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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*BY JACK RUSSELL BRAUHER*

This issue will combine both the HACA and the HARC newsletters. For those of you not informed, for liability and other legalities, we are two separate entities. HARC exists for road maintenance, HACA exists for all other issues, concerns, and interests of the Hawaiian Acres community. I feel combining our newsletters is a great way to bring our community back together. Dividing our interest, by creating HARC, was in my opinion an assault on the integrity of our community. If you recall, I was opposed to the separation. I feel this newsletter combination is a confirmation that we are philosophically inseparable.

The Puna Emergency Access Road (PEAR) is essentially complete. Proper signage is lacking. At this writing the County-owned connector lot looks like a drag strip or a runway. So far no planes have landed. I can't say its not been used for racing. One month after the paving was completed there are two significant size potholes. The information going around is that there was \$80K left over that's being used elsewhere in Puna. That amazes me to no end considering there were shoulders in the original plan that never materialized.

We are bouncing around the idea for a new committee, maybe to be called "Beautification Committee." Its responsibility would be signage and other projects, in the road lot easement. Now that the PEAR has created a new subdivision entrance, we will need a sign similar to our other entrances. This new sign may need a "No Thru Commercial Traffic" sign. We don't need this new road abused by the cinder trucks as a short cut from the Pahoa area to the upper Puna subdivisions.

The connector lot road contractor made enough profit that he donated 60 triangle palms 6' to 12' in height, and the topsoil to get them started. Saturday, the 19th of August was a day planned and advertised to plant these trees. Very few turned out for the event. Only 25 trees were planted, which required another day to be scheduled for the remainder. The first day was backbreaking. Only 4 people stuck through the day. Only 2 of those were Acres residents. The other 2 were not even stakeholders (property owners in HA or Ainaloa). One of them, a 70-year-old lady from Paradise Park, amazed

### \*\*\* ELECTION RESULTS \*\*\*

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AREA 4 REP	NO CANDIDATE

me with her stamina. I'm sure she was hurting afterwards, I sure was. A few other residents did show up for a couple hours work early in the morning. Thank You, to all who participated.

We planted most of the remaining trees the following Saturday. It was a much better turnout. Thank You everyone for your community spirit!

Vandals have been messing with our new Volunteer Fire Dept. watertank. I hope we don't have to resort to surveillance cameras to stop them.

HACA's 40th Birthday is next year. We hope to have a BIG BASH to celebrate. However we will need volunteers to help plan the party. Its tough doing these things with the few community conscious folks we have. Maybe the promise of a party will bring some of you out of the woods. I hope we don't need a controversy to do it! Maybe if I start talking about Mandatory Road Fees I can stir some up.

An update to the Nasario Family story. This family of 6 lost their home and all their belongings to a house fire on 8 Rd. last March. We had a successful fundraiser in April for them, to help replace some belongings, & now we've heard an anonymous donor has given them funds for a new house!!! The contractor is looking for volunteer labor, so if you'd like to help out, call the Community Center at 808-966-9892.



### VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*BY MARK (JOE) GOOD*

My name is Mark (Joe) Good. I have been Vice-President of HACA for the last year and have been elected for a second term. In the past year, we have accomplished quite a lot in the way of improving our community and standing with others. I will keep things moving along in the way of more improved relations with the County and others. Thank you for your support. Should you have any questions, please contact the HACA office at 808-966-9892. Mahalo!

### TREASURER'S REPORT

*BY DAN P. WOOLVERTON*

Greetings to all. I am pleased to report that our budget for fiscal year 2000 is looking very well. August 31st brought the end of eight months (or 66%) of our fiscal year. At that time, we had only spent 55% of our allotted budget, so this puts us about 11% to the good.

At the present time, we are upgrading our computer capability by purchasing some new hardware along with the attendant software. This upgrade is costing a little over \$1000, but that is not a big enough expenditure to significantly impact the budget. Hopefully we can finish out the fiscal year with a surplus budget.

### COMMUNITY WATCH REPORT

*BY KEN CUTTING*

So far we are still doing good in our war against crime. With the new Puna Access Road opened, the response time of the police and other emergency personnel has been greatly increased.

We are in the process of updating our list of members. If you have equipment that the Watch Program loaned to you and you are not using it, please return it so that we can issue it to someone else.

