



Ōlelo Launa

A Friendly Word

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President's Message

WAYNE NAKAMOTO

Aloha Neighbors,

On behalf of the Board, it's my hope you and your family are healthy and well. For our neighbors that were exposed to the virus, we're praying for your speedy recovery.

The 2021 Annual Meeting for Royal Kunia Community Association was cautiously set for September 8, 2021. The official Notice for the annual meeting and Proxies were mailed to each homeowner on July 26, 2021. We were on our way with the necessary preparations, including safety protocols to comply with government guidelines. The Mayor's August 23rd Orders affected our scheduled meeting and required it to be canceled.

The order of business at the annual meeting was for the election of directors. Because the meeting needed to be canceled, the current directors agreed to stay until the next annual meeting (historically) in February/March. Your directors are Ms. Charlene Duplantier (Site 12), Vice President; Mr. Gary Waters (Site 8), Treasurer; and Ms. Grace Montano-Devera (Site 299).

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Holiday Spirit Competition

Decorate your yard and show your holiday spirit!

The 10 sites of Royal Kunia will be competing for bragging rights for the best decorated site.

Councilman Augie Tulba will be judging unannounced December 1 - 7. Results will be announced on the RKCA website.

What's all the Noise About?

LINDA MAHELONA

In China, fireworks are used for cultural events and to ward off the bad of last year and welcome the new. They are used when opening businesses to welcome prosperity.

Today, here in Royal Kunia, it seems that on any and every occasion, any day of the week we are battling loud frightening noises, shaking houses and car alarms from fireworks. Our Kupuna, children and fur babies aren't expecting to be awakened from deep slumber like they have been recently. The noise makes children scream, Kupunas' hearts race, and fur babies run around the house scared, with some even running away from home.

Did you know that there are Firework Laws regarding the time of year that fireworks are permitted, hours that are acceptable to use them and how to legally purchase them? See the box on the right for pertinent information for fireworks celebrations.

Let's Talk Trash

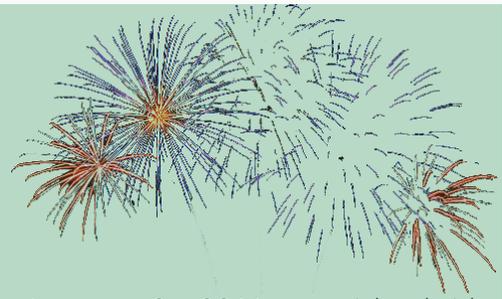
DIANE QUICK

No one likes to think about it, but as a society we create a lot of trash. Living on an island creates special problems when dealing with trash, because the rubbish has to go somewhere... and no one wants to live next to a landfill.

Oahu's current landfill, the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill (WGSL), will be closing by March 2, 2028, so a site for a replacement landfill must be found. The Land Use Commission has determined that a new location must be decided upon before December 31, 2022.

The Landfill Advisory Committee (LAC) is a group of nine people who have a large impact on where the new landfill will be located. Seven public meetings for the LAC to hear feedback from residents are tentatively scheduled to be held from Fall 2021 to Summer of 2022. After studying the possible sites and hearing comments from residents, the LAC will score and rank possible landfill sites. The scores and site ranking list will be sent to Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi, who will then make the final decision on the landfill location.

Possible locations for the landfill are: directly west of RK across from Kunia Road, north of RK on Kunia Road and central north Oahu. A landfill at any of these locations will have a direct impact on the RK community in terms of more traffic, noise from heavy trucks, loose



On January 2, 2011, an islandwide partial fireworks ban placed restrictions on pyrotechnics use for Oahu residents. The possession and use of fountains, sparklers, aerial fireworks, and other consumer fireworks are illegal and not permitted. A firecracker permit and a valid identification (ID) is required to purchase and use firecrackers on Oahu.

Firecrackers may only be used on the following holidays and designated times:

- 9 p.m. New Year's Eve to 1 a.m. New Year's Day
- 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Chinese New Year's Day
- 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fourth of July

Firecrackers may also be used from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for cultural events, such as, but not limited to, anniversaries, births, blessings, deaths, grand openings, and weddings.

[From Honolulu Fire Department](#)



Areas in white are possible locations for the future landfill

Meadows at Royal Kunia

ALBI MATEO

In the last newsletter President Nakamoto provided the history of the development of Royal Kunia. Mention was made with the parcels carved for proposed golf courses, which were sold by Halekua Development to private entities. It is important to note that the parcels carved for golf courses were excluded from the Royal Kunia Community Association (RKCA) in the protective covenants ([Article II, Section 2.01 of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Protective Covenants](#)). As such, RKCA has no control or authority over the proposed golf course land.

