

Quarterly Newsletter

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First Quarter

Spring 1997

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Items of Interest for the community of HPP...

| CALENDAR OF MONTHLY EVENTS | |
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| Community Action Meeting | 2nd Tuesday 7 PM |
| Board of Directors Meeting | 2nd Wednesday 7 PM |
| Road Maintenance Meeting | 2nd Thursday 7 PM |
| Swap Meet | 2nd Saturday 6:30 AM |
| General Membership Meeting | 3rd Sunday 3 PM |

The "Conch" Now Mailed to all HPP Lot

by Dorothy Aiwahi

With this issue, every lot owner in Hawaiian Paradise Park will be mailed a copy of Paradise Hui Hanalike's "Conch" Newsletter. Whether to Canada, Japan, Germany, California, Oahu or just down the street — everyone will get a copy.

All of the people on the committees of Paradise Hui Hanalike agree that it is important for neighbors - near and far - to know what is happening in our community.

**NEWS FLASH!
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We realize that for many of you, this may be the only way of finding out what is affecting our area. Because of this, every 3 or 4 months you can expect to be updated on happenings in your neighborhood with a copy of the "Conch" mailed directly to your home.

We'll tell you what legislation and government planning is affecting us, what the long-range plan is for Hawaiian Paradise Park, what condition the roads are in, how your money is being spent, and what's happening at the Activity Center. We'll give you financial information and messages from the many committees who are working for the betterment of the Park.

A gardening group is sprouting. Tai Chi is being taught. The elders are get-

ting together to create works of art and learn hula. Meetings are being held constantly (some might feel continuously) and the "Circus" even practices here. (The Hiccup Circus, that is!)

It's no secret. We want many, many more people involved. We have a Swap Meet once a month that could use more volunteer help, a Neighborhood Watch needing more "wat-

chers", meetings where more people attending could mean more being accomplished. And that does not exclude the lot owners who are not living here — yet! Even those who live thousands of miles away from Hawaii may have suggestions. Write us a note. Take a look at the Activity Center calendar, read the messages from others in the community. You'll surely find something that is of interest to you.

This subdivision is growing. We have many obstacles to overcome, lots of projects underway — help it grow in a positive way by letting your voice be heard.

The Hui office phone number is (808) 966-4500, the fax number is (808) 982-5198, and our address is Paradise Hui Hanalike — "Conch" Newsletter, HCR 3 Box 11000, Keaau, Hawaii 96749.

Taking A Look Back

by Christie Wolf

In March 1978, the Hawaiian Paradise Park Corporation, the developers of HPP, deeded a twenty acre parcel of land to Paradise Hui Hanalike to use as an office and recreation complex site.

A year later the first building was erected on the site. The present Hui office went up quickly with volunteer labor.

The main focus of volunteer activity, however, was the "Country Club." An enthusiastic group formed to raise funds for the complex, which was to eventually include, among other features, a swimming pool, tennis courts, and a residence for a full time manager.

The plan was to sell Country Club memberships to Paradise Park lot owners. A membership, at \$100, was valid for as long as the purchaser owned the lot, provided said party maintained valid Hui membership as well. Memberships could also be transferred to new owners upon sale of the property.

During this period of time, remember, there were less than 500 homes in Paradise Park. A letter was sent to the mainland owners who outnumbered residents by a huge margin. The idea was very popular and many charter memberships were sold.

In May of 1979, the "First Annual BBQ" was held as a fundraiser to build the present Activity Center. Monies were raised on Country Club memberships,

Did You Know...

In the summer of 1972 Bill and Lee McKean invited some friends to their Paradise Park home and as a result the Hui was formed. The first *Conch* was a single mimeographed sheet dated July 1972. This summer, therefore, marks the 25th Anniversary of the Hui.

Paradise Hui Hanalike would like to have a celebration to celebrate this milestone and we are currently looking into the formation of a committee to plan the event. We have a great need for **PARTY PERSONS!**

If party planning is your thing, give the office a call at 966-4500, and help us throw a fete for the entire community to celebrate this anniversary. (This event is tentatively scheduled for July.)



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On the Roads, RMC Report

by
Dorothy Aiwohi

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The recent elections for the Roads Committee gave us four new members. (Actually, one is "slightly used"). They are:

Increment I

Jeff Rotman

Dorothy Aiwohi

(filled out a previous member's term)

Increment II

Bob Lerro

Paul Murphy

All were introduced at our April 10th meeting and we're sure that each of them will bring something special to the committee. There is much work to do, keeping track of 134 miles of road, and we appreciate all of the time and energy to better HPP.

We also said "mahalo" to two members who had completed their terms. John Luchau, who served as vice-chair, and Bob Said sat in on their last meeting as members, but we have a feeling they won't be very far away. They've both worked very hard and helped us make strides in our road maintenance. It's been a pleasure!

Everyone is invited to sit in on any of our meetings. The regular monthly meeting is held on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7PM at the Activities Center.

VOTING RESULTS

ON INCREASED ROAD FEES

The proposal for increased road fees for paving all of our roads was narrowly defeated. The results were:

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| 7 year plan | 600 |
| 10 yr. plan | 316 |
| Continue as is | 1,064 |
| No | 37 |

The committee wanted to give lot owners several choices. We presented three options. One was a 7-year plan to pave; the second was a 10-year plan to pave; and the third was to continue as we are doing.

Frankly, we hoped the vote would be overwhelmingly in favor of paving, but

we also realized that many people might vote to continue as we are. This issue will be covered more deeply in the months to come and, hopefully, put to a vote again after we have gathered more information.

