26 PM 15-17 21st Ave	
Pink oval	2 UEMV 2/20/20 12:59 PM 15-15 22 nd Ave. *	
Hand icon	ASSAULT	5
Hand icon	1 Assault 2/1/20 10:27 PM Paradise & 12th Ave.	
Hand icon	2 Assault 2/2/20 6:11 PM 15-14 28th Ave. *	
Hand icon	3 Assault 2/8/20 1:53 PM Shower & 28th Ave. *	
Hand icon	4 Assault 2/13/20 8:23 PM 15-19 23rd Ave.	
Hand icon	5 Assault 2/29/20 6:15 PM Hwy 130 & Paradise	

* Multi Crimes at the same location with in the same month
 ** Repeated Thef , Burglary or other at that same address in the previous month

FEB. 2020's Crime Stats

by
Sergeant J. Kubojiri

Sergeant Kubojiri filled in for Officer Waipa. His normal patrol area is Fern Acres to Volcano. We are very grateful he could attend our meeting while Officer Waipa couldn't attend. He read the crime stats with the group & spoke about some recent events in the park. He spoke about a new special enforcement unit dealing with high target criminals. We asked about the drug bust in a squatter house that had been a serious issue for neighbors on 17th. No shots had been fired, the noise that residents heard was a flash device that is designed to startle criminals and allow officers a few seconds to gain control of the situation. A pound of meth was sized, that will not make it to the streets.

Sergeant Kubojiri asked if everyone was signed up for **Nixel.com** and spoke of the importance of doing so.

The next subject he wanted to discuss with the group was **Squatters & Drug houses**. He said, "Neighbors have the right to investigate a property that looks suspicious, to prevent it from becoming a squatter house. The time to find out about the property is before squatters find it attractive". Take action and learn about all the properties near you. The web site Real Property Tax of Hawaii is the best way. Find your home and work out from there on the map. Get to know your neighbors. A good neighbor will share with you that they need to leave the house for whatever reason. You can ask them about helping you prevent a squatter issue from coming. If they give you written notarized permission to act on their behalf to represent them. You can show that proof to the police if someone tries to move in. The police can then act and keep them away or arrest them if they persist. The police also said they will keep a copy at the station in a file so if you call they have one on hand. If all the opportunities have past and you don't know any of the history of the abandoned property near you, look for the signs: No electricity, cars coming and going all hours of the day and night. Take notes and photos, if you can do it without letting these people see you. License plates are often switched with other stolen vehicles so note make and model and description of persons. Some times VICE will get involved with a drug house situation and officers will go in undercover and make buys. But, **YOU MUST REPORT IT**. He shared a recent case on 14th, Maku'u side that had a VICE raid after a long sting operation that was very successful. This process takes a long time, but necessary to make solid arrests. Unfortunately, this extends the horror for the neighbors until it is over. **The best thing you can do is to prevent any property from becoming attractive to potential squatters and criminals.** HPP Neighborhood Watch has many great ideas on this.

Abandoned Vehicles, the good news is that right now the county is removing them after reported and processed. It is costing the county/tax payers lots, but it is a way to get a handle on this to prevent future dumping of vehicles. They have also changed the rules allowing all licensed drivers to dispose of up to 2 vehicles a year for FREE. Owners are responsible to tow their derelict vehicle to Business Services Scrap Metals in Shipman Industrial Park.

When you see an abandon vehicle in HPP please call it in right away to the HPPOA office Phone: (808) 966-4500 and leave the info for the GM. Also report it to the Non Emergency Police Dept at: 935-3311. If a resident has more than 3 derelict vehicles on their land it is considered an **"illegal junk yard"** and will be notified to remove them or be charged by the County for their removal. (Derelict Vehicles are unregistered, uninsured vehicles).

Residents Input & questions:

- There is an issue on 6th Ave. with an illegal junk yard or chop shop. It has been going on for many years. One resident said, "I'll bet there is in excess of 25 cars coming in a year.

Judi passed out sheets of procedures on how to deal with these kinds of issues and to report the problem. The county has a program right now for free disposal of vehicles for free. Up to 2 per licensed driver per year. They do have to be towed to Shipman's Industrial park at the owners expense. She also spoke about what classifies an illegal junk yard. Three or more unregistered vehicles, also called derelict vehicles. Now the county can go after these property owners and put liens and fines on them. Not only and eye sore but an environmental nightmare. Automotive Fluids leaking into the ground water and on to the ocean. Also a breeding ground for misquotes, pests and vermin.

- There is an abandoned house across from ours. A car pulled up and I yelled they shouldn't be there. To my surprise the then pulled up in my driveway. I called 911 and then my neighbors, who all came right over to make sure I wasn't alone. We waiting a long while, after the potential squatters had left, but HPD never came.

