

# Ocean Views and News!!

*Ocean View Community Association, Inc. Newsletter*

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**March/April 2022**

## **Message from the President**

Aloha all,

My name is Christopher Garske and I'm delighted to be serving as President of the OVCA for 2022. I'm from the SF Bay Area, worked in Silicon Valley, and retired to the Big Island in 2003. I joined the OVCA a couple of years ago, and have been volunteering as the "event coordinator" for the Center since then.

There are three things I'd like to talk about in this issue:

- 1) The island's medical systems are no longer at risk of being overwhelmed, so on February 21 the OVCA Board voted to relax the "proof of vaccination or recent negative C-19 test" requirements to enter the Community Center. Masks, distancing, and a 10-person max per room are still required by the County, but that could change at any time. Like much of the country, we are starting to move toward something closer to normal. Yay!
- 2) Do you have an extra three hours one morning a week to help us out? We'd like to go back to having the office and library open five days a week - we just need a few folks to help us make it happen. It's easy duty - just open up, talk story with visitors, do as you please when it's quiet, then close up again. It takes just a few minutes to learn how to do everything and it would be a great service to our community. Also a great way to meet new friends and neighbors. On March 3 we'll be adding Thursdays to the current Friday and Saturday schedule. We'd like to add Tuesdays and Wednesdays, too - please help if you can. Call Liz Parsley at 360-801-5067 to volunteer, or just stop by and see her on Friday mornings at the Center.
- 3) Printing the newsletter has become an expensive process (the cost of color ink cartridges is brutal) that is now one of our biggest budget items. If you currently receive a printed copy, please consider whether you might be able to receive it by email instead - it would save us a lot of money. Either way, please let us know.

Mahalo - Chris

## **Last Chance to Renew Membership for 2022**

If you haven't paid your membership dues for 2022, you will not receive future issues of the OVCA Newsletter. Dues and advertising fees can be paid by mail (PO Box 6016, Ocean View, HI 96737, in person or online at [ovcahi.org](http://ovcahi.org)).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STAFF  
EXPANDED OFFICE AND LIBRARY  
DAYS & HOURS**

**Beginning March 3, 2022 the Community Center is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 am to noon. At this time, masks are required when inside the building.**

**The OVCA goal is to have enough staff to open the community center for five days a week again. If you have just 3 hours per week to help, it will be greatly appreciated.**

*To volunteer, just stop by the Community Center on a Friday between 9am & Noon or Call Liz Parsley at 360-801-5067.*

***DONATION OF CHAIRS REQUESTED***

*The Community Center would appreciate donations of folding metal chairs in good condition.*

Nihilo Artisan Market, a bi-monthly event that strives to stimulate the creative community in Hawai‘i, is hosting an Art Walk from 4-8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 in the Brew Block, 74-5599 Pawai Place in Kailua-Kona.

Their mission is to perpetuate growth in small business through building others up, event organizers have said.

The events will take place Feb. 20, April 3, June 5, Aug. 7, Oct. 2, and Dec 4 at the Brew Block in the parking lot of Willie’s Hot Chicken and HICO.

More Info at: [www.nihiloartmarket.com](http://www.nihiloartmarket.com)

**GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE STARTING TO LISTEN!**

Since the OVCA Board discussed the needs of Ocean View in December (including an email to Maile David, Senator Kanuha & Mayor Roth) positive results have been accomplished:

- 1) Senator Dru Kanuha introduced SB3211 which, if passed, will provide matching funds to upgrade the HPD Substation in Ocean View. With funding from other sources, that would make the Substation functional for police operations.
- 2) The day after a board member reported to County Council, Mayor Roth & Senator Kanuha of the torching of an abandoned vehicle on Lotus Blossum Circle, it was towed the following day. The vehicle fire burned a tree and could have spread through the neighborhood. Fortunately the OV Fire Department extinguished the blaze before it spread farther.
- 3) Following Senator Kanuha’s tour of garbage sites in Ocean View, Mayor Roth gathered a crew of county workers to remove trash that had been dumped on that property along the road just south of the Ocean View Transfer Station. If the county has the authority, it would like to proceed by installing a gate so that the public cannot access and use the dump site. As of this writing, people have already dumped more trash at the site,
- 4) Regarding abandoned vehicles in Ocean View: Deputy Planning Director, Robert Command stated “The police are authorized to enforce laws on private property, but Article VII Section 4 of the state Constitution says it is unconstitutional for the County of Hawaii to use public funds for a private purpose. There is legislation at the state level that may allow government to assist with the removal of such vehicles and cite the owner or manager.”

Frankly, one might think that Hawaii County would appreciate that property owners in HOVE and other Ocean View subdivisions pay to maintain these “private roads”.

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Mondays through Fridays, the Boys' & Girls' Club provides their after-school program at the Community Center from 1-5:30 pm.  
During Spring Break (March 14-18) their program will run 9am-5pm.