One of the most important facts to keep in mind is that our fees will, more than likely, increase yearly and in nine years WE COULD BE PAYING NEARLY \$150 PER YEAR with NO IMPROVEMENT AT ALL.

WORK ON THE ROADS

General mowing, grading and rolling continues throughout the Park. Of course, our weather has slowed us down on occasion, especially with the downed trees during the recent stormy weather, but we are back on track.

You may have seen some of the latest work. The entrance signs have been renovated by volunteers Darren Hunt, Joe & Monica O'Sullivan, Walter Mo'e and Roger Evans. Thank you, it looks so much better. The next step is to clean up the area around the signs.

The striping down Paradise, Maku'u and Kaloli is almost finished. Shortly, we will begin installing reflectors to increase nighttime visibility for added safety.

Repair on the roller engine has been completed and it is back in service. We're especially grateful to have someone like Hank Anderson, our super mechanic. He has been a blessing when the equipment breaks down.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

We are in the midst of changing to a calendar year budget and at this time, we have only a draft budget. We expect it to be complete within a week or two and presented at our next regular meeting for the committee's approval.

You will find the monthly budget comparison report for March on page 12.

PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

Our Planning Subcommittee has met several times since the last *Conch* was published and has decided a course of

action that effects roads throughout Paradise Park. Some areas of our main roads will need to be resurfaced within three years but these can be done a mile at a time. With each section of resurfacing it is intended to widen the main roads by ten feet to provide a safe place for bicyclists and pedestrians. This is a safety issue that must be attacked.

A type of paving being considered for new paving projects is called "double chip sealing." This is not asphalt but a less costly road surface that is much more permanent than cinder and rock.

The RMC has given first priority to a test paving area at the end of Kaloli toward Kaloli Point. This is the only area where residents must drive more than a mile to reach a paved road. Higher population makes the cindered roads there deteriorate faster than in other areas.

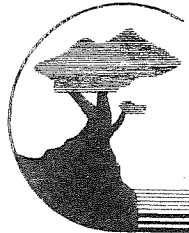
The second priority for double chip sealing will be 22nd Avenue to provide emergency access all the way across Paradise Park from the fire station.

Safety must be considered a priority. Along with widening the roads and installing reflectors, proper signs must be installed and intersections must be cleared of vegetation so that motorists can see in all directions before pulling out on the major roads.

All of these plans are driven by funds. This year's budget will tell us how much money we may use for these planned projects. We have agreed that we must keep our eye upon these goals even if we don't have enough money in our budget to complete all our projects within a given year. We intend to complete as much as we can toward the desired results and not detour time and finances to other matters just because they can be accomplished more quickly.

SUGGESTIONS?

If you have suggestions as to how better to maintain our roads, please drop the committee a note or give us a call at 966-4988. This is the number for the road maintenance shed. While there may be no one available to answer your call immediately, your input is important. Please leave a message.



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Daily Calendar of Events

SUNDAYReligious Science Church
10AM - 12 noonAA Meeting
5 - 7PM**MONDAY**Tai Chi Classes
8:30 - 10:30AM
7 - 8:30PM**TUESDAY**Seniors Art Group
10AM - 12 noonMah-Jong
12 noon - 3PMYouth Service Center
3 - 6PM**WEDNESDAY**Tai Chi Classes
8:30 - 10:30AM
7 - 8:30PM**THURSDAY**Seniors Hula
9AMHiccup Circus
3 - 5PM**FRIDAY**Tai Chi Classes
8:30 - 10:30AMYouth Service Center
3 - 6PM**SATURDAY**2nd Saturday Each Month ONLY
Swap Meet
Roger Evans' Breakfast
7 - 11AM

Employee Profile: Kathy Ayala

by
Christie Wolf

Left — Kathy endures an impromptu picture-taking session with her typical patience and good humor. (We are still getting used to the scanner — In real life, Kathy isn't nearly this fuzzy!)

If you have been in the Hui office during the last year, you have had the pleasure of meeting sunny Kathy Ayala. Kathy, along with Edna Fontes who was been hired more recently, staffs the office during business hours.

Not long ago, Kathy was telling me how much she enjoys Paradise Park and the people she works with. I asked her to describe what she does for the corporation.

"Everything," she laughed. "Accounts payable, accounts receivable, financial statements, Activity Center rentals, manning the phones and basically just being here to help the public on behalf of Paradise Hui Hanalike."

I then asked what sort of help was given in this office.

"Well," she said, "someone visiting from the mainland or overseas might be having a hard time locating their lot. We bring out our maps and place their TMK or lot numbers. Or, someone might need information on taxes, or road fees, or setting up a catchment system. Whatever comes up, we do our best to answer their questions. If we can't provide enough information, we attempt to locate another source."

When I suggested that this column might be an opportunity for Kathy to let lot owners know which problems or questions might better be taken elsewhere, she disagreed emphatically.

"There often isn't any other place to go," she said. "Besides, we go out of our way to be friendly and helpful, and I believe the public has responded to this. You know how someone with a complaint can be, well, defensive? I believe our demeanor toward the folks who come here has had a positive effect on this office — maybe even this community — and I'm very proud of that."

Kathy told me that she and her husband, Bill, live in Hilo, where he was born and raised. When Kathy isn't working, she enjoys walking, cooking, fishing and hunting...

"Oops!" she laughed "I guess I left the hunting behind, in Alaska."

Kathy is originally from that state, and went to the University of Alaska. Her daughter still lives in Juneau.

