

APRIL ('APELILA) 2024

DA KINE



President's Message

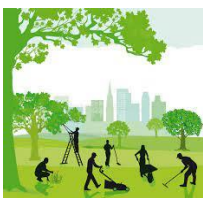
Your Board has been busy since our annual meeting. Our property is maturing. We are faced with the challenge of maintaining the quality of our property at a cost that is affordable to all of us.

I urge you to carefully read this edition of DA KINE. You will find information about important projects that we will be working on in this, and in upcoming years. These include sewer line replacements, roof maintenance, inspection of our electrical supply system and our landscaping and grounds maintenance. There is also a link to an informative video on the Condo Insurance Crisis in the State of Hawaii.

We have retained the services of the Bergeman Group. This engineering firm will assist us in the management of the sewer line replacement work and evaluation of our electrical supply system.



Bergeman Group is based in Honolulu with offices in Los Angeles and Denver. They manage major projects in the Hawaiian Islands and the Western Mainland States. Please click on the construction image above to read more about our new partner.



We have also hired a new company for landscape, maintenance, and grounds work. Our previous contractor did not measure up to our standards and requirements. We are hopeful that our new provider, Marcos Landscaping, will do so.

Board member Lisa Lai has stepped up to take on the job of leading the Grounds and

Landscaping Committee. Our goal this year is to get this property back in shape again.

Secretary Bert Wilkinson will be working on improving communication. We hope to make our website more informational and improve remote access to Board Meetings.



We will keep you informed on the progress of our committees in future editions of the DA KINE,

Walt Weiss..... KEE Board President

Resident Manager's Message

New Gate Entry System



Our new Gate Entry System will be in place in early April. Every owner will be issued two (2) new FOBs with the option to purchase two (2) additional FOBs.

Please print and fill out the form that is attached to the email that this edition of DA KINE was sent with. Have it ready when I contact you. I will distribute the free FOBs to all owners first. I will then handle the purchase orders for additional FOBs. Your completion of the order form in advance will speed up this process.

Roof Maintenance

Our roof maintenance work is on schedule despite a few rain delays. If you are in a unit with a courtyard, please move or cover any furnishings in the yard area. Umbrellas and sun shades should be closed and





removed to protect them from any debris that may come off the roof.

New Landscape Contractor

Marcos Landscaping has taken over the maintenance of our grounds. They have been on site for two weeks. So far, I am pleased with their work. We expect them to meet the terms of our agreement and have better on-site supervision and communication.

Fire Safety Clearance Inspection



Big mahalo to all residents for acting to clear entryways of all items. Because of your efforts, I have contacted the Honolulu Fire to re-inspect our property and clear the violations listed in the original report.

Friendly Reminders for April

Spring break is here and the summer tourist season is coming. Given this, we expect a lot of guests on property.

Keep Your Contact Info Up to Date

This is important if you do not live on property. We need to get in touch when a problem occurs. If you vacation rent, we also need to have your agent's contact info.



Manage Your Vacation Rental

You are responsible for handling routine maintenance issues and the needs of your rental guests. If you are not on island, then your Agent should act in your stead. I always respond to emergencies, but I then expect to contact you or your agent to take over and handle the problem.

Please make sure your guests have access to the property and to the unit they rented. They should have a number to call if they need assistance. They should be aware of basic parking requirements and our house rules on quiet time, pool use, smoking, etc.

Marlene Almadova.....Resident Manager

FOR SALE OR WANTED

No postings for April 2024

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



REAL ESTATE.

#128 for \$1,049,000* FEE SIMPLE
#145 for \$1,145,000 FEE SIMPLE

* Sale pending ** Sold ***By Owner

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OWNERS

Hawaii Condo Insurance Crisis

In the February DA KINE, we reported on the significant increase in our property insurance policy. This trend was not unique to our property.



Condo associations throughout Hawaii have been faced with similar, and in some cases, much more extreme increases. Some associations are considering the option to self-insure.

The Hawaii State Legislature is taking action to stabilize property insurance. They have introduced HB2686 HD1 SD1.

The issues are complex and beyond the scope of this newsletter to report on. Fortunately, we have two links for you to follow to get up to speed on the issues.



The first link will take you to a video replay of a PBS Hawaii Television Show featuring a panel of experts. One of the panelists is our Insurance Representative, Sue Savio. We urge you to take the time to view this show.

The second link will take you to a document written by the General Manager of the Beach Villas at Ko’olina. It was prepared for the residents at that property. It will provide you with insights into a changing insurance market that is global in nature.

