

HU' ELANI

January – March 2026 Newsletter

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Hu'elani Board of Directors

The Hu`elani Board of Directors is a group of nine homeowners who are unpaid volunteers. They use their time and talents to oversee, maintain, and improve this community. They accomplish this by collaborating with Gentry, Hawaiiana, the Site Manager and listening to the residents' concerns and suggestions. Elections are held every year at the Annual Meeting.

The current Board members are :

Helen Landicho President, & Design Committee Chair

Craig Larson Vice President

Basil Wellington Treasurer & Recreation Committee Chair

Luella Windisch Secretary, Communication

Mitch Goldstein Maintenance & Landscape Committee Chair

Samuel Jones Welcome Committee Chair

Jennifer Prais Social Committee Chair

Kevin Cory Director

Josett Whalen Director



A Message from Helen Lanicoho President

Welcome 2026!

Hu'elani Board meetings will be held in January, February, March, April, May, June, August, September, and October, with the General Meeting scheduled for November on the third Wednesday of the month at 7-9 PM at the Clubhouse. Between meetings, the Board continues to communicate, discuss, and vote on proposals or topics that can be efficiently resolved, with votes ratified during the next Board meeting. This practice helps to serve our homeowners more effectively while reducing the delays that can arise when business is conducted only during scheduled meetings.

As we move forward, there is much to address in 2026. The foremost challenge is the investigation of the dramatic water usage that is indicative of an underground leak. Bids to discover the leak(s) are being evaluated for assessing the community for underground leaks and for water leakage in and around each home. During the November meeting two homeowners brought up the topics of resident's use of Visitor Parking and residents vehicles overhanging the sidewalks. Another homeowner requested the board to investigate moving the responsibility of maintenance and insurance of the home structures from the Association to the homeowner thus reducing the fiscal responsibility of the Association. This shift of responsibility in theory could decrease the AOAO insurance premium, decrease the money needed to fund the reserves and decrease the operating expenses for upkeep of the structures. However, this would shift the responsibility of maintenance of each

structure to the homeowner so there is a considerable amount of research to be done to assess the possibility before a vote goes out to the community.

Progress updates will be sent out periodically, especially regarding the escalating water usage. Investigation to find the leaks are estimated to be upwards of \$70K, and the costs to repair the subsequently located leaks are not included in that estimate.

Kind regards,

Helen Landicho

Hu'elani Board President

January Responsibilities in Hu'elani

[Hu'elani's House Rules Residents/Forms & Docs](#)

V. REGISTRATION

- Homeowners: Must renew registration each January and after any address change within 30 days.
- Residents (non-homeowners): Must update registration within 30 days of any changes (except absentee homeowner mailing addresses).
- Realtors: Register before showing homes using the form on the Hu'elani website; submit to the Site Manager.
- Update all registrations if any information changes.
- Register guests staying over 14 nights with the Site Manager by their 14th day.

Mitch Goldstein Landscaping and Maintenance

Aloha everyone. I wanted to give a short update on progress in the area of landscaping. Overall, I think everyone would agree that our property looks fantastic! We had a successful upgrade to our front entrance, and it is progressing nicely. The plants are a little small, but the plus side is we can enjoy watching them grow and hopefully give our entrance the look it deserves.



However, there is always room for improvement. I believe that irrigation is the main cause for some of our shrub failures and lawns with brown spots. We have some new irrigation testing equipment that allows us to test the landscaping remotely to help us identify multiple repairs on property and then try to make some of the repairs on our own to save money. It's primarily identifying failures and changing the nozzles on the system that are either broken or giving too much or too little coverage. With Christmas coming, I will do my best to limit the testing so not to interfere with Christmas decorations and activities. In case you are curious, our systems begins running after 10:30 PM on the residential side and runs in succession. Most homes are watered Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday. However, there are 5 zones that run Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Special schedules have been added for problem areas that need additional water. You may see me working in your front yard, mostly on weekends and in the afternoons after the landscapes are done for the day. I try not to interfere with their work.

Our upcoming goal for 2026 is to try and save as much of the shrubs in our neighborhood so we can avoid replacing them. Once the irrigation is working properly, we will work with our landscaping company and do some hard pruning, fertilizer, and insect treatment. Then once we know how to keep them healthy, plant some new shrubs in areas that either have no shrubs or dead ones. Our first upgrade of some new trees and shrubs

will begin as soon as we can get it scheduled. We have a bunch of plants that have been sitting behind the pool area for the past few years that are about to find new homes.

I hope everyone had a great holiday. If you have any suggestions at all about landscaping or would like to help me replace some nozzles, please email me at mitchmainsafe@outlook.com.

Mitch Goldstein
Director of Landscaping, Huelani

DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF THE HU'ELANI FOUNTAIN

On November 14th, after months of work by the Fountain Committee, the new fountain was blessed to promote unity, peace and pride in our community. The committee dedicated over a year to its planning and construction.

Over 25 Hu'elani residents attended the event, which included a traditional Hawaiian blessing led by Fr. Mark Kekaileonui Haworth, a former resident and priest at Ha'lau Wa'a Episcopal Church.



The fountain honors Navy Captain Timothy Wilson, remembered for his humility and compassion. The committee hopes the fountain will remain a peaceful oasis that inspires pride and unity among all residents. We kindly ask that children refrain from playing on the fountain. This is a sacred space intended for joyful reflection and remembrance.



Fr. Mark
Kekaileonui
Haworth



Fountain Committee members
left to right; Josett Whalen, Luella
Windish, Helen Lanicoho. Not
shown Brian Whalen



Jen Prais Social Committee

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Halloween was celebrated on October 31st in Hu'elani. Families roamed the neighborhood asking for treats and greeting and meeting other people we don't see often in our busy lives. It is always a special time. Houses were decorated and votes were cast for who the resident's thought were decorated and the results are:

CONGRATS TO OUR WINNERS

\$100 gift card to the winner of spookiest house and best theme.

91-207 Lukini won
Spookiest house (by the
entrance gate with
skeletons swinging)



91-786 Launahela won Best Theme (the skeleton archway) Unfortunately no picture.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We have had some amazing Christmas parties in the past. In order to help maximize your AOAO contributions toward other community goals Huelani had a community potluck party on Dec 20th from 4-7pm. The community signed up for pupus, beverages, and deserts. A cookie exchange was held during the party. Participants brought 2 dozen cookies of various kinds. Boxes were provided for participants to take home.

Community decorations:

1st place winners \$150 Visa gift card.



2nd place winners \$100 Visa gift card.



Hu'elani has a Facebook page

[HuElani Community](#)

Aloha,

Jen Prais



Newsletter Changes

Our website offers newsletters with mobile formatting and scheduled delivery. Residents previously subscribed online to receive updates. To better inform everyone and provide more design flexibility, I will now send the newsletter by email through the Huelani Office account. I hope this adjustment is helpful.

Luella Windisch, Communications



Hu‘elani Projects 2026

The Board of Directors continues to prioritize budgeted items and develop plans to upgrade common areas as needed.

Projects or pending 2026

1. Phase 5 homes power washing.
2. Home repairs.
3. Water leak detection and repairs
4. Pool Shower repair

Completed Projects in 2026