



**Hawaiian Shores Community Association  
Latest News!**

*Aloha Members!*

Enclosed please find the **annual HOA assessment, due by January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.** Our annual assessment amount remains at \$350, as we have seen good recovery in the subdivision following the lava inundation and impacts of Hurricane Iselle at the end of 2014. We are happy to see our community doing so well! Please contact our office by phone at **(808) 965-8140** or by email at [hsca@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:hsca@hawaii.rr.com) if you need more information about your pending assessment or need to set up a payment plan. You can pay by credit card by contacting the office.

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*Please see below for important announcements about current activities and matters affecting our association and subdivision.*  
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**Water Billing Online Payments**

If you haven't already done so and desire to receive your water bills online, please contact the office about setting up an online account. An email will be sent to you each month and paying online is very easy!

**Drinking Water Project**

In August 2014, HSCA was awarded nearly \$2M in a grant/loan combination from the USDA Rural Development to make improvements to our water system. This includes installing a new holding tank and pneumatic air tank, installing flush valves at the ends of laterals to improve water quality, upgrading our Booster pumps, and increasing the size of the main water line that runs along the south boarder of our subdivision from Ina

St. to Maiko St. for fire protection. Work on this project started in September 2015 and the community will need to be prepared for continued work on these projects in the subdivision over the next year.

**Albizia Trees**

Following Hurricane Iselle in August 2014, our community was directly impacted by the invasive Albizia trees, which toppled in the storm blocking roads, destroying power lines and homes, and tearing up water lines. As a result, we have upped our efforts in trying to help reduce the impact of these large invasive and fast-growing trees in our community. This includes writing letters to home/lot owners with Albizia trees present on their lots, no matter how big or small. With these letters we provide a list of tree trimmers in the area, as well as informational brochures and flyers on Albizia trees, in hopes of educating owners on the dangers of these trees. We are also selling 1oz bottles of *Milestone*© (best and least toxic herbicide to kill Albizia) in our Honu St. office, at cost for \$5, to lot owners who want to treat and kill trees themselves. This is especially effective for small trees, which do not pose a large threat now, but need to be taken care of before they become a larger (and much more expensive and dangerous) issue. We provide instructions on how to apply the product and effectively kill Albizia such that is won't re-grow. With the help of the community, we hope to continue these efforts to reduce and eradicate these invasive trees in our subdivision.

**Little Red Fire Ants**

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The Little Red Fire Ant (LRFA) was first reported in Puna in 1999, and has now become a widespread invasive species in East Hawaii. If you have encountered these ants, you know that they have a nasty and painful sting that can leave welts or rashes. The LRFAs are one of the worst invasive species worldwide; they're not easy to control and very easy to spread. A cooperative effort is needed between our community members and throughout the neighborhood to help control their impact. HSCA has launched an educational campaign to inform the community and membership about detection, identification, and treatment methods to control LRFAs.

### Dengue Fever

As you may know, the Big Island has experienced an outbreak of Dengue Fever with the first confirmed cases reported in Sept. 2015. Dengue Fever is spread by mosquitos. As of the date of this news update, there have been over 100 confirmed cases including residents and visitors. The State Dept. of Health has launched a "Fight the Bite" campaign and is spraying areas suspected of harboring infected mosquitos. While the main hot spots have been identified as South Point and South Kona of the island; this disease can spread from infected humans to mosquitos and thus can move around quickly. We encourage all owners to ensure their properties do not provide a breeding ground for mosquitos which need standing water to breed. For the time being, the County of Hawaii is allowing abandoned tires to be disposed of at its transfer stations (normally tires cannot be dumped at the transfer stations) as tires

can hold water. Other things that can hold water and provide a breeding area for mosquitos are piles of yard/plant cuttings, slack tarps, buckets, etc. Please be diligent in removing any materials that encourage mosquitos.

### Keep Up to Date!

To learn about our community events, classes (restorative yoga, stretch & tone, aerobic super circuit, water aerobics, and Qigong), and other information regarding our association, you can visit us online at [www.hawaiianshores.org](http://www.hawaiianshores.org). You can also come here to set up paying your water bill online! Be sure to check out the **Calendar** and **Activities** sections of our website if you are interested in Yoga, Aerobics, Bingo, and other events happening at our facilities. You can also 'Like' our Hawaiian Shores Community Association page on **Facebook**, for additional updates and info.

A special thanks to **Suzan Thompson Forrest** and **Georgette Bell** for organizing classes/events and keeping our community spirit alive and well!

For further communication, you can email us at [hsc@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:hsc@hawaii.rr.com) or call our office at **(808) 965-8140**. We hope everyone has a great New Year!

