

# HACA 2020 DUES REMINDER

It is time to renew your 2020 Hawaiian Acres Community Association Dues. Our Association, run by an all volunteer board of directors, works for our membership and maintains the Hawaiian Acres Community Center for our community's use. **Our \$30 a year dues are voluntary;** however, they are vital to our continued commitment to keep the center open and operating for all our residents. Here are some reasons to support us.

We maintain and offer our center for classes and events that help build and enrich our community.

This will be a busy year for our board of directors. We are hoping to raise funds for **new playground equipment** for our families with children and offer a safe place to come and play.

Over the last year we have added a **Community Watch Program** that is helping connect our neighbors and working on keeping us aware of things going on in our neighborhood.

We also sponsored a **Neighborhood Cleanup Day** with the help of a grant from the Matson Foundation we were able to remove a 40' container of rubbish from our roads and right of ways.

Upon completion we were awarded a \$1000 grant that went towards new flooring in our lobby and bathroom. We hope to install new flooring in our main hall and kitchen area where it is needed.

**Our Community Market** is on Friday afternoons from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. This is a great social event and gives some of our small farmers and community members a convenient outlet for selling their produce, arts and craft and selected food products. We also have music every other week inside the main hall. It is an open mic. So, you can come down and play along.

We built a new website that we hope is more user friendly and has information our community can use. [www.hawaiianacres.org](http://www.hawaiianacres.org) You can also pay your dues on the website just click on the PayPal icon under plans and pricing.

Also, when you join you can rent the building at a discounted rate. This also includes the use of our kitchen. Please see our rental agreement on the website for more details.

Free high speed internet with up to 2 devices is included. Stop by the office and we will connect you.

Another way we serve the community is, to act as an advocate for Hawaiian Acres with county and state entities. Working to improve the quality of life we all wish to enjoy.

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This brings us to another issue, our **ROADS**.

Please take the time to submit your preferences for Road Improvements on our Hawaiian Acres Roads. After the last several years with the major rainstorms that have occurred, our roads have suffered a tremendous amount of damage. Voluntary road dues are not adequate to keep up with maintenance let alone improvements and Mandatory fees are not a viable option at this time and here is the reason why.

Being privately owned we do not qualify for any County, State or Federal funding. This is why we are submitting this questionnaire ballot to try and petition the county to create an improvement district.

We will be submitting a plan to Hawaii County Council for them to consider to improve our existing roads. Our plan, if, accepted for consideration, would then be set for a feasibility study to be done by the County of Hawaii. When that study is completed it would include the cost of an assessment that would be charged to all landowners. There would be a public hearing on this.

The next step would be for Hawaii County to mail out a ballot to each landowner of record by registered mail. This would be paid for by the county. All voting and tabulation would all be handled by Hawaii County and not by HACA or HARC. It would need to be approved by an up or down vote from all the landowners. This would be with an approval of 51% of all landowners. A non returned ballot would count as a yes vote. The county would then create a bond and commence work on our roads within the district. Upon completion the assessment would be added to your Hawaii County tax bill.

Everyone will have a chance to vote and there will be a public hearing prior to voting.

We would no longer be responsible for our roads they would be maintained by Hawaii County.

Please go to our website [www.hawaiianacres.org](http://www.hawaiianacres.org) and from the home page click on Roads this will take you to the page where a copy of the process and the code that involves the improvement district. There are maps of the proposals for you to view and return. These maps are on the ballot too.

Make sure you return our survey with your Tax Map Key number (TMK#) to the p.o. box listed on the ballot by the date indicated on the ballot.

So, 2020 is shaping up to be a busy year and we hope you will join us by becoming a member. Working together we can all make a difference.

Aloha,

Doug Schabell  
President, Hawaiian Acres Community Association

**Please add your TMK number to your check or PayPal when paying your dues.**