

DAKINE



President's Message

Your Board of Directors had a very productive meeting on Saturday, April 21st. Our Resident Manager, Marlene Almodova, brought us up to date on projects and activities at KEE. Details will follow my comments in this newsletter. Treasurer Wendy Stafford summarized the status of the KEE Budget, and her report is also contained in this newsletter.

The Board currently has two standing committees. The Grounds and Landscape Committee and the Buildings and Infrastructure Committee. Serving on the Grounds Committee is Lori Miller and Scott Najima. The Buildings and Infrastructure Group includes Rick Rocheleau, Bert Wilkinson, Ete Savini and Myself.

Our grounds, landscaping, buildings, and the infrastructure that supports these are aging. Your Grounds Committee realizes that maintaining the vitality and appearance of our landscape requires a detailed plan. They are actively working on that plan.

The Buildings Committee is dealing with some significant challenges. An example is the waste drainpipes running under the floors of the ground units. When a pipe fails, the cost to the Association is nearly \$70,000. This cost does not include owner-responsible expenses. The Buildings Committee approach to this, and other issues, is to develop Inspection/Preventative Maintenance Plans to deal with issues before they occur.

The Board discussed the need to increase Owner awareness of major work projects going on near their units. We recognize the need for Owners to know in advance about work going on near their units.

So, it looks like our new Board has its work cut out for us in 2023. We are committed to accomplishing our goals and we will keep you informed of our progress.

Walt Weiss.....KEE Board President

Resident Manager's Report

We have a new Landscape Maintenance Company working at KEE. Aloha Aina has taken over from Island Green as of May 1st. We are expecting more onsite supervision and consistent staffing with our new contractor. We are also anticipating more expert advice to aid the Landscape/Grounds Committee in the creation of a long-range plan for maintenance and enhancement of the property.

I am very happy to report the retrofit to strengthen our buildings against high winds has been completed. Mahalo to Bernardo and the crew on installing the Hurricane Clips.

We finished repairs to the sewer line in Building #15. This is the second occurrence of the failure of a common area drain. These type repairs are costly to Your Association and to the affected property owner. Given this, the Board has developed a program to identify problems before they occur.

In April, the Board of Water Supply completed an annual inspection of our property. One minor repair was required.

Occasionally we find some wood rot damage on our buildings. When damage occurs around a window or sliding door that was installed as part of a remodel or upgrade



project, the Owner is responsible for repairs. (See Example Below). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

I will finish up my report with a few examples of the work that is completed daily by our maintenance crew.

Stairway Stringer Repair (Skilled Carpentry)



Water Leak Fix(Below Ground Work)



Thank you for you ongoing support.
...**Marlene Almadova, Resident Manager**

Treasurers Report



Wendy Stafford reported on the status of the 2023 Budget through March 1, 2023.

The total Cash and Reserves of the Association total \$1,743,188.62.

We have negative budget variances in a few areas. These include insurance, water utilities, plumbing repairs, payroll, and security costs.

These variances are not unusual as cost increases in these areas are not always predictable.

The good news is that the variance is more than offset by a favorable variance in the remainder of the budget.

The current annual budget as of March 1st, is in good shape with the Association's total Operating Expenses coming in at about 15 percent under budget,

Wendy Swafford.....Treasurer

A Few Friendly Reminders



Please do not give out our Resident Manager's Personal Phone number to Vacation Rental Guests.

The only number that should be provided is **808-293-9974**. This number is answered 24/7 and our Resident Manager will pick up that line during normal business hours.

Do not forget that our Kuilima Estates East Webpage is back up and running. Log on to access copies of important documents, meeting minutes/agendas, or just check out the photo gallery. Click on the computer to go to the site.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The KEE Board is moving to try to identify main sewer line problems before they occur. We intend to initiate an inpection program of all common sewer lines on the property. This will require the removal/replacement of a lower unit toilet to enable a camera to be run through the line. All costs will be paid by the Association. An inspection schedule will



be set, and all owners will get at least 30 days' notice prior to the start of work. Look for a special announcement on this soon.

