

Pa'auilo Mauka Kalopa Community Association

January 2017 Newsletter

President`s Message



PMKCA President Joe Clarkson

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou

I hope everyone has come through the bulk of the holiday season with fond memories, a smile and hope for the future. We donâ€™t get the expected seasonal cold, snow and long nights of more northern holiday merrymakers and carolers, but tropical beauty and warm breezes can help us bear up under the â€˜burdenâ€™ of having no winter for our holiday season.

More Internet Service Information

Following up on some of the in-the-home aspects of DSL connectivity, Sam Baker of Kokua Digital sent me the following suggestions for optimizing your DSL service:

Another site for testing bandwidth is: www.dslreports.com

If Hamakua residents need their phone wiring checked, they can call Independent Phone Services in Waimea, 443-2707.

Also important is DSL filters throughout the home on all jacks providing phone connection (but not the jack where the DSL modem is connected).

Last, I notice people have old modems or routers. Hawaiian Telcom will provide free replacement of routers with their latest version. A customer just needs to call them.

Please keep these suggestions in mind, especially if your internet service takes a turn for the worse. It also appears from my communications with Hawaiian Telcom customer relations that the DSL substation that serves the Pa'āuilo Mauka and Pohakea areas will not be getting the upgrades that the one in Kalopa recently got. The Pa'āuilo Mauka station is on their to-do list, but it will not be renovated in the immediate future.

Road Cleanup Work Day

Mahalo Nui to all those who participated in our road cleanup work day. I can definitely see the difference on the roads I typically travel on. Special thanks are owing to Steve Vujnovich, who organized the cleanup of a truckload of rubbish and about 20 gallons of used motor oil that someone threw into Kalopa Gulch near the upper bridge. Steve was assisted by Jim Millar and Adam Schmidt. A police investigation has been opened in this matter (case number C16033049). If anyone has information about who dumped this oil and rubbish, please contact the police and use the case number for reference. Special thanks also go out to Jim Reddekopp, owner of Hawaiian Vanilla Company. Jim offered refreshments and hospitality to those who wanted a pau hana break after road cleanup work. I can testify that the vanilla-infused tea was very good. We owe another mahalo to the Vanilla Company for their long-standing offering of their facility for our PMKCA board meetings. Lastly, DVDs of the PMKCA produced oral history of our community, Traditions and Family Values: A Blueprint for Our Community, Pa'āuilo Mauka Kalopa, are now on sale at the Hawaiian Vanilla Company.

Fire Ant Eradication Effort Ongoing

The fire ant infestation near Hookahua Road has been reduced to a few isolated colonies after a year of treatment. The owner of the land on which these ants are located has signed on for another year of treating the remaining colonies. We believe it will be possible to completely eliminate this infestation, but only time will tell.

Paauiio Mauka Road Bridge Repairs

Several wooden bridges along Paauiio Mauka Road are due for repair. The original schedule called for the repair to be started last September. It is now reported that the repairs have been postponed for an unknown period. Whenever this repair starts, it is likely to affect travel on the road for many hours at a time. We will try to keep everyone informed well in advance of the starting of bridge repairs.

Upcoming PMKCA Meetings

Our next board meeting is January 5, 2017 at 7pm at the Hawaiian Vanilla Company. PMKCA members and any other interested parties are always welcome to attend board meetings. The same goes for the general meeting, which is scheduled for January 31, 2017 at 7pm in the Pa'auilo School Cafeteria. At the general meeting, attendees will be able to talk with our State House Representative Mark Nakashima and Council Chair Val Poindexter. Other speakers have been invited also, but attendance is not yet confirmed.

Best Regards,

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