If you would like to become involved, call the HACA office at (808) 966-9892. We are still looking for a "stay-at-home" person to monitor mobile patrols.

Our meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Community Center, Rds. 8 & C.

### PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

*BY BOB JACOBSON*

The 2000 draft Hawai'i County General Plan was released this month. The mayor and his planning staff have chosen not to include community input or community based development plans in this plan. They state they will approve this plan then try to include community input "later".

What the plan lacks is regional planning, plans crafted by community groups like HACA, information on subsidence issues, comprehensive energy planning and many other important needs. There are new resort nodes for South Kona, an area long set aside for agriculture and preservation of its rural character. New definitions of agricultural zoning have been proposed without honoring the needs and wishes of farmers and residents of agricultural lands. Maps with the plan include long-submerged lands as not being submerged at all. Subsidence of shorelines is a critical issue for an island county such as Hawai'i. Pieces of this island the size of football fields fall in the ocean. The whole island is sinking every day, some areas faster than others. Because the definitions of public lands in our state constitution include lands 40 feet above the storm high tides, Global Information System (GIS) Technologies must be used in this plan to identify and protect the public trust and lands our agencies are sworn to uphold. Otherwise we are giving away public lands and our rights to shoreline public access for the future.

The public must be given a chance to consider this plan carefully and the public must have their wishes included in this plan. The draft plan even deletes the right of residents to include their input and wishes in future plans. We need to preserve our rights to make

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*(Planning Committee Report , by Bob Jacobson, Continued from page 2)*  
meaningful input to this and future general plans.

This plan must be given due consideration by the new mayor and council members who will be sworn into office in early December 2000. There are hearings scheduled for the public to see the plan, but no effort has been made to include any real input from residents and community groups. It appears that large landowners and large developers were the primary source of input by the mayor's staff. The General Plan itself mandated community input every 10 years to make needed changes to the general plan. It now appears that no resident input will be included at this point. Timeframes and the General Plan itself are available online at:

[http://www.hawaii-county.com/general\\_plan\\_rev/main.htm](http://www.hawaii-county.com/general_plan_rev/main.htm)

I strongly urge you to contact the planning department, the mayor, and your elected council representatives to demand community plans to be included as part of this general plan. We don't need more information, we need grassroots input to this plan so that it is a valid document that we adhere to when planning and zoning decisions are made. This is meant to be a document made by and for the residents of this island. It was not meant to be a wish book for outside interests and developers bent on exploiting the public trust for their private gain. Mahalo to you for your past input and help in HACA planning efforts.

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**FROM THE EDITOR**

We want to encourage all of you out there to write something for our next issue. We value your opinions and viewpoints. Your viewpoints are not necessarily the views of others or the Community Association, but we will try our best to print them for you! Members, please limit your submittals to 500 words and non-members, please limit yours to 50 words. Deadline for the next newsletter is April 15, 2001. The views expressed in this issue of the HACA newsletter are not necessarily those of all the HACA Council or its members. Mail your articles to HACA, PO Box 368, Kurtistown, HI 96760 or send by email: [haca@aloha.net](mailto:haca@aloha.net). Hope to hear from you!!! Mahalo, Dan Brouillette



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# HAWAIIAN ACRES ROAD CORPORATION

## NEWSLETTER & BALLOT FALL 2000

**Notice:** Separate from HACA is HARC - *Hawaiian Acres Road Corporation*. If you aren't already a member helping to maintain your roads, you can send \$45.00 per year (January—December) to:

**HARC** PO Box 1261, Kurtistown, HI 96760

### President's Message

By Ole Fulks

HARC is ending its second year and the roads are still passable and still not in top shape. Same old, same old.

The County has finally paved the connector lot between us and the Ainaloa subdivision, so we now have an official back door to lower Puna.

The current Board has been a pleasure to work with. I commend each and every one of them for their dedication to maintaining our roads, their only compensation being to drive those roads.

As you probably know, Hawaiian Acres is one of those rare subdivisions with voluntary (not mandatory) road maintenance fees. Most of us like it this way; leaves it up to the individual whether they want passable roads or not. Interesting fact: most of our road maintenance money comes from lot owners who don't live here, but most of our complaints come from residents who don't pay and claim they're not getting what they didn't pay for. As Abe Lincoln said, "You can please some of the people..."