Another interest Kathy told me about is her home computer. She is thrilled to finally be on the internet, though she confides that Bill often has it tied up. He has discovered it to be a perfect way to keep in touch with his granddaughter in Michigan.

Kathy opens the office at 7AM and always seems to be bright and alert, even at that hour. This is because she starts each day at 5 AM in a Hilo gym. She believes her fitness regimen contributes to her attitude as well as to her physical health.

The Paradise Hui Hanalike office is located at 17th and Maku'u. Office hours are 7 AM - 6 PM, Monday through Friday. Come in and meet Kathy and Edna. You will enjoy the visit.

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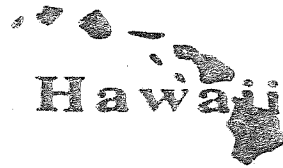


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The President's Message *by Gary Jung*

The realization of a goal is always thrilling. It is even more exciting when the goal is one shared by a group of people who have been through tough times together. When you add in the fact that the group is composed of all volunteers, neighbors who give unselfishly of their time and talent, the satisfaction defies mere words.

Your Board of Directors (BOD) and your Road Maintenance Committee (RMC) are such a group. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I can report to you this quarter that two major goals, several minor ones and even more small successes have been attained by these dedicated people. In addition, there are two other projects that finally are moving forward to completion.

Paradise Hui Hanalike (PHH) has for many years felt a responsibility to communicate with all of the lot owners of Paradise Park whether or not they are a member of the owners association. This issue of the "Conch" is the fulfillment of that goal. For the first time, the newsletter is going out to all property owners without regard for their membership status. The members of the BOD and the RMC sincerely hope that you enjoy each and every issue. This is not a one time mailing. We are committed to the concept of communication and intend to honor that commitment.

A second major goal has been the establishment of a working agreement between the BOD and the RMC. I am delighted to announce to you that, at long last, an agreement has been reached. It has been approved by both bodies and went into force on April 1st. You may be justifiably proud of the dedication and perseverance of these fine volunteers. All of you are invited to attend any meeting of the Board, the Road Committee or the General Membership. The schedule of these meetings appears on the first page of this newsletter.

The HPP Community Master Plan, af-

ter three and one-half years of work, is, as of this writing (4/3/97), going to the Hawaii County Council for approval. A provision of the Resolution includes the direction by the Council that the County Planning Director investigate including the plan into the County General Plan. If successful, we would be the first subdivision in the county, and quite probably in the state, to have achieved this status. It would mean that special use permit applications to the county for any property

inside our boundaries would have to be viewed by the Planning Commission in the light of our Master Plan. It is also the first step to the development of small village centers, schools and parks for our community. A limited number of Plan documents are available at the Hui office for a nominal charge. For anyone wishing to order one through the mail, a check for \$15 should accompany your request and one will be mailed to you.

If any of you have any questions about your community, please call me at (808) 966-4500.

Membership Report *by Jim Erviti*

In the last issue of the Conch, I reported that a change in dues payment procedure awaited approval at the next general membership meeting. The approval was given. From now on, all memberships will run from July 1 to June 30. Lot owners joining for the first time during the year will pay proportionate dues.

In order to make the transition to the new arrangement, all members will receive cards reminding them to pay their dues for July 1997-June 1998 during May this year. Memberships that expire April 1 to June 30, 1997, will be reminded to pay \$30. Memberships that expire July 1, 1997 to Sept. 30, 1997 will pay the standard \$25. Those expiring Oct. 1, 1997 to Dec. 31, 1997 pay \$20 and expirations during Jan. 1, 1998 to Mar. 31, 1998 will pay \$15. When you get your card, look at the address label. The amount there will pay your dues to June 30, 1998. A very few people are paid up in advance of June 30, 1998. They will be brought into the July-June arrangement when their membership expires by using the same method as is used this year.

If you are not now a member of Paradise Hui Hanalike and would like to join, complete the membership form below and send it to our office with your check in the amount of \$30 for a membership beginning as soon as we get the check and expiring June 1, 1998. A similar invitation will appear in each issue of the Conch to come with the appropriate dues amount.

Paradise Hui Hanalike Membership Application

Please consider joining Paradise Hui Hanalike, your community association. Membership in PHH is completely voluntary. Although many owners believe their Road Maintenance fee includes membership in PHH, it does not. Road fees are designated only for the maintenance of the 134 miles of road in Hawaiian Paradise Park and the associated expenses.

PHH provides all of the administrative support to the Road Committee. PHH has a Board of Directors elected by only the membership of PHH. This Board supervises the administrative services that support the Road Committee as well as the many long-term projects in Paradise Park.

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Community Action Committee

by John Luchau


The Community Action Committee has completed several projects and continues working on several others through the efforts of a few hard working individuals. Have you noticed the new Swap Meet signs? Mark Dziatko did those. Mark and Tina are regulars at the Swap Meet. It's obvious he should be designing signs as a professional. On the other side you'll see our General Membership Meeting announcement. Walter Bell did those and he, too, could earn a living painting signs. Thanks to Walt and Mark for their excellent work.

Walter Mo'e and I were out this morning digging holes to mount our new bulletin board near the Hui office. Our gratitude goes to Neil Arakaki of **Arakaki Mechanical** for all the services he rendered on this project. It weighs 350 lbs., so we're now in the process of finding four strong men or three smart women to put it up. By the time this is published, installation will be pau.

