

Aloha and welcome to Mauna Loa Estates!

Whether you are retiring or just starting out, our subdivision is a great place to live. However, there's a small hitch. The County does not pave or maintain our roads--we have to maintain them ourselves, as a community.

In 1995 an organization was established to do just that. Mauna Loa Estates Road Maintenance, Inc. or MLERMI for short, is a private non-profit corporation whose sole purpose is to maintain the roads within the subdivision. Anyone who owns property in Mauna Loa Estates is automatically a member, with the legal obligation to pay an annual road maintenance fee, currently set at \$126. Increases of up to 10% per year are allowed by the association bylaws.

MLERMI is operated by a five member Board of Directors consisting of MLE property owners elected by the membership at an annual meeting. Directors serve as unpaid volunteers. A paid bookkeeper keeps track of payments and also prepares invoices. At the beginning of each year, invoices and an annual newsletter are mailed to all lot owners. The newsletter gives the date of the annual meeting and information about board member candidates. MLERMI coordinates and pays for road repairs, signage, mowing, clearing of vegetation, fallen tree removal, and anything else that needs doing. However, improvements are limited to the funds at hand.

Let's talk about the roads. There are about 12 miles of them, providing access to about 950 half-acre lots, most of which remain forested and unoccupied. Three main avenues, Jade, Ruby, and Pearl, are intersected by fourteen numbered side streets. The avenues are 40 feet wide and the numbered side streets are 30 ft. wide. Only the center portion of each road is paved, leaving an unpaved grassy or vegetated shoulder 7-10 ft. wide on either side. This grassy shoulder remains a public right of way, even though it is overgrown in places. MLERMI hires a contractor to mow the grass and also cut back vegetation where possible and as funds allow.

We ask property owners please not to place obstacles such as rocks, logs, or planters on the grassy shoulder of the road in front of their homes. These obstruct mowing. They also constitute a liability to the entire community, as well as to the landowner, should they damage a vehicle that is forced to pull over for any reason, or cause injury to that vehicle's occupants. This has actually happened, and we don't want it to happen again.

Please visit the MLERMI website where the association bylaws, maps, and other useful information is posted. The URL is <https://mlermi96785.wixsite.com/mlermi>, however a simple search for **mlermi** usually brings it up quickly. Or simply scan the QR code below.

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