I'm not running for the Board this year. During the past months I've been working two jobs and haven't been able to give the time that my position on the HARC Board deserves. But more importantly, I don't want HARC to fall into a rigid mindset of inflexibility. Organizations need turnover in personnel to remain vibrant and bring in new ideas. Enough of the current board will remain for continuity. I believe continuity with diversity is the blend that will keep HARC responsive to its membership and always refining its procedures.

In late 1998, I assisted in writing HARC's By-Laws. In 1999, I served as HARC's first Area 2 Road Rep. And in 2000, the Board honored me by naming me as its second President. My warmest mahalos go to the membership and the Board for their confidence, allowing me to serve as a guide. It has warmed my heart. I may ask to be returned to the Board in a year or two or three.

### Volunteers Wanted!!

Do you want to do something for your community and help make our roads better? Please contact HARC. We need you. Call 808-966-9892

### Treasurer's Report

By Bill Kelly

Aloha! For the year 2000 we have received 887 membership payments at \$45.00 - 144 of these memberships have East Hawaii postal addresses, which I am concluding are people who live in Hawaiian Acres. Dan Woolverton & Ken Cutting did an "active driveway" count in February 2000, coming up with 857 active driveways. As you can see, we have more participation in our volunteer road dues from people who don't live here than we do people actually using the roads. I find this disappointing about people's sense of community.

We collected \$41,370.00 for roads in 2000. We divide the subdivision into Areas 1 to 4. We give monies collected in each Area to the Board member who represents that Area. We subtract from each Area 10% for the Emergency Fund, 10% for the Pavement Fund, & 22% for Administration by a paid office person (this also includes office rental, newsletter, billings, & postage costs).

The breakdown in monies for 2000 on the roads went as such:

Area 1— \$6,877.00 Area 2— \$4,054.00

Area 3— \$7,299.00 Area 4— \$5,763.00

Emergency Fund— \$4,137.00

Pavement Fund— \$4,137.00

In 1998, the last year that the Community Association and the Roads were done jointly, HACA collected \$62,000 & change for roads. That was 1300+ members. So as of the year 2000, we actually have almost 500 fewer members than 1998.

So if you see less being done on your roads, it's just a matter of figures.

HARC purchased its own computer in 1999 and we now can track our monies down as far as what road you would most likely use as ingress & egress.

We also are able to tell when & by whom which lots have ever paid their dues.

So if you fine citizens who don't choose to pay voluntary dues would just stop calling me to complain about roads, telling me if I don't fix your road you won't pay any dues. I am not a magician. If you don't pay dues, there is no money to fix anything.

Respectfully, WG Kelly

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### Letters of Candidacy

#### **Candidate, Brad Simone**

I am running in this election for a position on the Hawaiian Acres Road Corporation Board of Directors. If elected my goals would be to have the lettered roads chip-sealed and some paving done in areas such as the hills that are eroding all too quickly. In the past, we have tried gravel and grading and it has become an expensive band-aid that does not fix the roads, but only patches them temporarily. I know we have budgetary constraints, but I believe that with a united Board of Directors, we can at least address the major road problems.

Sincerely,  
Brad Simone, A volunteer in your service

#### **Candidate, Bob Kraus**

Dear Property Owners and Residents of Hawaiian Acres,

My name is Bob Kraus and I am your Area 4 Road Representative. Area 4 is from 1 Road to (but not including) 6 Road on C and D Roads and from 2 Road to 6 Road on B road.

I took over from Brad Simone approximately 7 months ago with a small budget of approximately \$5,000.00. Since February, I was able to spread approximately 102 tons of gravel on B Road, 68 tons on C Road, and 136 tons on D Road. Also, on D Road, 3 hours of grading was done between 1 and 4 Roads.

I am running again for Area 4 Representative and would like to thank all those who have contributed money and/or time to help with our efforts. I hope to continue working for you and to complete future planned projects, including more matching funds projects.

#### **Candidate, Bill Kelly**

I, Bill Kelly, am willing to run for HARC one more year, as there are not enough people who are willing to run. I will do my best with what I have available.

With our new computer, I am able to track exactly where monies were contributed from. And I shall do my best to spend said monies in those areas from where they were contributed.

#### **Candidate, Gordon Jorgenson**

My name is Gordon Jorgenson. I wish to thank all of you who voted for me in the last election for a seat on the Board of Hawaiian Acres Road Corporation.

