# 2010 MID YEAR NEWSLETTER

HAWAIIAN SHORES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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### from the President

Aloha Members!

There is much to tell and a short space to tell it!

Our Annual Members Meeting was well attended and very active. [See the Minutes for a recap.] The Board of Directors met directly afterwards for their annual meeting and welcomed two new directors, Kathy Stephens and Mark Mallory. The board elected new officers for the year. [See bottom right side of this page.] The Board got busy and in a few short months have made some significant progress. Perhaps most notable is in the area of communication between members and the Board. To that end, we have redesigned the Web Site [discussed later]; we have introduced policy change making sure more information is available online, like approved copies of minutes; approved quarterly financials and the annual audit, to name a few. Our Calendar now reflects meeting times for various committee meetings allowing the local & visiting members to attend those meetings of interest to them.

The Board approved the purchase of a zero turn mower to attend to the road shoulder and parks maintenance. It is anticipated to cut the costs of this maintenance both in terms of time/man hours spent and fuel to perform. The mower has been in use for the past couple of weeks and folks around the community are watching with interest.

The various committees are off to a productive start as well. We are thrilled to see more members participating as they can on the various committees, even those who are here part time! [please see committee section for updates.]

The Director of Operations and Management opened the business office on Saturday's from 10A—2P for members unable to make it during week day hours. It has been beneficial. Please enjoy the rest of the News! — Toni



Web site: www.hawaiianshores.org

To accommodate the new additions to our site we revamped the site altogether. The screen shot above gives you a quick view of the topics. Please visit the site and click through the navigation bar to look over what is going on. Bookmark it and check back often for updates to Meetings, Minutes, Financials and Community Relations activities and events.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Please mark your calendars to attend the Special Meeting of the Members called by the Board of Director for Saturday, June 12, 2010 from 10A at the Honu Street Facility. [See page 3]

### Your 2010 Board of Directors

Alfred Berger
James McInerny
Kathleen Stephens
Kevin Wibberley
Mark Mallory
Patricia Brown/Vice President
Royden Pilapil/Treasurer
Suzan Thompson-Forrest/Secretary
Toni Robert/President

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## Community Relations Committee





Mondays & Thursdays @ 10A @ Honu Street Pool.

Please schedule a life style challenge and join us during our Stretch and Tone class. Bring a mat for ground stretch-ersize. Bring 'noodle' to the water aerobics class if you have one.



Our Community Relations Committee Chair, Suzan Thompson-Forrest has been relentlessly devoted to providing every opportunity to build community. She stepped up as the chair for the committee in 2008 and has started her 3rd term as chair! Under her guidance, the CR Committee members plan activities and events, like the upcoming "July 4th Community Gathering" at the Honu Street Facilities with the goal of getting to know our neighbors. Last year's 30th Anniversary event was well attended; friendships were renewed, revisited and formed. This year, already, we have had our first ever Rummage Sale which was a total success for all the folks who sold and for those who bought. It was held at the Maikoiko Street

Park too. In fact, thanks to Suzan's tenacity we are using this park for the various activities and whatever events we can. We also had our first Town Hall Meeting of the year. This meeting was to address those issues that were raised during the Annual Members meeting 'open forum'.

Please take a moment to say 'Mahalo' to Suzan for her conscientious and tireless efforts to foster a cohesive sense of community. You can also email her: communityrelations@hawiianshorescommunity.com

For the past two years members have enjoyed value added to their benefits: A retired Activities Director! She hails from over 2 decades with the YMCA, where among other responsibilities, she worked with seniors to develop and enhance their physical mobility and activity levels. As a volunteer in our community, Suzan Thompson-Forrest provides a professional level of activity suited for each individual participating member. Thanks, Suzan!

# FINANCIAL\$

The Board of Directors has decided to make the quarterly financials available online for the members. We will also post the annual Audit as soon as it is approved by the Board of Directors.

As a point of information, please be aware, our fiscal year runs from November 1 to October 31 each year. We schedule the audit as close to the beginning of November as possible. Because it is an annual event and has typically put the final audit report way past the January meeting, we have scheduled a Special Member's Meeting on June 12, 2010, for discussion of the audit, among other timely subjects.

