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President's Message



For many of us, November marks the beginning of the holiday season. This time of year is always busy and that will be the case here at Kulima Estates East.

In the past, we have tried to get our projects completed prior to the holiday season. But we still have several projects coming up in November and December. Our Resident Manager, Marlene Almadova will cover those in her report.

This is also a busy time for your Board of Directors. We are working on a much-needed revision to our House Rules. In this process, we have had several meetings and have received input from owners and residents. Our draft has been submitted for legal review and is now ready to be adopted by your Board of Directors.

You will soon receive a summary of changes to the House Rules as well as a copy of the revised House Rules document. A special Board Meeting will be scheduled to vote on adoption of the revisions. There will be sufficient time for your review before the meeting is held.

We also drafted and adopted a Resolution in support of those owners who use their condo as Transient Rental Unit. This document should serve to meet a key requirement in the application for certification to rent that

must be approved by the City and County of Honolulu.

Our Secretary, Bert Wilkinson, has emailed the Resolution to all Owners on his contact list. A copy of the existing House Rules was also sent out. The House Rules can be used to verify quiet hours, parking, and plot plan location requirements in the application process.

Your Board is also actively working on maintaining our excellent maintenance staff. Florante Calaro has announced his intent to retire at the end of this year. Our plan is to hire and train a replacement before he leaves. Another staff member will be needed in the event that Bernardo decides to retire.

Finally, the Holidays are upon us. We expect to have an increase in deliveries of online purchases. Please arrange to let in delivery drivers. Avoid leaving items out on your porch for any length of time.

I will conclude by wishing you all a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

...Walt Weiss, KEE Board President

Resident Manager's Report:



Heads up everyone! It is Coconut Tree Trimming Time again. I will be posting the schedule for tree trimming but, on the next page you will find a tentative schedule.



Tree Trimming Schedule (Subject to Change Depending on Weather Conditions)

TUE 11/1/22 – Units Affected 1 thru 32
Parking Stalls Affected 1 thru 32

WED 11/2/22 – Units Affected 33 thru 76
Parking Stalls Affected 33 thru 76

THUR 11/3/22 – Units Affected 77 thru 130
Parking Stalls Affected 77 thru 130

FRI 11/4/22 – Units Affected 131 thru 168
Parking Stalls Affected 131 thru 168

Move your car to any available guest slot. Vacation Renters Need to put a Note on the Dash with the unit # they are staying (in case of an emergency).

Had a little excitement this month when I witnessed a vehicle tailgating another vehicle to run through the Lalo entry gate. Written warning was issued to a somewhat unhappy resident. Lucky to have no damage to the gate. Current cost is \$1,000 for replacement of the gate bar.



We are having an increasing number of remodels where owners are removing the bedroom sliding door and jalousie window with more modern vinyl windows. For those of you off-island I added these pictures so you can see what the results look like.



I know it gets repetitive, but we continue to experience plumbing problems on site. Many are avoidable. This month's problem happens several times each year and is worth mentioning. It usually involves vacation renters in upstairs units. Seems some folks are used to grinding up everything in the garbage disposal. This can clog the drain and it usually starts to back up in the downstairs unit plumbing.

AAA Fire Equipment will be on site this month for an inspection of our fire extinguishers.

Looking forward, we are scheduled to start our last major project of this year in the first week of December. That will be the repair of the concrete spalling in our trash buildings. More information on this when the project schedule is finalized.

Finally, just a friendly reminder that KEE has Holiday Blackout Days during the holidays. During these days, no remodeling or contract work is allowed. Of course, this does not apply to emergency repairs.

Holiday Blackout dates are the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (11/23/22) through the Sunday following Thanksgiving (11/27/22); and, from 12/24/22 through 1/2/22.

Oh....and Tennis Court #1 has a new net.....Happy Thanksgiving and Mahalo for your ongoing support.

....Marlene Almadova, Resident Manager



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Hawaiian Thanksgiving Holiday

Thanksgiving in Hawaii has a unique history—both ancient and modern.



Ancient Hawaiian Tradition

Long before the Puritans were sailing to Plymouth Rock, native Hawaiians already had a festival of thanks. And they didn't limit themselves to a single day. They celebrated a successful harvest for an entire season. They also combined their version of Thanksgiving with what we would call the New Year's Holiday.

It was called *Makahiki* and it spanned of four lunar months, from November through February. During this time, ceremonies meant to honor the god Lono were held. The ancient Hawaiians did it right!! All fighting between rival tribes was prohibited; work was replaced by surfing competitions, boxing matches and other physical competitions. Of course, feasts, and other ceremonies were also held.

Makaainana (commoners) and *alii* (chiefs) in each district would offer pigs, fish, and vegetables at an altar, which sat on the boundary of each *ahupuaa* (land-division).

The warlord of each district would pass through, collect the goods, and sponsor a huge feast.

The four-month holiday would end with tributes and offerings made to the gods. Canoes were loaded with the offerings and set adrift in the ocean. It seems that the end of the *Makahiki* was also a time for each Chief to renew their right to rule. The Chief would paddle out to sea. When he returned to land, he was greeted by a group of warriors who would throw spears at him. If he avoided the spears, he was deemed worthy to continue his leadership.

More Modern Times

In 1849 in a gesture to strengthen relations between Hawaii and America, King Kamehameha III declared December 31 a national holiday of Thanksgiving, complete with church services and luau. Why not November? Hawaii already had a holiday, called *La Kuokoa*, at the end of that month.

It is interesting to note that the action by King Kamehameha III made Thanksgiving in Hawaii an official Holiday 14 years before President Abraham Lincoln declared it a national holiday in the United States.

Now, of course, Thanksgiving is celebrated in Hawaii on the official day, along with the rest of the nation, and in much the same way, except for the preparation of the traditional bird.



In the US most Turkeys are Roasted in the oven; Grilled or Smoked on a BBQ; or, Deep Fried in hot oil. Some folks even order their Turkey at Safeway. But only in Hawaii can a Turkey be buried in the ground in an imu. Nothing like

a Kālua Turkey with all the traditional Hawaiian sides and finished off with a Pumpkin Haupia Pie.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE

November Events on Oahu

11th Annual Makahiki Festival and Ke Aloha Hula Competition – Waimea Valley
Saturday, November 5th – 9 AM-2PM
Admission \$5-\$10



If you enjoy the art of Hula Kahiko (traditional hula performed to chants and not music) then you should consider attending the 11th Annual Makahiki Festival at Waimea Valley. The Ke Alohi Hula Competition is the only event on the island where men and women compete together for the honor of winning the single hula kahiko title. There will also be live music, vendors, traditional Hawaiian games, and other cultural activities all associated with bringing in the Makahiki or

Hawaiian New Year. For more information click the image above.

Wahiawa Lions Club 76th Annual Veterans Day Parade
“Respecting our Veterans”



Friday, November 11, 2022
California Avenue in Wahiawa

The Royal Hawaiian Band leads off the festivities at 10 AM. The Parade Starts at Ka’ala Elementary School and proceeds up California Avenue to the Wahiawa District Park. Festivities continue at the park after the parade. Click image for more info.

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