

Ōlelo Launa



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President's Message

Wayne Nakamoto

Aloha Neighbors,

Congratulations to Site 9 for winning the 2021 Holiday Spirit Decorating Contest! All Sites in our community were decorated more than ever.

Our 2022 Annual Meeting was held Wednesday, March 9th for the Master. Sub-associations Site 4A, March 14th; Site 4B, March 15th; and Kulana Knolls, March 16th. Thank you to all of you that returned your proxy and/or personally attended the meetings.

Annual Meeting Notices were mailed to all Royal Kunia Community Association (RKCA) homeowners in January, followed by proxies in February. The timing of annual meeting notice mailings is critical for the association to be in compliance with State laws and the governing documents.

The By-Laws for RKCA require 1/3 of the membership to attend by proxy or in-person to establish quorum. The order of business for annual meetings are to elect new board members. The last election was April 10, 2019. All four (4) of the Directors terms expired, so the board had been anxious to have quorum at its 2022 Annual Meeting.

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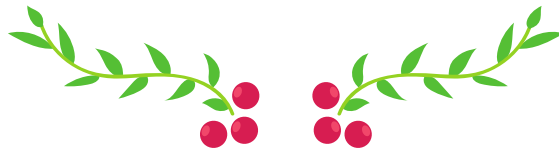
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For lack of quorum, three (3) Directors - Ms. Charlene Duplantier (Site 12), Ms. Grace Monatano-Devera (Site 299) and myself (Site 10) have agreed to stay until the 2023 Annual Meeting. There is one (1) vacancy. The Board is continuing to accept bios from homeowners expressing interest to fill the vacancy.

Invited guests at the annual meeting were: Council Members Augie Tulba, District 9 and Heidi Tsuneyoshi, District 2; Jed Miyazaki,

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Holiday Spirit Award Winner!

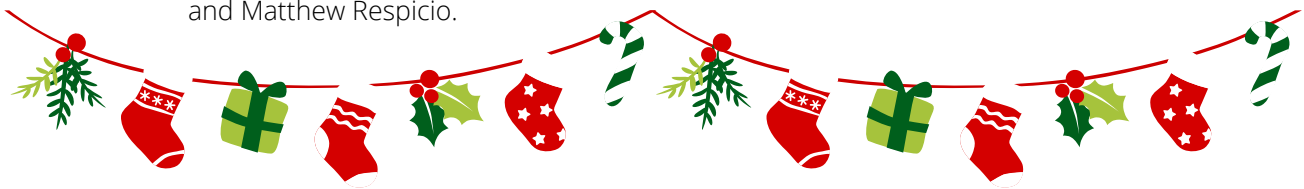
Councilman Augie Tulba declared **Site 9** as the winner of the first annual Holiday Spirit Decorating Contest! Congratulations Site 9, and mahalo to all residents who showed their holiday spirit.



Anyone who is interested in planning a bigger and better contest for 2022 please call the Royal Kunia Community Management Office and ask for information about joining the Events Committee.



Matthew and Connie Respicio received the winner's plaque on behalf of Site 9. Neighborhood. From left, District 2 CM Tsuneyoshi, Connie Respicio, District 9 CM Tulba and Matthew Respicio.



We Need You!



Your support is needed to produce Ōlelo Launa! We are currently looking for people who can help in the following areas:

- Making a quarterly list of local upcoming events
- Formatting the newsletter in Canva every three months
- "Roving Reporter" to ask people in Royal Kunia simple questions
- Minutes taker for Newspaper Committee meetings

If you have a desire to contribute your ideas, we can work together to produce something great for our community. Ōlelo Launa is produced quarterly, so if you have about four hours a month to contribute, please email Diane Quick at newsletter@royalkuniacommunityassociation.org or the Association office at admin@royalkuniacommunityassociation.org to sign up for the Newsletter Committee.

Help Wanted

Event Staffers

The Royal Kunia Community Association is accepting applications for parties in the Community Recreation Center

Event Staff will be part-time casual

Job Requirements:

Must be 21 and older

Able to work weekends (Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays)

Be able to lift up to 50 pounds

Responsible and outgoing person with a can-do, positive attitude

Interested applicants can e-mail

admin@royalkuniacommunityassociation.org

"The purpose of life is to contribute in some way to making things better."

- Robert F. Kennedy



Wanted!!!

Responsible Pet Owners

Tracie Matsuo

In our community, I see many residents walking in our neighborhoods and see people using it for daily exercise for our children, our beloved pets and ourselves. We would like to keep it clean and safe for all individuals and families. Picking up after your pet (including dogs and cats) may not be the most glamorous part about owning a pet, but it is still part of the responsibility you take on when adding a pet to your family. Not to mention that it is against the law for pet owners to neglect cleaning up after their pets.

