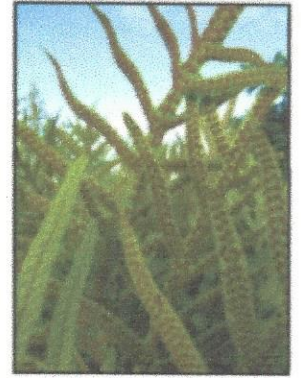


# ALOHA ESTATES ASSOCIATION

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## **Aloha Estates Association**

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Aloha and Happy New Year!

This has been a difficult year for many, in fact, most of us, with the pandemic, natural disasters, and the day-to-day activities that have been made a little more complicated because of Covid. Most recently, the Kona low that produced the biggest winds I've experienced here in 26 years caused considerable damage. The storm brought a lot of trees down which brought down some power lines. Our neighborhood was without electricity for 36 hours before HELCO restored the power. My wife and I lost the plastic coverings on two greenhouses. As far as I know, there wasn't any structural damage to any homes in our community. Neighbors helping neighbors was what I saw most. Thanks to all of you who were clearing our six roads of fallen trees. I think every road had a tree across it at some point.

In 2021 the Aloha Estates Association Board managed to get many abandoned vehicles on our roads removed which has considerably improved the aesthetics of the community. We also took on widening the visual sightlines of our roadways. We are cutting back the brush and small trees to 4' on each side of the pavement and

mowing the grass in that area four times a year. This is the first step, and the visual sight line may get wider as time goes by. It is still incumbent on property owners to keep the foliage in front of their property cut back to the property line.

We have contracted with Loeffler Construction, Inc. to repair all the potholes and deteriorated pavement. This work was supposed to commence in September, however the asphalt plant they use had to shut down because of Covid. They would reopen for us, but the cost was prohibitive. So, we wait until Covid subsides and the asphalt supplier is back to normal operations. When this happens we are first in line for repairs.

We are also improving the automation and flow of our back office as we begin 2022. Look out for new and exciting ways of doing business with Aloha Estates by having the option of paying dues online. Because of inflation over the last decade, our annual road fees will increase to \$60 per parcel lot. The increase is marginal and we hope not too disruptive to your budgets.

Mauna Loa Drive is still a mess and we are in talks with Hawaii County regarding responsibility and repairs for the road. We were able, thanks to District 5 Councilmember Matt Kanealii-Kleinfelder, to have a meeting with the Director of Public Works, Ikaika Rodenhurst, who oversees these roads in limbo. We think we have made progress. Time will tell. We want you to know the issue is being worked on.

I hope you all have a wonderful, prosperous, and happy New Year!

Aloha, Glen Barfield

President of Aloha Estates Association

Aloha all...I want to share some potential good news about Aloha Estates

I believe there is renewed hope for obtaining some road repair relief through the County for Mauna Loa Drive, our "road in Limbo", after it was decimated a couple of years ago by heavy rains, and remains rugged and near impassable to this day. Our very concerned, committed, competent and compassionate young Council representative for District #5 - Matt Kanealii-Kleinfelder, has created a Zoom monthly meeting now named the Hawaii Island Subdivisions Association, (HISA) whose purpose is to engage with reps from our various sub-standard tracts in Puna (upper and lower) to discuss their various needs and constructive ideas historically, currently, and for the long term future. Repairing roads is a major recurring topic within that group, for some several months now since being initiated.

Guest governmental leaders are being invited to meet with this group of concerned citizens to update us and hear our input re: needs, aspirations etc.; such as Police, Roads Director Ikaika Rodenhurst, Transportation heads, Safety, etc, etc. Our hope is that with new funds coming in potentially from the Federal government for post crises (such as our 2018 lava flow losses, road washouts from hurricanes or heavy storms, robberies, etc.), that the County will be more able financially to apply some of these funds to mitigation of these various concerns, which are both dangerous and deepening as they remain unmet.

The Aloha Estates Road committee, separate from the above group, but with several members joining each month is also a very proactive and effective group of competent women and men working together with Aloha on our several neighborhood issues. While not a member myself, during my nearing 30 years living in Aloha Estates, I have been involved at various times. At nearing 86, with some health issues, but still thriving forward, I am especially grateful for these active and collaborative neighbors for so diligently continuing to work to bring safety, a sense of community, and more serenity to Aloha Estates, particularly as more new neighbors arrive increasingly in the past two years or so, to build new homes, and hopefully bring new energy to the Board eventually.

For those of you living elsewhere than Hawaii, but owning lots here in Aloha Estates, we hope the same spirit rests with your sense of neighborhood in rural life.

With aloha – Gay Barfield, an old timer neighbor ☺

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**'Ono (Delicious) Haupia**

- 1 14oz can coconut milk
- 4 Tbsp sugar
- 4 Tbsp cornstarch
- 3/4 cup water

Combine all ingredients; cook and stir constantly over low heat until mixture thickens and looks shiny. Pour into an 8" square pan and chill until firm. Cut, serve and ENJOY!

*Mahalo Mahealani Kane for sharing this recipe!*

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**Don't forget to update your mailing address with us if you move and also let the County of Hawaii Property Tax office at (808) 961-8201 know the same.**

**Providing your email address to us will assure you receive updated information from Aloha Estates!**

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Aloha everyone,

I have been a resident of Aloha Estates since purchasing my lot in 2016 and building a home shortly afterward. It has been a pleasure being a member of our Board of Directors since March of 2021 as the Vice President. I would like to update you on my main project this past year as a Board member: replacing our outdated bookkeeping system. In the next several months we are converting to a new, no-cost system that will provide our residents and Board members with many new features:

- Online payment options for annual dues using credit/debit cards, PayPal
- Access to your Aloha Estates account to view account status
- Emailed annual invoices in addition to current USPS mailed invoices

We look forward to implementing these changes to bring more efficiency to our operations for all of us.

Mahalo, Shelly Pierson

**2021 Treasurer's Report**

Bank of Hawaii Checking Account  
**Balance as of December 31, 2020** **\$71,815.35**

2021 Income:

2021 Association Road Dues Receipts (Includes Transfer & Late Fees)	\$19,490.00
Bank of Hawaii Interest Earned	16.04
<b>2021 Income TOTAL</b>	<b>19,506.04</b>
<b>2021 Income Balance</b>	<b><u>\$91,321.39</u></b>

2021 Expenses:

Dept of Commerce & Consumer Affairs	
Business Registration Renewal	3.50
Bureau of Conveyances	779.00
Budd Lindsey, Concrete Barriers	1,000.00
St. Theresa Church/Meeting site donation	100.00
Na Wai Ola PCS/Meeting site donation	125.00
GP Roadway Solutions	81.41
Huki Pau Lawn Pros LLC	5,050.00
Postmaster Postage	63.32
Pyramid Insurance	575.00
HP Instant Ink Plan	101.48
Office supplies/business cards/sign	90.22
Office telephone/internet/web	275.00
<b>2021 Expenses TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$8,243.93</u></b>

Bank of Hawaii Checking Account  
**Balance as of December 31, 2021** **\$83,077.46**

Respectfully submitted by Leilani Kruger, Treasurer

**Mahalo Lotus Buddhist Temple for your continued maintenance of Mauna Kea Drive! We appreciate your efforts to keep the roadway safe and clear of debris for our community.**