For all those who may not have seen my Bio in last year's HARC Newsletter, my wife Cyndi & I own a farm on Road 8 called Puna Tomatoes. We have lived in the Acres for 3 years now and on our land for 2 1/2 years... In that time we have built 3 1/2 greenhouses and our Ohana house, where we are living until we build our main house. We plan to eventually build 4 or more greenhouses.

My background is mostly in the construction field. Before I came to Hawaii, I spent 9 years with the Operating Engineers in Alaska. Since then, I've spent 8 years here in the Carpenter's Union on Kauai and Maui.

I want very much to continue to be of service to my neighbors as a Board member for another year.

A hui hou , Gordon Jorgenson

#### **Candidate, Bill McClellan**

Hi! Running again... Hope for your support. Been a wet year. There are projects that need to be done that haven't been done...Projects in progress that haven't been completed...

Thanks to Herman, Ohia, & Sheldon for all their free work. Any others that I'm not aware of, thank you,

#### **Candidate, Ohia Fu**

I am asking for your vote to participate in road maintenance as an At-Large member of the Road Corporation to assist all Areas in improving road conditions with cost savings. For example, current Board members already have identified material washed away and are experimenting with new material/methods.

Since 1991, I have been learning what small labor and hand tools can do 1) to open berms from grading for drain off , 2) to cut limbs extending into the road, 3) to place rocks left over from grading into holes with similar depth, and 4) to level material from grader/truck. Integration of small pick, shovel, and rake work can save twice as much in many of our road situations.

*Only paid members of HARC (for the year 2000) have received the Ballot insert.*

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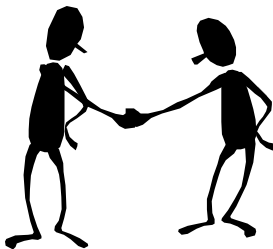
### HARC Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, December 3, 2000  
2:00 PM

At the Community Center  
Roads 8 & C

Potluck to Follow

For more info call 808-966-9892



### Current HARC Board of Directors 2000 (til January 2001)

President	<b>Ole Fulks</b>	808-966-4074
Vice-President & Area 2 Rep	<b>Brad Simone</b>	808-982-9658
Treasurer & Area 1 Rep	<b>Bill Kelly</b>	808-982-8700
Secretary & Area 3 Rep	<b>Bill McClellan</b>	808-966-5056
Area 4 Rep	<b>Bob Kraus</b>	808-968-6284
Pavement Rep	<b>Dan Grogg</b>	808-982-5370
Representative-At-Large	<b>Gordon Jorgenson</b>	808-966-7552

## MATCHING FUNDS

What are matching funds? This is a question on the minds of many Hawaiian Acres residents and property owners. Here is your answer!!

The HARC Matching Funds Program is a program in which one-half of desired road work costs are paid for by HARC, and the other half paid for by persons requesting the road work. There are certain rules and regulations regarding the procedure in which matching funds are obtained and dispensed. The following are general guidelines:

1. At least one person of the group requesting matching funds must be a member of the Road Corporation.
2. Before work commences, the person or persons requesting matching funds must come to a monthly Board meeting to pay for half of the project, or be in contact with their Area Rep.
3. The proposed work must be approved by the Board.
4. There must be matching funds available for the Area in which the work is to be done. Currently, there is a \$600.00 total per project, of which HARC will pay half.
5. This program is generally for the numbered roads, not the main ingress & egress roads.

