

President's Message

Aloha to our Hawaiian Acres community members. Another year has passed, and it's time to report what our Association has accomplished and what we hope to see come to fruition next year.

In many respects, 2022 was a transitional year. The COVID-19 crisis brought challenges to all of us. However, we were able to work with government and non-governmental agencies to bring food, programs, and other much-needed resources to our neighbors and community. We secured over \$7,000 in grant funds to keep the doors open and administer these vital programs for families in need.

This year, we finished our building remodeling upgrades. A special thanks to Garimo Pape for helping make our kitchen a bright and welcoming place! None of the work would have been possible without the generosity of our volunteer workers, who completed the flooring and other work at a fraction of the cost.



With an increase in younger families moving into our neighborhood, we also enhanced our community grounds for everyone to enjoy. The first phase was our playground upgrade – completed in June – which included adding a multifaceted playground module with a slide, tunnel, and climbing unit. We upgraded our classic swings with new chains and safety locks and installed a pair of seating benches attached to the playground area. We also added two new concrete picnic tables on our front lawn area, financed directly using our weekly Farmer's Market receipts. Our next project is to build simple shelters over the tables so that, rain or shine, everyone can enjoy the tables for a picnic lunch or use the Wi-Fi available provided in your yearly membership.

Our community has been growing, and we want to welcome all new landowners. We hope you will join our Association and take advantage of the programs and classes offered by our talented residents. From art classes to yoga, if you wish to share something with community members, let us know. We have competitive rental rates for members, and high-speed internet is included with your \$30 annual dues. Would you like to hold a conference or meeting? We now have Zoom available (an added fee applies). Please check with the office for rental terms.

Our board would like to thank our loyal members who, with your generous support, were able to complete these community projects this year.

Wishing everyone a safe, prosperous, and happy New Year!

Doug Schabell
President, Hawaiian Acres Community Association

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY CENTER?

Obviously, it is a building, but it would be wonderful if it was full of activity more often to encourage our members to drop in and visit.

This past year, a few things happened that moved us closer to realizing this vision. There are new picnic tables on the front lawn, so friends can stop by to meet and talk



story, and families can enjoy a little picnic. We also installed new play equipment, in addition to the old reliable swing set, so keiki can now enjoy the slide and other cool attachments. Perhaps in the near future, there will be grills and even a cover so the tables can be used during rain too.

In order to make further improvements to the picnic and play areas, greater involvement from our community is needed. Volunteering your time and expertise, paying your membership dues, or contributing materials is a great way to get involved and help build a better and more resilient community.

The center has internet access and cable service for community members. With more volunteers, we could host activities to keep our Community Center open more consistently, allowing more opportunities for folks to want to come in and say hello. For example, we are looking for someone to host a morning for keiki cartoons and treats. We're also looking for a committed volunteer willing to start a game afternoon or evening of cribbage, chess, or whatever that would give adults time to meet and make new friends.

Volunteers are needed to plan and host these activities, and that means you. If you cannot do it, please ask a friend what they would be interested in doing and recruit them into the fun.

It would be lovely in the New Year to see our Community Center begin hosting a minimum of 2-3 activities per week. Are you willing to step up?

Center Hours

We are hoping to keep the community center open more hours during the day. If you would like to volunteer, please call or email om@hawaiianacres.org to discuss. Training and orientation are required.

Memberships

Like all things lately, building and grounds maintenance, insurance, utilities, and other costs are rising. We work to save money but need your help. Memberships are \$30 per year. Please join today!

Internet Access

While vendors are continuing to improve access in the island's subdivisions, you still may not have access. One of the benefits or membership is 24/7 access to high-speed internet at the community center. With a paid membership you can have access with two devices. Devices can be added for \$5 each. If you are a member, you must renew your membership to keep your access current. If your membership expires you can join later and log on.

Information

Our website has information about the community, meetings, financials and provides a portal for you to pay membership dues and access meetings via Zoom:

<http://www.hawaiianacres.org>

Meeting Agendas and Minutes

<https://www.hawaiianacres.org/monthly-agenda>

Financials

<https://www.hawaiianacres.org/2021-financial-reports>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/hawaiianacres>

Subdivision roads information and maintenance are overseen by: **Hawaiian Acres Road Corporation**

<https://harc4u.com/>

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Owner Transfers

For 2022 we had 176 properties with different owners. This compares with 188 ownership changes in 2021. As of December 2022, 34% of our property owners have off-island addresses. *

During 2022 we were not able to offer newcomers with a greeting letter describing the facilities within the subdivision and for the surrounding area. In the upcoming year, we hope to have more volunteer help to restart this service.

More About Memberships

In 2022, around 4% of the property owners are members and in 2021 8% paid dues. *

*2022 data is as of 12/30/2022.

Suggestions

What can we do to make things better for our community? How can we improve communication, help those in need, increase activities for the keiki or offer family activities? Your suggestions are welcome. Please send them to: om@hawaiianacres.org.