Waterline Update. There has been money allotted in the County C.I.P. Budget for waterlines initially down Paradise Dr. to the fire station and later to continue down Paradise to the County Park on Gov't. Beach Rd. on the shoreline. Also an additional \$750,000 is in the C.I.P. budget for a waterline from the highway to 26th Ave. along Kaloli Dr. where four acres have been dedicated to the County for a park and future plans indicate construction of an elementary school. The Hui has responded to the Board of Water Supply's attorney with their con-

cerns about waterline easements. The attorney's initial comments were that most items of concern are reasonable and negotiable. President Gary Jung is optimistic and personally feels that we will have signed a contract by mid-May. Discussions with the Board of Water Supply and other individuals indicate that the water line would be a 12" line with fire hydrants at each corner. County Councilman Al Smith assured me that he is pushing hard at the County Level to get all three of these waterline projects started. In the next issue of the "Conch" we will have more to report on waterlines.

The HPP Community Master Plan has been presented to the County Planning Director and to Councilman Al Smith, as reported in the President's Message. If you wish to purchase Plan documents at the Hui office, they are available for \$10. If they must be mailed, the cost will be \$15. You may receive updates and descriptions of specifics of this Plan at CAC meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, 7PM, at the Activity Center Library. The May 13th meeting will have trails, parks, recreational equipment and the athletic field as agenda items. If these subjects interest you or there is some other item you'd like brought before the committee please become involved.



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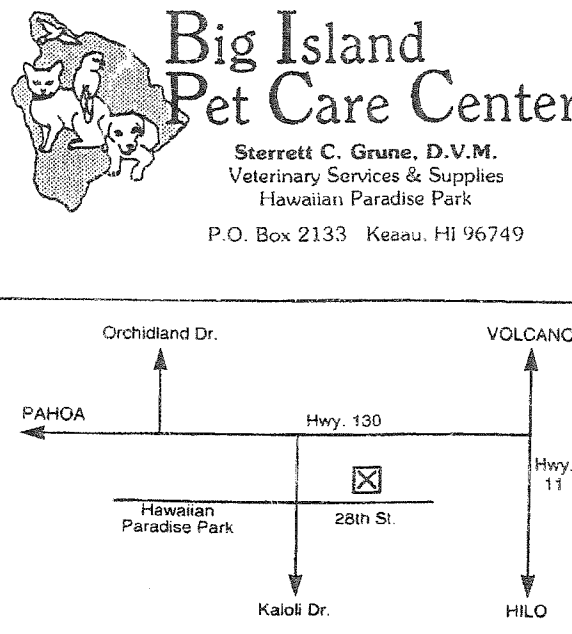
One of the popular features of the *Conch* in the early years was a quarterly report on the rainfall in HPP. It reported the rainfall for each month in the quarter, year to date, and the previous 12 months based on observations at six locations.

With most of us dependent on the rain for our household water, our readers might find such a report useful.

Are there six residents, at scattered locations within the Park, including Pohaku, willing to be observers and take daily records? Call Walt Bell, 982-5417, if you're interested. Perhaps the report can be expanded to record more than just rainfall.

"P.H.H. acknowledges the assignment to the corporation by Bob Lerro of the copyright for 'Hawaiian Paradise Park Future Plan'. The Hui acknowledges Mr. Lerro's role in the formation of the Hui's Community Action Committee. The efforts of this committee resulted in the development of what is now known as the 'Hawaiian Paradise Park Master Plan'."

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Neighborhood Watch

by
Monica O'Sullivan

The Neighborhood Watch program has gained a great deal of community support recently. We now have a group of volunteers ready and willing to go on patrol, but more effort is needed.

On **THURSDAY, MAY 15TH, at 7PM**, at the Activity Center Library, there will be an organizational meeting that is very important to the reorganization and implementation of the Paradise Park Neighborhood Watch. If you own or rent a home in Paradise Park and feel concern for the security of that home and its contents, please, PLEASE, consider attending this meeting. Bring

your neighbors, if at all possible. You will be meeting other neighbors you've not yet had the opportunity to meet.

Together, we can learn to cooperate and coordinate our efforts to keep this large and mostly undeveloped subdivision under watchful eyes. We can create a new "reputation" for Hawaiian Paradise Park — as a community that is safe and secure, a place where neighbors work together to foster that security.

Please contact myself, Monica, for more information on Neighborhood Watch. Call 966-6600.

Litter Committee Report

by
Denise Smith

On the evening of March 20th the Paradise Park litter pick up "crew" was treated to dinner and entertainment at the annual Mahalo Reception hosted by the Governor's Committee on Ending Litter and the County of Hawaii. This event is sponsored every year by Outrigger Hotels to thank all the people, county wide, who give willingly of their time to help keep their communities clean and litter free. Clarence and Denise Smith, Jeff and Carol McCollum, Roger Evans and Kyle Golden were able to attend and enjoyed a great steak and chicken dinner with all the trimmings.

Recently at the Hui office, there have been contacts from people who have various youth groups who are looking for community service projects to work on

within Paradise Park. The litter pick up dates are a great way for these groups to meet their commitments! The pick ups are always held on Saturdays, the bags are supplied, continental breakfast is provided, and you can choose as large or small an area as you like to pick up. All that we ask is that you come and sign in so we can track the number of people participating. If you have such a group, or if anyone else is interested in keeping Paradise Park a beautiful litter-free community to live in, please contact Denise at 982-5625. Our next pick up will be May 31st and we will meet at 8AM at the mailbox cluster by the entrance to the Hui office on 17th and Maku'u. Hope to see you there!

