ORCHIDLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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July 2020 Newsletter

Aloha Orchidland Community Association Members,

Your participation is key to the building and maintenance of our growing Community. As a Community Association, a 414D and 501c4 nonprofit, Orchidland Community Association, Inc. (OLCA) remains a democratically controlled association with the membership approving elections, annual budgets, road fees and more via annual ballot voting. OLCA Ballots were sent out in the March Newsletter. Mahalo for your participation in this democratic process. All Ballot motions and candidates were approved. For more details please visit <u>www.Orchidland.org</u> for Ballots, Minutes, Monthly Financials and more.

The new OLCA 2020-21 fiscal-year begins July 1st and we have a full-year of road service scheduled and budgeted. OLCA has about 30 miles of unpaved roads, 6.5 miles of asphalt paved roads and 3.5 miles of chip-sealed roads. OLCA road maintenance and improvements of the 40 miles of roads within Orchidland Estates are the top priority of the Road Maintenance Committee (RMC) and Board of Directors (BOD) and have been since July 2015 (all RMC and BOD are membership-elected volunteers).

In 2015, all the chip-sealed roads were recoated. Since 2015, all 30 miles of unpaved roads have been maintained at least once or twice a year. Prior to 2015, only select roads were maintained and some unpaved roads had not seen maintenance for almost a decade. Since 2015, potholes on paved and chip sealed roads are filled on a monthly basis and more often where needed. Road side mowing is completed at least three time a year on Main Access Roads and intersections, and at least twice a year on side roads. When paving funds become available, short sections of asphalt paving are completed, more paving is scheduled for 2020-21 when funds become available.

This is all possible with your support and participation as members of OLCA, Orchidland Community Association. For convenience, MRMA payments and donations can now be made by credit card and online at <u>www.Orchidland.org</u> Mahalo for your participation.

Board of Directors President Steve (Mongo) Lyon Vice President Doug Anderson* Treasurer **Tegen Greene** Secretary Frederic (Ric) Wirick* Directors: Sky Platt* Jeremai Cann John Erickson* Hershel Hood Betty Saleh David Guinn Brennan Low*

Road Committee* and Board Meetings are open to membership and guests:

2nd and 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Neighborhood Place of Puna, Keaau from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

(Update, due to Covid-19 restrictions by the State of Hawaii – monthly meetings have been limited to 10 persons or less. The RMC and BOD are meeting on a monthly basis but guest participation has been limited...)

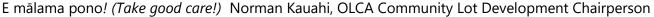
OLCA SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY LOT COMMITTEE UPDATE

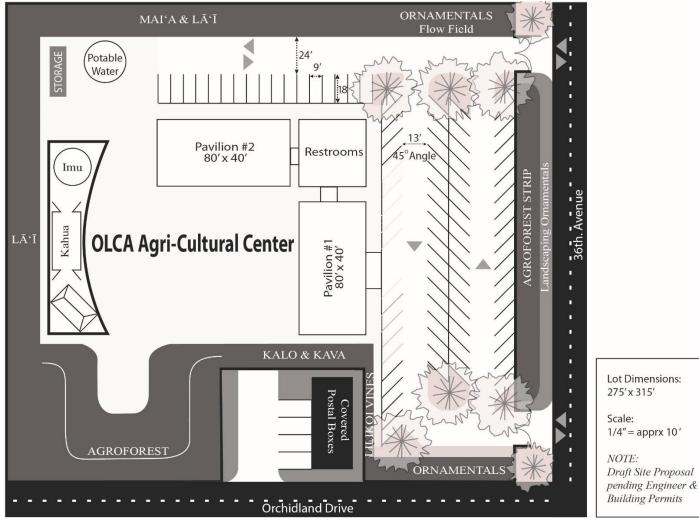
Aloha mai kākou,

If devastating lava flows, streets turning into rivers, beetles killing beloved trees, climatic, political and economic unrest at multiple levels and a common garden pest now a monster isn't enough – we now have COVID-19? But there is one thing for sure – our Orchidland Community Association remains steadfast. E ola! *(to live; to spare, save, heal, grant life, survive, thrive -- Hawaiian Dictionary)*

June 6th was the grand reopening of the monthly OLCA First Saturday Farmers Market and Harvest Share. The Market had been cancelled in April and May due to Covid-19 restrictions and vendor concerns. With all precautions in place and being practiced. The June 6th Market and Harvest Share featured Lanikila -- the director of the Hawaiian Cultural Center of Hamakua – who shared an abundance of taro starts (huli) and the cultural meaning and practice of growing "kalo" with those in attendance. In addition, Jeremy had fresh coconuts, many of our local gardeners had fruits, vegetables, starter plants, prepared foods and crafts for sale. There was a steady stream of patrons from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm – a very good hui for the reopening. Mahalo piha to all who attended: vendors, crew, and consumers.

We are making the transition to the OLCA Agri-Cultural Center/ Community Center to educate, promote and sponsor programs to achieve food security at domestic and commercial levels. This entity will host the monthly market; create a social gathering place and a home for association meetings; a venue for public and private events and; a cultural center spotlighting pre-contact Hawaiian culture's knowledge of growing food on these volcanic landscapes?





Orchidland Community Association, Inc. 2020-21 Proxy

If you cannot attend an OLCA Semi-Annual Membership Meeting, you may assign another person of your choice to cast your vote by proxy. Fill out the information below if you wish to assign a proxy.

I appoint and authorize the person below [check one] to be my Proxy:

 Steve (Mongo) Lyon, President Doug Anderson, Vice President Tegen Greene, Treasurer Frederic (Ric) Wirick, Secretary Sky Platt, RMC Chair/ Foreman John Erickson, RMC Vice Chair 	 Jeremai Cann, Director Hershel Hood, Director Betty Saleh, Director David Guinn, Director Brennan Low, Director 	
	Other	
Print your name:		
Mailing address:		
Phone:		
Email:		
TMK Number (s) of lots in Orchidland Estates that you own:		

Signature and date: _____

By signing this proxy I attest I am a member in good standing of the Orchidland Community Association. In accordance with the OLCA Bylaws, members who are in good standing are entitled to one vote per TMK. Multiple lot owners have one vote per lot owned which is in good standing. Your TMK (Tax Map Key) can be found on your property tax billing.

Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act Section 414D-113 states "Unless the articles or bylaws prohibit or limit proxy voting, a member may appoint a proxy vote or otherwise act for the member by signing an appointment form either personally or by an attorney-in-fact..."

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