****DIS 'N 'DAT – Kau Kau on This Origin of Some Favorite Hawaiian Foods**



We found some very interesting information in the June 2015 Edition of *Hawaii Magazine*.

An article was published that explores the roots of five local food favs of locals. We thought this would be a great topic for this month's *DIS 'N 'DAT*.

Our first food item is very familiar to me as I grew up with Portuguese Grandparents. I was surprised when I first came to Hawaii and saw **Malasadas** everywhere. They were introduced in Hawaii by Portuguese plantation workers who immigrated from the Azores and Madeira Islands. It was the grandson of an immigrant family, Leonard Rego, who popularized this food item. Of course, he was the founder of the iconic Leonard's.



The **Manapua** is another island staple. The steamed buns, filled with sweet char siu pork, were brought to Hawaii in the mid 1800's.

It is said that early Chinese entrepreneurs would fill large aluminum cans with Manapuas and other snacks. They would string the cans on poles carried on their shoulders and peddle the snacks. While It is believed that pork was the original filling, Hawaii has taken the Manapua to another level with fillings that include hot dogs, sweet potato and curry chicken.



You can find **Boiled Peanuts** everywhere in Hawaii. One theory is they were brought Hawaii by US soldiers from the Southern States where they are sold everywhere. But another theory is that they were brought

to Hawaii by Asian or Pacific Islanders. They are found in China, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines where they are spiced and boiled in various ways. We are not sure where they came from but we do know there is a "Hawaiian Way" to eat them.



There is some merit to the fact that the **Spam Musubi** is an original Hawaiian food, Spam was a staple food during the early stages of WWII. It is believed that the Spam Musubi originated in the Japanese internment camps where spam and rice were layered in a baking pan and cut into slices. Of course, locals took it to another level with an individual loaf-style serving wrapped in Nori.

Saimin is a comfort-food staple. It originated during the Hawaiian Plantation era when Asian workers cooked up noodles with whatever other food items were available. The basic seasoning recipe seems to be much the same now, as it was then. At one time, Saimin Stands were prevalent throughout the Islands. While there are fewer of these now, you can go to most McDonalds and get a bowl!



No matter where these foods originated, Hawaii has added their own flavors and flair to make them even more appetizing. We hope this article did not make you hungry for one of these treats. Especially if you are not currently on the islands!

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MAY EVENTS ON OAHU

94th Annual Lei Day Celebration
Monday, May 1st from 9am to 5:30pm
Queen Kapi'olani Park in Waikiki.



Monday, May 1st is Lei Day in Hawaii. This year the 94th Annual Lei Day Celebration will be a public event. A full day of flowers, music, lei making craft and food. Click on the floral image for full details.

Moonwalk At Waimea Valley
May 14th 8:30pm \$10/person



After our rainy spring it would be nice to take a guided walk through the Waimea Valley under the full moon. Click image for more info.



50th State Fair May 26th through July 9th
Aloha Stadium

The 50th State Fair is back! Click on the picture for more detailed information and a schedule of the hours and days that the fair is open.

Memorial Day on Oahu 2023



Monday, May 29th culminates the three-day Memorial Day Holiday Weekend. Take the time to remember the Men and Women who served and sacrificed to defend our country.

In Honolulu there are three events that are traditional on Memorial Day.

The 72nd Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 8:30am at the National memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

The National Gold Star Families Memorial Day Parade will take place in Waikiki.

The 25th Annual Lantern Floating will Commence at 6:30pm at Ala Moana Beach.

Click on the flag image above for complete information on these events.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK IS April 30 THROUGH MAY 6TH



Hurricane season in Hawaii begins on June 1st so now is the time to get prepared. Click on the important message icon to access the NOAA

Hurricane Preparedness Website for tips on assessing your risk and developing a plan should a Hurricane Strike our area.



Click on the funnel cloud image to go directly to the Ready Gov page for details on how to build an emergency kit for disasters.

DON'T FORGET MOTHERS DAY
SUNDAY MAY 14th





HAU'OLI LA HANAU
For May 2023



**ANNE HARLEN-FORTUCCI – PAULETTE MCCOY – CECELIA QURESHI
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