

# Aloha Estates Association

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## 2025 - 2026 Newsletter

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## THE ANNUAL ALOHA ESTATES ASSOCIATION MEETING FOR ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WILL BE ON SAT, MARCH 7, 2026 @ 10AM MT VIEW SENIOR CENTER

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Aloha Estates Association

2025/2026 Board

President...Patricia Hübner

Vice-President...Patty Needham

Secretary...Roy Dollwet

Treasurer...Gary Gergely

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Bookkeeper...Janine McCusker

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From our Board President, Patricia Hübner:

Aloha e kākou,

It has been a pleasure to have served as the president of the Aloha Estates Association (AEA) Board. I love how Aloha is part of our neighborhood name and I hope Aloha will always be a part of who we are. "Aloha" means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return. 'Aloha' is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for collective existence." <https://imagesofoldhawaii.com/aloha-spirit-its-the-law/>

The collective improvement and maintenance of Roads 1 through 6 is the purpose for having an AEA Board. The scope may be limited to road maintenance but the opportunities to extend Aloha to your Aloha Estates neighbors are many. I encourage our property owners to take a turn at serving on the AEA Board as an Officer or Director. Board members meet monthly for about 2 hours to discuss road maintenance issues. Each board member is part of a supportive team that enables our association to operate. Reviewing all processes as a group provides checks and balances of monthly activities and financial transactions. Please consider being on the AEA Board as your opportunity to give back to your community and build up the mutual regard and affection within our neighborhood! Elections will take place at our annual meeting on March 7, 2026 (see above).

I have a few updates and reminders to share. The 2025 annual financial audit was performed by an outside accountant, Kim Higbie, and her audit report found no financial discrepancies. All financial transactions were appropriate and accounted for.

During 2025, the paving of Road 5 (Ua Nani Road) was completed to extend that road fully from Mauna Kea Drive to Mauna Loa Drive.

Many thanks to Ray Rivera of "All Day Ray Landscaping Service" who has been doing a great job in clearing a 4-foot margin of grass and foliage on either side of Roads 1 through 6 every 3 months.

Roads 1 through 6 (and 4 feet on either side of the road) are owned by the AEA and therefore all speed humps/bumps/rumble strips must be approved by the AEA Board. The Board has put in 2 permanent speed humps on each street and we are replacing the reflective tape on each speed hump once road and temperature conditions are dry and hot. Non-approved speed bumps do not extend across the full width of the road and therefore promote a breakdown of the road's shoulder because people tend to drive their cars around the speed bump. **Personal speed bumps in the road are not allowed and must be removed.**



### Feral Pigs in Aloha Estates

This past year the Aloha Estates Board addressed a feral pig infestation never before seen on Roads 1 through 6. A sounder (herd of wild swine) of more than twelve, with some over 200 pounds were roaming freely throughout the neighborhood digging up and destroying the grassy roadside and causing resident property damage. The Board collaborated with the USDA Wildlife Services in Hilo to address this problem. Jordan K. Linnell, the Hawaii district supervisor, set up a "pig brig" trap and within a month, six pigs were trapped, dispatched and tested for diseases. Mr. Linnell will provide test results that will also be posted on our website at <https://www.alohaestates.org/under> Community News, when they become available. The damage to the roadside seems to have stopped for now.

### Dumping is Illegal! By Leilani K.

The problem is not new; it's been going on forever in all communities in Hawaii and everywhere else around the world. Dumping is bad for the environment, unhealthy and destroys the aesthetics of our community, to name a few. It is fundamentally a crime, a violation of County laws and subject to enforcement. People need to be held accountable for this common practice among problematic litterbugs. Someone dumped car parts on Mauna Loa Drive near the highway as well as on Hwy 11 near the street sign. Engine parts were placed on the Aloha Estates side of the drive and also on people's properties that abut or border it. It's not only an eyesore that people have to pass by upon leaving or arriving into our subdivision, but often attracts the company of others with the bright idea that they can save gas by dumping their junk on public or private properties instead of going to the transfer station for proper disposal. If you see anyone actively dumping anywhere in the community, try and get a visual on the vehicle and license plate numbers. Note the time and date of the incident and call the non-emergency police number (808)961-8223 to report it.

The following is an excerpt from the County of Hawaii Department of Environmental Management, Solid Waste Division & Recycling Section:

**PROPERTY OWNER INFO** To all property owners/manager, contractors, waste haulers, developers and interested parties: Please be aware of current State law regarding illegal dumping in Hawai'i. You are responsible for the proper removal of

residential, commercial and industrial solid waste to permitted disposal or recycling facilities. (HRS §342H) Fines may be levied on the generator of the waste, even if they hired someone else to dispose the waste.

- Everyone is responsible for properly removing solid wastes to facilities permitted by the Department of Health.
- Anyone including property owners, lessees, contractors and waste haulers may be subject to administrative, civil or criminal penalties and held responsible for property cleanup.
- Illegal dumpers may be subject to enforcement action and administrative and civil penalties of up to \$10,000/day for each offense (HRS §342H-9).
- Those who knowingly dispose of solid waste equal to or greater than one cubic yard and less than ten cubic yards are subject to criminal penalties of up to \$25,000/day for each offense (HRS §342H-39).
- It is a class C felony offense to knowingly dispose of solid waste equal to or greater than ten cubic yards anywhere other than a permitted solid waste management system without the written approval of the Director of the Department of Health (HRS §342H-37).
- Each day of violation is a separate offense. <https://www.hawaiiwastewaste.org/info/illegal-dumping/>

Glenwood Transfer Station: Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays (6 am to 6 pm)

Volcano Transfer Station: Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays (6 am to 6 pm)

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Billing Questions: If you have any concerns regarding your account, please call our bookkeeper, Janine at (949) 633-4461.

New Feature on Website: For those who are having trouble navigating the payment system on our Website, there is a new document which will take you step by step through the Payment Process. If you have need of special assistance, please call our bookkeeper, Janine. She will walk you through the process.

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**The 2025 Treasurer's Report will be posted on the Aloha Estates website [www.alohaestates.org](http://www.alohaestates.org) after Feb 15, 2026**

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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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**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.**