

# NEWSLETTER

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## NANAWALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Aloha Membership,

This Newsletter is to keep you updated on Nanawale Community after Tropical Storm Iselle and the current lava flow that is affecting the lower Puna District/Pahoa. In light of these events, the Association will continue to thrive through these adversities to maintain the subdivision and to provide on-going activities to lift the spirits and hopes of Nanawale Community, who came together and held strong through these most difficult times. Thank you for your support, loyalty, contributions and appreciated dedication to the Association of Nanawale Estates.

### TROPICAL STORM ISELLE

On August 7<sup>th</sup> Tropical Storm Iselle reached Hawaii causing major destruction to the Puna District of the Big Island. Nanawale Estates was considered the hardest hit due to the dense growth of Albezia trees that destroyed properties and brought down power lines and telephone poles. Residents were without power for 2 weeks, some even longer. It was estimated that more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the roadways were blocked by fallen trees and debris making it impossible for residents to leave their homes. With that said, Members should have Albezia trees removed should they exist on your property.

A BIG MAHALO to the Association's Maintenance staff who reported to work the following day and thereafter for the next 2+ weeks putting in 12-14 hour work days to bring the neighborhood back to normalcy, an on-going progress still. Prior to the County and State's assistance in restoring the Community, it was truly heart-felt to see the residents, family, friends and surrounding communities come together and help each other in a time of need. The roadways were being cleared, homes that were damaged were checked to ensure the safety of everyone and meals were provided to those that could not leave their homes. Words cannot express the gratitude for the outpouring of love and support.

A BIG MAHALO to the Association's Office and Recreational staff as well who diligently reported to work every day to keep the Association in full operation for all that needed information and assistance. Working 12-14 hour days for nearly 3 weeks, they did an outstanding job coordinating and planning relief efforts with the American Red Cross, Dept. of Aging, Lion's Club, National Guard, Civil Defense, Governor

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Abercrombie, Mayor Kenoi and local businesses. Nanawale's Longhouse was utilized as the central Hub for officials and a Distribution Center providing ice, water, supplies, a food pantry, medical needs and dinner meals for Nanawale and all the surrounding Communities affected by the storm. The support system for one another was witnessed as people from all parts of the Big Island made the long trek to offer their assistance and donate whatever they could to help.



The Board of Directors are sincerely grateful and thankful for everyone dedicated to helping survive the aftermath of Tropical Storm Iselle. As the saying goes, "Lucky we live Hawaii" is proof that the Aloha Spirit thrives among the people of Hawaii.



## The Lava Flow

Currently, Nanawale Estates is not threatened or in any imminent danger of the lava flow. The original flow front stopped short of Pahoia Village Road in Pahoia Town. This flow front has stalled and new breakouts occurred upslope and has now taken a different path towards Malama Marketplace. Lava flows generally in the direction of the steepest descent of the land's topography. There are no certainties when the leading edge will reach the intersection of Highway 130 and Pahoia Village Road. If and when it does cross Highway 130, then that will cut off the main thoroughfare for all of lower Puna. At this point in time, all we can do is wait, hope and pray that the lava flow will cease before doing any major damage to homes and businesses. Much may change by the time this Newsletter is received.

