



## Hawaiian Shores Community Association End of Year Newsletter

*Aloha Members!*

Enclosed is your annual assessment invoice, due by **Jan 31, 2024**. 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 contact our office at **808-965-8140** if you have any questions about your invoice, to set up a payment plan if needed, or to make a credit card payment over the phone.

Our community services are going full steam partly due to the great work of our Community Events and Activities Committee (CEAC). We have water aerobics at the pool, and at the Stables, we have exercise classes, Yoga, Zumba, Bingo, Trivia night, watercolor classes, soap-making classes, and coming soon – Karaoke night. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Swap Meet at the Stables is ongoing, and we continue supporting animal welfare with nonprofits hosting spay and neuter events at the Stables regularly. Kahakai Neighborhood Watch meeting is planning an in-person meeting in January (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:00 PM) at the Stables with a guest speaker on the County's Animal Control program. We are receiving many requests for facility rentals, so we're nearly fully booked!

### *..... HSCA Assessment FY 2023.....*

The Board of Directors approved keeping the FY2024 assessment at \$425. Due to hefty increases in our electric bills at the water yard, a major increase in our insurance premiums, 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 facility maintenance, and operation, we found it necessary to increase the water rates from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons used. This will result in a small increase in monthly water bills and encourage residents to conserve water usage. We continue belt-tightening to keep within our operational budget. We invite you to attend our January 17, 2024, 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 WATER SYSTEM PROJECTS**

HSCA has several large drinking water projects funded by a forgivable \$1M loan from the State Dept. of Health to replace our aging fire hydrants, replace the lateral shut-off valves, and purchase new radio read transceivers to replace existing ones that have reached the end of their life cycle. The DOH-funded project allows us to deliver water volume and pressure to all the fire hydrants in the subdivision. The supply chain issue with receiving new equipment has been resolved, and we are finally taking delivery of new meters to replace failing ones and provide meters to new accounts, which are continuing to come online at a fast pace. We have 525 water accounts in our 1294 lot subdivision on the HSCA water system. We'll be 50% built out long soon!

### *.... News on HSCA Board & Committees....*

Aside from its Board of Directors, the HSCA has standing committees and invites members' constructive input. We encourage members to attend our board meetings held monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6 PM at the Stables. It can be attended via Zoom as well. We currently have one vacancy due to a board member moving to Kona, so if you are interested in participating in the HSCA board, please attend our meetings and/or speak to the office staff. Participating in meetings supports our association and keeps you informed. We encourage members to join a committee by calling our office, where you 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 each month at the Stables. The DRC reviews all building plans to ensure they comply with our CC&Rs and establish how vacant land can be used and developed. The DRC also reviews and revises our CC&Rs 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&Rs and

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manages the notification and fining process to encourage compliance with the CC&Rs. The ERC works cooperatively with members to resolve issues related to CC&R compliance and uses fines as a last resort. ERC works closely with staff to communicate with our members when violations are reported. This committee meets at the Stables every other month; you can also attend via Zoom.

**Community Event/Activities Committee (CEAC)**  
The CEAC meets monthly and reviews requests for our facilities for events and activities while planning events. These activities include yoga, water aerobics, stretch and tone classes, watercolor and soap-making workshops, the Swap meet, and other special events like Trivia night, a recent Halloween dance, and Karaoke. The CEAC launched BINGO at the Stables once a month. To play, you may make a donation. The committee also does a puzzle/book exchange at Game nights at the Stables.

**Park and Facility Planning Committee (PFPC)**  
The PFPC was busy this year assessing current needs under the Asset Management & Replacement plan adopted last year by the Board. Our maintenance warehouse on Honu Street was re-roofed, garage doors were replaced, and an unsound pavilion at Maikoiko Park was removed. We're considering where to host a pickleball court, getting quotes on new children's playground equipment, and considering a concrete pad in the back of the Stables to extend its use. We presented concept plans for each park at the last annual member meeting in April and took feedback. Volunteers conducted maintenance days at the Papio Ocean Park this past year.

**Kahakai Neighborhood Watch**  
HSCA supports the Kahakai Neighborhood Watch (KNW), which has over 100 people on the email list. Meetings are monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday via Zoom at 6 PM. You can email [kahakainighborhoodwatch@gmail.com](mailto:kahakainighborhoodwatch@gmail.com) to be added to the list to receive meeting invites and the Puna HPD monthly newsletter. An **in-person KNW meeting with the County's new Animal Control officer is being planned for January. Please attend to learn about barking dogs and leash**

**laws.** Neighborhood Watches are under the Hawaii Police Dept. and work directly with a Community Policing Officer (CPO). Our CPO is Terance Scanlan, and our KNW coordinator is Suzanne Frey, who attends a monthly meeting with all 23 NW groups from Puna. The KNW has banners at the Stables and a system of cameras installed to help deter crime in our community. **For immediate action, contact law enforcement. Call 808 935-3311 for non-emergencies and to report abandoned vehicles or 911 for emergencies**

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### Community - Issues of Concern

**Feral Pigs:** Feral pigs' destructive habits continue to be an issue. An ad hoc committee at HSCA spurred a local nonprofit to start a feral pig control project under County funding. Workshops are planned for this winter. **Our CC&Rs do not allow feeding feral pigs, chickens, or cats!**

**Private Roadways:** HSCA's roads are privately held but open to the public. Do not place obstruction on the shoulders, which our crew maintains.

**Pool/Park Rules:** Please respect others when using the facilities owned by HSCA. The office must approve service animals to come on-site.

**Green Waste and Tree Removal:** Dumping your green waste on vacant properties is prohibited without the owner's permission. The same is true of cutting trees on others' properties. HSCA successfully defended against a lawsuit by members who cut trees in our park without permission. The judgment required the plaintiffs to pay a special assessment and all court fees.... Please be lawful!

### Keep Up to Date!

Learn about community events and classes such as yoga, stretch and tone, aerobic circuit, bingo, water aerobics, and special events – along with other information by visiting [hawaiianshores.org](http://hawaiianshores.org) to view our Calendar! We will launch an updated HSCA website soon. Please call our office at **(808) 965-8140** or email [info@hawaiianshores.org](mailto:info@hawaiianshores.org) if you have ideas for activities or have any questions. We wish you all peaceful holidays and a happy 2024!

*Eileen O'Hara, President*