**Road Work Completed by Area/Fund Jan'00—July '00**

(DC=DREAM CHASERS) (PP=PUNA PIGS) (SR=SOIL RESEARCH) (WS=WELDIN SHELDON) (GT=GERALD TOCI) (CO=CHARLES OKANO)  
(PS=PAUL SHRIFT) (PB=PAT BALES) (G=GLOVER) (PR=PUNA ROCK) (YS=YAMADA & SONS)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>OnRd/From/To</u>	<u>Work Done</u>	<u>PO#/MF</u>	<u>Work By</u>	<u>Check#</u>	<u>Ck Amt</u>	<u>Total Spent</u>
			(GV-gravel, GD-grading)	(MF-Matching Funds)				(Area monies)
2/11/00	1	B 6 7	GV	5596	DC	250	\$90.34	
2/28/00	1	C 7 8	GV	5603	SR	260	\$315.76	
2/28/00	1	B 9 10	GV	5605	DC	263	\$87.97	
2/28/00	1	7 C D	GV	5606/MF	DC	264	\$73.82	
2/28/00	1	C	GV	5607	DC	266	\$87.40	
2/29/00	1	C 6 8	GV,bckhoe	5608	GT	270	\$650.00	
3/8/00	1	C	loader	5609	DC	272	\$45.00	
3/8/00	1	B 9 10	bckblade	5609	DC	272	\$38.33	
3/15/00	1	B 6 7	GV	5596	PR	280	\$190.70	
3/15/00	1	C 7 8	GV	5603	G	281	\$87.40	
3/15/00	1	7 C D	GV	5606	G	281	\$73.82	
3/15/00	1	B 9 10	GV	5605	G	281	\$87.97	
4/6/00	1	7 C D	GV	5606	DC	287	\$75.44	
5/17/00	1	B	cold mix	5612	G	298	\$57.28	
5/18/00	1	C 8 10	GV	5611	YS	299	\$103.21	
5/18/00	1	C 8 10	GV	5616	DC	302	\$140.38	
5/18/00	1	B 6 7	GV	5616	DC	302	\$161.50	
5/18/00	1	D 8 10	GV	5616	DC	302	\$148.75	
5/18/00	1	D 8 10	bckhoe	5616	DC	302	\$202.50	
5/24/00	1	D 6 10	GV	5618	YS	306	\$407.96	
5/25/00	1	D 6 8	blade	5618	DC	307	\$305.00	
5/25/00	1	B 6 7	cold mix	5612	YS	308	\$172.58	
5/30/00	1	C 7 8	grading	5603	WS	309	\$450.00	
5/31/00	1	11 D E	GD	5627/MF	CO	311	\$300.00	\$4,353.11
02/11/00	2	E 6 8	GV, blade	5595	DC	250	\$229.54	
02/11/00	2	E 6 8	GV	5590	G	254	\$129.92	
02/28/00	2	F 6 8	GV	5593	SR	259	\$462.21	
5/30/00	2	EF 6 8	GD	5613	WS	309	\$450.00	\$1,271.67
1/20/00	3	G 1 2	spreadGV	5591	PS	247	\$40.00	
2/11/00	3	4 F G	GV	5599/MF	SR	251	\$166.52	
2/11/00	3	G	GV	5601	SR	251	\$393.40	
2/28/00	3	4 F G	GV	5604/MF	SR	262	\$93.56	
5/30/00	3	1 E G	GD	5614	WS	309	\$600.00	
5/30/00	3	F 1 6	GD	5614	WS	309	\$600.00	
6/22/00	3	4 F G	GV	5620/MF	PR	313	\$90.12	
7/6/00	3	E 5 6	GV	5633	SR	318	\$239.96	
7/6/00	3	4 F G	GV	5632/MF	SR	320	\$170.23	\$2,393.79
2/11/00	4	5 C D	GV	5598/MF	SR	251	\$236.25	
2/11/00	4	B 5 6	GV	5600	SR	251	\$229.46	
2/16/00	4	D 3 5	GD	5602	CO	255	\$250.00	
3/14/00	4	C 1 3	GD	5610	CO	278	\$500.00	
5/17/00	4	5 C D	GV	5598/MF	SR	297	\$62.80	
5/24/00	4	C 5 6	GV	5617	SR	305	\$501.62	
6/22/00	4	D 5 6	GV	5615	SR	312	\$424.62	
7/6/00	4	C 5 6	GV	5617	SR	316	\$518.42	
7/6/00	4	D 1 2	GV	5625	SR	317	\$439.46	
7/6/00	4	B 4 5	GV	5626	SR	319	\$468.86	
7/6/00	4	B 4 5	GV	5631	SR	321	\$448.42	
7/6/00	4	D 3 4	GV	5621	SR	322	\$505.82	
7/6/00	4	C 4 5	GV	5622	SR	323	\$459.06	
7/6/00	4	B 5 6	GV	5623	SR	324	\$463.54	\$5,508.33
2/11/00	P	Road 1 potholes	coldpatch	5597	YS	253	\$34.59	
2/16/00	P	D Rd & 6 Rd intersec.	bckhoe	5592	GT	256	\$150.00	
2/28/00	P	D Rd & 6 Rd intersec.	hauling	5592	SR	261	\$80.00	
3/8/00	P	D Rd & 6 Rd intersec.	rake	5592	PS	273	\$14.83	
3/15/00	P	D Rd & 6 Rd intersec.	hotmix	5592	G	281	\$869.23	
5/3/00	P	Road 1 potholes	labor	5612	PB	294	\$30.00	
5/18/00	P	Road 1 potholes	coldpatch	5612	YS	299	\$19.85	
5/18/00	P	D Rd & 6 Rd intersec.	bckhoe	5592	GT	300	\$100.00	
5/24/00	P	D Rd & 6 Rd intersec.	hotmix	5592	G	304	\$263.02	
7/6/00	P	1 Road potholes	labor	5628	PB	325	\$52.50	
7/6/00	P	1 Road potholes	coldmix	5628	YS	326	\$35.03	\$1,649.05