!!! Public Meeting !!!

by
Gary Jung

Thurs, 7PM, May 22, 1997 - PUBLIC HEARING on HELCO'S Weed Spraying Program

The Board of Directors of Paradise Hui Hanalike has decided to moderate a hearing on HELCO's weed control spraying program in Hawaiian Paradise Park. This meeting is open to all residents of HPP. Testimony will be solicited and a sign-up sheet available for anyone wishing to present their viewpoint. Please respect the rights of all and limit comments to the issue and be as brief as possible.

A representative from HELCO will be at the meeting and will present an overview of their program prior to any public testimony. A question and answer session will be held following the testimony.

Seniors of Paradise

by Audrey Eskelson

In April the Seniors had a great deal of fun with Merrie Monarch festivities. We held an Open House at the Activity Center. Our own halau performed, along with three guest performances of song and dance. Over 40 attended and a luncheon was served. Saturday, April 5th, we had 10 marching seniors in the Merrie Monarch Parade.

At this writing, we are planning our Seniors Summerfest which will be held in July. We'll meet at a Hilo park (yet to be determined) and play "senior" games. Cheerleading skills may be involved! Stay tuned!

Here are some upcoming events from the County of Hawaii Dept. of Parks and Recreation:

May 15th - Home & Home Bowling;
May 27-29 - KMC Educational Seminar;
June 19-20 - State Bowling on Kauai;
June 27 - Big Island Golf Tourney

For more information, call Joanie Wallin at 966-6426.

The Seniors of Paradise are looking for a worthwhile community project to enter in "Make a Difference Day" which will be held on Oct. 25th. Those of you who read the Tribune-Herald's Sunday newsmagazine will be familiar with this. Groups adopt a service project and enter it for cash prizes to be awarded to charities of the winners' choice.

This year, the Seniors wish to tackle a project with the help of their grandchildren, thereby strengthening ties with youngsters in the area and doing good for the community at the same time. If you have suggestions for appropriate projects, please call Audrey at 982-5636.

Remember our standard meetings at the Activity Center:

Seniors of Paradise, 1st Monday of each month, 9:30 AM; Art Group, Tuesdays at 10 AM (call George: 965-8902); Mah Jong, Tuesdays at noon (call Norma: 966-4661); Hula, Thursdays at 9:30 AM (call Eve: 982-9536).



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If you are interested, send a note to the Hui office and ask for more information. It's a great time to be a member and a great opportunity for children of the Park.

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Hospice of Hilo Ho'olaulea

by Lisa Kaneshiro

Thirteen busy and successful years have passed since Shigeko Chang founded a tiny non-profit organization to comfort and care for East Hawaii families who were coping with terminal illness. Now, Hospice of Hilo anticipates serving 36,000 individuals from Laupahoehoe Point to South Point by the year 2005.

A feasibility study was conducted this past summer to determine whether the community would support a new facility for Hospice of Hilo. The study was returned with an overwhelming show of support and appreciation for Hospice programs and plans for the future.

On Sunday, May 4, Hospice of Hilo will be announcing the public phase of its \$2.5 million *Ola Me Ka Ha'aheo* "Life With Dignity" capital program campaign to build a permanent facility for East Hawaii. The public is invited to celebrate with Hospice of Hilo at a FREE Ho'olaulea from 10:30AM to 4PM at Nani Mau Gardens. Entertainment includes: Melela'i; Alvin Kalima and Family; Native Tongue; Boy Varize, Marlene Valeriani & Friends; Kapuna O Keaukaha. There are many other activities planned and a wide variety of food will be offered. Hospice of Hilo invites the entire community to come join in the fun for a very serious cause.

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raffle tickets (a drawing was held for a Paradise Park lot), and BBQ tickets. The *Conch* reported nearly 2,000 people in attendance, celebrating under a big tent.

The building itself was completed and a blessing ceremony was held in January of 1980. The longhouse had canvas "drop curtains" which could create havoc when they blew inward on gusts of wind. There were donated books in the library, though that room was somewhat unfinished. The ceiling was added later, to create storage space above.

The longhouse was well used for the next few years. Western BBQ's continued to be a great attraction. Hawaiian luaus were another draw, utilizing the imu

which had been installed. The Hawaiian community in the area gave freely of their time and talents, cooking pig, providing entertainment, bringing horses for children to ride and ferns and flowers for decoration. June of 1980 saw the following activities: the Swap Meet, bi-monthly auctions, fund-raising dances for the building of Malamalama School, a Casino Night, and "Roaring 20's Night" (authentic music furnished by Eileen Dempster) was drawing rave reviews for its "outrageous costumes." A Renaissance Arts & Crafts Faire was held in "Paradise Meadow" on a warm June evening, with costumes again.

Alma Prigmore, well known realtor in the Park, was a part of the original Country Club committee. She recalled

the story of the first fundraising luau. The day before the big event, pigs were roasting, vast amounts of food had been purchased, entertainment rehearsed, and the tickets presold could be counted on one hand! Alma was frantic, but husband Jim told her to relax and "carry on" and that things would be better in the morning. He was right! Crowds arrived on the big day. Servers began to worry that food would run out, and the last few plates, bought "to go" for on-duty cops and firefighters in Hilo, had to be "portionally adjusted" as cooks scraped bottom in the pots.

Alma spent a long while in bed, recovering from the stress of that day. In summing it all up, she said: "We all worked hard, but we had fun!"



PUC Hears Complaints

by *Christie Wolf*

In April a public meeting was held before the Public Utilities Commission. Around 75 Puna residents had a chance to voice their dissatisfaction with the telephone services rendered by Hawaiian Tel in this area.

