

Ōlelo Launa



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President's Message

Wayne Nakamoto

Aloha Neighbors,

At the April 21st Board of Directors Meeting, Ms. Skye Yasuda proposed for a Royal Kunia Beautification Day, since the last group clean-up was in 2018.

On Saturday, May 7th, participants started their day meeting in the Community Rec. Center parking lot. The group picked up trash along Anonui and Kupuohi Streets, collected grocery carts and painted over graffiti.

The clean-up was a collaboration with the Neighborhood Security Watch group, HPD's Community Policing Team and Waipahu High School students in the Phi Theta Kappa, Beta Chi Omega Chapter. It was the last service activity for the 2021-2022 school year.

Thank you, Skye, for taking the initiative to organize our Waipahu High School students and leading the way to contribute positivity in the community. A big MAHALO to the Neighborhood Security Watch group and HPD Community Policing Team for supporting the clean-up and leading by example.





Royal Kunia Clean-up

Diane Quick

Royal Kunia residents aged 5 to 85 gathered together on Saturday, May 7th for a community clean-up organized by Connie Respicio, Sue Weaver and Skye Yasuda. In addition to the Royal Kunia residents, about 18 honors students from Waipahu High School participated in the event, which included painting graffiti, scraping tape from light poles, picking up trash and returning shopping carts.

After two hours of cleaning, participants were treated to pizza courtesy of Sharon Victoria, the manager of the Royal Kunia Domino's and drinks donated by Linda Mahelona and Sport Stan. Jamba drinks were provided by Phi Theta Kappa, Beta Chi Omega chapter of the International honor society.

"Clean communities equal healthy citizens," said organizer Connie Respicio. "Thank you to those who gave up a few hours of their time to help clean up Royal Kunia."



Paying Your Association Dues

Lillian McCarthy, Touchstone Properties

Paying your association dues can be a burden as the months go by so quickly. Many years ago, the only way to pay your dues was to write a check monthly, quarterly, annually or by whatever interval was required by the association.

Today there are several options available to pay your association dues. Many owners continue to pay their monthly dues by check, money order or cashiers checks.

Another very reliable and recommended way to pay your monthly dues is by signing up for automatic deductions through Touchstone Properties. The benefit of signing up for automatic deductions through Touchstone Properties is the amount deducted will adjust automatically if there is a change of the association dues. As long as the bank account has sufficient funds, you will not be charged any late fees. The deductions will be made on the 10th of every month and if the 10th falls on a holiday or weekend, the deduction will occur on the following business day. There is no cost for owners who want to use the Touchstone Properties Automatic Payment Program option and only the association dues will be deducted until this option is canceled or you sell your home. Upon receipt of the documents from escrow when your home is sold, the deductions will automatically cease.

Clickpay is also available as an option to pay your association dues and is available through the [Touchstone Properties website](#). Using Clickpay provides the owner with the option to select how much to pay and the date of the deduction. Clickpay does not have an automatic feature to adjust the amount paid so owners who select this option as a method to pay their association dues will have to update the amount of the monthly deduction when the association dues change. This option also comes with a cost to the user. Currently there is a cost of 2.95% charged to the owner for credit card payments and a flat \$9.95 cost to the owner for debit card payments. There is no charge for e-checks.

Owners also have the option to set up automatic deductions through their own financial institutions. While this may be a good option for many, any owner who utilizes this option will need to notify their financial institution when there is a change in the association dues. This option can also be burdensome as payments which are received without the monthly coupon can be delayed if Touchstone Properties is unable to identify the account the payment belongs to.

Unless payments are received through the Touchstone Properties Automatic Payment Program or through Clickpay, payments received through all other means must have the monthly coupon included so payment processing is not delayed.

Article VI, Section 6.07(b) of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Protective Covenants states,

“...if the Owner fails to pay any assessment within ten (10) days of the due date, a reasonable late fee as determined by the Board shall be assessed against the Owner. The initial late fee shall be \$20.00.”

Having choices on how to pay your monthly dues has come a long way. Initially the only way to pay your dues was by check. We need to keep in mind that each payment method has its own limitations and the owner/user has a responsibility in the process. Each owner is encouraged to select the payment method that is best for his or her lifestyle.

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

Royal Kunia Landscaping Honored

Betty Bayles

Have you ever considered the work involved in maintaining the 36 acres of landscaping in our community? Has anyone such as your visiting family or friends complimented the excellence of the green spaces within our community: the flower-lined sidewalks, tree-canopied community park or the green spaces within the various sites? Do you sense and appreciate the relaxation that the shaded breezes blowing through the trees provides? It doesn't happen magically; ground crews for Takano Nakamura Landscaping, Takenaka Landscaping, and Trees of Hawaii are regularly and reliably attending to the trimming, feeding, and nurturing of all things that grow green within our community.



