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2022/2023 Board

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Aloha, Aloha Estates Association Members,

There are a few of us in the Association who live or have property on Mauna Loa Drive. Some of those who don't live on Mauna Loa Drive used to use this road for entering and leaving the Association area. It has been a mess for about 5 years, since the last big storm in 2018. I have been in contact with the Mayor's office, which has ignored me completely, and the head of the Department of Public Works, Mr. Pause. Mr. Pause listened, returned my email, and ultimately said not his problem. If you like Mauna Loa Drive in this condition, do nothing. If, on the other hand, you would like to see it fixed, here is Mr. Steve Pause's email: Steve.Pause@hawaiicounty.gov. Please let the Mayor also know your displeasure with County maintenance of roads directly affecting our Association residents.

The Board managed to have more abandoned cars and a backhoe removed from our six roads, and at this writing our streets look free of abandoned vehicles. If you think you are dealing with an abandoned vehicle, please let the Board know and we'll work on it.

Thanks to Shelly Pierson, our Treasurer, we now have additional payment options for our annual road fees: debit/credit cards and ACH bank payments. If you want to pay via these options, please email her at aea96771@yahoo.com and request an online invoice. In the near future, payment options will be accessible on our website, www.AlohaEstatesAssocation.org. This will streamline our whole process and make everything downstream much easier in the accounting department.

Ross and Rebecca Akiona were concerned about cars coming downhill on Awapuhi Nani (Road 4) and getting above the speed limit of 15 mph. We, along with Ross, installed some low-thickness rumble strips. It seems to have worked. Six months in and they are still there and we haven't received any complaints. Just a reminder to drive slowly and be courteous.

The Neighborhood Watch program has entered our community. To hear more about this, please come to the

annual meeting and listen to Marianne Woller who initiated this program for all of Aloha Estates.

Our Association has installed all the street signs you see on roads 1 through 6. Last year someone stole the stop sign, road name sign, and the dead-end sign from road 3. They stole the post too. A couple of volunteers dug the hole, replaced the post, and installed all new signs and that cost our Association several hundred dollars. If you see something, say something.

Perhaps you have noticed that our roads feel a little wider. Last year we contracted with a yard maintenance company to cut back the foliage and mow the grass on the sides of roads 1 thru 6. This improved the sight line while driving these roads. It is more aesthetically pleasing and is a safety feature, you can see kids playing a long way off. That contractor quit and we have hired another contractor who will start the third week of February.

Earlier in 2022, Loffler Construction Inc. did some pavement repairs (potholes) and laid some new pavement in places that were in need. In driving our roads last week it was noted that we have some sections that have deteriorated and need repairs again. We have been on a schedule of making those repairs every two or three years. These repairs will be addressed either this year or next. Community volunteers have done some pothole repairs and we thank them.

Last April we had an outside accounting firm audit the Aloha Estates Association financial records. Our books were given a clean bill of health. Everything balanced! Thank you Treasurers Leilani, Patricia, and Shelly.

I hope to see you all at the annual meeting. Aloha, Glen Barfield

From our Board Treasurer:

Aloha everyone,

As mentioned last year, my project was to move our association accounting to an online system and provide our residents with the ability to pay their annual fees online with Credit/Debit cards or ACH bank transfers. We have selected the WAVE Apps system and I am still working to convert our records into the new system. With approximately 400 lots in our unit 1 association, it will take a bit more time.

In the meantime, if you want to pay your fees with Credit/Debit or ACH, simply email our association at <u>AEA96771@yahoo.com</u> requesting such and I will provide a link for you. Please include your name and TMK # if you have it. Mahalo, Shelly Pierson

2022 Treasurer's Report Bank of Hawaii Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2021 \$83,077.46 Transfer from Checking to Savings \$80,000.00 **2022 Income:** 2022 Association Road Dues Receipts (Includes Transfer & Late Fees) \$16,215.82 Bank of Hawaii Interest Earned 1.93 2022 Income TOTAL \$16,217.75 **Transfer from Savings to Checking** \$12.823.56 2022 Expenses: Accounting audit 175.00 Bureau of Conveyances 128.00 Na Wai Ola PCS/Meeting site donation 241.85 Roadway supplies and signs 671.84 Huki Pau Lawn Pros LLC 800.00 Loeffler Construction Inc. 19,416.00 Mailing supplies & Postage 243.55 Pyramid Insurance 575.00 Office/operations supplies 239.53 Internet web/domain 433.99 2022 Expenses TOTAL \$22,924.76 Bank of Hawaii Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2022 \$9,194.01 Bank of Hawaii Savings Account (opened Jan. 2022) **Beginning Balance Jan. 11, 2022** \$80,000.00

From our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator: Aloha to all residents of Aloha Estates,

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Pierson, Treasurer

\$6.93

-\$12,823.56

\$67,183.37

Interest income

Transfer to Checking

Balance as of December 31, 2022

A Neighborhood Watch (NW) program has been set up for our area. Each road is assigned volunteer road captains to take information from our residents in cases of suspicious activity, possible drug activity, crimes, etc. This information is then passed on to our coordinator/coordinators who will then pass on the information to the Community Police Officers (CPOs) assigned to our area. The Neighborhood Watch program **DOES NOT** take the place of emergency support or the need to have a Police Officer respond to your home. This program is designed to keep our area safe for our residents by working together to be the eyes and ears of police officers who cannot be here 24/7. This pertains to people coming into our neighborhoods and dumping both vehicles and trash.

The road captains are listed below:

Road 1/Ohia Nani – Contact person on the Mauna Loa end is Patricia H., email is hubner.patricia@gmail.com phone # 808-365-3551

Road 1/Ohia Nani – Contact person on the Mauna Kea end is Denise E., email is <u>Denos63@yahoo.com</u> phone # is 808-746-0141

Road 2/Hapu'u Nani & **Road 3**/Nau Nani — Contact person is Manny L., email is muybad5391@yahoo.com phone # 808-209-6858

Road 4/Awapuhi Nani & **Road 5**/Ua Nani – Contact person is Ross A., email is rosskaleo@yahoo.com phone # 808-443-3828

Road 6/Wao Nani – Contact is Shelly P., email is srpierson@outlook.com phone # 775-848-6955
Road 8/Leiahola St – Contact is Denise W., email is dancingscreenwriter@yahoo.com phone # 970-739-6771
Mauna Loa Road and Roads 12 and up – Contact is Patty N., email is pmneed@gmail.com phone # 808-365-3170

I will be handling **Roads 9/10/11** and anything else that may come up.

Our NW program is designed to observe and report. Some programs like to patrol their neighborhoods as well, we are NOT running vehicle patrols. Please do not confront someone if you feel there is a crime being committed. Take down information on persons, vehicles, license plates, etc. which will be forward to our Community Police Officers. Remember, we are the eyes and ears of the CPOs who are here to help us. If you have an emergency, please dial 911. Otherwise, take down the information and pass it on to your road captains or me. Since March 2022 we have had several instances where the NW program has been a wonderful addition to our community. We had several criminal activities which were reported to the police and then on to our CPO. More information was able to be passed along and assisted in their investigations, including an incident between several men at the top of Mauno Loa and Road 13 with shots fired. We also had several lost and found dogs that were reunited with their owners just by sharing the information within our group. If you would like to be more active in the NW program or assist any of the road captains, please email me at 1parryhawaii@gmail.com. This is a complete volunteer group and it helps keep our community safe.

Thank you, Marianne Woller

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!

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.