

Ōlelo Launa



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President's Message

Wayne Nakamoto

Aloha all;

This will be my final column for the Newsletter as President. On Wednesday, June 29, 2022, Charlene DuPlantier was named our new President. In addition to that change, two new directors were appointed to the RKCA Board: Juanita Warren and Darlene Daniel. Juanita will fill the role of Vice President and Grace Devera-Montano will be Secretary, while I will remain on the board as your Treasurer. Please wish Charlene, Juanita, Grace and Darlene a big congratulations on their new roles. I am excited to face the new term with them.

In my ending notes, I want to remind residents of the need for community involvement in our various committees which still have vacant positions. As we go into the holiday season, please remember to mask up and keep safe.

Sincerely,
Wayne Nakamoto

Saturday
November 12th
Pot-Luck and Picnic
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Meet the RK Board

Betty Bayles

On July 29, two more community members were appointed to the RK Board of Directors to make a total of five volunteers who now work for the betterment of the community. Their positions are as follows: Charlene DuPlantier, President; Juanita Warren, Vice-President; Wayne Nakamoto, Treasurer; Grace Devera-Montano, Secretary; and Darlene Daniel, Director. Each of these volunteers possess a unique skill set which they will use to strengthen and improve the community.

Each member was given the same set of questions and they all responded that improving communication between the Board of Directors and the RK community is one of the foremost tasks they hope to accomplish. Beyond the commonalities of their responses, their unique answers reflected their seasoned experiences and perspectives. Let's get to know two of the directors in this issue, with the others to follow in the next issue.

Charlene and Grace have many common ideas that will help the community to move toward new heights. Let's express our gratitude for their community service and thank them the next time you see them.

Grace Devera-Montano, Board member since 2021. Grace was born and raised in Tanauan, Leyte in the Philippines. She retired from the US Air Force after 21 years as a Medical Administrator. Grace currently works as an analyst at Tripler Army MedicalCenter. She holds an MBA in Business Administration and a Bachelors in Psychology. She also finds time to work part-time as a real estate agent. She has owned a home in RK with her husband Richard since 2001, although military duties necessitated that they rent out their home during assignments elsewhere. She and her husband are involved with the Boy Scouts of America where Richard volunteers as a Scoutmaster for BSA Troop 488. They have two children, one in college and the other in high school. Their extended support to their 'ohana in the Philippines as well as care for a disabled family member speaks to their strong family values.



Grace's inspiration to volunteer for the Board is the desire to live in a good community. She wrote, "Our community is just as good as we make it to be, so we all need to pitch in somehow. It can be as simple as showing up at our community event or minding our speed when driving through our community." She also believes her experience in the military and now as a civil servant analyst allows her to fairly assess data and apply that skill to the improvement of the community.

Three areas that Grace identified for improvement in RK are: trust, camaraderie and self-development. She senses a lack of trust in the way the community perceives the Board, so her plan is to improve that relationship. Camaraderie can be improved, she writes, by holding community events. She hopes to see the first of these events held before the end of the year. Grace previously has lived in communities where many self-development activities were encouraged. She would like to see the RK Recreation Center used to host a number of activities in order to promote a healthy and active lifestyle.



Charlene DuPlantier, Board member since 2018. Charlene was born and raised on the East Coast, primarily North Carolina. She is a retired Navy Chief Petty Officer with an MBA in Education. Her previous leadership experience includes membership for three terms on a school board. She and her husband, also a retired Navy veteran, have lived with their two adult sons in RK since 2005.

Her greatest inspiration for volunteering for the Board reflects a rare sense of altruism. "I volunteer because I love to help whenever and wherever possible and learn new things." When asked what she views as the strength of RK, she answered, "Beautiful and Strong." She isn't focused on the pin on the map we call Royal Kunia, but rather the people of RK, comprised of residents, management and leadership.

Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW)

The "Eyes and Ears" of HPD

What NSW Does:

- Organizes walks for residents in the neighborhood
- Promotes knowing neighbors in our community
- Reports suspicious activity to the police
- Acts as a visible deterrent against crime
- Coordinates with community policing to organize community cleanups

What NSW Doesn't Do:

- Report covenant violations or violations of community rules
- Take the place of police officers
- Confront people breaking laws
- Act as vigilantes

Goals of the Neighborhood Security Watch

- Educate the public about local crime problems and ways to improve residential security
- Implement coordinated, community-based programs to increase awareness and concern for the protection of homes within a given community
- Identify and develop effective measures for the prevention, deterrence, and reduction of specific crimes
- Strengthen police-community relations

Citizen Patrol Walkers @ Site 13

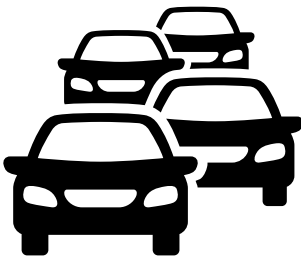
Meet up every Wednesday at 6 pm at the grass area on Kuoo Street. We welcome residents of all ages and fur babies, too! If you can, please wear your yellow Citizen Patrol shirt (if you are interested in getting one please email Connie at RKEvents@gmail.com).

Please contact Connie at RKEvents@gmail.com to get more information about NSW groups in your immediate area.



Traffic Calming Survey 2021 Update

In 2021, the Royal Kunia Community Association sent out a survey to all the homeowners in our community. The results (which can be viewed on our Association's website: www.royalkuniacommunityassociation.org) were shared with the City and County of Honolulu. In March 2022, a representative from the Department of Transportation attended our 2022 annual meeting and explained possible remedies to combat our concerns regarding speeding and parking. The Department of Transportation is continuing to evaluate our traffic calming survey results and we will provide updates to our homeowners as we receive additional information.