The officer explained that sometimes more immediate and dangerous calls come in and we have to deal with those when lives maybe in danger. We are truly short handed and Puna is the size of Oahu with only a limited number of officers. That is why it is so important for groups like your Neighborhood Watch to be our eyes and ears. Also training people how to respond to an issue and prevent issues is a great help to us and residents.

- A resident spoke about an assault that happened to him that was listed on the crime stats. He was meeting someone who was selling an item from Craig's List at the top of the park near Hwy 130. The person was late and changed the agreed upon details. When the fellow refused the deal and started to walk away, the seller knocked him to the ground with a punch. The seller jumped in his car and sped away. The police were called and a report was made but the victim chose not to file charges. He now feels that he should have.

- A resident asked what could be done about near non stop dog barking? Others wanted to know as well. Some have had issues with loose dogs chasing their car or bikes.

Judi responded with rules of how to deal with both problems. Barking: you need to record the length of time the dog is barking and how often. If your neighborly approach doesn't work. You will need to report it to the the Hawaii Humane Society and police. The HHS will come out and do a wellness check to see if there is a problem with the animal causing the barking. They will try to reach out to the owner. Citations can be given. Sadly, peoples attitudes toward dogs are not always the response you would be hoping for. This can cause irreversible damage with with neighbors.

*There is a device that is said to work really well and only cost about \$30. Only dogs can hear it and it will NOT hurt them in anyway. It takes a few days for them to learn that their barking causes an annoying noise they don't like. Several residents offered their success stories with the device. One brand upon a fast Amazon search is called **Petsonik Anti Barking Device | Dog Barking Deterrent Devices - Birdhouse | Free E-Book on Tips | Stop Neighbors Dog Barking - No Bark Devices | Outdoor Bark Box, Ultrasonic Bark House Barking Control for Dogs, It is found on Amazon as well as a few other brands. All run on a few batteries.***

There are leash laws here in Hawaii and a dog running down the road is a danger to people, cars and itself. Sometimes a pet gets lose and is scared. We've all tried to rescue one on occasion. Sometimes with success and sometimes the danger is too great to either ourself or the animal. We ask you to report if looks to be in danger. And then there are those chronic dogs that people don't think they have to keep in their yard. They are scaring everyone who tries to pass. These need to be reported to the police and HHS asap. We have a right not to be afraid in our own neighborhood. We have a printed hand out supplied by Hawaii Humane Society. You can also go to their web site and see if that will be of help.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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

March's Blockwatch Captain's Report

First we want to say, "Thank You All, for doing your part in following NW protocol and forwarding us info on issues". Please continue to keep your eyes open with every outing you take. Remember to take notes when you see anything that just doesn't feel right. Follow your instinct. Your notes will really be helpful if you have to recount your observations later.

Our best advice we can give is Get To Know Your Neighbors. Sometimes that can be difficult, so we have some helpful ways to address that. We have flyers you can leave at your neighbors' gates. We suggest leaving them in a plastic bag with your contact info. Let them know you are willing to be the person to reach out to. You can also leave them The Helpful Hints to Keep Your Property Safe sheet that we have put together and printed. An additional approach, that currently will have to wait until after the virus passes is, have a get together at your home. That is a nonthreatening approach and great way to get to know everyone. It lets your neighbors know you're not a threat. If all else fails, invite them to the Swap Meet. If they are new to HPP they may not know about our meetings or the Swap Meet. Some people don't want to get involved in a group, but will go to the Swap Meet. We are happy to share info there on the 2nd Saturday everymonth.

Some of us observe the roads everyday. We take different routes in our daily outings and observe and note changes or interesting things. We share info with the team and converse about any suspicious activities or changes we notice. We send out points of concern to the group and respond in a number of ways, including informing the police. We receive info from residents and follow up on those. We have noticed a lot more police presents in the park this past months we believe in a response to the elevation of crime from November. It does seem to help. Things seem to be improved for the past few months. We are the eyes and ears of the police. A greater police presents results in less crimes. So, please if you see something don't be afraid to call that non emergency number or if you don't want to do that, reach out to us. As always, get to know your neighbors. Leave lights on in the house if you go out, and a radio. **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 **20** 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.

SOME ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION on SQUATTERS

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.

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. SEE NEW INFO ON THIS ISSUE SUPPLIED ON PAGE 2.

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 have been looking for a volunteer to help install Cameras. Great News, Leonard Warden volunteered after the meeting . Hopefully by the next meeting he will have all the details worked out.

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.

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.