Approximately 172 acres (site of the proposed second golf course) was sold to a Japan-based company in 1989. Saddled with a Unilateral Agreement and Declaration For Conditional Zoning with the City, the land zoned P-2 General Preservation, stayed vacant.

In 2005 the three (3) parcels of the proposed second golf course were purchased by Central Oahu Associates with the intent to build homes on the land. Constructing homes there would have required a zoning change, and the community was opposed to more homes, so the land remained undeveloped.

In 2016, Central Oahu Associates carved the largest parcel (132 acres) to thirteen (13) Units and submitted the plans to the State Real Estate Commission to form The Meadows At Royal Kunia, a Condominium Property Regime (CPR). The CPR process did not require a public hearing, so neither RKCA nor the general public was informed. Sales of the Units were also conducted privately. Upon learning of the sales, RKCA requested Meadows to provide their plans for the development of the land. To date, Meadows have not been able to provide any plans.

Land zoned P-2 General Preservation such as Meadows has limited uses that do not require a permit from the City. [Chapter 21 Land Use Ordinance, Table 21-3 Master Use Table](#) provides uses and requirements. For ease of reading, [Table 21-3](#) has been simplified in the Royal Kunia website.

In April 2021, Councilmember Tulba facilitated a briefing with Meadows At Royal Kunia Board of Directors and the RKCA Board. RKCA is continuing to follow up with Councilmember Tulba, Representative Ty Cullen and applicable governmental agencies. The Meadows board requested community concerns to be directed to Augusto S. Concepcion, President of The Meadows at Royal Kunia Condominium. Mr. Concepcion may be contacted at (808) 638-1699 or via e-mail at investors8008@yahoo.com.

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I want to thank you for taking the time to participate in the Traffic Calming Survey. Five hundred sixty-five (565) homeowners responded by mail-in and online. Some results are as follows:

- > Issue 1. Speed tables -Anonui - 70% Concurred
Comments: Majority favored Anoiki Street to be included
- > Issue 2. Radar speed signs along Anonui - 55% Concurred
- > Issue 3. Traffic Light at Anonui and Anoiki intersection
4.25% Concurred 44.07% Non-Concurred
- > Issues 4 & 5. NO Parking Any Time/Tow Away Zone/NO Loitering
Anoiki above Anonui - 57% Concurred
Anoiki below Anonui - 41% Concurred
- > Issue 8. Should efforts be made to increase visible patrolling
45% On-duty HPD Only
24% On-duty and Special Duty HPD
18% Contract Security Guard when HPD Special Duty is not scheduled
5% Contract Security Guard only.

Please visit royalkuniacommunityassociation.org for details of the results. Your Board will be discussing the results and submit its request to the City for consideration.

The last item, the Newsletter Committee proposed a Christmas Holiday Decorating Contest. I believe it has been at least 10 years from our last community event. Please see the details in this newsletter.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to close with a heartfelt Seasons Greetings to our members, staff, vendors, and property manager. Let's end the year safe and healthy and begin the year fresh and full of prosperity.

Let's Talk Trash Continued from Page 2

rubbish lost from garbage trucks, floating dust, and possibly even odor.

State senator Kurt Fevella (Dist. 19) has already registered his strong opposition to another West Oahu landfill. In an October 4, 2021 [letter addressed to the LAC](#), he stated that our part of the island has already shouldered the burden of many of the island's polluting facilities such as landfills, garbage dumps, incinerators and sewage treatment plants. He feels that it is time for another area of the Oahu to take responsibility for the landfill in the name of environmental justice.

What can we do to influence where the landfill will be located? The LAC is seeking opinions from residents and is asking everyone to complete the survey at their [webpage](#). Filling out the survey is an easy first step to make your voice heard. We can also attend neighborhood board meetings where the LAC will be present to get feedback from communities, as well as attend the public meetings that will be held by the LAC.

Stay up to date on the latest information regarding the landfill by checking for updates on the official [Department of Environmental Services Refuse Division webpage](#). That is where you will find the survey, information on the selection process, information on meetings and recordings of past meetings. You can also like the @HNL.OPALA page on Facebook to get updates on the selection process.

It's time to talk trash and make our voices heard!

Notable Royals

BETTY BAYLES

"Grow where you're planted" is a well-known phrase that describes someone who optimizes all circumstances of their life. If you know Connie Respicio, you know that she and her husband Matt are thriving "plants" in the Royal Kunia garden.

Connie came to O'ahu seventeen years ago from Wisconsin as a young nurse. She met her husband Matt, also a health care worker, on a blind date. They married and moved into their Royal Kunia home in 2006. She works at Queen's Punchbowl as an endoscopy/colonoscopy nurse. Her care for others doesn't end with her job, as she calls her parents daily for a wellness check and to engage them in an exercise routine. Matt is a retired healthcare worker and shares her interest in Master Gardening. Their home and garden reflects their talent for nurturing a beautiful island oasis that invites the onlooker in from front to back. She also gives the children in her cul-de-sac art lessons with paint and found beach treasures.