### **VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. REPORT**

*BY CHIEF SHELDON LEHMAN*

Since the last newsletter, we've had several fire calls. The most recent was a two-story fire in Fern Acres. Even though we were first to arrive, the home was fully engulfed and was a total loss. Once again, had the homeowner had a fire extinguisher and known how to use it, they probably would have been able to save their house. The fire apparently started behind a clothes dryer. The owner tried to extinguish it with buckets of water, but the fire spread too quickly for him to contain it.

Our County training officer, Eddie Wong, has retired. We will miss him. The County is in the process of assigning a new training officer, but until they do, we're on our own.

We have had several calls recently that turned out to be unauthorized, controlled burns. In other words, back yard burning. Please, before you burn, call the fire dispatch at 961-8336 to check for burning bans. Burning bans are quite often in effect even during wet periods due to vog and other conditions.

Be "Fire Safe" and have a great year!

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT**

*BY KEN CUTTING*

As the hurricane season comes to an end, we can all breathe a sigh of relief. Hurricane Daniel was a good test of our disaster preparedness. Even though we were ready, it was still a mad rush with last minute projects.

The HACA building now has a new antennae up for amateur (Ham) radio, thanks to Jerome (KH7FL), Rick (WH6LU), Terry (KH7FV), and me (KH7ZJ). Yea Team! We've had excellent signal reports from Hilo Hospital, Red Cross, and Civil Defense. Our "call" channel is 145.450.

Hurricane season runs from June 1st till November 30th, but a severe storm or other disaster can (and will) happen anytime. Please keep at least a three-day supply of food & water on hand for each person in your household. For information on disaster preparedness, log on to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

Emergency Response meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm following Community Watch at the Community Center, Rds 8 & C.

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**AREA 1 REPORT**

*BY DAN BROUILLETTE*

The face of Area 1 in Hawaiian Acres has changed significantly since Road 8 was paved & widened by the County. Not only do we have a better surface to drive on, but also speeding cars all day long, no road shoulders for kids & dogs to run to for their lives, and an excessive 35mph speed limit.

During the inception of this county project (which I was opposed to) the agreement with HACA was 25mph speed limit signs. When HACA wrote the County protesting the 35mph signs, the County did not respond, but chose to ignore HACA's safety concerns. Some politicians call this "progress"; naturalists call it "regress"; I call it "careless".

We who live on 8 Road have increasing problems with the lifestyle changes this has brought on us and the community at large. Transient drunk drivers smashing our fences late at night as they crash their trucks and then run away; high speed cop & car chases; joggers, bicyclists, & kids: Beware on this road now! Horseback riding has now become too dangerous. One policeman told me he has about 12-20 chases a month into the Acres on 8 Rd.—most of which he has to abandon because the road is too dangerous with its limited sight distances and no shoulders. Someone innocent would probably get killed. They might anyway and you know what? — the only ones who will care are the friends & relatives of those loved ones—not the County who refuses to respond, not the politicians who claim "progress" as their banner of assault & self-proclamation for good, not the elected officials who falsely claim "emergency" for the implementation of their ambitious & unsafe road projects—only to create 100-fold real emergencies!

The solution to all this? Discussions have been held about (1) gating the community to limit transient traffic (a policemen suggested that), (2) speed humps, (3) strategically placed "big brother" cameras along the access route. The down side to these suggestions is 1) who will monitor the gates for residents & outsiders as well?, 2) speed humps in front of your property encourage the thieving eye of the "looky-loos", and 3) camera equipment can be very expensive.

