



The Conch

The Newsletter of Hawaiian Paradise Park

FEBRUARY 2016

GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

By Don Morris - General Manager HPPOA

Aloha, thank you for your road maintenance requests. The road crew really appreciates your requests. It helps us to identify the more problem areas of the subdivision that need more work than the other areas.

I met with the Keaau Postmaster the first week in February and she informed me that our mailboxes for the subdivision had been approved. HPPOA has four areas in the subdivision where the boxes could be set in at this time. The Post Office is paying for the boxes and HPPOA has to prep the area for the boxes. This will require clearing the property, laying down base course and concrete pads for the boxes and installing the boxes.

Chip Sealing: We are scheduled for the test mile of chip-sealing the 24th and 25th of February.

Mowing: Grasshoppers continues to mow the main roads and cut back the corners. The road crew mowed 94 miles of roadway easement.

Spraying: 33 Makuu dead end, 32 Makuu dead end, 17 Makuu-Kaloli, 7 Makuu-Paradise, Paradise-17-13.

Watering roads: 49.5 Miles / Dropped and Rolled: 19 miles / Gravel, Graded and Rolled: 14 miles

Trees Removed: 3

Signs Replaced and New: 4 stop signs, 15 MPH signs on all gravel crossroads, dead end signs on dead end roads.

Rubbish Pickup: 3 tons

Dead Animals Removed: 6 pigs, 2 bags of fish guts and bones

Road Maintenance Requests:

105 Total Requests

103 Resolved

2 Unresolved

Safety Report: No accidents or injuries for the past 19 months.

Thank you for your support.

HPPOA

Membership Meeting

3:00PM

Sunday, 28 February, 2016

HPP Activity Center

15-1570 Maku'u Dr.

CANDIDATES WANTED

The Hawaiian Paradise Park Nominating Committee is actively looking for qualified candidates for the upcoming election. To be an eligible candidate, you must be a property owner in the district in which you're running and be in good standing (road fees current). If you own multiple properties, you are eligible to run in any one of those districts.

There will be six openings on the nine-member Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners' Association Board of Directors.

Candidates must be willing to attend the Board meetings that are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6P in the HPP library to review and decide on the needs of our community and the concerns of its owners. Directors serve without compensation.

The six open districts are as follows:

District 1 – 3 year term

District 3 – 2 year term

District 4 – 2 year term

District 6 – 3 year term

District 8 – 1 year term

District 9 – 3 year term

The election is June 1, 2016, however interested owners who would like to run as a candidate in any one of these open seats must submit their candidate's application by Friday, March 18, 2016, 4PM.

You can pick up an application at the office or download it [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Council member Greggor Ilagan is hosting a public forum with Puna Police Captain Samuel Jelsma on Wednesday, March 9, at the HPP community center, beginning at 6 p.m.

Send any questions you would like the Police Department to research in advance to greggor.ilagan@hawaiicounty.gov, or call 965-2712, and the questions will be relayed to Police.

Light food will be provided.

COUNTY PARK IN HPP!

The proposal to put a county park in HPP at the corner of Kaloli and 26th is moving forward!

At the upcoming HPPOA General Meeting on Sunday, February 28, the Board of Directors is expected to create a committee that will advise the Department of Parks and Recreation on the new park that will be built on 26th and Kaloli Drive. If you want to have a say in what features the park should have, please attend this meeting.

The Council of the County of Hawai'i has adopted Resolution 360-16 (Draft 2) at its meeting on January 22, 2016.

This allows the acceptance of the donation of Lot 31 of the Hawaiian Paradise Park Subdivision, being Tax Map Key: (3)1-5-039:267, Situate at Kea'au, District of Puna, County and State of Hawai'i, from Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association.

It was directed that the Director of Parks and Recreation complete a master plan for this park before the expiration of two years from the date of a successful conveyance of this property to the County.

If the master plan is not completed after two years from the date of a successful conveyance, the donation shall be deemed invalid and the Director of Finance is directed to take steps to revert ownership of the subject parcel to the Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association.

ROAD MAINTENANCE STATEMENTS

The due date to pay is April 1, 2016. *Daily interest begins in April on the current year's billing. We are required to lien any property with a balance due of more than \$500.* If you're having problems paying, contact the office as they're willing to work with you on a payment plan.

2016 road fees were determined by a BOD vote in November of 2015.

You can mail your payment, call the office to pay by credit card or drop it off at the office.

Please verify your mailing address shown on your road maintenance bill. Please indicate any updates on your payment voucher in the space provided or contact the office.

