

VCARMC Annual Newsletter 2020

2020 is definitely the year of change. Nearly every aspect of life has changed for all of us, even for the VCARMC Board. We have a new energetic cast of board members. Our meetings are being held virtually via Zoom to avoid all unnecessary contact, and the annual meeting will be the same.

New board members and officers were voted in early January. They are as follows: President Michael Froebel, Vice President Ina Wolfe, Treasurer Kris Scanlon, and Secretary Julie Williams. Our board members consist of: Mike McKenney, Bud Muth, Daniel Kea, Theresa Sommer, Alan Holt, Casey Kinney. There will be two board positions open at the end of this year, so if you are interested please let us know.

VCARMC funds are currently too low to do any significant improvements to the roads, so we are utilizing volunteers to do minor repair, & spending our time taking care of items that do not require significant funding. One of the items is finding a new contractor, in an effort to obtain a higher quality of work for the money we are spending. We are utilizing neighborhood volunteers for spraying the roadside grass & weeds with a non-toxic weed spray and using volunteers to fill potholes. Thanks to the following people for stepping up to fill the 31 potholes and roadside spraying done so far: Julie Williams, Bud Muth, Mike McKenney, Mary Lee Knapstad, Theresa Sommer, John Deermer, and Alan Holt.

There was no notice prior to spraying for roadside weeds this spring. There were 3 reasons for this, 1. The roadsides were in desperate need of spraying 2. The weather was right, and we had the volunteers ready to go and 3. We are no longer using Round-up, but rather a product by EcoMight called WOW, that is rated safe for children & pets, & has the FDA's safest approval. We will post notices using the sandwich boards in the future in case you still have a concern. Please remember VCARMC has a responsibility to maintain the roads, so if you do not wish us to spray the roadside in front of your property, you should already have the roadside weeds curtailed.

The next major undertaking is to update the current bylaws. These bylaws were written decades ago and need updating to more modern standards. This project will be years in the making, as we will need two thirds majority vote from you to make the changes, or to decide to remain with the existing rules. We will likely present you with a few proposed changes per year included with your payment coupon. Please select one way or another, so we know how you, as the members, want to proceed with each item. WE NEED YOUR VOTES, so even if you cannot immediately pay your assessment, please send in your marked ballot.

Hawaii ranks as the 10th most expensive state to maintain roads. We have some of the lowest road maintenance fees in the nation and need to increase the annual assessment. However, the board has agreed that until we can get some estimates on costs, for either maintaining what has been previously done, or find a more permanent alternative, we will not be raising the fees this year.

The annual meeting will be held via Zoom session due to the pandemic. Please see the separate sheet titled "Annual Meeting" on how to attend. We thank you for your continued support, and hope to see you at the annual meeting.

VCARMC Annual Meeting

The following information is everything you need to attend the 1st VCARMC Virtual Annual Meeting.

There are three ways to join:

1. With audio & video from a phone, tablet, or computer that has audio/visual capability by selecting the blue hyperlink below.
2. With video on your computer device and audio using a phone. You will click the link below for video, and call one of the U.S. numbers below for audio
3. Audio only by calling one of the U.S. number below.

Topic: VCARMC Annual Meeting

Time: Oct 17, 2020 04:00 PM Hawaii

Join Zoom Meeting

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