

Hu'elani Newsletter

January - March 2025



A Message From Helen Landicho, President

In November, we bid farewell to three dedicated Hu'elani board members. I would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to each of them for their invaluable service to our community:

Mark Megna, Vice President, served since 2019 and chaired the Community Events Committee. Under his leadership, we enjoyed a variety of yearly events, including the Easter Egg Hunt, Summer BBQs, Movie Nights, Chili Cook-off, and the Holiday Party. What may not always be visible is the immense effort he put into organizing each event, from setting up to breaking down, cleaning up, and ensuring that all activities were family-friendly.

Robert Tremmel joined the board in 2020 and chaired the Maintenance and Safety Committee. Robert has been a reliable resource in assessing and often repairing various aspects of our community, from the pedestrian gate and back staircase to the Clubhouse Lanai, to improvements in the rental unit and evaluating bids from outside contractors.

Jerry Hidalgo, Secretary has served on the Board intermittently for over twenty years, chairing both the Landscape Committee and the Recreation Center. Under his stewardship, he ensured that the community's landscaping met our aesthetic standards and was well-maintained, helping preserve the beauty of our grounds.

A sincere thank you goes out to each of you for your outstanding contributions to the Hu'elani community.

Looking ahead to 2025, we welcome four returning board members: **Luella Windisch**, **Alan Yamashiro**, **Sam Jones**, **Basil Wellington** and myself, **Helen Landicho**. We are also pleased to introduce our newly elected board members: **Jen Prais**, **Josett Whalen**, **Craig Larson**, and **Kevin Cory**.

Board meetings will be held in January, February, March, April, May, June, August, September, and October, with the General Meeting scheduled for November. I am working on providing a virtual link so that Owners can join our monthly Board meetings more easily and to better accommodate the schedules of our members. In the meantime, between meetings, the Board continues to communicate, discuss, and vote on proposals or topics that can be efficiently resolved via emails and ratified during the next meeting. This practice helps to serve our Owners and residents more effectively while reducing the delays that can arise when business is conducted only during scheduled meetings. Board members are volunteers and are not being paid or compensated.

As we move forward, there is much to address in 2025, including reviewing House Rules, insurance matters, increasing expenses, and assessing what are "nice-to-have" vs. essential community needs.

Finally, the recent wildfires in California and the tragic Aliamanu fireworks disaster serve as a stark reminder of life's fragility. Let us all take a moment to count our blessings, appreciate our surroundings and each other.

Kind regards,
Helen

Hu'elani Holiday Party 2024

This year's Hu'elani Holiday Party had one of our greatest community turnouts. Hopefully everyone had a great time and enjoyed the food and drinks during the event. We had a surprise guest Olaf that played games and took pictures with our keiki. We appreciate anyone who helped setup and break down the event.



Social activity ideas are always welcome. Please reach out to the office via email or contact Kellie directly, so your ideas can be shared with the Comittee Chair and the Board of Directors

We look forward to seeing you at the next event!

Halloween Holiday Decoration Contest Winners

1st Place 91-748 Launahale Street



2nd Place 91-786 Launahale Street



Christmas Holiday Decoration Contest Winners

1st Place 91-796 Launahale Street



2nd Place 91-804 Launahale Street



Thank you to all that participated in this year's decorating contests. All of the homes looked great and we hope next year will be even better! Congratulations!!!!

Gentle Reminders:

1. Community Registration is required every year. If you have not returned your updated registration please visit www.huelani.com
2. Refuse containers should be placed on the curb before 6 AM on the days of trash pickup, but no earlier than the evening and cannot remain at the curb longer than a total of 24 hours. There should be no refuse containers on the street on the morning following the day of pickup. And all refuse containers must be stored within the unit's fenced area or garage. Trash containers are not to be overfilled, and trash bags are not to be placed outside of trash containers.
3. Design Request are need before anything can be attached to the exterior siding of the homes, this includes cameras, additional lighting, signs or art. If you have any of the above mentioned items and have not returned a design request please do so as soon as possible.
4. Items such as, but not limited to trash receptacles, garden hoses, hose reels, lumber furniture, crates, boxes surfboards, bicycles, skateboards, toys, mops, brooms, lawn equipment, empty flower pots or buckets shall not be stored on any part of the Common Areas. Bicycles should be stored within your garage or behind you fenced back yard.

Wild Rooster

It has been reported we have a wild Rooster roaming around the backside of Launahale Street.

Roosters in Hawaii are descendants of red junglefowl (moa) that were brought to the islands by Polynesian settlers. They are a symbol of Hawaiian wildlife and are commonly seen in parks, on beaches, and in urban areas..

Appearance

Roosters are a mix of orange, mahogany red, and iridescent black

Males can be 30 inches long, while females are 17 inches long

Roosters have long curved black tail feathers and a red comb on their head

Behavior

Roosters are loud and crow early in the morning

They scratch up landscaping and farmland

They can get in the way of cars

Problems

Roosters can carry diseases like avian flu and Newcastle disease

They can damage vegetation and spread invasive species

They can be aggressive and territorial

Their droppings can be a health hazard

Solutions

Hawaii has enacted a law to control feral chickens

The law focuses on control programs and public education campaigns

Private property owners are responsible for nuisances created by keeping feral chickens

You can call HPD if a neighbor's poultry is causing a noise or health nuisance