COMMITTEES

Committees are an integral part of helping to keep HPP running smoothly. Most committees are always looking for volunteers. If you have just a little time to spare, they'd love to hear from you!

- Albizia Control** – Judi Houle
- Bylaws** – Milton Pavao
- Community Action** – Judy Sumter
- Emergency Action** – Peggy McKinsey / Judi Houle
- Finance** – Janice Ashford
- Human Resources** – Jo Maynard
- Nominating** – Leilani Bronson-Crelly
- Paths** – John Seastrom
- Playground** – Judi Houle

Please help your community by becoming *involved!*

HOUSE NUMBERS

Please post your physical address to assist emergency personnel in locating your property.

On the front edge of the property, numbers need to be three (3) inches tall. If they are more than 50 feet from the road, numbers need to be four (4) inches tall.



These signs aren't suggestions. Obey the stop signs and speed limits on our streets.



UNLICENSED VEHICLES!

We are receiving more and more reports about dirt bikes, quads, golf carts, etc. on our roads. Many of these vehicles ignore our speed limits and cause excessive noise and dust. Remember that there are NO unlicensed vehicles allowed on our roads at any time or for any reason. They are subject to traffic violations and fines. There are signs to this effect at the top of all roads coming off the highway.

TRASH DUMPING IN THE PARK

Trash dumping continues to be a problem in the Park.

The illegal dumping of household trash, televisions and dead animals continue. Removal of these items is an unnecessary burden on the road crew.

There is a fee for every trip to the transfer station. Fees can be more than several hundred dollars each, sometimes amounting to more than \$1,000/month. This costs all of us money.

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

Please help keep the Park clean.

TREE CONTROL

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

Get more information about Albizias and controlling them on our website.

GREEN WASTE DUMPING

We often get reports of lot owners dumping their green waste on HPP's shoulders and neighboring vacant lots. This is an eye sore and can obstruct needed access.

Please haul your waste to the dump or designate a spot on your own property. Cleaning up and hauling others' waste costs all of us money.

PROBLEM ENCROACHMENTS

The property in front of the pins for your lot may have no structures or landscaping, other than grass.

GATES: Don't leave your gate open onto the easement. This can obstruct access.

ALBIZIAS: Check the HPPOA calendar for Albizia Tree Workshops for the best way to control these invasive trees.

FIRE ANT WORKSHOP

Check the HPPOA calendar for the dates for this informational workshop on controlling fire ants on your property.

Thanks to the Big Island Invasive Species Committee for these helpful workshops!

Get Connected...

HPP ON THE WEB

HPPOA Official Website:

www.hppoa.net

A wealth of information about the Association, including its history, minutes, news, and activities.

DAILY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Mondays	
Tai Chi	8:30 – 10a
Seniors of Paradise	
<i>1st Monday of each month</i>	9a-noon
Seniors Board of Directors	
<i>3rd Monday</i>	9a-noon
Hot Hula Fitness	6-7p
Tuesdays	
Senior Hula	9:30a - noon
Mah Jongg	12:00 noon – 3p
Kempo Karate	5 – 8:30p
Bike & Walking Path Committee	
<i>Third Tuesday</i>	6p – 8p
Wednesdays	
Tai Chi	8:30 – 10a
Senior Art Group	9:30 -11:30a
Zumba	6:00 – 7:00 p
EAC Committee	2 – 3pm
CERT	6 – 8pm
Zumba	6– 7p
HPPOA Board of Directors	6 p
<i>3rd Wed, Library</i>	
Thursdays	
Senior Hula	9:30-11:30a
Kempo Karate	5:15 – 8:15p
Fridays	
Tai Chi	8:30 – 10a
Zumba	6:00-7:00p
Saturdays	
Neighborhood Watch Meeting	9:00-11:00 a
<i>1st Sat. Library</i>	
Swap Meet	7 – 11a
<i>2nd Sat</i>	
Sundays	
Lotus Hawaii	5:30 – 9:30 P
<i>Every other Sunday. See the <u>calendar</u> for exact dates</i>	

SENIORS OF PARADISE

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

Seniors of Paradise meet at the HPP Activity Center on the first Monday of the month from 10a to noon. The group offers stimulating and entertaining programs followed by a potluck lunch.

Come and become acquainted with your neighbors and make new friends. Dues are only \$12 per year.

Three separate activities are available to Seniors of Paradise:

1. The Seniors Hula Group, Pua Kea Hula Halau, meets twice weekly, 9:30 to 11:30a, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Activity Center.
2. The Seniors Mahjongg group meets at the Activity Center every Tuesday, 11:30a-3p. Beginners are always welcomed.
3. The Seniors Art Group meets at the HPP Activity Center Library every Wednesday from 10a 'til noon.