Please log on to the web site and choose the navigation tab 'financials' to review

### By Laws/Policy Committee

Patricia Brown has agreed to chair our BL/Policy Comm again for a 3rd term. We have 2 new members to our committee this year: Caroline Weber and Azalia Moore. The new members bring great insight and fresh ideas and concerns for discussion. It was from this committee the recommendation was made to have a special members meeting. This committee has also reviewed the 'Confidentiality Agreement' that will be requested of each of the directors to sign each year. It was the goal of the committee to complement the 'Code of Conduct' implemented last year. This committee meets every 1st Friday of the month at 11A @ Honu Street Facility; Members welcome!



This is a screen shot of our **new** 'NEWS' selection from the web site. The 'NEWS' selection is primarily for water related information. In 2007 the Board of Directors received a Water Capacity report on our water system which was most informative. It was provided at no charge [an \$80k savings provided by our water consultant, RCAC [Rural Community Assistance Corporation]] We are glad to make this report available to all members for their review.

**Important Notice**: HSCA is not responsible for destruction of protected plants on our ocean front parcels. A police report has been made; DLNR will be notified. We ask your assistance in stopping continuing destruction.

Please call our office if you see suspicious activity on the 2 parcels. Mahalo!



#### **Financial Committee**

The Financial committee exists to review monthly financials; recommend approval of the quarterly financials; to work with the preliminary draft budgets with recommendations to the Board regarding the fees set for our water consumers and annual assessments. In addition, we look at operational and infrastructure needs. The board is reviewing a recommendation to refurbish our pool at the Honu Street location. Also recommended use of the Maikoiko Street facility for such activities and uses as making an actual walking tract inside the fence; designating a dog park outside the fence as well as looking for a concessions vendor for different activities. This committee meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1PM.

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**DID YOU KNOW....**By Athena Asuncion

From HSCA By Laws:

Article X, Section 10.07 states assessments not paid with two months of the effective date will accrue interest retroactive to the effective date. As shown in Section 10.02, the effective date is January 31 of every year. The date that interest begins accruing is two months after January 31 which makes it March 31.

Article X, Section 10.08 establishes lien filing procedures. The Bylaws require reminders be mailed to all delinquent members informing them that a lien will be filed 30 days from the date of the reminder. The reminders are mailed out no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of February.

Why is this important to you? It is important that our members have an accurate and clear understanding of procedures outlined in the Bylaws, which are adhered to by the Association's office. As a result of the misconception that liens are not filed until March 31, members have waited until March 31 to pay their assessment. By then, the lien has already been filed and the filing fee charged to their account. As you can imagine, this has led to many colorful conversations over the last 20 years that I have been here.

To download a copy of our current Bylaws, visit our website at <u>www.hawaiianshores.org</u> or request one from the office.

### **HR COMMITTEE**

Members attending the annual meeting voiced their concerns regarding "no salary ranges" set during the last HR Committee discussions. As a Board, we agreed to ask the HR Comm to submit their recommendations for salary ranges for our staff. Suggestions at various times have come from different folks who have had businesses, worked in the private and government sectors and without exception felt our salary ranges should be realistically based on the job description and expectations and commensurate to what is typical for a rural community association. With that goal, the HR Comm is now in the discussion phase of the information from the Dept of Labor with emphasis on both Rural and Hawaii Island salary ranges. So far, our salaries are way below the current [most current 2008] and we are now debating how to adjust accordingly. It is a long process and will likely be done sometime before the end of July in time for the next round of employee reviews. The HR Comm meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 3P. Please verify on calendar before attending.

### Announcements...

**Correction:** As you will read in your copy of the Minutes, Ms. Moore asked a question about a statement made by the President at the 2009 Minutes regarding the litigation being finished. She asked that it be included in the Minutes from that year. The President did not recall the statement and this year's Minutes reflect that discussion. However, upon review of the President's notes from the 2009 Meeting she was able to ascertain that she did make the statement Ms. Moore recollected. It is anticipated the 2009 Minutes will reflect the statement correctly. **Correction:** The election results reflected in the 2010 Member Minutes are incorrect. The election committee recounted the ballots to determine the exact count and found a single ballot was numbered, crossed off and renumbered, but entered into the log twice, creating a false reading. The false reading was announced at the meeting. The final total has no significant change to the results of the election. 135 ballots cast; 71 Yes for MMallory/54 Yes for CWeber. All other categories were affected only by the reduction of a single vote and changed nothing.