

**HAWAIIAN SHORES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**YEAR END NEWSLETTER**

*“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” – Charles Dickens.*

There is no doubt this has been a rough year for many all over the country and it is no less the case here in Hawaiian Shores. Sadly, our community has lost a few of its members because of the economic situation.

But, it was also good times as the community began to enjoy some of the many benefits their membership provides. When our members looked around the neighborhood to see what they could do with less resources they found an outstanding resource right here! As you read the Community Relations report [last page] many members discovered healthy life style choices can be fun especially when it is enjoyed in our beautiful parks, with neighbors and to the right kind of music!

Our roads committee began the overwhelming task of assessing 11 miles of paved roads for recommendations back to the board. Their report is on the next page so please read it.

The Finance committee met a few times this year to discuss and recommend action by the board on such things as the Stables -- a perennial topic. We had a professional look over the structure to determine what, if any, could be salvaged. After receiving the report the Finance committee met to discuss it several times, with back and forth input by the Board, and finally arrived at the compromise to secure a quote for the cost of demolition and the cost of refurbishing as a place to start the process. The Stables is in need of a decision and the reason it has taken so long is because it has been an icon for the community for decades. Members of the community have a certain attachment to its presence at the crossroads of our community but understand attention [continued pg 2]

**Your 2009 Board of Directors**

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By Laws/Policy – Patricia Brown  
Community Relations-Suzan Thompson  
Election – Toni Robert  
Finance – Toni Robert  
Roads – Kevin Wibberley

## About our Roads!

At the March board meeting of the Hawaiian Shores Community Association, the HSCA Board of Directors passed a motion to form a road committee. The Committee's purpose is to evaluate the condition of our roads and roadsides and to offer possible solutions to road problems to the board and Manager. Mr. Darrell Stephens and I volunteered to head up the committee.

Hawaiian Shores Recreational Estates subdivision has approximately 11 miles of private roads which are maintained by a paid staff. The roads are over forty years old and were built on the natural lava based ground. They are all asphalt paved. Over the years, the roads have cracked. All but two roads are dead ends so traffic is light, and consequently the roads have not broken up. Upon inspection I didn't notice any potholes. However at the ends of the roads and on the less populated streets, weeds are growing in the cracks, causing the cracks to become larger. Spraying the weeds with a herbicide would alleviate the problem. However, in the past, there have been complaints by residents concerning health issues and the use of herbicides; and so herbicides are not used on our roads. To help save the roads the Road Committee is looking into a long term solution. We would like to have the cracks cleaned out, filled and sealed. We are currently looking into the cost of having this done.

There are approximately 22 miles of road shoulders. The road shoulders are, for the most part, 11 feet wide. Within the road shoulders are driveways, mailboxes, utility poles and some homeowner plantings. On some streets there are overhanging trees branches and tree roots growing into the easement. According to the Manager, the roadsides are mowed and weeded 12 times a year. It takes 3 workers, 4 to 6 days to mow the entire shoulder area. Grass grows fast in Hawaii. It can grow 8 to 12 inches in a month. We need to deal with the tree roots growing under the roads.

The Road Committee is researching the purchase of a new mower. It is a zero turn, front mount mower, with a top speed of 9 mph. The board has allocated money to rent this mower for trial use. Unfortunately, the supplier sold their rental, and they are waiting for another. Remember, this is Hawaii. The cost of the mower is \$15,000. It could save us money by reducing man mowing hours; but we won't buy unless we can try.

The edges, where the grass meets the road is another problem. There is no curb or gutter so the grass grows over the road. Because the use of a herbicide is not allowed, it becomes necessary to manually cut back the grass. This is very time consuming and is not done on a regular basis. Consequently, on average, the grass is 4 to 8 inches over the street.

HSCA roads are in better condition than the neighboring County maintained roads. Yes, we all pay County Property Taxes as well as community fees. The County doesn't provide any road maintenance in our subdivision nor do they provide any easement maintenance. The County of Hawaii does maintain the roads that lead into our subdivision.

Many of the residents take care of the easements in front of their homes. Some take care of more than their frontage and regularly mow a few blocks in his neighborhood. They are good neighbors and deserve our thanks.

If you have any observations or advice concerning the roads in Hawaiian Shores Recreational Estates, please attend the Road Committee meetings, which will be posted on the HSCA website and on the community marquee. You may also contact us by mail or by sending an email to the HSCA office. Remember that the Board meets the second Tuesday of every month and all members are welcome.

[continued from page 1] We are awaiting the results of the quotes before moving forward.

