

**Hawaiian Shores Community Association
June 2012 Mid Year Newsletter**

President's Message:

Hats off to the HSCA Board of Directors and its membership! It is never an easy task serving a diverse community, yet this board has ushered in changes to our operations and infrastructure that were sorely needed. Status on current projects either completed or in progress is provided below. Also in this packet please find last fiscal years' audit and notice/ballot for a Special Member Meeting on July 28, 2012. I hope that as a community we can continue to move forward to make this the best subdivision in Puna! *Mahalo, Eileen O'Hara*

Board of Directors - June 2012

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Status Completed/In-Progress Projects This Year

Solarizing the Pumping System for HSCA Pool

Last fiscal year, HSCA entered into an agreement with Pacific Solar to design and engineer a solar powered pumping system to replace our ancient pool pumps that were costing \$1,000/month in utility electric bills to circulate water in compliance with Dept. of Health regulations. The new system was partly financed out of reserves with over half of the full cost financed through a collateral loan with our bank, Hawaii National, at a fixed rate of 1.7% over 5 years. Our monthly payment will be \$1,000/month and we fully own the system in 5 years. The payback is around 8 years with solar panels warranted for 25 years. In terms of life cycle costs, the positive impact will lower HSCA's operating cost by \$125,000 to \$175,000 over the next 2 decades.

This project is expected to be completed by the end of July in conjunction with installation of a drain cover and other repairs to the pool. We're currently planning a **3:00 PM Pool Party** hosted by the contractor to coincide with the **July 28th** Member Meeting and Political Forum. Details to follow on the website...

HSCA Community Center Repairs

Begun last year, repair and replacement of the Hawaiian Shores Community Center (aka the Stables) is continuing. A permit was issued by the County and work will continue on the front part of the building that houses the main meeting room and bathrooms. A new access via Punawai Street will be opened up for safer ingress and egress and an overflow parking area added. The cesspool will be replaced with a compliant septic system and ADA parking and bathroom access will be addressed. MAHALO to Kevin Wibberley as well as all contractors/volunteers who are assisting in this project.

HSCA Park Facilities

Our facilities at Honu Street and the new Papio Ocean Park are being maintained beautifully by our maintenance crew and usage has begun to increase. We continue to investigate uses for the Maikoiko Park. A move to establish a dog park there was deferred indefinitely as we consider other locations. A place is needed to host dog training classes (AKC Canine Good Citizen, Search & Rescue, & Dog Agility) to improve dog ownership options and practices in our community.

Albizia Tree Eradication Efforts

At our Jan 2012 annual meeting, HSCA resident and Councilman Fred Blas informed our membership of new State laws that can be tapped to assist owners with invasive Albizia tree removal. Albizia can grow up to 16'/year and pose a serious threat to our underground water lines and safety issues for neighborhood structures. If you have an Albizia problem, please contact Councilman Blas' Pahoa office at 965-2712.

Water System News

The 2011 Water Quality Report online at our website shows our system provides high quality drinking water. HSCA is contracting with Engineering Partners, Inc. for a **Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study** of our water system. This is a first step towards applying for USDA loan/grant funding to pay for the upgrades needed for our water yard and distribution system. Our facility is aging and the storage tank, a major expense, needs replacement along with more efficient pumps and repairs to the distribution system. Once the contract is approved by USDA, work will commence on this 6-month effort. Installation of the remaining **Radio read meters** is expected to be completed by end of year when we will transition to usage based billing. Billing models and software needed for this transition are being evaluated with help from RCAC representatives.

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Staffing Update

A big mahalo to our office staff and maintenance crew. **Kathy Marchese**, Office Manager, and **Rose Munday**, Clerical Assistant continue to provide excellent services to our members - billing for water, assessments, and overseeing all aspects of our operations. Our new Maintenance Foreman, **Stephen Kishimoto**, joined us in March after spending 30 years with the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel as assistant engineer. He has provided a huge boost in morale and direction. Our 4-man maintenance staff, **Keoki, James, Sheldon, and Georgie** remain dedicated to their jobs and are now assisted by volunteers thru the Goodwill Industries 'First to Work' program. With the volunteer assistance, maintenance has been able to tackle long overdue projects such as clearing the vegetation growing along our main water distribution lines, scraping vegetation from asphalt, and trimming overhanging vegetation on road shoulders.

Events

Political Forum of All State and County Races
Saturday, July 28th at 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Don't miss this great opportunity to meet candidates for our State Senate, House of Representatives, Mayoral, Prosecuting Attorney, and Council races. The State race forum will be from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. There will be a short break when you can purchase a hotdog/soda lunch. At 1:00 PM we'll commence the forum of County races. Almost all candidates have confirmed attendance which includes a Q&A session. Remember that our State and County races are often decided in the **Primary Election** which has been moved to the second Saturday in August – **August, 11, 2012!!!**. This event will be open to the public so invite interested people to attend and hear what candidates have to say.

Exciting NEW Proposal for Cell Tower
July 28th Special Member Meeting

Did you know that according to the National Center for Health Statistics, 26.6% of all U.S. homes no longer have land lines and depend solely on cellular phone service? With options ranging from Home Phone Connect to MiFi, the ability to leverage cell service to meet your Internet and communication needs has expanded dramatically. Having access to reliable cellular coverage increases the value of property in today's world. In Hawaii County, cell towers require permitting by the Planning Commission involving public input such that

health and environmental concerns can be addressed before the fact. Existing cellular towers have been safely permitted within 200' of nearby homes.

The opportunity to construct a cell tower on unused HSCA property behind Maikoiko Park up against the forest reserve is truly a win-win. Cell service in our subdivision is marginal or nonexistent. Once the monopole is fully operative with multiple cell phone carriers, HSCA will collect monthly lease rents up to \$3,200/month which will escalate over time. The cell tower will provide first rate services to our entire subdivision, neighboring Hawaiian Beaches, and as far away as the WaaWaa subdivision. Cellular coverage will extend out-to-sea for access by fishermen and boaters. The location selected to construct the tower does not obstruct any ocean or mountain view planes. The tower will be painted to blend in with the forest reserve. There is no requirement for lighting on the monopole; as an unmanned facility it will not bring in more traffic. The site will be secured with fencing. Puna subdivisions, Nanawale & Leilani, recently received member support to lease property to cell towers of the same type and height. Let's get Lower Puna fully connected!

With member support, HSCA hopes to enter into a long term lease for this cell tower. Revenues gained will offset the need for annual assessment increases. Details and additional information are in the enclosed ballot which must be completed and received back no later than July 27th. Or you may vote in person at the special member meeting on **Saturday, July 28th at 9:00 AM** at the Honu Street Facility. The voting table will open at 8:30 AM so please be timely and bring picture ID. Remember to check with the HSCA office to ensure your signature card is on file so your vote will count.

!! PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOTS !!

We hope membership supports this great opportunity to improve services in our community and provide future revenues for our association!

Visit our website, www.hawaiianshores.org for announcements about the upcoming Special Member Meeting and simulated photos of the proposed cell tower. Please contact our office staff if you have question or email HSCA_BOD@hawaii.rr.com. The HSCA office is open M, W-F from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM except major holiday. The office is open 8:00 AM to Noon on Tuesdays and closed all day the last Tuesday of each month. Ph #: (808) 965-8140. Fax: (808) 965-0802.