The Puna Telecommunications Committee (PTC) has filed petitions with PUC alleging that inadequate services threaten the health, safety and economic welfare of our community. They see our high percentage of multiparty lines, the high monthly charge to convert to single user lines, lack of Emergency 911, reliable fax, or computerized information services, as demonstration of the need for system upgrades.

PUC has allowed TelHawaii, Inc., to take over phone service in the Ka'u district, though that decision is being appealed. PTC is requesting that either the Ka'u test area be expanded to include Puna or that an alternative provider be authorized.

A hearing before the PUC will be held in Honolulu at a later date. Hawaiian Tel, PTC, and others will testify.

PTC is a grassroots organization with membership open to all persons within the district who wish to participate.

Letter to the Mainland

by *Walt Bell*

The New Year began in Hawaiian Paradise Park with a stretch of chilly weather, sweater, blanket, and, for those lucky enough to have them, fireplace weather. One long-time resident couldn't remember using their fireplace so much in previous winters. Mauna Kea was visible with a heavy snow cover. A couple of weeks of winter and it warmed up with our usual patches of sun and rain.

In January the long running eruptions and lava flows from Kilauea came to an end with the collapse of Pu'u O'o vent and the movement of magma to nearby Napua Crater on the East Rift Zone. Later the activity moved back, and in March eruption of lava began again within the crater. The reduced activity brought emissions of sulfur dioxide down as much as 90%. Good news for the Kona side which gets the worst of the vog, but also welcomed here in east Hawaii where winds can blow vog our way.

February brought a day of hurricane force winds, as high as 80 mph. Roofs blew off, trees fell over, and traffic was tied up. Damage in the Park was mostly limited to fallen limbs. Hilo seemed to be hit the hardest. Oddly, as reported in our January Letter to the Mainland, a record high wind of 39 mph for Hilo had been recorded in November. That's quite a jump for a record high, from 39 to 80 miles per hour!

In March, light sleepers felt the jolt of a magnitude 4.4 earthquake early one morning. The quake disturbed some sleep, but caused no other damage, and gave us something to chat about.




It should be a good season for wild mangoes which bloomed heavily in February. In their way, some trees were covered with blossoms, some had none, and others were part in bloom, part not. The fruit is now set and beginning to ripen.


Spring brought red puffs of blossoms to the Ohia trees and pale lavender blossoms to the melistoma, an attractive shrub which favors the lower, more open areas. The melistoma looks native, but is actually from Australia.

Comet Hale-Bopp was visible from HPP if one picked a clear morning and got up at 5AM. After the comet switched to the evening for viewing, it hasn't been visible from the Park. The view of comet low in the northeast is blocked by Mauna Kea.



March went out soaking wet. It rained every day of Easter week. The school children, out for Spring Break, had their week drenched by over 10 inches of rain. All the rain and the new Spring has caused new growth to sprout everywhere, reminding us of the beauty of our Hawaiian Paradise Park.

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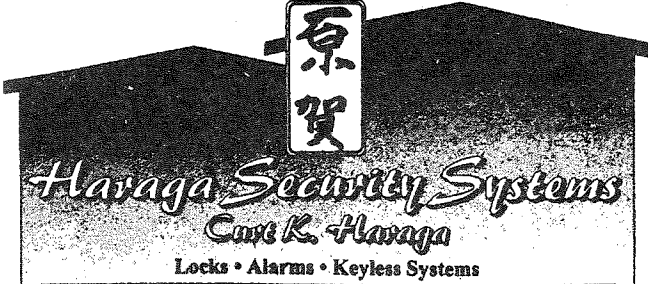
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The Trees of Hawaiian Paradise Park

by
 Walt Bell

The character of our beautiful Hawaiian Paradise Park is enhanced by fine stands of trees. Our forests consist mostly of five species: Ohia, common mango, guava, Albizzia and Secropia. Of these, only Ohia is native to Hawaii.

The Ohia was the first and almost the only tree to colonize the lava flows of the Park. Its close spacing and tall slender shape with small shiny leaves and red puff-like blossoms make it easily recognized. Ohia is slow growing, with extremely hard wood prized for flooring and woodworking. The Ohia is valued in the landscape for its beauty, as a wind break, and as a link to native rain forests. Any land owner fortunate enough to have Ohia trees should consider saving as many as possible.

When our lands were used for cattle grazing early in the century, the paniolos often ate mangos with their lunch. Seeds were tossed aside and many took root to become the splendid mango trees we see today. *Magnifera indica*, a native of India, is easily recognized by its globular form, branches almost to the ground, and its pointed dark shiny leaves. Wild mangoes grow large, up to 100 feet, though not here. They are often found in picturesque clumps, their deep shade a cool refuge. The fruit is small but flavorful. The wood is beautifully grained and valued for furniture, woodworking and woodturning. The mango tree is somewhat messy, dropping leaves throughout the year, and stems and fruit in season, and should not be allowed too close to the house.

There are two species of guava found in the Park: the large-fruited tropical common guava, *Psidium guajava*, and the smaller Cattley or "strawberry guavas", *Psidium cattleianum*, of two varieties, red and yellow. The fruit of both make great juice. Guava is grown commercially in orchards scattered throughout the Park.

Common guava has pale bark and its pointed leaves are pale green with a soft surface.

Strawberry guava has pointed glossy dark green leaves and smooth red bark. Its slender twisting trunks and branches, make it an attractive landscape feature, particularly in clumps. It can grow quite tall, some trees reaching 40 to 50 feet.

Guava can become a nuisance. It's not easy to get rid of unwanted trees. They easily sprout from seed and from roots, and birds spread the hard-shelled seeds in their droppings. Cut one down and the roots will sprout.

