

KAILAPA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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KAIAULU!

NEWS YOU CAN USE

HISTORY HAPPENS! After half a decade, work begins on Mailboxes and Community Center,

Construction of our residential mailboxes has begun. George M. Oye, Inc., General Engineering Contractor, recently cleared and graded the 2.4 acre site located at the the end of Kailapa Street. The concrete pad has been poured and the access drive is in place, awaiting asphalt paving. Kailapa resident Alton Oye, is supervising the development.

In 2006 our community association Board of Directors began the planning and implementation that has resulted in providing our neighborhood with a readily accessible means of receiving mail without having to leave the community.

Then President David Kahanu, and fellow board members gathered ideas from the community, investigated funding sources and began the process to establish the association as a not-for-profit corporation. These were necessary ingredients to successfully meet resident desires for improved community services.

Among the difficulties in 2006 was a change in site location after the original mauka site offered by Hawaiian Homes for development was determined to be flood prone; The somewhat larger site makai of Kailapa Street became more viable. Aside from a \$25,000 DHHL grant used to fund the mailbox site, an additional \$100,000 contribution from Kohala Ranch developers, to provide a recreation area, had to be funneled through Hawaiian Homes for

disbursement. The latter funds are scheduled for release January 1, 2012. Kailapa's current Board has managed to create an efficient means of accomplishing several community objectives by incorporating them into this one site. President Diane Kaneali'i, along with the other current board have coordinated additional residents' efforts to construct a multi-purpose Hale for use as a community center adjoining the clustered mailboxes. Rest rooms and private meeting areas will be added in later phases. The area immediately surrounding the Hale will be landscaped and fenced to provide a playground for our keiki and a place where all residents can come to relax and appreciate our aina. Project completion is expected in the next 12 to 24 months as funding sources continue to be developed.

NEWSLETTER REGULAR FEATURES

What do you want to read?

Our Kailapa newsletter is published four times a year and is a great opportunity to share information. Your input regarding the content is important. If there is a category you would like to see as a recurring section like, for sale, help wanted, or anything else that might be useful for our community the Board would like to hear from you. Call the Association at 880-9798 or email Diane Kanealii at dkanealii02@gmail.com



COCQUI FROG ALERT

Kailapa recently had a coqui frog in our community. The site was pinpointed and the home owner was notified. The owners took action and was able to spread lime around the site as well as capture and eliminate the frog. The swift actions on thier behalf once again saved the neighborhood from that invasive species. If anyone hears a coqui from in your area, please take immedicate action or report it to a Board member for assistance.

Waimea is being inundated and they are spreading fast. The theory that they will not live in Kawaihae because it is too hot, has prven to be false. Please do your part to portect our community.

BOARD ELECTIONS HAPPENING IN JANUARY!

NOMINATIONS DUE BY JANUARY 6TH

WATCH THE COMMUNITY BOARD FOR DETAILS.

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY GATHERING PLANNED

Invitations are being created by our very own community youth group, and will be arriving on your doorstep soon. In the meantime please mark your calendars and get out your favorite potluck recipes. Kailapa is going to host its first annual holiday gathering potluck on **Saturday, December 17th at 5pm.** Everyone is welcome to join in the festivities at Izzy's House so watch for your invitation and if one does not show up come anyways! Santa will be there to hand out gifts, so to all you adults, please bring a wrapped and labeled gift for any children or child at heart who will want to get a gift from Santa that evening. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



BOARD HAPPENINGS

Isabel Kalaau is missing from the Board picture below

2011 ACHIEVEMENTS

The current Board members of Kailapa Community Association have been hard at work this year. We set our sights high for project completion for 2011 and with numerous achievements including items such as; receiving grant funds from DHHL, beginning site prep for our cluster mailbox project and resource center site, completion of a strategic plan that lays the foundation for advancement of our mission and vision, and hosting a successful talk story event to perpetuate the stories of our ahupua'a, the Board feels very proud of our opportunity to serve the community and the efforts we have accomplished. The list includes many other things that all lead up to a successful year of volunteer support for the betterment of our community. If you are interested in more details please contact any board member and we will be happy to share.



