

Hawaiian Shores Community Association March 2013 Annual Newsletter

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President's Message

Aloha Members!

I have the pleasure of reporting to you that the HSCA Board of Directors topped their previous year's contribution by advancing many great projects this past year that bring value to our community.



People gather for a Blessing at the renovated Community Center

One of the major accomplishments this year is the renovation of the Hawaiian Shores Community Center aka "the Stables". We owe the success of this project to board member Kevin Wibberley who shepherded the project from start to finish. A Blessing/Open House was held on Feb. 9, 2013 and was a well attended, FUN, celebration complete with historic displays, food, and live music. Kudos to all the volunteers who helped with the project!

We hope everyone has a great year and if you need information from HSCA please be sure to email us at HSCA_BOD@hawaii.rr.com or call (808) 965-8140. Contact info & hours of operations can be found on the HSCA website: www.hawaiianshores.org



Eileen O'Hara, Kumu Crabbe, & Kevin Wibberley at the Blessing

On July 28, 2012, HSCA's Community Relations Committee hosted a well attended political forum with all the county and state candidates who ran for offices that represent our community. The event followed a Special Membership Meeting where we held a vote to allow the construction of a Cell Tower in the unused parking lot area of our Maikoiko Park facility. The members approved the long term lease by an overwhelming majority! The project has advanced to approval stage with the County Planning Commission with construction anticipated the end of this calendar year.



Ground Mounted solar electric panel power pool pumps

We installed the first-in-the-nation solar electric system that provides power to operate new highly efficient pool pumps to meet water circulation requirements for our community sized pool. This project was financed in part by a very low interest (1.7%) 5-year loan. We are already saving more per month in electricity costs than we're paying in loan payments! This translates into big savings for HSCA over the 25 year life of the solar system.

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Lorenz high efficiency pumps to circulate pool water

HSCA has contracted for a Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Report on our aging wellhead/water distribution system. This project is the first step in identifying the short and long term needs to stabilize, upgrade, and maintain our private drinking water system. We anticipate moving forward with a USDA grant/loan combination next year to acquire the funding needed to make the sizable investment in new equipment needed to ensure the sustainability of our water system. This should allow the association to affect the upgrades without special assessments or major increases in annual assessments.

We finally received a contract for a well head protection grant that had been applied for in 2008 with the help of Joy Gannon of RCAC (Rural Communities Assistance Corp.). The grant provides funding to enhance security at the HSCA water yard and possibly convert cesspools or conventional septic system within the capture area of our well to anaerobic septic systems.

The annual financial audit went really well this year. In early 2013, we made some changes in financial institutions which better prepares HSCA for the future. Thanks to the hard work of Office Manager, Kathy Marchese and Hiroshi Yanagihara, Board member, we made significant progress reducing bad accounts and collecting overdue past assessments that have been on the books for many years. With the help of a fine board, great staff, and awesome candidates who are running this year, I hope we can continue our forward motion in 2013.

Mahalo, Eileen O'Hara

Please remember to send in your ballot! If you are mailing, it must be received by Friday, April 19th by the League of Women Voters at P.O. Box 665, Hilo, HI 96721. You can also vote in person at the April 20th Annual Membership Meeting at 9:00 AM at the newly renovated HSCA Community Center on Kahakai Blvd.

Water Updates

Our water system has been well attended to this year, passing all required testing, and the radio read water meter installation is almost complete. We hope to transition to a usage based billing system by the end of this fiscal year.

Staffing Updates

Maintenance Foreman, Stephen Kishimoto, made one year on March 1, 2013. Both he and Utility Maintenance Worker James Florendo earned DSO1 certificates this year passing tests administered by Department of Health. James and Stephen attended a pool maintenance certification program this year as well. Keoki, Sheldon, and Georgie remain engaged maintaining our facilities, grounds, easements, and pool for the enjoyment of members. We had turnover in our Clerical Assistant position when Rose Munday left in December to take another job. Stephanie Carney took over in December and we now have 'volunteer' assistance through a training program administered by Goodwill Industries that provides workers for the field and office.

Facility Updates

New signs were commissioned for each of the pavilions at the Honu recreational facility this year and we plan to work on roof painting and fencing. We sold the Case tractor that was underutilized and hope to acquire suitable equipment for our needs.



Cake from the Community Center Open House