It's difficult to imagine the Park without the gracefully branching Albizzia. Albizzia, native to Africa, was introduced to the Big Island in 1902. In the early 60's, HPP pioneer Rick Edwards planted seedlings, from Nanawale Forest Reserve, along Maku'u and Paradise.

The Albizzia is very fast growing. Its wood is pale yellow with attractive streaks of dark graining and can be used for woodworking.

Its introduction to the Park is a mixed blessing. There is no questioning the beauty of the majestic stands. Whether in large drifts or alone in a field, it is a

beautiful tree, but a tree that one would rather see on the neighbor's property two lots away. The tree is extremely brittle and prone to drop limbs which can be as big as a sizeable tree. It doesn't belong anywhere near a building.

The Secropia, commonly called snake tree, is everyone's favorite for "trash tree." It is easily recognized by its large 5-pointed leaves on long stems and its straight trunk branching in tiers.

According to Big Island forester Joseph Dalrimple, to whom the author is indebted for assistance with this article, the only known use for secropia is to make "didjeridoos", the Australian wind instrument, utilizing the hollow stem of the young stalk. The big leaves, woody stems and stumps are slow to decompose, but trunks and branches that fall to the ground decompose quite readily. The trees are brittle, very subject to wind damage, and should not be allowed near a building.

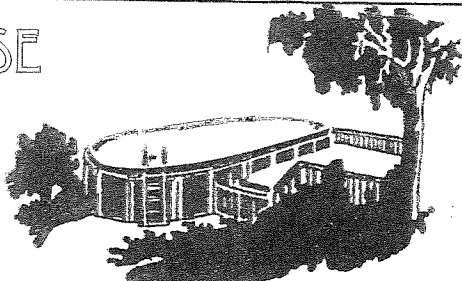
Guava, Albizzia and Secropia all tend to sprout from the roots when the tree is cut. To prevent this it is necessary to kill the roots. One way is to girdle the trunk by cutting below the bark in a wide band all the way around the trunk. In time the tree and presumably the roots will die and the tree can be safely cut down. Another quicker way is to coat the cut stump with used crankcase oil, herbicide or household bleach. Eb Cravens, in his column "Farm Scene" in the February 1997 issue of *Ka'u Landing*, describes in detail this method of killing "pest trees".

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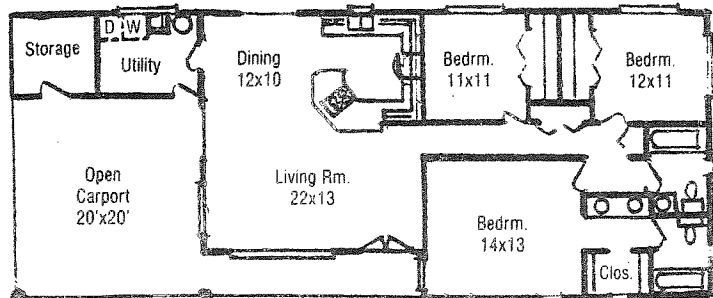
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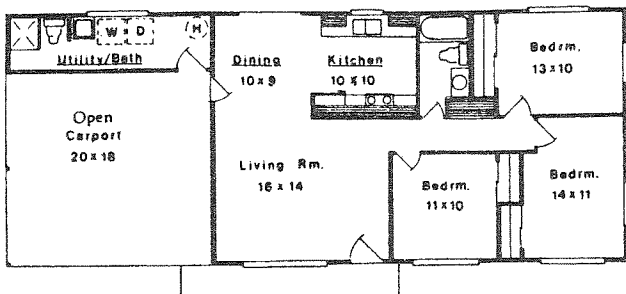
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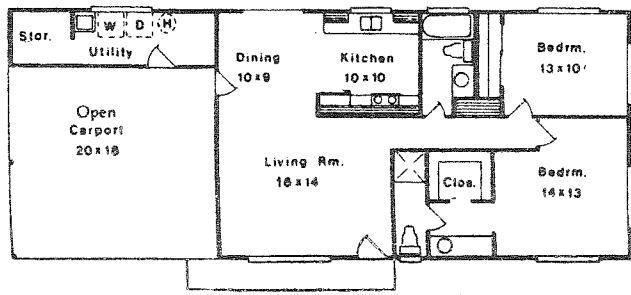
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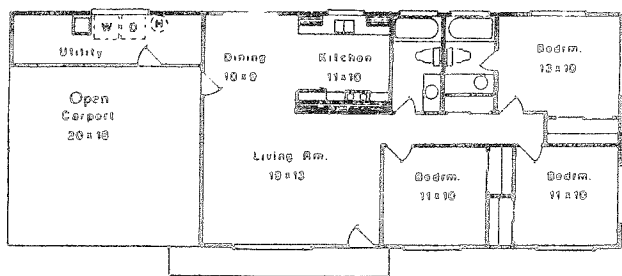
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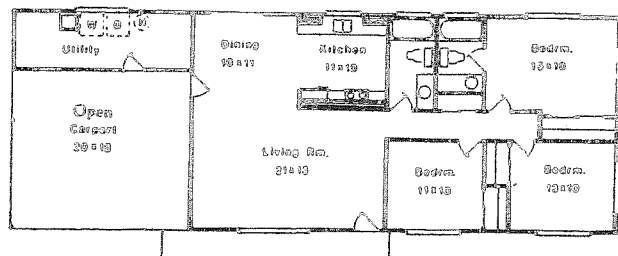
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A Gathering of Gardeners by Christie Wolf

In the last issue of the *Conch* I put forth an idea for establishing "Personal Interest Groups" in Paradise Park. I am now in the process of promoting one such group, devoted to gardening. I'd like to relate my experiences.