According to City and County of **Honolulu in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu ("ROH"), chapter 29, section 4.4(a)(9) in Prohibited activities:**

"No person shall permit an animal owned by such person or while in the person's custody to excrete any solid waste in any public place or on any private premises not the property of such owner; provided, however, that nothing herein shall affect the duty of the property owner or occupier to keep the premises free of litter and provided further that no violation shall occur if the owner of the offending animal promptly and voluntarily removes the animal waste."

Just wanted to remind all of our homeowners that there are various county and state laws that all pet owners must follow for the benefit of the entire community. I have included a link below to the Hawaiian Humane Society webpage.

<https://hawaiianhumane.org/animal-welfare-laws/>

Difference Between Maintenance and Product Fees

Albi Mateo

In November of 2021, all Royal Kunia homeowners received, via mail, the 2022 Budget, Maintenance/Product Fee Schedule and Reserve Analysis letter for RKCA. To minimize the cost related to the printing and postage for the Association, details of the 2022 Budget & Reserve Analysis are posted on the Royal Kunia Community Association website www.royalkuniacommunityassociation.org for your review and information. Please feel free to call the Association office or e-mail to request for printed copies to be mailed.

The most frequently asked question pertains to the difference between "Maintenance Fees" and "Product Fees."

Maintenance Fees, which at times are referenced as the "Master Association Dues." Each Lot/Unit in Royal Kunia pays monthly Maintenance Fees. Effective January 1, 2022, the Maintenance Fees increased from \$49.00 to \$53.00. The increase is due to the cost of insurance premiums, utilities and maintenance of Common Areas. The Association is required to maintain the common elements such as the irrigation systems, the common fences and walls, the water quality basins, three parks including the 12-acre gated park, the comfort stations, play courts, playground equipment and the recreation center.

For any questions, please call the Royal Kunia Community Association office at 688-9000 or e-mail admin@royalkuniacommunityassociation.org

Product Fees are not applicable to each Lot/Unit. If your Neighborhood has a Product Fee, this is an addition to the Maintenance Fee. This is where the confusion occurs because the amount of monthly Product Fees differs for each Neighborhood depending on the cost of maintaining the special features of the Neighborhood.

- Site 6 & 7 Neighborhood - \$40.00
- Site 12 & 13 Country Lanes Neighborhood - \$55.87
- Site 12 & 13 Court Yards Neighborhood - \$28.67

The Product Fees for the above Neighborhoods pay for the landscaping maintenance, irrigation repairs, electricity for the walkways and Private Roadways lighting, maintenance and repair of the private lamps, liability insurance, roadway and sidewalk repairs.

- Site 299 Neighborhood - \$94.23

The Product Fees for this neighborhood are for the maintenance of the Designated Landscape Areas (front yard landscaping and irrigation), corner planter boxes and iron fencing fronting the Collector Road (Leia Street).

Site 4A & 4B and Kulana Knolls have respective sub-associations (Association of Apartment Owners) and pay fees to their immediate AOA for the maintenance of their Limited Common/Common Elements. The current Managing Agent for all sub-associations is Associa Hawaii.



President's Message

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Kunia Residential Partners and Layden Akasaki,
Dept. of Transportation Services.

- CM Tulba was asked by the RKCA Newsletter Committee to judge the 2021 Holiday Spirit Decorating Contest in December. The plaque was awarded to Site 9 Neighborhood. Connie and Matthew Respicio were present to accept the award on behalf of Site 9 residents. Great job, Site 9!
- CM Tulba informed the community of the City's reapportionment and how Royal Kunia residents are affected. Effective 2022 elections, Royal Kunia will be shifted to District 2, which is currently CM Tsuneyoshi's district.
- CM Tsuneyoshi explained the road dedication process from private (developer) to the City, which is occurring in all developments. Roadway improvements (traffic calming measures, new/additional traffic signs, etc.) are requested to the City's Dept. of Transportation Services. Communities are encouraged to work with their council member.

- Jed Miyazaki updated the homeowners with the ongoing sidewalk repairs:
 - Sites 9, 10, 13 and portions of Anonui Street
 KRP is continuing to work on dedicating the portion of Anonui from the top of Anoiki to Puia to the City. There are technical easement matters being addressed.
- Layden Akasaki did a power point presentation. The proposed roadway improvement(s) are in response to the results of the Traffic Calming survey -speeding/racing and cyclists riding in packs. The presentation may be viewed on the [Association Website](#).
- DTS is working on plans for NO Parking signs along the top of Anoiki -fronting the Rec. Park. The completed plans will be submitted to Dept. of Facility Maintenance for the installation.