An independent professional publication, Building Management Hawaii, recognized Royal Kunia Community Association General Manager Albi Mateo and the three contracted maintenance companies that care for our green spaces in its January 2022 magazine. Take pride that our association dues have made it possible to have a relaxing and professionally recognized green place we call home and also that a professional publication has recognized it, too. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/yxsmdwxn> to read the full article in Building Management Hawaii.



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The Royal Kunia Community Recreation Center (CRC) is now re-open for use. The Policies & Procedures are revised. It will be most helpful to review the Revised Policies & Procedures along with the Revised Frequently Asked Questions before filling out the CRC Reservation Form (found on the Association website: <http://royalkuniacommunityassociation.org>).

Reservations are on a first come first served basis and the event must be a minimum of 45 days in advance from the date of reservation. The CRC is open to our Homeowners only, no sponsoring until further notice. Also, the CRC will no longer have alcohol served, brought in, or consumed on-premises. For any questions or inquiries on a date, please contact the Association office.

On top of the news about the reopening of the CRC, the Association's website also provides lots of helpful information for homeowners. On the homepage, you'll find the latest happenings around our Community, including upcoming Board Meetings. Also, located on the homepage are any updates regarding Royal Kunia Phase II provided by Haseko.

Located on the left-hand side, you will find a list of links to guide you around the website. Need to read up on our By-Laws or Amended and Restated Declaration of Protective Covenants (DPC)? You can find those documents by clicking the "Covenants" Link. The DPC provides the governing rules and regulations regarding the Royal Kunia Community Association.

If you need Design Applications for your next home improvement, look no further than the "Design" link on the Association's website. The Design page offers the different design applications to download and print for your use along with the Design Committee Guidelines to assist you. Need to know what your roofing color or exterior paint colors are? Contact the Association office for assistance. Please contact the office with questions you may have in regards to types of improvements to your home.

Under the "Recreation Park" link, you will find the Key Fob form for the use of the gated park located at the top of Anoiki Street along with the Indemnification Form to have a gathering of 15 or more people. A few friendly reminders for our beautiful park: please do not bring your pets in the park, keep the gates in the closed position, and the park hours are from 7:00am. – 7:30pm. Once the gates are locked at 7:30pm., no one will be able to get in/out of the park.

These are just a few links to our website that will provide a wealth of information to our Homeowners. I encourage everyone to navigate our website and check on it frequently for any new updates that may arise. If you have any questions about our website or would like to suggest any ideas to improve our website, please contact the Association office.

Congratulations to the 2022 Graduates & their Parents! Special mention to the Waipahu High School students that completed their high school senior year in the spirit of community service.

Live Aloha!

Wayne Nakamoto, President



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

Neighborhood Security Watch Resumes

Connie Respicio

After a two year hiatus due to covid, the Royal Kunia Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) has resumed monitoring our streets. NSW is a community-based program that works with the Honolulu Police Department to deter crime. Royal Kunia's NSW and Citizen Patrol walkers watch out for criminal and suspicious behavior and report it to HPD. If you want to be part of the NSW or Citizen's Patrol, please email Connie Respicio at royalkuniaevents@gmail.com.



Now You Know

Linda Mahelona

Did you know that Waipahū is the name of an artesian spring? In Hawaiian, Waipahu is derived from wai, meaning water, and pahū, meaning burst or explode. Combined, Waipahū means "water forced up as out of a spring."

The early Native Hawaiians took pleasure in the cool and clear water gushing from the ground and named this spring Waipahū. Before the Western civilization set foot in Hawaii, the Hawaiians considered Waipahū to be the capital of Oahu. Royalty in the Kingdom of Hawaii would often gather and enjoy the fresh water from the spring. Now you know!



Stray Cat Strut

Diane Quick

On any given evening in Royal Kunia, it is normal to see stray cats strutting their stuff in the dark corners and alleys. Like many other areas of Oahu, RK has a large number of stray cats that live in our community. Cat populations on Oahu are currently controlled through Trap Neuter Return Manage (TNRM) programs that humanely prevent the growth of stray cat colonies. Cats are trapped, neutered and returned to their area of capture.

In April, the [Hawaiian Humane Society](#) teamed up with [Greater Good Charities](#) along with [CatFriends](#), [Kat Charities](#), and [Lucky Paws](#) to host the "Good Fix" event at Aloha Stadium. The free spay and neuter event ran from April 5 through April 10.

To take advantage of this opportunity, Malu Garcia, Laura and Harper Winston, Franceen Sato and I spent three evenings in early April trapping cats throughout Royal Kunia for neutering at Aloha Stadium. We trapped a total of 27 cats that received treatment and were returned to their trapping locations.

Our ability to catch so many cats was due to the enthusiastic response I received on a social media request for the location of stray cats in RK. In addition, RK residents generously donated towels, newspapers and cat food which I collected and delivered to Kat Charities to support the TNRM program. Thank you to everyone who supported our efforts!