PLAYGROUND AT HPP ACTIVITY CENTER

HPPOA has purchased playground equipment to be located across from the Activity Center.

The perimeter fencing has been installed and painted. Next the large Rainbow Lake Play set, Swings, and Tether ball will be built this March. We hope to be finished by the end of April 2016.

Come help our Playground Committee build and keep this beautiful and safe for our small children and families for many years to come.

Thanks to the HPP Playground Committee and volunteers!

FOOD PANTRY COMING TO HPP!

Watch the HPP website for details as available!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Nobody wants to be a victim of crime, but most people do not realize that there are simple and effective ways to help reduce crime in our neighborhoods. One of the best ways to do this is to form a Block Watch in association with the HPP Neighborhood Watch. Criminals do not like to operate in areas where they know they are being watched and are likely to be reported to the Police. By forming a Block Watch with a Block Captain in their immediate area, neighbors can band together to make their neighborhood safer. We need volunteers to talk to their neighbors and form these small groups which do not require a lot of time to be effective. All that is really required is for people to take an hour or two to become familiar with some very basic methods of awareness, observation, and reporting. HPP Neighborhood Watch will provide basic orientation, literature, supplies, and access to equipment to get the job done. Block Captains are expected to attend several meetings per year to be updated on current procedures and policies to share with their local Watch members.

We are not asking people to confront or try to apprehend criminals. That is the job of the Police. Our job is to make our homes and neighborhoods secure in every practical way and to report suspicious activity whenever it occurs. We also alert members by email and/or telephone when there is an immediate concern in the area.

Please talk to you neighbors about this. If you need help or advice on how to start a Block Watch, you may contact us by email at hppneighborhoodwatch@aol.com. If you would like to attend one of our meetings to learn more, we meet the first Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. in the library of the HPP Activity Center near the intersection of Maku'u and 17th. Everyone is welcome.

SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SWAP MEET

**2nd Saturday every month
7-11 am
HPP Activity Center**

Come shop for plants, fresh fruit, clothes, books, odds and ends.

Gates open for vendors @ 6:30am

Proceeds benefit HPP Neighborhood

ANIMAL CONTROL

DOGS – Please keep your dogs controlled on your property. Barking dogs is a complaint we hear a lot. We all know that dogs bark, but when they go on for an unreasonable length of time, it becomes a problem and can be reported to animal control and the police.

Keep them vaccinated from heartworm and other parasites, to protect them, the people in your household and neighborhood. Please have pets sterilized to prevent unwanted baby animals.

Loose dogs continue to be a hazard for those walking our roads. Enforcement of the county leash laws is the domain of the Humane Society and the police department.

Do what you have to do to protect yourself from aggressive dogs. Walk a different road. Leave a note for the owner. Carry a stick or a bat, or pepper spray (stay upwind). Do what you have to do to continue to enjoy your community walks.

Please protect your dog and the people who walk our roads.

CATS - Domestic and feral cats continue to be on the loose. Cats are indiscriminate killers and prey on our native bird population.

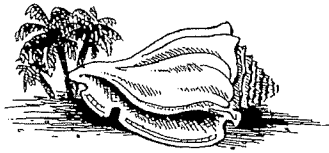
If you value your pet cat, please keep them controlled, vaccinated and sterilized. Feline AIDS and Feline Leukemia are fatal diseases to cats. There are vaccines available for both. Periodically, feral cats will be trapped and taken to the Humane Society. Please microchip your cat to insure its safe return if caught.

Please protect your cat.

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

RABBITS – Rabbits are not native to the Islands. Loose and breeding, they are an invasive species who fall prey to dogs and mongoose. Hawaii State law dictates that rabbits be kept off the ground as they can dig out of a ground level enclosure. Fines can be \$100, 6 months in jail, or both.

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The Conch is published three times a year for the benefit of Hawaiian Paradise Park owners. The Conch's mission is to:

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

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

Contributions: Suggestion and/or typed and signed submissions of community interest are welcomed and appreciated.

Submissions should be titled "Conch" and e-mailed to info@hppoanet.net or may also be mailed or delivered to:

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- District 8 – Randi Lazarele
- District 9 - BJ Mullenix

NOTICE OF THE JUNE, 2016 MEETING

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners' Association Membership at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, June 26, 2016, at the Hawaiian Paradise Park Activity Center on Maku'u Drive in Hawaiian Paradise Park.