Please click on the television image to view the PBS Hawaii Show. Click on the book for a link to read “Understanding the Changing Landscape of Insurance Rates for AOUO’s in Hawaii, authored by Peter M. Togawa. Note the cautionary language in the last paragraph of his paper.



**New Gate FOBS To Be Issued
(Fill Out the Attached Form)**

Our Resident Manager will be issuing two (2) free FOBs to each owner in the very near future. You may order two (2) additional FOBs at a cost of \$75 each. Replacement cost for lost FOBs is set at \$75 each. Please fill out the order form that is attached and have it ready when Marlene contacts you. You can request additional FOBS on the form. Free FOBs will be distributed first. Marlene will then recontact you to handle the sale of additional FOBs. **Note: Keep track of your FOB numbers when they are issued to you.**

****DIS ‘N ‘DAT – Why do Roosters Crow**



We grew up in the city. There were no roosters or chickens around. We knew nothing about them till we came to Hawaii where they are everywhere! We began to wonder why Roosters crow, so we decided to search for answers.

We were surprised to learn that there has been scientific research on this topic.

So, we challenge you. Before reading this article, write down Your answer to the following questions:

1. When do Roosters Crow?
2. Why do Roosters Crow?
3. Do All Roosters Crow?

Then compare your answers to the findings of the Chicken Scientists.

Answer to when Roosters Crow *is whenever they want to*. They tend to start crowing about two hours before sunrise. Scientists believe they have an internal clock that tells them when it is time to start crowing.

But they will also crow at anytime during the day or night or night when the urge strikes them. It seems there are triggers that cause them to crow. These triggers can occur at any time of the day.

Next question is why they crow (the triggers).

It seems they crow back and forth to establish their territory and to call their flock together.

You will hear a rooster crow nearby and then hear other roosters answer in the distance. Scientists believe that they can avoid fights by letting each other know where their territory is.



They also crow to scare off intruders and to establish their dominance over other roosters in the flock.

It appears that roosters crow to attract the ladies (hens).

They will crow after mating, maybe to boast to their lesser peers.



Some roosters express pride by crowing after a hen lays an egg.

Maybe Roosters are not that much different from us humans in those cases!

Finally, the answer to the question, do all roosters crow?

Well.....Yes and then again No. While all roosters can crow, there are strict rules on when they can and when they cannot.



You have heard of the term “pecking order”. That certainly exists with roosters. The dominant rooster crows first. He will then be followed by those roosters beneath him, lower down in the “pecking order.”

Even though the lesser roosters may have their internal clocks telling them it is time to start crowing, they will wait for the head rooster to kick it all off.

They also seem to crow in order of dominance or place in the rooster hierarchy. The scientists do not elaborate on the penalty for crowing out of order, but it seems a good pecking might be part of price they pay.

So, remember, you heard it here in DA KINE first. When, why, and if roosters crow.

April Events on Oahu

41st Hawaiian Scottish Festival and Highland Games - Sat & Sun April 6th & 7th



**9 a.m to 6 p.m.
Jefferson Elementary School, 324 Kapahulu Avenue**

Witness a gathering of the Clans in this Scottish Festival. Music, Food, Vendors and Scottish Athletic Competitions. Just too much to describe so click the link above for full info on this event.

Kuilima Farms’s Spring U-Pick Event



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**Saturday, April 13,
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Admission \$15 for U-Pick Bag. \$5 for Keiki Petting Zoo**

Visit Kuilima Farms (directly across from Kawela Bay) and go into their special spring garden to pick your own vegetables. There are photo-ready areas for family photos, Kula Shave Ice, Dragon Tea and farm stand goodies.

Click the image for details.

**20th Annual WAIKIKI SPAM JAM
A Fundraiser for the Hawai’i Food Bank**



**April 27th – 4 to 10 PM
Kalakaua Ave @
Lewers St. Waikiki
Free Admission**

Looks like this Block Party is a lot of fun. Live entertainment on two stages, fun activities and all the Spam dishes you can handle. Click the logo for info.



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FOR APRIL

ROBERTA DUNCAN ARIEL MILLER
GAYLE ROSE MALIA RZEPLINSKI VERA STONE

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



Monday April 22, 2024
Planet vs Plastics

Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by EARTHDAY.ORG including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries. The official theme for 2024 is Planet vs Plastics. It is also a day when you can show your support by engaging in activities that support the health of our planet. For a lot more information on Earth Day and Earth Day Activities, click the logo above.



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