



Hawaiian Shores Community Association End of Year Newsletter

Aloha Members!

Enclosed, please find your annual assessment invoice due by **January 31, 2022**. Your prompt payment of this invoice will help us to continue to provide valuable services to our members. A general breakdown of how this money is allocated is also shown on the invoice. Please be sure to contact our office at **808-965-8140** if you have any questions about your invoice or make a credit card payment over the phone.

While we were hoping that this year would see the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, we're just now starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Gathering restrictions are still in place at the State and County level, which has hampered our efforts to host events for members. Following COVID protocols, we were able to resume pool aerobics and other exercise classes for members and Yoga classes four days a week at the Stables. Please see our website for the latest news on facility use, yoga classes, pool aerobics, and exercise classes.

..... HSCA Assessment FY 2022.....

At its September monthly meeting, the Board of Directors approved NO increase in our annual assessment. We are, however, looking at a shortfall in the coming year due to rather hefty increases in our electric bills at the water yard and insurance increases related mainly to add the new water yard assets from the improvements completed this year. Since much of the added expense relates to our water company services, the board in October approved an increase, starting in January, of \$5/month on the monthly water base fee and a \$0.20 increase in water usage rates per 1,000 gallons. We continue belt-tightening to keep within our operational budget. We invite you to attend our January 19, 2022 board meeting, either in person or via GoToMeeting for more information:

Join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

<https://www.gotomeet.me/HSCA/bod>

You can also dial in using your phone.

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.....HSCA Project Updates.....

HSCA USDA WATER SYSTEM PROJECT

This project, which began with a USDA Rural Development Program pre-development grant in 2011 to do an engineering study on our aging water system, and led to submitting a grant/loan application to the USDA in 2014, is finally completed! The work on the system began slowly in 2016 and had setbacks due to the need to acquire permits. It finally got into full swing three years ago. We now have a new 290,000-gallon water tank (previous tank was 100,000 gallons and after 40 years was rusting away), a new pumping system at the water yard with many bells and whistles, plus improvements on the main and lateral lines allowing better maintenance and periodic flushing to occur. We can now deliver water volume and pressure to all the fire hydrants in the subdivision.

HSCA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SAFE DRINKING WATER PROJECTS

We were able to qualify for a \$1M forgivable loan from the State DOH Safe Drinking Water Branch. The funded projects are installing an already purchased backup generator at the water yard for use in prolonged emergencies where utility power is interrupted. Replacing 40 old and outdated fire hydrants, replacing 390 of our water meter radio transmitters purchased in 2011 and had a ten-year useful life, and replacing some of the valves on our main water-line where the lateral lines connect. The forgivable loan for these projects should fund in December.

.... News on HSCA Committees....

Aside from its nine-member Board of Directors, the Hawaiian Shores Community Association has standing committees. Member input into these committees is extremely helpful. We also encourage members to attend our board meetings held monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 6 PM, which can be attended via GoToMeeting, although we can now meet in person at the Stables, our community center. Participating in meetings supports our association and keeps you informed about our activities and how the organization works. We are asking members to consider joining a committee by

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simply calling our office, where they can also ask any questions about how the committee participation works. A brief description of the work of our committees follows:

Design Review Committee (DRC)

This committee meets on the second Thursday of each month, at 6 PM at the Stables. The DRC is responsible for reviewing all building plans to ensure they comply with our CC&R's and establish how vacant land can be used and developed. The DRC also reviews and revises our CC&R's as needed to keep them up to date with current standards and/or to reflect the desires of our members.

Enforcement Review Committee (ERC)

The ERC helps the Board of Directors enforce the regulations contained within our CC&R's and manages the notification and fining process used to encourage compliance with the CC&R's. The ERC strives to work cooperatively with members to resolve any issues related to CC&R compliance and uses fining only as a last resort. The committee works closely with staff to communicate with our members when violations are reported. This committee currently meets every other month on the fourth Tuesday at 6 PM. The committee is currently meeting at the Stables, although GoToMeeting attendance by members is also provided.

Community Event/Activities Committee (CEAC)

The CEAC meets monthly at one of the members' homes and reviews requests for our facilities for events and activities that would be of general interest to our members. These activities include yoga, water aerobics, stretch and tone classes, writing workshops, the SWAP meet, and other special events like Christmas book and toy drives, community garden, and park concerts. Members are encouraged to contact our office if they have an event/activity they would like to either 'champion' or occur in our neighborhood so the CEAC can entertain the proposal. The CEAC is hosting a booth at the monthly Swap Meet to provide information about planned activities and to receive donations for a **Christmas Toy and Book Drive** for our local elementary school, Keonepoko. They also

share neighborhood activities, such as the newly forming Neighborhood Watch for Hawaiian Beaches/Shores.

Park and Facility Planning Committee (PFPC)

The PFPC has hosted two events this year; planting a Community Fruit Orchard at the enclosed Maikoiko Park consisting of 58 fruit trees and a pineapple patch; and a maintenance day at Papio Ocean Park. The orchard was funded through a Puna Strong Grant. More events will be planned for this coming year as COVID restrictions wane. It is hoped that a master plan can be developed for each of our parks and facilities. The master plans will include prioritized projects, identifying funds required for the upkeep of our facilities, and an asset management plan for our park structures.

Kahakai Neighborhood Watch

We are supporting efforts to re-launch a community-wide Neighborhood Watch (NW) representing all Hawaiian Beaches/Shores working with the HPD's Community Policing Officer (CPO). A kick-off meeting on November 4 attracted 72 attendees, and 35 people attended a follow-up organizational meeting on November 18. The effort will be assisted by the other 20 Puna NW groups who meet monthly under the umbrella group Puna NW. Monthly meeting dates will be announced as the organization gets on its feet. Folks interested in joining the effort can email watch@hawaiianshores.org. Needed are block teams to provide ears and eyes on the ground and help create a website.

Keep Up to Date!

Learn about community events and classes such as yoga, stretch and tone, creative writing, aerobic super circuit, and water aerobics – along with other information by visiting hawaiianshores.org and looking at our Calendar and/or our Events and Activities page on the website! Please email info@hawaiianshores.org or call our office at **(808) 965-8140** if you have an idea for a new event or activity. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a great year in 2022!

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