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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

AS I WRITE THIS, IT IS SUNNY & CLEAR AND 76 DEGREES HERE IN EAST HAWAII. I HOPE IT'S NICE WHERE YOU LIVE IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE MAJORITY OF LOT OWNERS WHO RESIDE OFF ISLAND. THOSE OF US WHO LIVE HERE IN PARADISE WONDER WHY ANYONE WOULD LIVE SOMEWHERE ELSE.

2002 WAS A GOOD YEAR FOR ROAD PAVING. WE PAVED MORE FOOTAGE THAN MANY PREVIOUS YEARS, THANKS TO EVERYONE PAYING THEIR ROAD FEES ON TIME AND IN FULL. MAHALO TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO PAID SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS TO BRING THEIR ACCOUNTS CURRENT. (ONE COUPLE SENT \$680.00 FOR TWO LOTS AND ANOTHER COUPLE FROM JAPAN SENT \$420 FOR ONE LOT, MAHALO PLENTY TO THEM.) THERE ARE A FEW PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT CURRENT BUT WE ARE WORKING ON IT AND MAKING GOOD PROGRESS. WE USED A NEW PAVING CONTRACTOR (YAMADA) BECAUSE THEIR BID WAS LOWEST. THEY DID AN EXCELLENT JOB ON THE CONTRACTED WORK BUT DISAPPOINTED US BECAUSE THEY LEFT THE JOBSITE WITHOUT COMPLETING THE EXTRA WORK THAT INCLUDED REPAIRING INTERSECTIONS. (I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A CONTRACTOR TURNING DOWN "EXTRAS")

ALOHA ESTATES HAS BECOME A DESIRABLE PLACE TO LIVE BECAUSE OF PAVED ROADS. ASPHALT PAVING IS FAR SUPERIOR TO CHIP SEAL OR CINDERS, WHICH ARE USED IN MANY OTHER SUBDIVISIONS IN PUNA.

PLEASE ATTEND THE GENERAL MEETING, GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS AND SPEAK YOUR MIND ABOUT HOW YOUR SUBDIVISION IS MANAGED.

ALOHA, JOHN

GENERAL MEETING

THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR 2003 WILL BE HELD AT

10 AM SATURDAY

MARCH 8, 2003

GLENWOOD PARK

ACROSS FROM HIRANO STORE
MILE MARKER 20

VOLCANO HIGHWAY (HWY 11)

WE ARE: ALOHA ESTATES ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 566

MT. VIEW, HI 96771

AGENDA INCLUDES ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DISCUSSION OF OWNER'S CONCERNS.

SOME THOUGHTS FROM A NEIGHBOR

After living 8 years now in Aloha Estates, we are suddenly noticing LOTS of new energy around - new neighbors, new homeowners, new home builders, land sales, and new agricultural efforts emerging almost weekly in recent months. With all this activity and change, we have great hopes that this next year will increase our sense of community in Aloha Estates in several ways. One would be by involvement in the Board by new people, so that the Board can continue to focus on road improvements, cleaning up trash left on our roads, and encouraging neighbors to know one another through some social event during the year.

We have loved living here these eight years, watching young people grow into teens, teens to young adults, and new little ones arriving, as many of the rest of us grow older! I hope that we will continue to enjoy the relative quiet and peace of our more rural life style here in Aloha Estate for some time to come, even as we see growth all around the East Hawaii area of Puna and Hilo which will continue and increase. So, whatever each of us here in Aloha Estate can do to enhance our simple and quiet life style will help to extend for many years the value of living here outside of the bustle, crime, fears and tensions of other bigger cities and metropolitan areas. If you own land here, come be a part of making that happen with us to keep our neighborhood clean and safe and caring and cooperative.

What we never can predict up here is our weather! That we learned too well after the floods of 2000 which caused so much road damage even in Aloha Estate. The Association Board did what it could to help get that handled, as did the County and FEMA,

which helped to clean out the river beds to help prevent future flooding, and the Association repaired its most damaged roads out of our road fees. It all took many months of work by the Association Board members and others not on the Board, and lots of cooperation, expertise and good will, for which we are grateful. As always the Monastery was a key leader in keeping Mauna Kea road clean, cleared and upgraded, and finally made into a County Road. Mahalo Nui Loa again! With a relatively larger storm again in 2001, we saw more gravel fill up the Mauna Loa Road river bed, so we have no idea what the next big one will do, but we are more educated now about resources for help if needed, and what we need to do on our own properties to not raise havoc with neighbors properties by runoffs, etc. For now, Mauna Loa is only passable down to the Highway by 4 wheel drive vehicles, as no repairs were done on the road itself since it is still unclear who "owns" that road, as with so many former sugar cane roads and state and country roads throughout Hawaii! I imagine a new board will continue to research this for the future. Since it runs right in front of our house, and we had to re-gravel it ourselves with the Help of FEMA in order to get out of our own place, and for other lot owners whose lands face Mauna Loa Road, and for safety issues of entry and exit in emergencies, it would be nice to get that issue of Mauna Loa Road resolved. We are all therefore very happy to have had Mauna Kea road paved completely and made into a County Road, thanks to the investments of the Monastery over the years that brought it up to standard. For that we are all very grateful, I am sure.

So if you are a new neighbor, home or land owner just receiving this newsletter for the first time, welcome and let's join together in keeping Aloha Estate friendly, clean, and a safe haven for our children and elders and all others. Seeing you all, new and old owner-residents, and/or your renters, at the next Annual Community Meeting on MARCH 8 would be a fine beginning for that happening. We know that we are living in difficult times in our communities and our country and in the world, and we know as well that we are blessed to be here in Hawaii and in our neighborhood.

Aloha - gay (and glen) barfield

Hawaii County Web Pages

Hawai'i County ... a nice place to live.

Live Aloha ... an expression of a deep sense of belonging to a community and caring for each other. Each of us can improve our community by our individual and collective actions. Each of us has that responsibility. If we act with courtesy and caring, the Hawaii we value will be strengthened.

<http://www.ealoha.com/livaloha.htm>

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* How to Add/Remove Names from Distribution

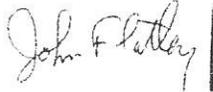
* Water Shut Off notices - Wainaku Ave and Silverton Carr

* Dept of Environmental Management meeting on solid

Aloha Estates Association Financial Statement for year 2002

Bank bal 1-1-02	4971.55
Income:	
Collections in 2002	10760.80
Interest Earned	18.09
Expenses:	
Paving	12,240.00
Secretarial svc.	80.39
Postage	238.00
Printing	61.98
Bank Srvc.chg	22.50
Mtg. Room Rental	34.80
Corp. Regis.	5.00
Office supplies & postage	38.98
Weed killer	124.99
refund road fees (Unit 2)	40.00
Bank bal. 12-31-02	2863.80

Respectfully submitted,



John Flatley, Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

In 2002, as in prior years, the largest expense was road paving. We are very grateful to those lot owners who made very large payments in order to bring their accounts up to date.

We had intended to spend an additional \$2000 on intersection repairs but the paving company left the area without doing these needed repairs. They will be done this year for sure. These are the six intersections of our roads with Mauna Kea Road, the main entry road off the Highway.

Anyone interested in driveway paving should have it done while the equipment is here to avoid extra charges for equipment hauling which you must pay if they come out just to do your driveway.

Please return the bottom portion of this invoice with your check. The number of lots listed on your address label is the number of lots on which you are expected to pay maintenance fees.

These fees are due Feb. 28, 2003
Please be prompt. Mahalo.