I received three phone calls from my request to hear from others who love to garden. This was, to be frank, three more than I had anticipated, so I was thrilled!

I'd like to add that one of those calls was from Baton Rouge, LA. That gentleman was unable to attend our first gathering, but I hope he received the seeds we mailed.

On March 16th I hosted a small group of enthusiasts to discuss the possibility of forming a Gardening Group. We agreed that, collectively, we had a wealth of information and experience to share. Most of all, we agreed that we needed to

enlist more members, and have another meeting.

The "Paradise Park Gardening P.I.G." is for anyone who has an interest in plants. It is for owners or renters, those with a lot of knowledge to share, or those with a burning desire to learn. Whether you have extensive ornamental plantings, a kitchen garden, or a windowbox, finished or still in the planning stage, please join us.

It is our intention to share ideas, books and catalogs, seeds, cuttings and plant materials. We hope to make Paradise Park even greener and more lovely than it is now, and to have fun doing so.

Our next get-together is tentatively scheduled for early June, time and place is yet to be determined. For more information please call me, Christie Wolf, at 982-5959.

Personal Interest Groups Forming

by Christie Wolf

Here are some brave souls who have expressed an interest in the "Adopt a P.I.G." program.

Walter White enjoys playing the piano and organ, and sometimes guitar. After three years of lessons, he has decided to go without a teacher, and he would like to talk to other novice pianists and musicians. He hopes such a group could learn from each other and mutually further their techniques. Walter can be reached at 982-9456.

Rev. Angelica Jayne Taggart has formed weekly creative writing sessions, and would like to invite other writers to join. The group does loosely structured, timed writing exercises and they share their efforts in a non-critical setting.

Angelica would also like to start a group to play with handicrafts. She intends to explore many different mediums, hopefully with participants taking turns to "lead" the group and share their diverse specialties. If either of these creative pursuits appeal to you, call 982-5683 (leave message.)

John Luchau is an amateur carpenter crazy enough to be building his own home, and wants to meet others like himself. He wants to swap ideas, stories, contacts, tools, skills recommendations, techniques, and materials. (As an example: He has some 4X10 and 4X12 treated lumber that he would like to trade for 4X4's.) John's number is 982-5959.

John is also very interested in the development of walking, running and bike trails in Paradise Park. He feels that recreational trails are extremely important to the health and safety of our residents, and feels others out there might agree. Again: 982-5959.

John is asking that PLEASE, if anyone is the least bit interested in the building of trails, would they attend the next Community Action meeting, May 13th, 6PM, at the Activity Center?

Adopt a P.I.G.! by Christie Wolf

Anyone in Paradise Park who has a special talent or interest they would like to share can adopt a P.I.G. (Personal Interest Group) It won't cost you anything and it's more fun than a stretch of highway. Here's the steps involved:

1) Identify your P.I.G.: Write down a brief description of what you love to do and how you would like to share your special interest. (Examples to follow.)

2) Identify Yourself: This may be the hardest part, but supply your name and phone number. Yes, if you tell the world that you spend all your time playing "Space Invaders," that may somehow be used against you. But, you may meet a new friend who is terribly easy to beat!

3) Turn It In: Bring your written description to the Hui office, 17th & Maku'u, and ask that it be given to the

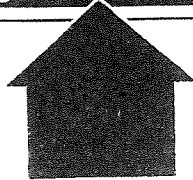
Conch. It can be published in the next issue. (Standards of good taste and common sense will be applied!)

4) Wait for Response: This, too, is hard. Nothing may happen, and rejection hurts! But, be prepared for a response. Set up a meeting or do whatever is called for.

5) Nurture Your P.I.G.: In the beginning, you may have to go out of your way to drum up interest. If it doesn't seem to be an immediate success, don't give up! With a little time and enthusiasm, you, too, can become a "Swine Meister!"

Silliness aside, I strongly believe that groups of people networking to share pleasant activities can contribute to a new sense of community in the Park. It could happen!

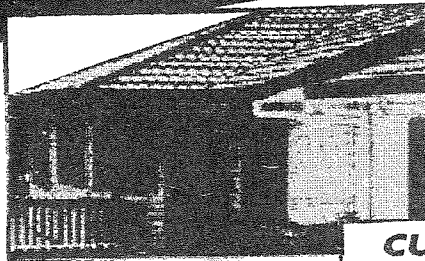
The Conch is the quarterly publication of Paradise Hui Hanalike. Publishing dates for the remainder of 1997 will be August and November 1st. Submissions of community interest would be greatly appreciated. Deadlines for submission would be roughly July 10, and October 10 of 1997. Drop articles (typed and signed, please!) off at the Hui office.



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| EXPENSES | | |
| Labor | \$ 18,637 | \$ 13,228 |
| Administration {billing, office sup-plies, equipment, insurance, etc.} | \$ 16,218 | \$ 5,827 |
| Road Maintenance Equipment | 1,114 | 1,357 |
| Safety supplies | 64 | 0 |
| Direct road maintenance | 3,101 | 5,015 |
| Reimbursement to Reserve funds | \$ 103 | \$ 15,914 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 39,237 | \$ 41,341 |
| NET INCOME | \$142,801 | \$151,726 |

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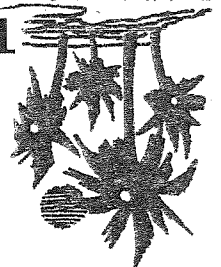
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