2012 GOALS

With the completion of our strategic plan the board now has a strong foundation for the work to be done to continue to work towards our mission and vision. In addition to the big projects slated for this upcoming year that are focused around the development of our community resource center, the Board has generated a list of other goals that include; the completion of the community entrance sign area improvement, establish a group of committed individuals who want to participate in native plant restoration and ocean resource management projects, and complete restoration and protection projects for identified culturally significant sites. In addition the Board would like to get a formal proposal completed to present to the DHHL Commission for the license to the 72-acres makai of Kailapa, hold a successful event to honor Prince Kuhio in March, continue with our community clean up projects for makai lands, and continue our efforts towards alternative solutions to the ongoing water issues in Kawaihae. With this plan in place 2012 will prove to be another successful year for our community.

MAHALO IRONMAN VOLUNTEERS!

Manning a triathlon refreshment station on the highway near the entry to our community has again proven a winner activity for members of Kailapa. Led by Stacy Dela Cruz, who has chaired this project for the past several years, many of our residents' adult and youth alike, provided water and encouragement for every passing triathlete.

Just to make sure recognition was specific, Stacy pointed out the following helpers who supported this money making community effort: Nurse Rachel Limahai, who has served many years as registered nurse; Rebecca Rays and all her keiki cheerleaders and Shannette Kalani'opio and her entire 'ohana, who collected and sorted all the plastic recyclables after the event. It is people like Stacy and all the many other who volunteer our community a worthwhile place to call home.

HALLOWEEN ENJOYED AT THE TOLENTINO'S

On October 29, 2011 the children of Kailapa celebrated at the first annual Halloween party hosted this year by Derek "Tolo" and Peggy Tolentino. Tolo and Peggy along with their family, friends and other residents, made this event a day to remember graciously opening their home to the community and supplying popcorn, hot dogs, and cotton candy.

Since there had not been "trick or treating" previously in the community, this party helped to build excitement around a fun time for the children and adults alike. There were cowboys, aliens, and pirates galore, the Joker, Cleopatra, and many more.

Everyone enjoyed all the treats provided as well as the fun games, the bubbles, and so much more. It was reported that everyone who attended had a "spooktacular" good time! Hopefully next year this event will continue and another family will follow a tradition started by the Tolentino 'Ohana. It is all about the children and making sure they have a good time, and for us as parents, grandparents, uncles and aunties to share in their joy!

RESIDENTS CONTRIBUTE EXPERT ADVICE

Jen Lawson a botanist, and Kealaka'i Knoche a conservationist, and cultural ecologist are both residents of our community. Together, they have agreed to help with planning the landscape needs for our Community Resource site at the end of Kailapa Street. With access to needed expertise, as well as what they can provide as professionals and community residents, folks like Jen and Kealaka'i make our community stronger and help engender pride in who we are and what we seek to accomplish for our neighborhood.

CELEBRATE THE FOREST: ADOPT A TREE

Waikoloa Dry Forest Initiative (WDFI) will celebrate the completion of their protective fence, Sunday December 4th from 2-5pm, near Waikoloa Village. WDFI was established to restore and preserve, through community effort, the Native Hawaiian ecosystem in the wili wili forests near Waikoloa.

Community resident Jen Lawson is coordinating this 275-acre project. If you would like to learn more about this group's efforts you may contact her by email at jen@waikoloadryforest.org or call 808-339-2142.

Take advantage of the opportunity to visit the site, adopt a tree and mingle with friends. Coming this January, WDFI will be hosting Saturday Volunteer Days, hands on experiences in Native ecosystem preservation.

FELINE FAN ADVOCATES FREE SERVICE

Since 1999, AdvoCats, a non-profit organization with offices in Kona, has been providing spaying and neutering, and many other wellness services at no cost. This service is available once each month. "All of this is free," says neighborhood cat lover Puanani Woo. Woo has taken several feral cats from

our neighborhood to the clinic in Kona for treatment. "I will continue to take in all that I can catch who come to my home for a nutritious dinner that I gladly provide to attract them." Contact Cindy Thurston with AdvoCats at 895-9283 or contact Puanani Woo at 882-1351, who says she would enjoy helping anyone who needs a cat treated.