In case you haven't noticed, larger "SPEED LIMIT 25" and crosswalk signs have been installed along Anoiki Street. The larger signs are to increase conspicuity.

By the time you're reading this, plans will be underway for your family and friends to gather and celebrate Easter Sunday. The spirit of Easter is all about HOPE, LOVE and JOYFUL LIVING. On behalf of the RKCA Board, management and staff, Happy Easter!

Best Yard of the Summer!

Who do you think has the best looking yard in Royal Kunia? Nominate their property to receive the designation "Best Yard of Summer!" The three properties in Royal Kunia that receive the most nominations will win a prize.

Residents may nominate more than one yard, but can vote for each yard just once.

No voting for your own yard, please! Nominations can be made at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fH8DmcHyfLzI92gUnRu5vwAb9SLY2cdQ_jypOtAUDQM/edit

Deadline for nominations is May 30.

Newsletter comments and concerns welcomed. Please send an email to
newsletter@royalkuniacommunityassociation.org

Notable Royals

Betty Bayles

Our neighbor, Mark Salondaka, deserves our gratitude and respect. He has lived in Site 5 of Royal Kunia since 2002. He grew up within two miles of RK before it became the residential community that we all know. He served in the United States Air Force for his career, currently works as a civilian for the Air Force, and will very shortly retire to begin the next chapter of his life. Like Connie and Matt Respecio whom we profiled in the last edition of the newsletter, this family man has been serving the community for over two years in a way that directly affects us, our property values, and the general beautification of the neighborhood. He does this quietly, without being compensated or recognized in any way.

Mark returns the abandoned shop wagons that are occasionally seen on the side of the road at the main entrance to RK, along Kunia Road, and behind Walmart across from Kulana Knolls. He has even retrieved them from the underpass into Robinson Heights. If he is going to run errands at Times, Don Quijote or Pacific Seafood Market, he loads the wagons in the back of his truck and unloads them in their respective parking lots. There is no agreement between him and the merchants and no compensation for his time or service. He does this because the alternative, seeing abandoned carts scattered about the neighborhood, is not an option for him.

The main, but not singular, source of the problem, Mark says, is a homeless person. There is no immediate resolution to the problem since the offender isn't a RK resident. Carts taken from local shops within walking distance are left at the entrance to RK. There are often more just down the embankment which Mark has retrieved with some difficulty.

When encouraged to use this platform to stimulate others to make improvements in the community, he suggested looking for something that needs to be done and simply doing it. If, on your way out to Times or Walmart you spot an abandoned wagon, take the additional two minutes to put it in your truck and return it. It will keep costs down for the stores and improve the place you live in.

There are many in the community who quietly perform similar acts of kindness whom we hope to feature in future editions of the newsletter. Let's show them our appreciation by "paying forward" their example of community kindness.

Kindness
MATTERS!



Waipahu Events & Activities

People's Open Market - Closed on all City Holidays

Tuesday

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



Sunday

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

Island Craves Farmers Market

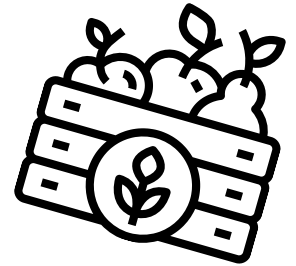
Every 4th Sunday of the Month

Sunday, April 24, 2022: 11:00am – 3:00pm

Sunday, May 29, 2022: 11:00am – 3:00pm

Sunday, June 26, 2022: 11:00am – 3:00pm

Waikele Center: 94-849 Lumiaina St, Waipahu, HI 96797



Island Craves Food and Craft Pop-Up

Saturday, April 23, 2022: 11:00am – 4:00pm

Saturday, May 14, 2022 & Sunday, May 15, 2022: 11:00am – 4:00pm

Saturday, May 28, 2022: 11:00am – 4:00pm

Saturday, June 11, 2022 & Sunday, June 12, 2022: 11:00am – 4:00pm

Saturday, June 25, 2022: 11:00am – 4:00pm

Waikele Center: 94-849 Lumiaina St, Waipahu, HI 96797

What the Truck?

First Friday of the Month

Friday, May 6, 2022: 4:00pm – 8:00pm

Friday, June 3, 2022: 4:00pm – 8:00pm

Waikele Center: 94-849 Lumiaina St, Waipahu, HI 96797

Neighborhood Security Watch Meeting

Saturday, April 23, 2022: 9:00 am

Royal Kunia Recreation Center parking lot

Monthly Board of Director Meetings

Royal Kunia Recreation Center at 6:00 pm

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

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

If you have a future event that you would like to add to the newsletter, please send the information to newsletter@royalkuniacommunityassociation.org



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Gwenn Bresslauer,
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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.