

Tara Brandon - OLCA President

Aloha Community Members, many of you may recognize my name as the OLCA Road Chair for the last two years. As of July 1st, the start of this fiscal year, I am now writing to you as the Interim President of Orchidland. I would like to share more personal information about my involvement on your OLCA Board of Directors.

I was asked over several months to join the OLCA Board of Directors (BOD) and was very reluctant, due to the contention and separation of our community from previous legal matters. I finally decided to volunteer for the BOD in November of 2020. I was brought in as an interim Director with my ONE promise to the BOD being that I will do all I can to help build bridges within our community. The following year (2021) I was voted in by the community as Road Maintenance Chairperson.

I am happy to announce the current new OLCA BOD is moving in a positive direction for our community. The Board serves as a property management team representing over 2000 property owners. Our primary mission and goal are to efficiently and effectively manage the maintenance of over 40 miles of private roads and Right of Ways. Since July 2021 we have accomplished this goal with growing membership support. The current OLCA BOD along with the membership approved annual budgets and Mandatory Road Maintenance Assessment (MRMA) fee schedules are dedicated to continued maintenance and management of our Right of Ways and Roads for safety of all members. Orchidland Community Association, Inc. does not receive any funding from Hawaii County, State, or US Government to service, maintain, or improve the over 40 miles of private roadways.

Since November of 2020 all OLCA road maintenance crews have been fully insured with valid business licenses from the State of Hawaii. Licensed contractors performed road improvements for gravel roads, hot asphalt paving, cold mix pot-hole repairs, ROW clearing, and mowing. OLCA Board has maintained all necessary insurance policies along with all contractors on OLCA Roads. OLCA contractors must also obtain a Certificate of Liability naming Orchidland as additionally insured.

Since March of 2023, OLCA has hired a new accounting service to perform financial book and record keeping and an agency to assist in collecting past Mandatory Road Maintenance Assessments. Both have performed extremely well.

Orchidland Community Association, Inc. Is solvent, fully functional and operational in accordance with OLCA Bylaws as well as County, State and Federal laws. OLCA is a non-profit Community Association as opposed to a Homeowners Association (HOA) and adheres to Hawaii State Statues 414-D. Our goal is to be transparent with consistency. Please share your expertise with our community. We need your input and involvement. There are currently two open Director seats on the OLCA BOD. I'm asking you to volunteer and be a voice for our community. Knowledge is power! I look forward to meeting you at our Semi-Annual Community Meeting on November 25th.

Mahalo Nui Loa for your continued support through fiscal year 2023-2024.

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