CERT UPDATES!

Newly certified members begin neighborhood preparation.

Ten residents recently received certificates after attending a 32 hour training and information course this past spring. They will now organize themselves to coordinate efforts with emergency first responders to help during the initial phases of any disaster, which may affect our neighborhood.



SAVE THE DATE!

Na Kalai Wa'a Moku o Hawai'i a non-profit organization who perpetuates, protects, and preserves Hawaiian culture and traditions with education of future generations through their Makali'i voyaging program will be celebrating the 17th Birthday of the Makali'i. In collaboration with Na Pua No'eau and the Keaholoa STEM Scholars Program Na Kalai Wa'a will host an ocean festival in Kawaihae at the Sand Flats on **Saturday February 4, 2012**. Please bring the entire 'ohana and celebrate with our voyaging community and all that call Kawaihae home.

KAILAPA'S TALK STORY FOLLOW UP

Co-Chairs Donna Parker and Maha Kaneali'i have plenty to be thankful for. With inspired cooperation and support of National Park Services' Ala Kahakai Trail Project representatives Aric Arakaki and Ida Hanohano, Donna hosted an entertaining and well attended afternoon of music, talk story and hula that began at 4 pm and lasted till sunset this past August 28. Danny Akaka graciously emceed the presentation and Auntie Lani Akau and Kuulei McCarthy Nagasawa helped recall the many historical events and colorful people that have left their mark here in Kawaihae. Community resident Shannette Kalani'opio and 'ohana filled much of the afternoon with important cultural statements involving our youth and their part in our growing community.

Thanks to the success of this event, The Trails Project has since used our presentation as a model for 2 more neighborhood events in Koloko/Honokohau and Honaunau.

Congratulations to Donna and Maha as well as the many others who helped to make this a remarkable and successful event.

CULTURAL LEARNING CENTER NEAR PU'UKOHOLA

Kaleleonalani Foundation, working with 6 to 10 acres of land from Queen Emma's Estate, just announced plans for a Cultural Learning Center across the highway from Pu'u kohola Heiau. The facility will feature a repository for valuable Hawaiian artifacts that once played important roles in Kawaihae history as well as an indoor auditorium, outdoor amphi-theater and resource rooms for teaching and explaining valuable Hawaiian heritage programs. Three dimensional, full color holographic representations of the artifacts housed in the repository museum will be featured in displays at the complex.

Arthur Akau, Jr. and Mel Kalahiki held an informational meeting November 14 at the Hamakua Macadamia Nut Factory, at which time they explained they are seeking community input regarding the establishment of such a site in our neighborhood. They indicated the project would create 20-30 jobs here in the community. Food service will be included and



there will be an admission charge to experience the facility's offerings. They expect construction to begin within the next 12 months and completed by 2015. For more details, contact Arthur Akau at 780-6085 or kaleleonalanifoundation@gmail.com

KAILAPA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION WANTS TO KNOW YOU!

Kailapa Community Resource Identification Listing!

Submitted by James Douglas Ku'uleianuenue Kahumoku Kalua Cisler

Would a community resource identification listing be helpful? Several community members have been discussing a resource listing for our community with the board. We all want to be sustainable and this includes utilizing services from within your own community first.

Within our community, there are many professional and experienced trade people. Having a unified list of community members and their various skills for hire is something that could save time and money while creating community sustainability. Need a Hawaiian language expert, cultural medicinal practitioner, automobile repair, plumbing, landscaping, or even house cleaners? This listing could provide information on the community member you can turn to in order to fulfill those needs. It does not have to be your full time career/employment trade to be listed, perhaps you enjoy sewing or making leis, those types of services are always needed and would be an opportunity to earn some extra cash.

It's time to share your 'ike. Want to be included in a list to be distributed within our community? Contact Jim Cisler: jimcisler@ymail.com or call Diane Kanealii at 880-9798, today!

THE SOUNDS OF CONSTRUCTION BRING NEW RESIDENTS!

If you are new to the community or have not joined our mailing list yet please contact Board President, Diane Kanealii at 880-9798 or email dkanealii02@gmail.com to get on the list and get updated about our community.