LET'S STOP

Dangerous & Careless Drivers

REPORT THEM TO

TRAFFIC SAFETY

961-2305

Pres. Judi Houle's Message for March 2020

March 17th we saw our 1st case of COVID-19 on the Big Island. The spread of COVID-19 will affect the way we meet, communicate, and provide services for our community. The Governor's Emergency Proclamation Stay at home 3/25-4/30/20 will change to essential activities, and businesses, and special health precautions. We will be cancelling all nonessential meetings and events through April 30th. Except the HPP NW Food Pantry which is an essential event. Our March 24th and April 28th Food Pantries will be changed to drive-thru with recipients not leaving their cars. Our Volunteers will all be wearing masks, gloves, using hand sanitizer, and following food safety procedures. Stay safe and help find new ways to reach out to those in need.

As always, we want everyone to sign up for **NIXLE ALERTS**. Go to www.hawaiiipolice.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.

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.

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.



About our Emergency Radio Program
ERT EMERGENCY RADIO TEAM REPORT
Gregg Datlof, Team Capt.
Chris Gray, Team Co-Leader

Chris and I have our ham radio repeater operational thru the state coordinator and we will published on the internet and Ham radio operational guide soon. Our search and rescue system is operational. The repeater in a box is in the truck ready to go. It talks to several others, and we have 10 repeaters now. We were able to do this amazing feat for just \$18,000. which includes the \$13,000 from the grant. Remember we are a non profit and accept donations to keep advancing our work to prepare us for the yet unseen disaster down the road. Our monthly meeting is here next Wednesday the 11th at 2:PM. If you are interested come speak to Judi. This radios are independent of all utilities. We have a table at the Swap Meet your can donate items for us to put out for donations. Amazon.com Smile is another way to donate money to HPP Neighborhood Watch.

We have learned from Hurricane Iselle, that cell service is a luxury that we didn't have. As well as, passable roads, internet, and electricity. Calling for help is difficult at best when those essential are no longer available to residents. That was a catalyst to get the radio program off the ground and we could no longer wait. We are fortunate to have a large active HAM radio group on the Big Island and as in Puerto Rico during their many crisis it was HAM operators that were able to get the devastating news out to the world that so much help would be needed. Our team communicates with in the park, but we have the option to reach out to HAM when needed. Our team can relay and immobilize during and after an emergency. We have our Radio team meetings once a month on the 2nd Wednesdays, at 2: pm here in the library.

We use a Land Mobile Commercial Radio System, authorized for our use by the HPP Neighborhood Watch 501c3 nonprofit corporation. Through many years, almost 7 at this point, of hard work with dedicated volunteers, funds raised, and funds from grants we are here. We are capable of deploying anywhere at any time within just minutes to broadcast and receive info. We have developed a Radio in a Box system for almost any emergency that happens. With 3 repeater stations up in just minutes, this gives us a unique mobile system that can send and receive for a 50-mile radius. With the capability of hooking up with HAM operators, called a cross band repeater, we can even relay info anywhere. Never knowing just how widespread a disaster might be it is nice to know that we will hopefully not be in the dark, uninformed with no way to yell for help.

"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.

Message from Our VP Chris Gray, M.D. retired about the Corona Virus, Part 1 & 2.

Part1 from February 1st meeting

This virus has escaped containment. It now is human to human spreading. This virus is different than the Spanish Flu in its ability to infect 2x as many people an infect person comes in contact with. Spanish Flu was 1 to 2 and this is 1 to 4. It does effect the lungs where it Replicates causing pneumonia type symptoms. It can be fatal in those with compromised health. Good sanitation practices like washing hands and surfaces, covering the mouths of infected so the virus can't spread. We don't know yet how long it will live on a dry surface. So, take precautions. Stay home if you have a fever and cough. Call your medical Professional and explain your symptoms and if you have been in contact with some one who has the virus. Remember the average flu kills 56,000 people every year. Be practical and don't over react. Stock your home with the same care as you would for any emergency have enough supplies for 14 days or longer.

Part2 from March 7th meeting

Chris read the world wide numbers of infected, death, etc. The world is growing exponentially. He explained what the numbers mean, how to take the statics. He spoke at length about the many different test kits for every country. We are only really interested in the kind that are made here under the FDA and CDC. He spoke in easy to understand language with his unique wit and humor. The disease causes ARD, Acute Respiratory Distress. It different from Pneumonia because it effect the entire lung function. Chris covered nutritional supplements to boost the system or block the virus based on the latest studies. Also covering having to make your own hand sanitizer. All the info comes down to Risk Benefit Ratio.

