# Hu'elani

#### **April - June 2024 Newsletter**



# A message from Helen Landicho, President

Aloha Hu'elani Neighbors!

As we bid farewell to the first quarter of the year and eagerly anticipate the arrival of Spring, the Hu'elani Board of Directors wishes to extend our warmest greetings to each of you.

Throughout the past months, our Board has been diligently reviewing the House Rules and incorporating valuable feedback from our community members. Our primary objective is to streamline and clarify these rules in the upcoming revision. Following approval from the Board, our next step involves a thorough review of the proposed language by our association's attorney, ensuring alignment with our existing bylaws.

In addition to this endeavor, we are actively addressing various ongoing projects essential to the maintenance and enhancement of our community. Repairing the pool deck, spa, handholds, pedestrian, and entry gates, along with the continuous upkeep of our facility grounds, remain key priorities. We recognize the challenges posed by escalating costs for goods and services, and we are diligently working to manage recurring expenses and one-time capital investments, particularly considering the aging infrastructure of our twenty-year-old community.

Furthermore, we currently have an open position on the Hu'elani Board of Directors, and we encourage any interested homeowner to consider serving our community in this capacity. Board meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday, from January to November, between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM, upstairs at the Clubhouse. These meetings are open to all owners, and we welcome your participation. For more information or to express your interest,

please feel free to contact the office or myself directly.

Your active involvement and support are invaluable as we continue to strive towards the betterment of our Hu'elani community. Together, we can ensure a vibrant and thriving environment for all residents.

Kind regards,

Helen Landicho

# Celebrating Graduates

Graduation season is almost here. Hu'elani would like to celebrate with the parents, grandparents, spouses or proud



sponsors. Preschool, kindergarten, middle school, high school, college, promotion, retirement, training program, you've worked hard and we want to recognize and celebrate with you.

Send Name, brief bio, plans for the next steps and photo to Kellie for publication in the next newsletter.

### **Social Committee**

The Social Committee held their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th from 9AM - 11AM. The Easter Egg hunt began promptly at 9AM. The Easter Bunny made an appearance during the Easter Egg Hunt. A light breakfast with refreshments was served following the egg hunt.

In June there are plans afoot to have a Chili Cookoff. Hu'elani has some excellent cooks. Who will have the coveted golden trophy this year? More information will be forthcoming.

# **Resident Parking and Guest Parking**

Parking of vehicles in Visitor Parking Stalls is regulated as follows:

**Resident Owner vehicle registration** Vehicles belonging to residents must be registered with the Association Office by contacting the Site Manager.

**Visitor Parking Passes** Extended guests (over 48 hour visitors) will be issued a Visitor Parking Pass that shall be displayed on the dashboard of any guests'

vehicle that is parked in a Visitor Parking stall at any time. Extended guest parking passes allow guests to park in visitor parking stalls any time of day or night for the period of time (not to exceed 14 days) for which the pass is issued. Visitor parking passes may be renewed for an additional 14 days if the "Extended Guest" is registered as required by the House Rules **Section V. Registration applies.** 

**Limits on Residents Privilege** Registered vehicles belonging to Residents who are not Extended Guests, may be parked in Visitor Parking stalls during daylight hours – sunrise to sunset daily – for no longer than 3 hours, while their owners require them to be temporarily relocated.

**Exceptions to limitations** Residents that require parking in Visitor Parking stalls for periods in excess of 3 hours shall notify the Site Manager in advance to avoid ticketing/towing.

**Parking in the Clubhouse parking lot** Residents using the Clubhouse facilities may park in the visitor parking stalls

within the Clubhouse parking area with the caveat that the use of the two handicapped parking stalls is restricted to use by persons with handicapped parking permits. Towing of vehicles not bearing handicapped parking permits will be enforced at all times.

# Be a Good Neighbor

House Rules VIII Common Area

1. Items such as, but not limited to, trash receptacles, garden hoses, hose reels/hangers, lumber, furniture, crates, boxes, surfboards, bicycles, skateboards, toys, mops, brooms, lawn mowers, empty flower pots, or buckets shall not be stored on any part of the Common Areas.

# Watch your Pet

Hu'elani has been seeing a lot of feces in the grass area throughout the community. When its collected for DNA testing the results are coming back as non-canine and costing the community \$99 per non canine result. If you have an outdoor cat or have been feeding the feral cats we ask that you bring your animal back inside and stop feeding the feral cats. Animal traps will be set up.

# Dealing with CRB Beetles and Protecting Your Property

It sounds like you found a coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) and have been noticing palm damage in your



neighborhood!

Your location is in one of the known infestation zones on O'ahu, the main Hawaiian island infested with CRB. Since CRB have been spreading on O'ahu the past few years, the focus for the CRB response team has shifted to keeping CRB off neighbor islands, and supporting neighborhood level control by individuals.

When you find CRB, do you mind scooping your beetle up, freezing it for 24 hours, and throwing it away? If you feel comfortable doing so you can smoosh the beetles or larvae to kill them. Throwing it away will prevent other people from seeing the beetle and reporting it again. If it is already dead, you can throw it away.

