

Ocean Views and News!!

Ocean View Community Association, Inc. Newsletter

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Message from the President

From Suzanne Reiter

Aloha! Even though I am on a leave of absence as president due to health reasons, I am still preparing the newsletter. My term is nearly over anyway, so Chris Garske will be your new “messenger.” Here’s hoping everyone had a lovely Christmas, and will have a healthy, happy New Year, in spite of all this Covid resurgence! As much as we would love to open the Center office and library 5 days a week, we just are unable to do so at this time due to the pandemic, which seems to get worse when we start to think it’s getting better! Sometimes it seems endless; don’t forget your vaccinations so hopefully we can bring this terrible situation to an end!

On a lighter note, on Thanksgiving day, we hosted our 23rd free dinner for the community of Ocean View. Thanks to our local merchants, who either provided goods and services, or cash donations, our meal was truly free to the community; thanks also to the dedicated volunteers who prepared and served a record 470 meals at our “drive thru” event. Based on last year’s numbers served (420), we planned to serve 450 meals this year. However, when the line started forming at 10:30, it did not stop until we ran out of food at 1:30. This is the first time in 23+ years that we did not serve for the normal 3 hour period. For those still in line, we are truly sorry you missed out, according to Dave Anderson, our chef-in-chief.

Sponsors: Costco Wholesale, CU Hawaii FCU, Hawaii Electric, Hilo Fire Extinguishers, Kahuku Country Market, Kona Target, Malama Market, Ocean View Auto Parts, Ocean View Pizzeria, Punalu’u Bake Shop, Oven Treats/South Point Salsa, Dragon Laundry, South Point U-Cart, BJs Excavation & Hauling, Rancho Ace Hardware, and Mac Nut Farms.

Helpers:

Dave Anderson, Debbie Bradbard, Steve Stigall, Traci Barboza, Jazzy Kanoeau, Ez Limpahan, Dan Garrett, Elaine Brown, Judy Turley, Terri Santi, Chris Garske, Marilynn Rose, Rick Lynn, Bruce Bowman, Jennifer Rosenthal, Liz Parsley, Ron Bissett, Embe, Dennis Custard, Greg Guithues, Suzanne Reiter, Don Elwing, Denise Dela Cruz, Ron Gall, Bruce & Barbara Morris, April Collver, and Dennis Boskofsky.

See photos of the event on page 2. Our publication isn’t large enough to print more—we apologize.

NOTICE:

Our Annual Membership Meeting will be held on **January 15, 2022, at 1:00 PM**. All are invited to attend and we’d love to have you.

REMINDER: NEW OFFICE AND LIBRARY HOURS

The Community Center is open Fridays and Saturdays from 9 am to noon. In order to enter the building, you must have proof of your Covid vaccination or proof of immunity to demonstrate to the person at the front desk when you enter. We welcome you! Keep in mind, however, with the new Covid variant, it’s very possible we will have to completely close down again in the near future.





IMPORTANT MEETING HELD ABOUT BIGGEST OCEAN VIEW CHALLENGES

On December 1st, State Senator Majority Leader Dru Kanuha (Kona, Ka'u) and his staff came to OV for a two day visit. Their purpose was to meet with various community members and to hear local views about the biggest challenges facing the community. Among others, he met with the OVCA board of directors. The topics of conversation were primarily centered on issues of environmental safety, the transfer station, and law enforcement issues such as loose dogs and dog attacks, dead cars and trashed properties, squatters, theft, and drug dealing. He mentioned his close ties to Mayor Roth, and expressed his interest in helping the OVCA work with the mayor's office to lobby for more resources and more enforcement. After the meeting, OV board member Chris Garske led the group on a two-hour car tour to see several of the worst examples of dead cars and trashed properties in OV. On the way, Senator Kanuha met local residents who have suffered from bad neighbors and criminals setting up close by their homes. Senator Kanuha expressed shock at some of the things he saw, and said that his staff would be at the community's service whenever we need it.

FORGOT TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

YOUR BUSINESS ADVERTISING?

You can pay OVCA Dues, Advertising and Donate on the OVCA website:

- > Go to www.ovcahi.org
- > Click on the "Membership & Donation" tab
- > Refresh the screen
- > Click on the "Donate" tab
- > Disregard the default amount and **type** the amount to pay (ie. 5000 is \$50)
- > Click the "Donate with a Debit or Credit Card" tab
- > Fill in your card information; check the box to include your mailing address; and enter your email address & phone number.
- > Click the "Donate" tab & you're done.

The OVCA will automatically get your tax deductible payment information.

DONATE TO OVCA THROUGH AMAZON PURCHASES

Designate OVCA as a donee when you purchase at Amazon: If you are an Amazon customer, you can log into your account and type Amazon Smile in the search bar. You will be directed to a separate account called Amazon Smile. You must order from this page in order to automatically donate. You can bookmark this page to assure you're donating when you order. In Amazon Smile, type "charity list" and select "Ocean View Community Association Inc." This will be your donation charity until you change it. If you order from Amazon Smile, the Ocean View Community Association will receive a donation of 0.5% of your order price.

ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATE

THE COUNTY RELEASED AN ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT ON FRIDAY, December 17, showing that it was able to return a monthly average of 28 percent of animals to their owners. Fifty-eight percent went to partner agencies and 16 percent were euthanized. The stats go back to July when the county took over for a private contractor and placed Animal Control Services in the Police Department. "While the Hawai'i County Code allows contracting of Animal Control Services, the County has undertaken an Animal Control Services pilot project,

Since July 1, the Animal Control staff has responded to 30-50 calls a day, with an average of 20 of those calls requiring an immediate response

Priority One calls include those for injured animals, any animal that is a public safety risk, animal cruelty, and situations in which an animal's owner has been arrested or died with no family to pick up the pet. Police ask that the public call police dispatch at (808) 935-3311 for Priority One, or emergency requests for assistance.

For Priority Two calls, those pertaining to lost or found pets and non-emergency issues, the public is asked to call Animal Control staff at (808) 327-3558 or email at hpdanimalcontrol@hawaiiicounty.gov. When leaving a message, clearly state name, and repeat contact information so that staff can make contact promptly. The staff answers the phones and return calls during normal business hours.

For Lost & Found Healthy Pets: People who find a healthy stray animal or who lose a pet are encouraged to post it as lost / found on <https://lost.petcolove.org/>. Petco Love Lost is a searchable national database that uses patented facial recognition technology to make finding lost pets quicker and easier. This simple-to-use tool will be easily accessible to participating animal organizations nationwide, as well as any pet parent or person who finds a lost pet. Uploaded photos of a missing dog or cat are immediately scanned to determine whether the lost pet is at a participating shelter or with a neighbor in the community. The technology scans photos at the shelters every two hours to reunite lost pets and their owners as quickly and efficiently as possible.

The County is expected to make significant improvements to the Kona shelter, which is in need of repairs. Additionally, the County is exploring options to purchase a permanent shelter facility in east Hawai'i in addition to the current leased facility.

Spay/Neuter Services: "Recognizing that pet overpopulation is a substantial issue on Hawai'i Island, says the County statement. "County Animal Control Services ensures that those animals that are transferred to our partner agencies are spayed and neutered before they are available for foster or adoption."

Animal Control is Hiring: Under the direction of HPD, Animal Control is seeking experienced kennel techs and Animal Control Officers in both east and west Hawai'i and states that recruitments for these contract positions will be forthcoming. See the County Website under Job Opportunities where interested persona can apply. In the interim, those interested in applying for positions may submit a resume to HPDAnimalControl@hawaiiicounty.gov.

The report from HPD says, "Hawai'i Police Department would like to thank Hawai'i Island residents for their patience during the recent months as the County assumed responsibility for Animal Control Services. The department also thanks the animal welfare organizations around the island that have assisted with animal transfers and fostering during this time."

Any non-profit animal organizations that may want to work with County Animal Control Services as partners are invited to inquire via email at hpdanimalcontrol@hawaiiicounty.gov. Information on Animal Control Services can be found online at <https://www.hawaiiipolice.com/services/animal-control-services>. *Source: Kau Calendar*

JANUARY 2022

Reminder: Monday through Friday, the Boys' & Girls' Club has the main hall reserved from 8am–2 pm. Please call our Events Coordinator, Chris Garske, for additional information and if you wish to rent the main hall. Chris can be reached at 650-996-2790; email: Chrisgarske@gmail.com.

Jan. 2, 9, 18, 23, 30
Yoga for Everyone 4 PM

Jan. 15, OVCA Annual Membership Meeting
1:00 PM

Jan 15, OVCA Board Meeting 2-3 PM

Jan. 29, 10 AM—Noon Kula Kai Meeting

Jan. 29, 12:30—4:30—Volcano Emergency
Prep Talkstory

FEBRUARY 2022

Feb. 5, 9-11 AM—Grotto Meeting

Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27—Yoga for Everyone, 4 PM

Feb. 21, OVCA Board Meeting 9 AM

Feb. 26, AdvoCats 7:000 AM—6 PM

OVCC HOURS

Every Friday and Saturday from 9 am to noon the Community Center library and office are open.

LONG'S PRESCRIPTION DELIVERY

NOTE: You have probably noticed that Long's does not deliver prescriptions to the Ocean View Community Center any longer; they will, however mail them to you if you call them and request it.

OVCC RENTAL POLICY

The Ocean View Community Center happily accepts indoor rentals provided CDC guidelines are followed: Masks are worn, no more than 10 people in attendance, hand sanitizer is used, and social distancing is observed. Since this policy changes in accordance with the CDC guidelines, please call our office or Chris Garske, our Event Coordinator, for the latest guidelines.

The calendar of events & activities changes often, especially with the virus affecting our schedule. See www.ovcahi.org for the most current information.

PET CORNER

Please keep your pets home; don't let them run loose! Too many have been seen laying dead in the roads in our community. If you really love your pets, take good care of them and don't let them run loose. At night, be sure they are home so they don't gather into packs and attack other dogs who are confined on ropes or chains in their yards and can't defend themselves if outnumbered. PLEASE CARE FOR YOUR PETS! If your pet is run over, killed or injured, it's nobody's fault but **yours**. Keep your pet safe!!