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

Pat Steffen, HPP CERT Lead Coordinator
& Barbara (Zack) Zachary as Medical Co-Lead

**Pat and Zack were in training
and couldn't attend.**

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.

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. For those who don't know, our team was front and center during the lava emergency in lower Puna. In total, Hawaii County CERTs logged about 5000 hours during the recent lava flow, working with Civil Defense and freeing up county workers to do other important jobs. 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. The goal is to keep team member skills sharp and stay prepared to serve our community. In addition, every month HPP CERT has a fund-raising table at the Swap Meet where we do public outreach and help raise funds for emergency equipment and supplies. HPP residents are welcome to stop by & chat with us about the CERT program & general disaster preparedness.
"The monthly HPP CERT meetings are on hold during the pandemic."

Every year, HPP CERT and the HPP Neighborhood Watch Emergency Radio Team collaborate in a disaster exercise where we simulate responding to a disaster in HPP. This year our disaster exercise will be held on Saturday, May 30, at the HPP Activity Center and this year's theme will be a major earthquake. We will set up a command post, establish radio communications with Civil Defense, assess "damage" throughout the park which will include injured and trapped people, structural damage, blocked roads, fires, after-shocks. Team members will be performing search and rescue in the park, performing triage on the injured and providing status to the command post. A Medical Unit will be established to treat the injured as they are brought in. All in all it will be a busy and exciting day where CERT and the radio team get a chance to practice their skills and identify areas of improvement. As in previous years, Civil Defense will be evaluating our performance. We always need volunteers to play injured victims and fill some roles that can be done by non-CERT or Non-radio team members. If you are interested in participating or want more information, you can email Pat Steffen at pasteffen99@gmail.com or stop by the Swap meet to chat.

The next CERT training class will be in Kona starting Feb.15, 2020. The classes are on 4 consecutive Saturdays. To register for the class or to get more information, please contact the Hawaii County CERT Coordinator Patti Pinto at: patti.pinto@hawaiiicert.org. Note: The next Basic CERT Training class will be Kohala-Waimea starting 5/30

"All Basic CERT Training classes are on hold during the pandemic."

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 qts 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.*

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.

Treasurer's Report for February '20

by Kathleen Shaw

FEB. 1st Opening Bal SAVINGS \$ 2,581.28
FEB. 1st Opening Bal Checking \$ 6,098.96

FEB's Swap Meet INCOME:

FOOD DONATIONS \$ + 600.00 ‡
 VENDOR DONATIONS (21 Tables) \$ + 210.00
 VENDOR DONATIONS (12 Spaces) + 60.00
 Cash Donations in box + 23.00
 Signs sold at cost (1NHW, 4 Surlv.) + 6.00

Sub Total + \$899.00*

FEB's Swap Meet EXPENSES:

(Reimbursements for supplies)

BarbaraR \$ 170.31 *(not all checks for reimbursement were handed out in time. Combined months will be rectified after Feb's Swap Meet)*
 Sharon S 34.50
 JudiH 37.65
 Bill E 92.58
 NancyA 34.09
 Kathleen 118.55

Sub Total -\$487.68*

+\$411.28

Not in Accounting, for reference only
 NOTE: Constant Float is Cash kept on hand for change in drawer \$150.00
FEB's Swap Meet Operational Expense :\$ 411.32
 Hui monthly rental 1/12 -\$ 20.00
 1/12 of insurance premium -\$155.00
 General Excise Tax on FEB's food sales 4.50% -\$ 27.00 ‡EST.
Proceeds realized from FEB's Swap Meet, Aprox.
After Operating Expenses Total +\$207.32 *

Other Expenses:


- Rent \$240 •check #703 on 2/18/20.\$2500.
- GE Tax \$123.62

FEB's Closing Checking Bank Bal. \$ 6223.06**

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

FEB's Closing Savings Bank Bal. \$2581.28

NOTICE:
Under the current Governor's Order to "Stay at Home" 3-25 thru 4-30, We will need to Cancel the HPP NW Meeting 4/4 & Swap Meet 4/11.

REMINDER:

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

HPP Neighborhood Watch Feb.'s FOOD PANTRY REPORT

Feb. 1st Checking Balance \$217.22
Donation Deposit. 2/13 \$ 26.00
Exp. Food Basket - Food (Ck#134&5) - \$ 88.98
Feb. 31st Checking Balance \$154.24



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 **FEBRUARY** we provided food for **419** people. **138** kids, **183** adults, & **72** seniors. Over 5000 people were helped from our food pantry for 2019

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

Please join us **3/24 Tues.** to help unload, bag, and distribute bags of food.