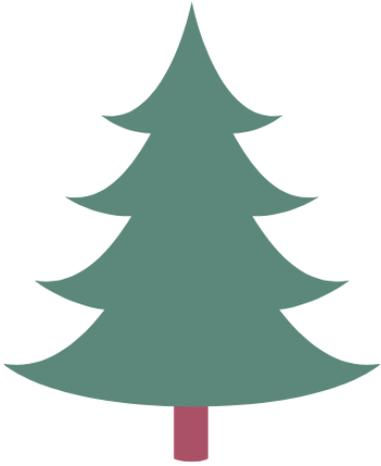
Connie has headed the Neighborhood Watch program with Officer Paiwa for about five years. The Respicios can often be seen walking together, Connie wearing her bright yellow Neighborhood Watch shirt, picking up opala along the way. This is the quiet, selfless dedication that typifies her commitment to improving her life along with the lives of others. She embraces aloha with all her neighbors on her cul-de-sac as she is aware of every one of the families' names along with the cars they drive. Texts are exchanged between her and those neighbors to keep communication flowing, especially if urgent information needs to be shared. When Neighborhood Watch meetings can resume, you can find out how to set up a Neighborhood Watch program in your own block or cul-de-sac.

When asked what motivates her to be her best, she mentioned two philosophies. The first: one doesn't have to seek large-scale projects, but to start small. Acts of kindness have a ripple effect. Second, The Golden Rule: do unto others as you would have them do unto you. You can see this lived out in Connie—when she speaks, she looks directly into your eyes and always wears a smile. She avoids speaking negatively about others. I believe that's a good habit she's cultivated, just as she has cultivated her beautiful Royal Kunia garden. When you see her on the road, wave and know that we're lucky to have Connie as our neighbor.



Connie Respicio in her garden oasis.

WAIPAHU EVENTS CALENDAR



Waipahu Family Market

- Sunday, November 7, 2021 and November 28, 2021
- Sunday, December 5, 2021 and December 12, 2021
- 3:00pm to 7:00pm
- Kabayan Hall: 94-216 Farrington Hwy, Ste A-107, Waipahu, HI 96797

Waikele Snack & Craft Fair

- Friday, November 19, 2021 and December 17, 2021
- 4:00pm to 8:00pm
- Waikele Center: 94-849 Lumiaina St, Waipahu, HI 96797

Island Craves Food & Craft Pop-Up

- Saturday, November 6, 2021: 11:00am to 4:30pm
- Sunday, November 7, 2021: 12:00pm to 4:30pm
- Saturday, November 20, 2021: 11:00am to 4:30pm
- Sunday, November 21, 2021: 12:00pm to 4:30pm
- Waikele Center: 94-849 Lumiaina St, Waipahu, HI 96797 (located in the parking lot closest to Coach Store)

What the Truck?

- First Friday of the Month
- Friday, November 5, 2021: 4:00pm to 8:00pm
- Friday, December 3, 2021: 4:00pm to 8:00pm
- Friday, January 7, 2022: 4:00pm to 8:00pm
- Waikele Center: 94-849 Lumiaina St, Waipahu, HI 96797

PEOPLE'S OPEN MARKET

CLOSED ON ALL CITY HOLIDAYS

TUESDAYS

- 8:15am to 9:15am
- Waipahu District Park: 94-230 Paiwa St, Waipahu, HI 96797

SUNDAYS

- 9:30am to 11:00am
- Royal Kunia Park-n-Ride (Kupuna Lp/Kupuohi St)
- 11:30am to 12:30pm
- Waikele Community Park: 94-870 Lumiaina St, Waipahu, HI 96797



If you have a future event in our neighborhood that you would like add please send info to admin@royalkuniacommunityassociation.org



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Abandoned Vehicles: 768-2530
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Board of Water Supply: 748-5000 Building Dept. (Permits): 768-8220
Bus Schedules/Routes: 848-5555 Crime Stoppers: 955-8300
Domestic Violence Hotline: 841-0822 Dept. of Health: 586-4400
Hawaiian Electric Co: 548-7311 Poison Control Center: 1-800-222-1222
Police (Pearl City Station): 723-8800 HPD Community Police Team: 723-8805

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Go to www.Royalkuniacommunityassociation.org for a complete listing of important contacts

A big MAHALO to all those who call in broken sprinkler heads, leaking water valves, burned out lights, and everything else that you report. Your efforts go a long way to make our community safer, brighter, cleaner and a great place to live.