

KEAUKAHA SMILES

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CHAIRMAN ALAPAKI NAHALE-A WILL STEP DOWN ON MAY 15, 2012

DHHL's Chairman Alapaki Nahale-a III will step down as the head of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands effective May 15, 2012 based upon reports out of the Governor's office. Reasons cited were conflict and commitment to family. The mantra of any native Hawaiian organization should always include...**when work becomes so consuming that one neglects its own family (ohana)** then we have lost sight of why we work so hard to establish strong, vibrant, safe and healthy communities to raise our children and perpetuate our culture with the aina (land) as its base. Whatever you may hear as the reasons other than what is reported and unless it comes from the source (the horses mouth) let us treat his decision to do so with respect for someone who when asked...**served** and now find it difficult to continue.

In my humble opinion I believe that Alapaki was about changing the culture of the DHHL for the good of the beneficiaries such as ...asserting trust water rights, working to bring home incarcerated native Hawaiians, ending the moratorium to open up more ag lands and to truly begin a process of true beneficiary consultations.

I and KCA wish to express to Alapaki **God speed and Mahalo** for what you tried to accomplish to **"...better the conditions of the native Hawaiians..."**

MALAMA KANALOA OCEAN DAY...SUCCESS

"...TO BETTER THE CONDITIONS OF ALL NATIVE HAWAIIANS..."

On February 18, 2012 **Ocean Day @ PACRC** (old sewer treatment plant) from 9-4pm was held and this year more people seemed to be in attendance. This was our 5th year participating with one of our many partners who help make Keaukaha a wonderful place to live and raise a family. That day became a great interaction for all wanting to learn about the ocean that connects us to our Pacific island cousins who also are rediscovering the ancient art of celestial navigation. I hope all our community organizations that had a booth there and used that as a fundraising venue made money. Mahalo Dr. Kevin Hopkins, **PACRC**, and **Erica Perry** for a wonderful time.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Join our face book page also at the same site you are able to share photos and topics of concerns you may want to have addressed and/or share with your community. Let those who want **"...move ahead using the social networks available..."** Sometimes its good fun!

Any Keaukaha resident can get the monthly newsletter by email. Send me your email request at our email address or I will continue to send you a hard copy to your home monthly.

Keaukaha Community will celebrate Kuhio Day @ Puhi Bay on March 24, 2012 from 9:00am-3:00pm

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Like in the past several years we will again have a day of fellowship with music and fun to celebrate and honor Prince **Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole**. He along with **John Wise** is considered the **founding father's** of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. We will be using the Keaukaha Beach Park from the sewer plant gate to the middle road across from Kamehameha Lodge. We again will have vendors and fundraisers by our schools and supporters of KCA. We are trying something new as we **will not** be serving "free" lunches but want you to support and buy your kaukau from our vendors who will be there selling some food to eat and other craft items that day. We have decided to make our annual Keaukaha Reunion and Hoolaulea in August as the place we provide everything to feed our families from Keaukaha and elsewhere. Keep that date available.

OHA has new CEO

Kamana'opono Crabbe is the new chief executive officer (CEO) of OHA. Keaukaha Community welcomes him and invites him to come and share his mana'o with this community when his schedule permits. KCA has also benefited from grants and programs from OHA and as beneficiaries it would be nice to meet and **kukakuka** with the CEO. Ho'omaika'i e Kamana'opono.

E MAKAALA KAKOU (BE VIGILANT)

Our East Hawaiian Commissioner Ian Leeloy will soon put together his "focus groups" concerning real property taxes, wellness centers, off-grid and Kauhale projects. I know he said he wanted it up and running by NOW... but things that are currently happening in the Legislature and within the DHHL @ Kuhio Hale in Kapolei needs to be addressed before we can proceed ahead with ANY meaningful "focus group discussions" I hope all who volunteered to be part of the dialog can understand this situation going on within our administration.

Geothermal energy also needs to be discussed. *Gaming or Gambling is probable "dead for this year but..."* **Governance** by the Community Associations to deal with issues and concern in a particular community unresolved. Unanswered questions, so the dialog must be ongoing. Whether or not **the consent** of the United States is necessary to amend the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920? If it will **BENEFIT THE BENEFICIARIES**, it may be a good thing? I don't know but **together** we must come up with solutions. WE NEED TO KEEP TALKING!!

Dealing on a local level with the County of Hawaii we still are unsure of where we are as **"delinquent"** real property taxpayers? Building permits process still unclear for beneficiaries. One bright spot may be in sewer assessment fees being

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exempted BUT ONLY UNTIL ALL THE REST OF HILO IS "HOOKED UP".

FAIR COMPENSATION! BENEFICIARY CONSULTATIONS!!!

Those are the catch phrases being used for anything **any** governmental entity wanting our input to do **any** project that directly or indirectly affects our lands and or our lives. We do this by showing up at meetings and voicing our **mana'o**, good bad or indifferent.

If we refuse to become involve then we have no one to blame when the "powers that be" make the decision without us. Frustrations! Same old talk and or Bull c#@! Why waste my time? Because that how they want us to think and they just move ahead with their plans.

That is the true meaning of Beneficiary Consultations...Talk to us **first** before you implement ANYTHING. Come on and let us be at the table.

KAWANANAKOA CENTER PLAYGROUND CLOSED FOR SAFETY REASONS.

The playground area next to the gym is closed due to unsafe conditions with the rubberized flooring at the playground. KCA will partner to quickly repair the ground so our children can begin to use this area again. The playground is for certain age limit and the older children should not be playing or using any of the equipment meant for our young children. We hope to get it done before summer break.

Also beginning on April 10-15, 2012 Kawananaoka Center will host a halau who will be in town to participate during the Merrie Monarch Festivals. Due to renovations @ Waiakea-Uka gym where this halau was going to stay the County did this one time exceptions to allow "sleep-overs @ Kawananaoka Center. Please try to respect the privacy of this halau and refrain from going to the gym during these times. More info please call Lindsey @ 961-8732.

INVITATION FROM MALIA PUKA O KALANI CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR EASTER

Food will be provided and even an easter egg hunt for the keiki. It should begin around 11:00am. Malia also operates a food pantry the last two Wednesday of the month from Noon-2:30pm. They also provide for those in need a bag of groceries to tie your over. The dates are: **March 21 and 28, April 18 and 25, May 23 and 30** Keep these dates in mind and come and enjoy an Easter Brunch on April 8, 2012

Agenda for March 21, 2012

Opening Pule

Reports

Guest

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E Makaala Kakou (Be Vigilant)

Closing Pule

KEAUKAHA SMILES.....ON YOU

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