Notable Royals

Betty Bayles

If there is a secret for making a difference in the space you live in, the Yasuda 'ohana has the answer, hands down! Most of us don't even know the extent of the impact they have had and continue to make in the community because their community service is quietly performed almost immediately after the offense has taken place. For over fifteen years, the entire family—Kris, Monica, Skye, Maverick, and Lotus—has made it their mission to paint over the graffiti that used to be a blight in Royal Kunia, especially on the long cinderblock wall along Anonui Street.

Kris was born and raised in Downtown Honolulu, an area with many challenges. Growing up surrounded by drugs and crime, he was introduced to the life philosophy of the Soka Gakkai International (SGI), which he loved for the logical belief that all people have unlimited potential and that we always need to help others and lead a contributive life. Kris met his wife, Monica, through this Buddhist organization. They fell in love and started a family.

"Shortly after moving to Royal Kunia in 2004, we noticed the constant graffiti along the Anonui wall. That is how we met Albi Mateo, our association manager, and Mr. Bill Palmeira, our inspirational volunteer who was always cleaning and painting areas that needed attention around our community," said Kris. He took Mr. Bill's actions to heart and was determined to continue this worthwhile service.

From that point on, Kris, his wife Monica, and their kids (Skye, Maverick, and Lotus) have been painting over the graffiti almost as soon as it appears. For small jobs now, it is usually a family affair, but once many years ago, almost the entire stretch of the wall was graffitied. With the help of Albi and Mr. Bill, the Yasuda 'ohana, and members of the SGI organization, our Royal Kunia community rallied to help paint over the eyesore. Since making this a regular habit, the Yasuda children, out of their own initiative, have suggested their parents take them to clean the vandalism around their neighborhood. What a great legacy of service the children have learned!



The Yasuda family painting over graffiti on Christmas Day 2021.



There has been less graffiti from spray cans and permanent markers in recent years. I wondered if the immediate clean-up response was a deterrent, but Kris suggested that when Walmart started the practice of locking up their spray cans behind glass cabinets, vandals no longer had easy access to their instrument of choice.

Kris wanted to end with a quote that he truly believes in: "Rather than stand to one side and ponder how the future might develop, we must focus on what each of us can do at this critical moment, the role each of us can choose to play in changing the direction of history. We must strive to make a proactive, contributive way of life the prevailing spirit of the new era." (Daisaku Ikeda, Global Citizenship).

Kris is the third subject of this column and he echoes what the other people profiled have said. If everyone would just start to improve the area around their own homes, the entire community would proudly benefit. I agree.

The views and opinions expressed by the Yasuda 'ohana are not representative of RKCA, the RKCA Board or any of its affiliates, as they do not endorse any religion or religious practice. Views and opinions stated in the article are not to be construed as proselytization.

Do you know a Notable Royal? Please let us know at newsletter@royalkuniacommunityassociation.org.



4th of July Events on Oahu

- Turtle Bay Resort: Fireworks show begins 9:00pm
- Kailua Beach Park/Lanikai: Acrobatic Air Show at 6:00pm, Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band joins in at 6:30pm, Fireworks show begins 8:00pm
- Joint Base Pearl Harbor and Hickam at Ward Field: Open to DoD ID cardholders and their sponsored guests. Car Show, Family Friendly Games and Activities start at 3:00pm. Concert featuring Chase Rice, Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, MAX and Marc Bassy. Fireworks show begins at 9:00pm
- Kaneohe Bay MCBH: Fireworks show begins 8:30pm



Fireworks Safety Tips

- Never use illegal fireworks
- Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person
- Never hold lighted fireworks in your hands
- Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks
- Never try to re-light or pickup fireworks that have not ignited fully
- Never light fireworks indoors
- Only light fireworks away from people, houses and flammable material
- Keep a bucket of water or garden hose nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities with children

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

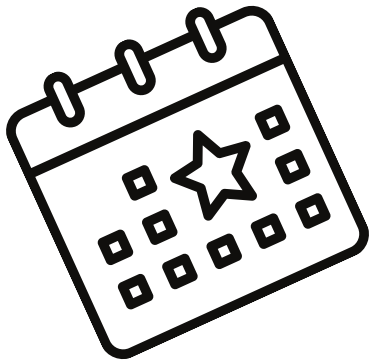
Island Craves Farmers Market

Every 4th Sunday of the Month

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

Sunday, August 28, 2022: 11:00am – 3:00pm

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



Local Pop-Up Market

Saturday, June 25, 2022: 2:00pm – 7:00pm

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

What the Truck?

First Friday of the Month

Friday, July 1, 2022: 4:00pm – 8:00pm

Friday, August 5, 2022: 4:00pm – 8:00pm

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



Blood Drive at Bloodmobile

Mondays & Tuesdays: 8:00am - 2:00pm

Wednesdays & Thursdays: 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Fridays - Sundays: 7:00am - 3:00pm

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

Neighborhood Security Watch Meeting

Please check RKCA website for the upcoming meetings

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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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.