- 11:00 -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 always needed
 For the clean up and lock down

We greatly appreciate all the volunteers and donations of bags, clothes, shoes, 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 a501c3 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 Houlenwhppjudi@gmail.com

HPP Neighborhood Watch Hosts Workshops Rotating Every Month
 Albizia Tree Eradication and Ohia Awareness- Cancellation Mar.21st

Pandamic Cancellation next workshop TBA

CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS:

FEVER, COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, MUSCLE ACES, CONFUSION, HEADACHE, SORE THROAT, LOSS OF SENSE OF SMELL, LOSS OF SENSE OF TASTE

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 - Pahoia to Kalapana

Officer Earl Haskell - Kurtistown to Volcano

Officer DuWayne Waipa - HPP, Orchidland, Ainaloa, Keaau

Srg. 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 Telecom: 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

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, ROD (Rapid Ohia Death), Fire Ants & Rat Lungworm Workshops

by Judi Houle

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

Rat Lungworm: ~~April 18th at 9:am~~ **CANCELLED**

Fire Ant Workshop: May 16th at 9:am

Sponsored by Big Island Invasive Species Committee

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

We meet at the HPOA 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

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.

Neighborhood Watch Swap Meet

APRIL'S CANCELLED

Neighborhood Watch
Egg, Cheese, Ham
Croissant Sandwiches \$2.00
Musubi \$2.00 Donation
CHILI BOWL \$5.00 Donation
Today's Muffins \$3.00 Donation
Fresh Local Produce

Held the 2nd Saturday of each month.
7:am - 11:pm. All proceeds support your NW

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 donations also allow us to sponsor and supply the HPP FOOD PANTRY that helps our Puna neighbors in need.

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

1-888-373-7888

BE DISASTER AWARE

In Hawaii EVERY Month we need to be ready

TAKE ACTION TO PREPARE



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>

Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Prevention

There is currently no vaccine to prevent 2019-nCoV infection. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash bag.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid animals *(alive or dead), animal markets, and products that come from animals (such as uncooked meat).

** I believe this was for people of China.*

These are everyday habits that can help prevent the spread of several viruses. CDC does have specific guidance for travelers.

Signs & symptoms of this illness Fever, cough, and difficulty breathing.

This novel corona virus has the potential to cause severe disease and death. Available information suggests that older adults and people with underlying health conditions or compromised immune systems may be at increased risk of severe disease.

In response to this outbreak, officials are screening travelers leaving cities . Several countries and territories throughout the world are reported to have implemented health screening of travelers arriving from China.

On arrival to the United States, travelers from China may be asked questions to determine if they need to undergo health screening. Travelers with signs and symptoms of illness (fever, cough, or difficulty breathing) will have an additional health assessment.

What can travelers do to protect themselves and others?

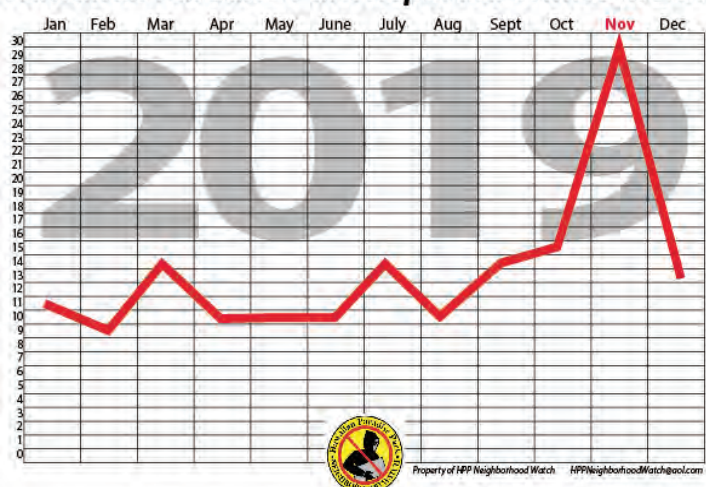
Neighborhood Watch suggests you check CDC site for updates and alerts.

Add Civil Defense Alerts to your cell phone for any alerts they may have also.

HPP Residents' Food Pantry
 Every 4th Tuesday of the month
 Hours are from 1:30 at the HPP Activity Center
 Volunteers needed at 11:00am, please contact
 NWHPPJudi@gmail.com

For Emergencies Call: 911
 Police, non emergency 24/7: 935-3311
 Pahoia Police Station: 965-2716
 Crime Stoppers : 961-8300 VICE/Drug Tipline : 934-8423
 HPD Traffic Services to Report Speeders- 961-2305

Hawaiian Paradise Park Reported Crimes in 2019



HAWAII HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINES

O'ahu
 832-1999

Neighbor Islands
 888-398-1188