

DA KINE



President's Message

Aloha all and Happy New Year. As we kick off 2023 at Kuilima Estates East our focus is our Annual Board Meeting. This is an important event and I urge to attend if you can. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday January 21, 2023, at 10:00am. Please arrive by 9:30am to register.

All owners have received proxy ballots in the mail. Please return the completed proxy ballot in the self-addressed and stamped envelope. Do so even if you plan to attend the meeting in person. If we do not have enough owners represented (by proxy or in person) we will have to reschedule the meeting.

If you need another proxy ballot, please contact Hawaiiiana. Owners living on site can see the Resident Manager.

We have one vacancy to fill on the Board and three of the current Board Members are up for re-election. If you are interested in running for a position on the Board, submit your request to Secretary Bert Wilkinson at baw5671@comcast.net. You can also submit a resume statement with your email.

As we look back on 2022, it seems that the issue of Short-Term Rentals has been finalized. There were some issues involving the registration process, but most owners have worked through these issues successfully.

We have seen a significant increase in property values at KEE. Most of you have received your 2023-24 Property Assessments and have noted that taxes due will also increase significantly. For those of you not living on the island, the increase in taxes has not been well received by Hawaii Residents. Please refer to the article in this edition of DA KINE with a link to a local news report on this issue.

As we begin this new year, we will say Aloha to one of our cherished staff members. Florante Calero will retire on February 8, 2023, after 43 years of dedicated service. We wish him well and will recognize his service at our upcoming Board Meeting.

Thanks for your support

...Walter Weiss, KEE Board President

Resident Manager's Report:

As we approach the New Year, I want to let you all know that I feel so fortunate to be your Resident Manager. Every day at work is busy and, on most days, challenging.

My daily work is not boring or repetitive. I have so many opportunities to interact with our residents and guests and, I appreciate the support that you provide to me.

We accomplished a lot in 2022. Here is a summary of these projects:

- Reinforced buildings against wind damage by installing hurricane clips.
- Replaced gate valves with ball valves in the common area water system.
- Serviced the Sentricon Termite Bait Stations.
- Added a pickleball court.
- Serviced Gutter and Downspouts on KEE buildings.
- Installed additional Security Cameras in Trash Areas.

In addition to the above, there has been ongoing maintenance on the walkways, path lighting, stairways, gates, fences, and our pools.



We continue with our landscaping efforts. Tree trimming for health is an ongoing project. This past year we had a comprehensive environmental assessment of the trees on our property. This report is currently being reviewed by Your Board of Directors.

I will make a full report at the upcoming Annual Board Meeting. Hope to see you there!

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou

....**Marlene Almadova, Resident Manage**

CITY/COUNTY PROPERTY TAX 2023-24



By now you should have received your Notice of Property Tax Assessment for Tax Year

2023-24. If you have not noticed, the property values have increased significantly. In some cases, as much as 60%. The actual amount of taxes to be paid does not appear on this document. You will receive the actual bill in July of 2023. It looks like we can all expect a hefty increase in our taxes next year. Residents will pay \$3.50/\$1000 of assessed value. Non-resident owners get to pay \$4.50/\$1000. Resident owners also get a homeowner's exemption which helps on the taxes due.

Without going into a lot of detail, the assessment in Hawaii is based on the actual market value of property. The value of our condos has increased significantly and so will our tax. If you want to file an appeal, you have until January 13, 2023. Check the bottom of your Assessment Notice for details. Hawaii News Now has an excellent report on this issue. Click on the image above to view the news article.

****DIS 'N 'DAT - New Year's Traditions**



Ring in the New Year in the United States takes on many forms. Millions of Americans watch the countdown to midnight and the

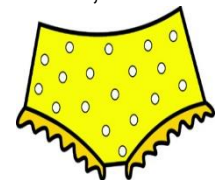
dropping of the Times Square Ball. We make a list of New Year's Resolutions. We host New Year's Eve parties, kiss our partners, and sing Auld Lang Syne at the stroke of midnight. Some look forward to the annual New Year's Parade and football fans enjoy a glut of college bowl games.

As we branch out around the world there are some interesting variations to the celebration of the New Year.