The By Laws committee met monthly throughout the year to finish up what was started last year. The changes to the By Laws, approved by a membership vote, required the introduction of a Code of Conduct for Board members. However, we had no procedures in place to accommodate the policy. Much of the year has been developing that procedure. Additionally, the committee fine tuned some of the By Laws by adopting some of the language from Hawaii Revised Statutes within the body of the By Laws where necessary. Those proposed changes are included with your ballot.

The Election committee concept was adopted in 2008 to address the monumental task of finding candidates, providing them a forum to share their ideas with local members and finally to assist in the daunting task

of counting ballots at the annual election. This committee is formed annually in advance of the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for nominations to allow for the advertisement seeking nominations. This year the Board approved using the Marquee and web site to advertise for nominations. There was also mention made to members attending a couple of board meetings they may be interested in running for director. Additionally, members from the community who have expressed an interest in what goes on at the meetings, those who have served on committees or are serving on committees and those who have attended board meetings were sent invitations join the board through the nomination process. This year we have 3 year terms [3] and a 1 year term to fill, totally 4 seats on the board. We have 5 candidates. We are happy to have them. Hopefully as the year coming up moves forward more and more will become involved and provide for a lively ballot of entries for next the 3 seats that will be available.

All in all, though it has been a rough year for most people, local members have taken the opportunity to reevaluate their own resources, which include the amenities the annual assessment provides.

Please look over the ballot and carefully consider the bylaw revisions. Please take the time to read the candidate's 'blurbs' and please vote for your candidate of choice. The democratic process the ballot represents is a significant opportunity for the members to truly make a difference in how the business of the association is conducted. The

Directors who served this year did so with great dedication, made difficult and unpopular decisions but did it all with a great sense of obligation to the whole membership not to any special interest or personal agenda. Success in democracy happens when the whole membership gets involved and one of those ways is to vote.

If you haven't submitted a signature card please do as soon as possible. It matters!

Many thanks to all who have volunteered untold hours this year for the benefit of the entire association which includes each of the 10 directors, many of whom serve on several committees as further indication of their concern for the forward motion of the association. Thanks too to the tireless efforts of all those who have volunteered on the different committees, at the various events/activities and those who make it to meetings to share their own thoughts with the Board. Thanks to all the members for another great year despite the challenges.

Moreover, thank you to each of the staff who have faced challenges for the past couple of years and who continue to be congenial, who continue to respect the members and who continue to maintain the many assets for the members to enjoy. Aloha, Toni

### From our Attorney..

On January 16, 2009, the Board of Directors settled a challenge to the composition of the board and rights to control over the Association's finances. Under the Settlement (which was finalized by the Court on August 14, 2009), the defendants accepted the current composition of the board and gave up their claim to rights over the Association's finances. The Court recently awarded attorneys fees and costs to the defendants due to their status as former members of the board. The Board of Directors has not yet decided whether to approve of the reimbursement of fees or to appeal to the Intermediate Court of Appeals in Honolulu. There is no other pending litigation affecting the Association and we look forward to focusing on rebuilding our community and improving the services enjoyed by your Association.

# COMMUNITY RELATIONS

## Year in Review

### YOUR Community -YOUR Committee

The Community Relations Committee worked hard in 2009 to create opportunities for “Neighbors Sharing and Caring”. They utilized the marquee, water statements, town meetings and the web site to better communicate with our membership. In fact a special section of information specific to community was created on the web site. Within that section you will find the Hoaloha blog where questions, concerns, comments, and ideas can be shared.

The committee grew throughout the year to include ten enthusiastic members committed to nurturing our community: Athena Asuncion, Georgette Ball, Erika Ginnis, Christine Ho, Toni Robert, Dianne Rogers, Steve Shapiro, Kathy Stephens, Dawn Stone and Suzan Thompson Forrest. Working closely with the Board and Staff they developed and implemented a variety of events and classes to bring members together. The activities included many opportunities for education, fitness, fellowship and fun. It all began with the Annual Members Meeting in January and flowed through the year with two Swap and Shops, three Town Meetings, a 30 Year Anniversary Cake and Ice Cream Social, a weekly neighborhood jam for all music lovers at the Honu Park, a walking club, water aerobics and a stretch and tone class held at the Maikoiko Street Park. Each and every event and class brought members together in a positive environment for the pleasure of getting to know one another better.

Some of the ideas we are contemplating for 2010 include games night, a community rummage sale and a Fourth of July celebration at Honu Park. If you have ideas or suggestions for activities and events you would like to see, please share them with a committee member or the HSCA office staff.

We have room for three more members on the committee so we invite you to take a leadership role and invest in your neighborhood.

Check out our own area on the Web Site.  
Just log on and choose the right side of the  
page. Events and activities updated when

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