Let's All Do Our Part to Conserve Water

According to the [US Drought Monitor](#), parts of Oahu, including Royal Kunia, are currently experiencing moderate to severe drought. We have been experiencing below average rainfall which is expected to continue, which will make the [drought even more severe](#). Because of this and other threats to our water supply, the Board of Water Supply has asked that everyone reduce their water consumption by 10%.

Everyone knows things we can do as individuals to reduce water usage, such as watering lawns less frequently, taking shorter showers and running dishwashers and clothes washers only when full. But what can we do as a community to save our precious water supply?

Report leaks and malfunctioning sprinklers in Royal Kunia: The beautiful landscaping in Royal Kunia is dependent on irrigation to stay lush and green. It is important to use this water wisely! If you see problems with the common area irrigation system, please report it so it can be fixed. To report problems call the Association Office at (808) 688-9000.

Report water wasting: If you see water being wasted, call the [Board of Water Supply Water Waste Hotline](#) at (808) 748-5041. If you see a broken water pipe, a malfunctioning irrigation sprinkler or a faucet left running, they want to know. Tell them the location of the problem, the type of waste occurring and any other important information you might have about the situation.

Encourage friends, family and neighbors to conserve water: Speak up! Remind others to do what they can to save our water supply. Every drop is precious!



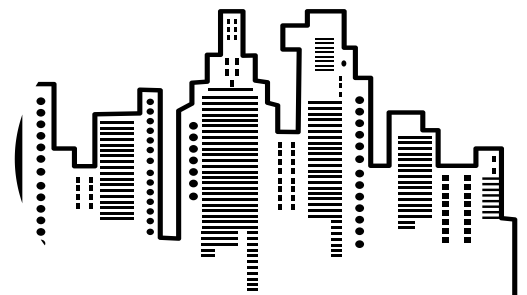
Royal Kunia II Commercial Site Set for Development

Andrew Gomes, The Honolulu Star-Advertiser, reprinted with permission

November 18, 2021

A California company has bought part of the undeveloped second phase of Oahu's Royal Kunia subdivision to deliver a long-planned industrial business park. Jupiter Holdings LLC acquired the 123-acre site from an affiliate of the nonprofit Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Foundation, both organizations announced Wednesday. A price was not disclosed.

The purchase follows a move last year by the local affiliate of Japan-based development firm Haseko to acquire a 211-acre portion of the Royal Kunia Phase II site with plans to build 1,850 homes there.



Annual Royal Kunia Community Pot-Luck and Picnic

Saturday
November 12, 2022
10 AM to 3 PM



7:00 am - 9:00 am	Set up for Garage Sale
9:00 am - 11:00 am	Meal Ticket Distribution
9:30 am - 10:45 am	Food Donation Collection
10:00 am - 11:30 am	Manifest Boulevard Band
10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Games
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Meal
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Clean up

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- 6 - Food servers
- 2 - Registration/meal tickets
- 2 - Veteran sticker distribution
- 4 - Game monitors
- 10 - Set up/clean up crew

Contact Grace Devera-Montano at (808) 371-0737 or deverag@yahoo.com



Hamburgers and hotdogs provided by RKCA.

First come first served.



Parking will be limited. Please plan accordingly.



Homeowner's Garage Sale

Provide your own tent, tables and chairs

Call or text Fam Pakele at (808) 382-2035 to register.



Shave ice available for purchase!

Cutest Pet Contest



Submit your best photo of your family pets along with your name, address and phone number to newsletter@royalkuniacommunityassociation.org.

Deadline for submissions is October 15, 2022



We know YOU have the cutest pets, and we want to see them!!



Got Graffiti?



To get graffiti removed from HECO transformer boxes:

1. Take a photo of the graffiti
2. Note the address of the transformer
3. Email photo and address of transformer to seccc@hawaiianelectric.com

Each transformer with graffiti to be removed requires an individual email.



RKCA Board Members

President: Charlene DuPlantier

Vice President: Juanita Warren

Treasurer: Wayne Nakamoto

Secretary: Grace Devera-Montano

Director: Darlene Daniel

Do you have a question or issue you would like to see addressed in the next Ōlelo Launa? We would love to hear your comments!

newsletter@royalkuniacommunityassociation.org

Next Board of Director Meeting

Royal Kunia Recreation Center at 6:00 pm on October 20, 2022

Currently, meetings are held at the call of the Board President.

Feel free to call the Association office to confirm the next meeting date.

Newsletter Committee Members

Diane Quick - Editor

Betty Bayles

Darlene Daniel

Art Kluvo

Linda Mahelona

Tracie Matsuo



Looking for volunteers for the following committees:

- Government Affairs / Education
- Newsletter
- Events / Membership

More volunteers means we can accomplish more throughout the year to make our community great! Join us!

Do you have a future event that you would like to add to the newsletter?

Send the information to

newsletter@royalkuniacommunityassociation.org



Events / Membership Committee Members

Fam Pekele - Co-Chair

Norma Valdez - Co-Chair

Darlene Daniel

Grace Devera-Montano

Charlene DuPlantier

Diane Quick

Connie Respicio

We are considering advertising from local neighborhood businesses in our future newsletters. If you own a local business or know of one that is interested in advertising, please send an email to newsletter@royalkuniacommunityassociation.org



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Abandoned Vehicles: 768-2530
Animal Complaints: Humane Society @ 946-2187
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.