OVCA board members met with Dr. Neal Palafox, David Anitok and Lucinda Anitok-Brokken on November 27th to discuss a telehealth program at the community center for the Marshallese community. Dr. Palafox is a Professor at the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii. He also serves the Population Sciences in the Pacific Program and University of Hawaii Cancer Center. Lucinda works with the Na’alehu Public Health Center .

Lucinda, her husband, David Anitok, and Dr. Palafox have teamed up to establish a telehealth program at the Ocean View Community Center for the Marshallese and broader communities in Ka’u using the equipment donated to the OVCA by GlobalMed in 2017. Unfortunately that equipment is already obsolete and needs an expensive (about \$10K) upgrade to become viable for this program.

The OVCA board is supportive in this effort to provide access to a broader telehealth program in Ocean View.

VA TELEHEALTH SYSTEM WILL BE REINTRODUCED

If all details fall in line, the VA Telehealth System will be updated and reinstalled and in working order once more, hopefully the first week of February 2022. Watch for updates on the reader boards.

Sudoku

Fill the empty squares with the numbers 1 through 9 so that each row, column and 3x3 square contains all the numbers from 1 through 9

5	8				4	7		
1		2	3		8			9
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9				1	6		4	7
6	1		5	4				3
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4			7		9	3		1
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Some Things I Did Not Know

No number before 1,000 contains the letter A.

That's right, there's no letter A in one, two, three, four....all the way up to one thousand. Go on, count to 1000 to prove us wrong!

Frankenstein's monster was vegetarian

In the original book by Mary Shelley, Frankenstein's monster says he would never harm another animal, and that acorns and berries are enough food for him. What a nice guy!

Tinned Guam

The tiny Pacific island of Guam eats more SPAM than anywhere else in the world. On average, everyone in Guam in 16 cans of SPAM each - every year! SPAMtastic!

Monowi, Nebraska

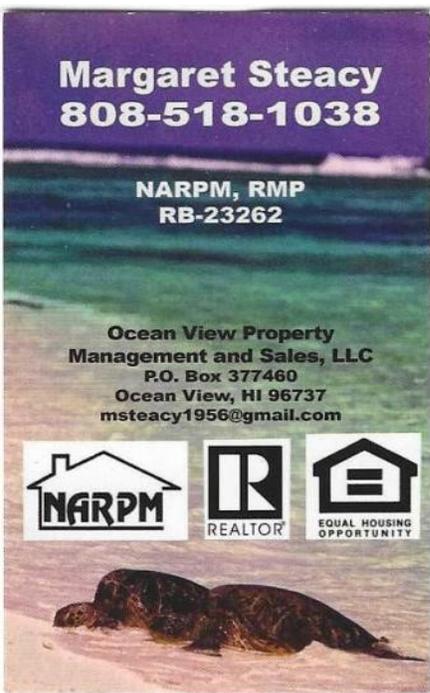
...Is the name of a village in the USA with only 1 resident! 84 year old Elsie Eller is the town's Mayor, librarian and bartender. She even pays herself taxes!

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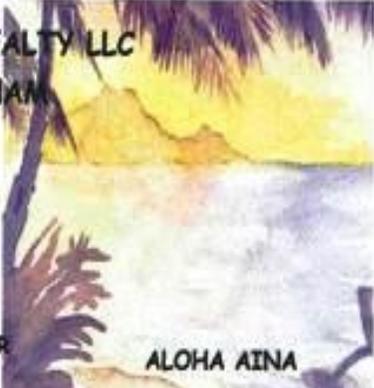
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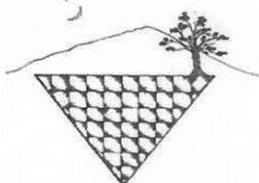
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Our New

Oceanview Physician!

Dr. Richard C. Quigley



Dr. Quigley is a residency trained Family Physician with 21 years experience. He practices out of his home at 92-8892 Tiki lane, right here in Ocean View. Call Dr. Quigley for an appointment today!
 His direct cell number is: 808-765-0009

HAVE YOUR FUNCTION AT THE OCEAN VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER

All COVID-19 safety protocols must be observed at all times at this facility.

*Family Reunions ~ Graduations
 Anniversaries ~ Birthdays
 Yard/Garage sales ~ Weddings*

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REMEMBER:

Membership dues to the Ocean View Community Association are due and payable in January of each year and are no longer pro-rated. Individual Membership is only \$30 per year (that’s about a cup of coffer per month!)

2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Chris Garske
Vice President: Suzanne Reiter
Treasurer: Marilyn Rose
Secretary: Marilyn Rose
Directors: Gary Bailey
Chris Garske
Dave Anderson
Ron Gall
Liz Parsley

Other Assistants:

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Liz Parsley
Suzanne Reiter
Marilynn Rose

Bldg. Maintenance: Dave Anderson

Adopt-a-Highway: Pat McDonald
Paul Mercer

HELP REQUESTED

- Newsletter articles.
- Website management.
- Helpers to organize events.
- Office Staff (4 hours/week).
- Call 808-939-7033 if you can help.

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