



The Ridge Line

JUNE 2022



HAWAII LOA RIDGE, 669 PUUIKENA DRIVE, HONOLULU, HI 96821

SUMMER LANDSCAPES

The sparse showers in the spring have moved on and it's looking like it may be a very warm summer. Landscapes need water and now is a great time to make sure your irrigation is working and your timers are set for the morning and evening cooler periods. Proper aim is another consideration. Sprinklers should never be directed to cross the sidewalk to irrigate the parkway. The grass street strips should have their own irrigation. Trees that were recently planted on these strips would also appreciate some extra water. In time they will bring shade to the road and sidewalks.

The ARC has been asked and will consider approving "Xeriscapes." The terrain needs to be right and a detailed sustainable plan needs to be presented. With water supply issues looming, you may find areas of your lawn that could be redesigned to include drought tolerant vegetation.

HAOLE KOA

One plant to keep "OUT" of your landscapes, is "Haole Koa." Introduced to Hawaii in the 1800's, Haole Koa (foreign koa), or leucaena, is a vigorous shrub or small tree found in dry areas. It's very invasive and found on most of the slopes in Hawaii. When mature, it forms long brown seed pods, ready to be spread by the wind. Once established it's very difficult to remove the root. Educate yourself about this unwanted plant as it's best to remove them when they are young. Always remind your landscapers to remove them from your yard.

LICENSE PLATES / DECALS

It's important that Security have proper information when dealing with the cars entering the Ridge. Owners are expected to register their cars including license plate information with the Management office. License plates take a while to come in so when you replace your temporary tags, don't forget to provide HLR with the numbers and letters on your permanent tags.



Decals are required to be on both the front and back drivers' side of resident's vehicles. This has been an Association Rule from before the gates were installed. Failure to apply the decals can cause your gate access card to be de-activated. If Security informs you that your access card has been deactivated, you will need to go to the Management office and pay a \$50 reactivation fee and place your decals on your car before being reactivated.

LEFT TURN TO HAWAII KAI

Acting on a request from HLR Management, the State Department of Transportation extended the time a driver has to turn left at Kalaniana'ole Hwy. This extension works between 2-5pm on Monday-Friday. With so many residents coming back from town, Management feels that this period should be extended to at least 7pm. The cars stack up in the Jug Handle and by the time the cars cross the road, the light is turning yellow.

If you have had any close calls at the intersection of Kalaniana'ole Hwy & Puuikena Dr., please send a description of your experience to the Management office by emailing; management@hiloa.org. These reports of unsafe conditions will be helpful in convincing the DOT to extend the time the light stays green or to provide a dedicated turn arrow.

OVERFLOWING TRASH BINS

Many times, when rubbish or recycle cans are overfilled the driver will not pick them up. Residents call the Management office but it's really not our call. The rubbish collection is a service provided by the City and County of Honolulu. "**OPALA.ORG**," is the official website that explains when and how to prepare your rubbish for collection. There is a schedule of rubbish / recycle pickups and instructions on how to have your bulk rubbish taken away by appointment. Due to heavy winds and steep terrain, it's best to bag your plastics and paper before putting the blue recycle plans out to the street. It's also advised to take the cans out late (after 6pm) the night before a pickup and to pull the cans back to an enclosure as soon as possible after the pickup.

PETS & PESTS

There are more and more pets in the world and with all that joy, there are still resident complaints of animal droppings, loose animals and barking. All of these should be manageable and it's up to pet owners to control their animals. Walking a dog off leash is strictly prohibited and not safe for the dog or other people who may be around.

Feral pigs have been reported in certain areas on the ridge. A recent TV news report mentioned the problem in Manoa as well. Streams and ridgelines are favored dining spots for wild pigs. Dry weather drives them up and down the hills for water. They typically roam at night and can damage nice landscapes. While piglet sightings can be entertaining, it's a sign that there is an even larger mother around. Never approach a wild pig. If you see a pig or in some cases the whole family, call the Management office at 808-373-5173. Efforts to control the population have been ongoing.



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