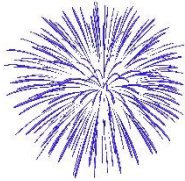


Some Germans practice *Bleigießen* or "lead pouring." A small amount of lead is melted with a candle and dropped in water. The shape that is formed is said to predict the persons fate for the coming year.

Brazilians will don a pair of new (bright colored) underwear. The color of the underwear symbolizes their wish for the upcoming year. Gold is for wealth; Red/Pink for love; Green for hope; and Blue for good health. If it were me, I would wear multi-colored shorts and hope for all of these.



In the Philippines, a bowl of twelve fruits is prepared to symbolize each month of the year and to wish all a prosperous year. The fruit is eaten in the first few days of the New Year. The Spanish do it with 12 grapes symbolizing each strike of the clock in the final minute before midnight.



In Hawaii there are many unique and local traditions. Fireworks are set off to scare away evil spirits. Mochi is pounded by hand with the Kine (wooden mallet). It is formed into patties which are symbols of good luck. Eat Jook (rice porridge) as the clock strikes midnight. Ahi Sashimi is also a very popular dish. But it gets expensive around the holidays.

On Oahu, locals take a First Day Hike to see the sun rise at Kaiwi State Shoreline while others gather for a picnic at Ala Moana Beach Park.



No matter how you celebrate the beginning of 2023, we wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Hau'oli Makahiki Ho



FOR SALE OR WANTED

No Items To List

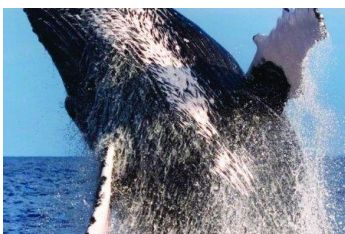
Need an ad posted? Contact Vickie Dela Cruz at vickieldc@yahoo.com

REAL ESTATE

#47 for \$980,000 FEE SIMPLE**

*Sale pending ** Sold ***By Owner

**January Events on Oahu
Whale Watching Season Begins**



Every year we remind you that Whale Watching season begins in January.

Humpback whales begin their 3,000-mile migration from summer feeding grounds in the Gulf of Alaska, to the waters around the Hawaiian Islands.

In late December through March, you can view whales surfacing along the North Shore coastline.

Kaiwi Scenic Coastline First Day Hike

Sunday, January 1, 2023 (Sunrise)
Makapuu Lighthouse Trail Head

Take a first-day hike on one of the most popular trails on Oahu and see a rousing taiko drum performance as well. For more info click on the Hiker.



**Da Hui Backdoor Shootout
Jan 4th - 16th, 2023
Ehukai Beach Park – Pipeline**



This event is a local favorite of many. There will also be bodysurfing, bodyboarding, longboarding. For more info click on the surfer.

**25th Sony Open Golf Tournament
Jan 9th – 15th
Waialea Country Club**

This PGA Tour event attracts some of the biggest names in professional golfing.

For more info click on the golfer above.





Chinese New Year's Celebration



Fri Jan 13th, 5PM – 10 PM
Sat Jan 14th 10AM – 10PM
Chinatown Cultural Plaza
100 N Beretania St, Honolulu

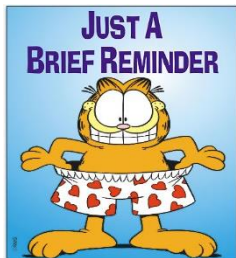
2 days of entertainment, food and celebrating at Chinatown Cultural Plaza to welcome the Year of the Rabbit! Click on the image to go to the Chinese Chamber Events Page.

2023 Lunar New Year Parade

Sat Jan 14th 4:30 – 6PM
State Capitol Lawn to River Street



Click [here](#) for more details on this spectacular parade and the Night in Chinatown Festival.



We expect an increase in vacation rental guests at KEE. Owners, please make sure your guests have sufficient Key Fobs to ensure your guests have access through the entry gates without calling the

Resident Manager or Security. It will make their visit more enjoyable and avoid unnecessary gate calls by our staff.

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Marlene Almadova
Bernardo Cacal & Florante Calaro
Maria Heh - Carol Kennedy - Sue Savill Lucas
Fe Delos Santos - Ete Savini
Sharon Word - Louise Youmans

Let us recognize your birthday in DA KINE. Email your name to vickieldc@yahoo.com – Subject: DA Kine Birthday..... Mahalo



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