# FAQ about CRB Instructions on how to control CRB

Do you have CRB breeding in your yard? If you are finding the adult beetles you likely have a breeding site nearby. The most effective way we have found over the past 10 years is to make sure you are not breeding CRB in your yard. CRB breeds in green waste, compost, soils with compost added, and mulches on your property.

- Remove or reduce green waste, mulches, and compost. Search these materials every 3-4 months for CRB larvae (see attached to see what the grub looks like.)
- Keep compost, bagged soils, mulches in covered containers so the beetles can't burrow in and lay eggs.
- Remove green waste immediately and dispose of it in an official green waste disposal location.
- Clean dirt and leaf debris from palm crowns.
- Full list of ways to control CRB breeding sites
- ↑ These steps help stop the spread. Make sure you aren't breeding CRB in your yard or unintentionally moving CRB larvae in infested materials. Included is an ID guide so you can see what the CRB larvae look like. They spend most of their life as grubs and only a relatively short time as large black beetles!

#### Palms & plants:

**CRB damage** to coconut palms can be quite distinctive. They can also damage other types of palms (loulu, fan palms, royal, date, and foxtail palms) and even plants like hala, kalo, sugarcane, and pineapple)

- The CRB will eat a distinctive "V" shape on the coconut palm fronds.



- Pictures of what CRB damage looks like in other palms and trees: https://www.crbhawaii.org/post/identify-coconut-rhinoceros-beetle-feeding-damage

You did the first step to help stop the spread of CRB- reporting when you see one! Please take some time to look through the instructions on how to control CRB in your yard and share this information with your neighbors.

CRB not only threatens various palm species, including coconut palms, but also targets bananas, kalo, and lau hala. Such infestations jeopardize our food security, increase operational expenses for farmers, and could have severe economic repercussions if coconut palms were to vanish entirely. This pest also disrupts significant Hawaiian cultural practices. We are asking everyone in the infestation zone to take steps to control CRB.

Mahalo nui loa, Elizabeth Speith crbhawaii.org

#### For more information go to our webpage

Pest Report Facilitator

Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC) and Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit, UH-Mānoa

Report Invasive Species- Take a Pic and Call or Click- 643pest.org Pest Hotline assistance email- helpdesk@643pest.org



This document only includes CRB treatments most suitable for homeowners. If you have questions about a particular treatment, or would like to learn more, Contact the CRB Response at info@crbhawaii.org or call (808) 679-5244

#### **Breeding Material**

CRB breed in any decaying plant material, such as mulch, compost and even tree stumps. Avoid accumulating any potential breeding material. If your material gets infested <u>best treatments</u> are:

- Burning\* kills all CRB and there'll be no material left to reinfest
- Heat Treatment like hot composting or steaming that brings all the material to >131°F will kill CRB

If the best treatments are not feasible for you, other less effective treatments are:

- . Submerging breeding material in water for 48 hours will drown larvae but adults will be able to escape
- Spreading thinner than 2 inches (as thin as possible) dries out the material faster and allows predators to find CRB.
- Search through and Remove all specimens from the material. Search through at least once every 3 months
  to find CRB before they emerge as adults
   \*Burning requires a permit from Dept. of Health

#### Chemical Palm Treatment

- Soil drench \*\* Imidacloprid can be applied to trees. Treating most of the
  trees in a neighborhood yields the best results. CRB have to feed on the
  trees to die so damage will still occur but will be reduced when there is a
  reduced CRB population.
- \*\*Systemic treatments require trimming of flowers and fruits at least every 6 months to protect pollinators and ensure the fruits are not consumed.
- Foliar Sprays such as Evergreen pyrethrum concentrate can be applied to
  palms as a treatment for beetles actively feeding on a palm. This treatment
  does not have a long-lasting residual effect.

#### **Physical Palm Treatment**

Physical treatments don't require the CRB to feed on the tree to die so it can protect your tree from damage. It includes:

- Netting that is 1\*x3\* stretched hole size and wrapped around the base of the spear in >2 layers can entangle and exclude the CRB from accessing the crown of the palm.
- <u>Sand</u> can be applied to the crown so that it sits between the bases
  of the fronds surrounding the spear. Efficacy has not been tested





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# Water and Sewer Usage is High in Hu'elani

One of our biggest expenditures in the Huelani budget is water and sewage. The water company charges us in two ways. One charge is for fresh or potable water. The second charge is for sewage cost which is about double of the fresh water. Hu'elani recently received a letter from the Board of Water Supply (BWS) dated March 1, 2024. We were identified as one of the BWS top 200 water users of 2023.

While water cost are not billed to individual households we pay the BWS bill through our maintenance fees. As water prices and use rise so does our payment. Please check your yard and home for leaks. Please recheck your irrigation controller for "run times" to insure you're not over watering your lawn and plants. At times your controller may reset or default to factory settings and keep running for up to 10-15 minutes for each station.

## Projects in Hu'elani

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

#### **Projects or pending 2024**

- 1. Phase 3 homes power washing
- 2. House Rules update
- 3. Gate repair
- 4. Telephone Entry system

#### **Completed Projects in 2024:**

- 1 Home repairs
- 2. Spa Repairs
- 3. Pool Coating repaires
- 4. Hawaiiantel access repaired
- 5. Office and Meeting room Air Conditioner replaced
- 6. Hu'elani Community sign repaired, repainted
- 7. Coral Wall repaired

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