

2026 Mauna Loa Estates Road Maintenance, Inc.

Annual Newsletter

Annual Meeting
Saturday, March 28, 2026. 9:30 AM
Volcano Art Center,
Ni'aulani Campus in Volcano Village

ONLINE PAYMENTS: You can pay your 2026 road fee electronically by credit card or with your bank routing/account information. This will help to reduce our accounting and mailing costs, and you'll receive a receipt within minutes of making payment. If you'd like to pay electronically, we need an email address to send the invoice and payment link. If you are getting this by email already, you don't need to request an invoice electronically. Request an electronic invoice here, <https://tinyurl.com/2b594ee3>. You will need to enter your TMK(s) or Lot Number(s) also. It's a new process, please contact us with any questions.

TREE WORK and BRUSH CUTTING : We continue to work with A&M Services for monthly mowing of road shoulders and removal of some corner vegetation (\$44,460.00). Shena Sandler is contracted to manually remove Himalayan raspberry and some ginger from MLERMI roadsides. Lot owners are asked to help keep the areas in front of their lots cut back from the shoulders and roads. As a lot owner you may enjoy a bushy, private front with vegetation out onto the paved part of the road (especially the dead-ends of the numbered streets), but please remember that the verges are part of the roadway and vegetation covering the paved edges degrades the pavement and is costly to have removed. A big mahalo to the volunteers who clear ginger and other brush from the roadsides—THANK YOU! Please slow down when you see folks working on our roadside shoulders.

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CURRENT BOARD

MEMBERS

Steve Brantley, Jody Fergerstrom, Rose Acevedo; terms end March, 2026. Mike Leidermann, Mana Taylor Hall; terms end March, 2027.

ANNUAL ROAD FEE

The fee for 2026 remains at \$138. You can now pay online, or by check.



VOTE

Please vote for your next board members. Info at the end of the newsletter.

Ballots are due by March 20.

2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

The report will be available at the Annual Meeting and at this web address:

<https://mlermi96785.wixsite.com/mlermi/annual-meeting>

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Road
Work

MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD: Our website now has a "Messages from the Board" link on the front page of the website. Please visit this page for more current and detailed information on happenings with road maintenance work.

ROAD WORK: The long-term contractor, Loeffler Construction, installed five new speed tables with signage on Ruby (2) and Pearl (3) avenues. Two, 200 foot sections of 9th below Jade were also repaved. The total cost was \$78,324. Work is ongoing to replace badly faded street signs. We are currently seeking estimates for road paving, repairs, centerline reflectors and the "white" stop-line painting at intersections.

ANNUAL ROAD FEE: The board recently voted to keep next year's road fees the same as in 2025 at \$138. With most roads in fair to good condition, the board decided not to add to everyone's overall inflationary increases in living costs.

UNPAID ACCOUNTS: Mahalo nui loa to those who brought their account balances to zero and others for their patience in helping us resolve outstanding account issues in 2025. We sent mid-year statements to lot owners with unpaid road fees, a new practice that resulted in many payments (mahalo!); we intend to continue sending statements for unpaid road fees after the 90-day grace period shown on the annual invoice. When unpaid road fees and interest exceed \$1,000, liens will be filed and letters informing lot owners will be sent. Our fees are low and we strive to keep them that way, but it only works if everyone pays their share.

RIGHT OF WAY: Thank you to all MLE lot owners for your continued kokua in making sure the community owned road shoulder (grassy verge/easement of way) in front of your property is clear of rocks/boulders, wood/logs, potted plants, construction materials, basketball hoops or other objects. Parking within the verge should be occasional and short-term. Paving of the verge fronting lots is not allowed at this time but owners may place gravel there. Please see the Board Messages on the website.

RECENT ERUPTION FALLOUT: The tephra fallout from episode 41 presented a real challenge for our subdivision. Board members swept speed tables the next day to make them visible again and decided to wait on the roads to see how traffic and rain might clear them. Some residents cleared areas of roadway near their homes. Additionally, several roads were cleaned by the County within days of the fallout.

ENTRANCE WALL: The entrance wall at Jade Avenue was damaged in a vehicle accident. The Hilo-side portion was removed and the Ka'ū-side section spruced up.

OPT-IN for EMAIL NEWSLETTER & BILLING

Going forward we would like to continue transitioning to email billing and electronic payments. Will you please help us by opting in to future bills by email? If so, please fill out this form. <https://tinyurl.com/24q2wagz>

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ELECTIONS FOR 2026-2028 TERM

We are hoping to do a mostly electronic vote. Mailed newsletter will include a printed option for mail-in. Online ballot also have a print-and-mail option.

VOTE with Online ballot <https://tinyurl.com/273kb4ly>. Our candidates:

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Pa'ahana Franklin (Lisa) A full time resident of the Volcano area for 34 yrs, I've raised my two sons in MLE and worked as a Medical Nail Tech for 41 years (Kilauea Nails), specializing in chronic conditions (fungal, diabetes, etc.). When I purchased my home in 1992 the roads were gravel—our community has come a long way since then and I appreciate our roads. I've served on the board before and I look forward to being of service once again for MLERMI.

Cheryl Shine: I'm a full-time resident of Volcano Village since 1998. I'm a semi-retired, self-employed house cleaner. I bought my very first home here in Mauna Loa Estates in 2018. It's a home that I had cleaned and looked after professionally for over 20 years. I appreciate all those who have volunteered their time to take care of our roads and feel now it's my time to help out.

Cindy Siok - I have owned a home in Mauna Loa Estates since 2008 and love the rainforest, slower pace of life, endless yardwork, and friendly interactions with the Volcano community. With my husband, in 2010 we started At Home Hawaii on Oahu, a real estate & property management company that recently expanded to the Big Island; now, we supervise agents and help clients on both islands. I welcome the opportunity to give back to the community by serving on the MLERMI Board of Directors.