## MARCH 2022

Community Center office & library open:  
March 3-5, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26 & 30  
9 AM—Noon

Free Pet Food by KARES: March 5 9-11AM

Food Drop by Same Canoe:  
March 11 & 25 4:30-5:30 PM

OVCA Board Meeting: March 21 @ 9 AM

AdvoCats: March 26 7am-5pm

The calendar of events & activities changes often, especially with the virus affecting our schedule. See [www.ovcahi.org](http://www.ovcahi.org) for the most current information.

## APRIL 2022

Monday through Friday, the Boys' & Girls' Club provides their after-school program at the Community Center from 1–5:30 pm

Free Pet Food by KARES: April 2 9-11AM

Food Drop by Same Canoe:  
April 8 & 22 4:30-5:30 PM

OVCA Board Meeting: April 18 @ 9 AM

AdvoCats: April 23 7 AM-5 PM

## **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:**

**Email [ovcahawaii@gmail.com](mailto:ovcahawaii@gmail.com)  
or call Chris at 808-657-9408**

## **About Free Pet Food Day**

A big *Thank You* to OVCA Member Dennis Custard and KARES for joining forces to provide this help to the community. Many pet owners of both dogs and cats are struggling to feed their pets.

KARES is one of 77 animal welfare groups chosen from 266 nationwide applicants to receive a 2021 grant from the Grey Muzzle Organization (GMO) to help our Hawaii Island senior dogs. The grant of \$9,900 will also provide medical and surgical care to rescued and owned senior dogs, those aged 7 years and older. Funding from GMO is intended to make a difference in the lives of older dogs to support our shared vision of "a world will where no old dogs die alone and afraid".

## **KEEP YOUR PETS AT HOME**

***PLEASE!***

Far too many people and animals have been attacked all over the Ocean View community.

It also helps to have your pets spayed or neutered.

**Government Officials Respond**

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4) Continued regarding abandoned vehicles:  
Example: Property owners in HOVE maintain 157 miles of roads which are open to the general public.

Maybe it's time for the county to assume that cost and responsibility?

5) Hawaii County has changed the hours of operation of the Ocean View Transfer Station to Sunday, Tuesday & Friday 6am-6pm. The change should better serve Ocean View when county staffing is unable to operate both locations on the same days.

Unfortunately, the county has been unable to advise any timeline for its completion of "Phase II" to complete construction of the Ocean View Transfer Station as a fully functional refuse disposal site.

**Littering Roadways & Neighborhoods**

A positive force is needed to clean up our communities. Efforts are needed to educate the public about the impacts of our daily choices and local policies that fail to protect our land, air, and oceans for future generations.

First, it's a personal responsibility. Pick up litter in your neighborhood or join with one of the many excellent organizations on the island stewarding the land. Free trash bags are available at the OV Community Center as part of the "Adopt-A-Block" program.

These may seem like small things, but it can be the beginning of a whole new mindset to clean up our neighborhoods and roadways.

Get the message out to our community organizations. Yes, that includes parents and public schools to involve keiki to understand the impacts of littering.

**Hawaii 2nd US state in deadly speeding crashes**

A recent study analyzed driving behavior by state. The categories analyzed were overall car accident fatality rate, deaths related to breaking traffic laws, careless driving deaths, drunk driving deaths, and speeding deaths.

- The two worst states, New Mexico and Texas, both ranked worst in the category of careless driving.
- Montana, Texas, and South Carolina have all been in the ranking of the 10 states with the worst drivers 10 times since 2011.
- New Mexico ranked as the worst state in the U.S. for the careless driving category.
- Minnesota ranked as the best state in this analysis, suggesting Minnesota drivers are the safest.
- Speeding was the category in which states performed the worst in half of the states.

Hawaii fared pretty well except that Hawaii has the highest percentage of fatal accidents that involved speeding among the top 10 states, second-worst among all 50 states.

Source: by CarInsuranceComparison.com

**Iolani Palace is the only Royal Palace in the United States**

One of the most fascinating facts of Hawaii for kids is that Hawaii is one of the few states that was originally an independent nation. It was ruled by Hawaiian kings and queens (called ali'i) until 1893 when the monarchy was overthrown.

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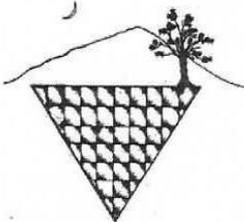
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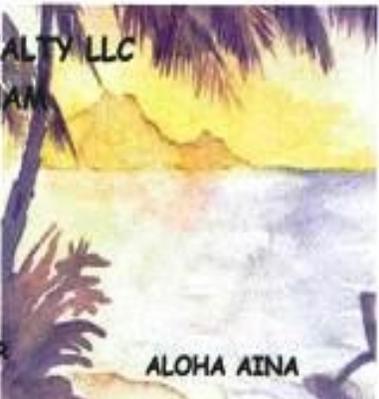
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the second widest state in the United  
States. That's one of the best Hawaii fun  
facts!

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