



## Hawaiian Shores Community Association End of Year Newsletter

*Aloha Members!*

Enclosed, please find your annual assessment invoice due by **Jan 31, 2023**. Your prompt payment of this invoice will help us continue providing valuable services to our members. A general breakdown of how the money is allocated is shown on the invoice. Please get in touch with our office at **808-965-8140** if you have any questions about your invoice, to set up a payment plan if needed, or make a credit card payment over the phone.

Our community services are back to normal after two years of COVID. We have pool aerobics at the Honu facility and other exercise classes for members. Yoga classes are held four mornings a week at the Stables. A successful Taste of Puna event was held at the Stables recently and may become a monthly event. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Swap Meet at the Stables will resume monthly starting in 2023. We continue to support animal welfare with nonprofits hosting spay and neuter events at the Stables regularly. We are receiving many requests for facility rentals once again.

### *..... HSCA Assessment FY 2022.....*

At its September monthly meeting, the Board of Directors approved an increase in our annual assessment. Due to hefty increases in our electric bills at the water yard, a 12% increase in our insurance premiums, a new state law increasing the minimum wage from \$10.10 per hour up to \$18/hour by 2028, and high inflation impacts on all our supplies required for the pool, facility maintenance, office, and vehicles, we found it necessary to increase the annual assessment to \$425 per property. We continue belt-tightening to keep within our operational budget. We invite you to attend our January 18, 2023, monthly board meeting, either in person or via Zoom, for more information:

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/96375385079>

**Meeting ID: 963 7538 5079**

### *.....HSCA Project Updates.....*

#### **HSCA USDA WATER SYSTEM PROJECT**

Upon completion of the USDA-funded overhaul of our public drinking water system, we launched

another large drinking water project funded by a forgivable \$1M loan from the State Dept. of Health to replace our aged fire hydrants, replace lateral to main line shut-off valves, and purchase new radio read transceivers to replace existing ones which have a 10-year life cycle. Given that the USDA-funded project allows us to deliver water volume and pressure to all the fire hydrants in the subdivision, it's time to replace them. The availability of the radio-read equipment has been spotty, given supply chain disruptions, so it will take a while to fill our orders. Additionally, to prevent service disruption, we retain old meters to install temporarily in the event one of the radio read meters fails or to set up the connection on new construction, which is continuing at a rapid pace. We now have over 500 lots in our 1294 lot subdivision on the HSCA water system, so our community continues growing fast.

### *.... News on HSCA Committees....*

Aside from its nine-member Board of Directors, the Hawaiian Shores Community Association has standing committees. Members' input into these committees is constructive. We also encourage members to attend our board meetings held monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6 PM, which can be attended via Zoom, 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 ask members to consider joining a committee by simply calling our office, where they can also ask questions about how 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 reviews 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)**

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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 meets at the Stables every other month on Tuesday the fourth Tuesday at 6 PM, or you can be provided a link to attend via Zoom.

**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. The CEAC recently launched BINGO at the Stables on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 1:00-3:30 pm. To play, you may make a donation. The committee also does a puzzle/book exchange at the monthly Swap Meets.

**Park and Facility Planning Committee (PFPC)**  
The PFPC was busy this year developing an Asset Management & Replacement plan which the Board adopted. Adopting the plan was critical to strategizing the best use of our community assets. Our maintenance warehouse on Honu Street needs a new roof and garage doors, our children's playground equipment needs replacement, a decrepit pavilion at Maikoiko Park needs to be removed, and perhaps the large concrete pad transitioned to a pickleball court. Committee member Jeff Sargent is creating a master plan for the 3.5-acre Maikoiko Park. Plans will also be developed for each of our parks and facilities. We continue to meet to plan for all the parks and open land held by HSCA. Volunteers conducted two maintenance days at the Papio Ocean Park in the past year. Another volunteer day is being planned to address Albizia's growing on the 9 acres behind the Stables.

### **Kahakai Neighborhood Watch**

HSCA has supported the Kahakai Neighborhood Watch (KNW), which kicked off last November with a meeting at the Stables and continues monthly meetings via Zoom. The group represents all Hawaiian Beaches/Shores subdivisions and works under the Hawaii Police Dept's Community Policing Officer (CPO), Terance Scanlan. Our KNW coordinator is Suzanne Frey, and she attends the monthly meeting with all 23 NW groups from Puna. The KNW has banners up at the Stables, and a system of cameras is being installed to help deter the uptick in crime in our community. The KNW and three of Puna's CPOs recently did a sign waving in front of the Stables showing support for the HPD and the importance of safe driving as we recently had a fatality on Kahakai Blvd. You can join the KNW to receive emails with the monthly Puna HPD newsletters and other announcements by emailing [kahakainighborhoodwatch@gmail.com](mailto:kahakainighborhoodwatch@gmail.com).

### **Feral Pig Control Ad Hoc Committee:**

At the April '22 member meeting, the issue of feral pigs and their destructive habits was top of the list. This committee formed and has continued working with the USDA, State, County, and private parties to affect a long-term sustainable control project.

### **Keep Up to Date!**

Learn about community events and classes such as yoga, stretch and tone, creative writing, aerobic super circuit, bingo, water aerobics, and special events – along with other information by visiting [hawaiianshores.org](http://hawaiianshores.org) and looking at our Calendar and/or our Events and Activities page on the website! We are just starting the process of updating our HSCA website, so that should be launched soon. Please email [info@hawaiianshores.org](mailto:info@hawaiianshores.org) or call our office at (808) 965-8140 if you have an idea for a new event or activity or have any questions. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a great year in 2023!

*Eileen O'Hara*