Well folks, any other suggestions? Slow down and be safe out there!!

**AREA 2 REPORT**

*BY KARIN SAYRE*

Work is progressing on our Hawaiian Acres park. As I am writing this, they are drilling the holes for the swingset! Seawater Band and others will install the

**HACA By-Laws Amendment**

*(Only Hawaiian Acres Community Association members may vote on this ballot)*

Article XII  
Auditor

Section 3. Duties—The Auditor shall [at least once in each fiscal year and more often if required by the members or Council,] examine the books and papers of the Corporation and compare statements of the Treasurer with the books and vouchers of the Corporation, and otherwise make a complete audit of the books of the Corporation, and thereafter make appropriate reports to the Members and Council each even numbered year.

[ ] Brackets denote deletion

\_\_\_ Underline shows addition

YES

NO

Explanation: This change is a cost-savings item, as an audit costs \$1700.00. The current HACA Council feels it is not necessary to pay for this every year.

Mark your vote yes or no, clip and mail to:  
HACA, PO Box 368, Kurtistown, HI 96760  
by December 15, 2000.

**AREA 3 REPORT**

*BY KEN CUTTING*

Well, I don't have anything to report, so excuse me while I "go off" on a subject that's very near & dear to my heart...**SMOKE DETECTORS!**

Since becoming a proud member of the Hawaiian Acres Volunteer Fire Dept. Company 5-Bravo, I'm surprised and saddened by the number of house fires that could have been prevented had they been equipped with smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. If you don't have one, get a few. Put one in the kitchen, one in the bedroom, one in the laundry room. Heck, they're cheap! Put one in the dog house and one in the chicken coop! Hand 'em out to your friends and neighbors! (They make great stocking stuffers!)

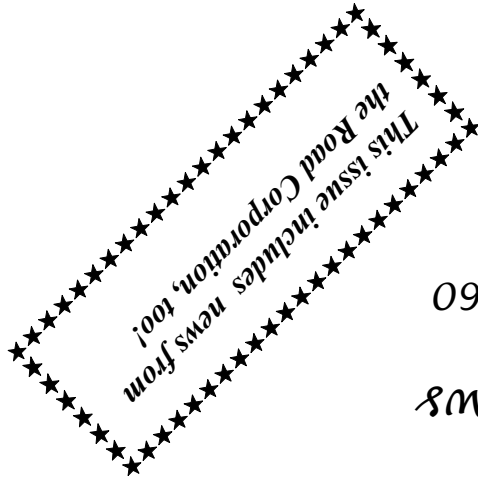
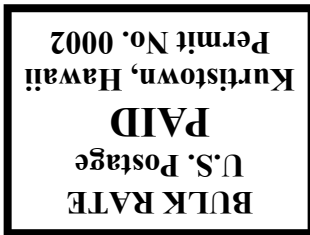
If you have smoke detectors, change the batteries every year. Thank you for your time!

swingset soon.

We welcome interested people to help coordinate other aspects of the park, such as landscaping, setting up a tire obstacle course, and coming up with other ideas. We also could use donations of equipment or money to purchase things like a volleyball set and/or tetherball.

*A BIG MAHALO to DeLima's Drilling (982-9018) for drilling the holes for free!!!*

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## COMMUNITY CENTER MEETINGS

- ✎ **HACA COUNCIL MEETING** - Second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, or after the Quarterly and Annual meetings, which are usually held on the second Sundays.
- ✎ **QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL HACA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS** - Next meeting January 14, 2001 at 2:00 pm with Council meeting and Potluck to follow.
- ✎ **HAWAIIAN ACRES ROAD CORPORATION**- 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM.
- ✎ **COMMUNITY WATCH (HACWP)** - First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.
- ✎ **HAWAII GROTTO (Caver's)** Third Thursday at 6:30 PM
- ✎ **EMERGENCY RESPONSE (HAERC)** First Wednesday of each month following the HACWP mtg. at 8:00 pm.
- ✎ **PARKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE** - Fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Call HACA first
- ✎ **VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT TRAINING:** First Tuesday of the month at 4:00 PM
- ✎ **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS the JungleBunch** - Every Wednesday at 5:00 PM

### LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO??

We always welcome volunteer help from our community!!  
call (808) 966-9692 to see how you can help!