ALOHA ESTATES ASSOCIATION

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WINTER/SPRING 2019-2020



Annual Membership Meeting Saturday-March 28, 2020 @ 9 am

Mt. View Senior Center
Potluck to follow
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Aloha Estates Association 2019/2020 Board

Vice-President...John Pacheco Secretary...Lise Madson Treasurer/Newsletter...Leilani Kruger Assistant Secretary/Treasurer...Mahea Kane Director...Kelvin Kane Director...Sandy Schaffer Alternate Board...Vacant President...Vacant



Local bananas -- a delicacy in Mt. View!

Mahalo 2019 AEA Board for your hard work and commitment to our community roads. Special recognition to our Drainage Committee (Glenn Pierson, Glen Barfield, Eric Hubner, Monika Mann, Janine McCusker--apologies if I've missed anyone) for their assessment and recommendations on culverts, road damages and recovery efforts--read all about it on our website under Community News.

Looking for a few good people...volunteers and leaders wanted! Nominations and elections for new Board officers will occur at next month's general meeting. If you have a few hours a month to meet with your neighbors about our community road issues, then this is your chance to make a difference and be heard!

Visit us at alohaestates.org—although we are currently under construction, you can view and download our Charter of Incorporation and By-Laws, past meeting minutes and our subdivision survey map, to name a few. The Community News links you to the Drainage Committee's 2020 Report and other interesting news.

Rainwater Drainage Issues/Janine McCusker

Home and land owners increasingly question the flooding issues that occur throughout Aloha Estates and want clarification about County regulations.

Recent storms have provided us all a reminder of the larger devastating storms of past years. Poorly directed drainage systems cause damage to homeowners' properties, neighboring lots as well as our private roads.

Whether you are building a new house or implementing or updating drainage on your property, it's always a good idea to check with the County regulations, to be sure. In some cases, a grading permit may be required. For instance, if you are putting in a driveway, always consider what direction the water will naturally flow, whether you are on the uphill (mauka) or downhill (makai) side of the road. Drainage ditches at the front and culverts under your driveway are sometimes advisable.

The following is a quote from the Hawaii County Engineering Department of Public Works:

It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain the general drainage pattern with respect to abutting properties. Refer to Hawaii County Code, Chapter 10, 10-3(b)(6) and (7) shown below.

- It is the responsibility of the property owner to repair or eliminate any existing excavation, fill, grubbing or stockpiling when it has been determined by the director of DPW upon receipt of notice in writing to be a hazard to property, or adversely affects the safety, use, or stability of a public way or drainage channel. Refer to Hawaii County Code, Chapter 10, Section 10-2.
- A Grading Permit is required when any one of the following items are exceeded:
 - o 100 cubic yards of excavation or fill;
 - Vertical height of excavation or fill measured at its highest point exceeds 5 feet; or
 - When the general and localized drainage pattern with respect to abutting properties is altered.

As a related reminder: the monuments or pins that are located on the centerlines of each road, marks the 20' easement to each property's pins or boundaries.

2019 Treasurer's Report	
Bank of Hawaii Checking Account	
Balance as of December 31, 2018	\$55,124.39
2019 Income:	
2019 Association Road Dues Receipts	
(Includes Transfer/Late Fees)	16,618.71
Bank of Hawaii Interest Earned	10.64
2019 Income TOTAL	16,629.35
2019 Income Balance	\$71,753.74
2019 Expenses:	
Loeffler Construction	12,425.00
Big Island Tree Service	1,651.00
Gateway Masonry-Sam Hufanga (Na'u Nani)	700.00
HUBS HI Pavement Stripes-Speed Humps	156.66
DCCA Business Registration Renewal	3.50
Bank of Hawaii -Deposit Slips	18.51
Postmaster Postage	362.40
Printing (newsletter, mailing labels, invoices, etc)	200.00
Pyramid Insurance	575.00
Instant Sign Centers	18.28
HP Instant Ink Plan	96.99
Wix.com Domain	216.00
Office Supplies	37.97
OfficeSpectrum Telephone/Internet	671.43
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2019 Expenses TOTAL	\$17,132.74
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Bank of Hawaii Checking Account	
Balance as of December 31, 2019	\$54,621.00
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Respectfully submitted by:	
Leilani Kruger, Treasurer	

As new residents in Aloha Estates and to the Big Island, we simply want to say, "We Love This Place!"

Having moved here from Nevada where the average rainfall is 10" a year and humidity feels like 0%, adjusting to our island climate has taken a little time but we are learning. Though there is an abundance of rain, rust, mildew, pigs, slugs and mosquitos, we've also experienced the pleasant aspects of plant life, beautiful birds, hiking trails and most important: the Aloha spirit. We have become friends with many neighbors in our subdivision and we feel truly grateful to be part of this ever-changing island. The only constant in life is Change...

Mahalo, Shelly Pierson

Mahalo Lotus Buddhist Monastery for your continued maintenance of Mauna Kea Drive!