

DAKINE



President's Message

Aloha all and Happy New Year. I hope you all were able to enjoy the holiday season and ring in 2024.

We are busy preparing for our Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Saturday January 23, 2024, 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. This would be an added expense to the Association that we do not need.

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

Our agenda will include a recap of our 2023 Budget as well as reports from our standing committees and our Resident Manager.

The report from the Infrastructure Committee will include an update on planning for future sewer lines and electrical projects. We will also hold an election to fill open positions on the Board.

... **Walter Weiss, KEE Board President**

Resident Manager's Report:

I want to begin the New Year by thanking you for your support. I care about our community, and I want to wish you all the best as we enter 2024.

Last year at this time I was very concerned about the pending retirement of one of our valued maintenance staff, Florante Calero.

We put a plan in place and were able to recruit two people for Bernardo to train. I am happy to report that both are doing well.

Max Salvadore will complete his first year with us on January 3, 2024. James Yamashita has been with us since September 2022. Bernardo has done a great job in developing their knowledge of the KEE property.

I am now confident that Team Key will continue to provide the excellent and cost-effective work needed to maintain our community.

When you see them at work, stop and take the time to thank them. They will welcome it!

I will be giving a detailed report of the work and accomplishments of the past year at our annual meeting. I will also go over some of the upcoming projects scheduled for 2024.

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou

... **Marlene Almadova, Resident Manager**

ASSOCIATION INSURANCE FOR 2024



Last month we reported on the 6% increase to the 2024 Monthly Maintenance Fee (MMF).

A whopping 63% bump in our Association's Insurance Policy is one of the causes for the rise in our MMF for 2024. Some of the Associations deductible amounts have also increased.

Our insurance agent has investigated this issue carefully and the scope of this trend is State and Nationwide.



Locally, building replacement costs have soared and this is a major reason why our rates have gone up.

Nationally, the insurance industry has suffered catastrophic losses in the Billions of dollars, and this does not include the firestorm disaster on Maui.

On a positive note, the changes to the Association's Policy should not have any effect on the level of coverage required of individual owners.

****DIS 'N 'DAT....Did you know about these fun facts for the New Year's Holiday?**



Let's have a little fun with the first ****DIS 'N 'DAT** Article of 2024. We have dug deep into our archives to find some interesting and little-

known facts about the New Year holiday.

Fun Fact #1 – The NYC Times Square Ball has lots of competition.

In Hershey PA, a 300-pound Hershey's Kiss is dropped. (*Does it get eaten afterward?*).



Mt. Olive NC drops a 4-foot pickle and Miami raises a 35-foot orange.

A 600-pound electric Moon Pie drops in Mobile, Alabama. (But Moon Pies are from Tennessee!).

Perhaps the oddest drop occurs in Eastover, NC. Residents gather there to watch a 30-pound ceramic flea dropping from their community building. Rumor has it that the town used to have the nickname "flea hill". Humm?

Fun Fact #2 – First and Last to Ring in the New Year

Kiribati Island is the first nation to ring in the New Year. This is because the international date line curves to the west of their location.

Baker and Howland islands are the last to celebrate. This probably does not matter as no one lives on those islands.

Fun Fact #3 – Kissing at Midnight



It is believed that the New Year's kissing tradition comes from ancient Roman festivals where the kiss symbolized good-will for the upcoming year.

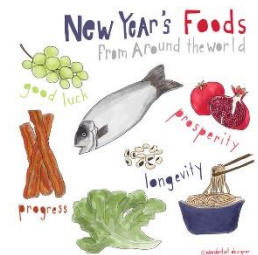
Fund Fact #4 – Eating the New Year

Folks in the South eat black-eyed peas to bring on prosperity in the coming year.

Some believe in eating something round (like a donut) to symbolize a year that has come "full circle".

In Spain, they eat 12 grapes (1 for each month) for good luck.

In Hawaii, fresh Ahi Sashimi is a traditional food. Just expect to pay premium prices at this time of year.



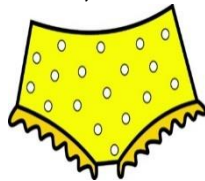
In some cultures, what not to eat is important. Lobster is considered a bad-luck food because they move backward. Chickens are not favored because they scratch themselves backward.



**Fund Fact #5 – A Brazilian Tradition
(Under-Wearing in the New Year)**

This is one of our favorites, so we are re-printing it from a previous January edition of DA KINE.

Brazilians acquire and wear 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.



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**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.

**FIRST DAY HIKE
Sunday, January 1, 2024
Your Favorite Turtle Bay Trail
Anytime**

Take a first-day hike on one of the many well-marked trails near Turtle Bay. Here is our suggestion.



Start at the Stables. Hike along the shoreline to the Pill Box located at Defense Point. On the way take the time to watch some Honu (Green Sea Turtles) along the shore.

Then go inland toward the Mauka along the beaches of Kawela Bay and visit the famous Banyon Tree that has been featured in so many films.

Loop back through the forest to the stables where you can give the horses in the pasture a sugar cube (if you think to bring some).

NORTH SHORE SURFING

This is the time of the year that the best surfers on the planet compete on our North Shore beaches. Here is what is coming up this month.

**The Eddie
Dec 8th, 2023 thru Feb 28, 2024**

The holding period for the most iconic of all Big Wave Surfing Contests continues through the entire month of January and then into February. If this event goes, it will be well publicized.

**Da Hui Backdoor Shootout
Jan 4th - 16th, 2024
Ehukai Beach Park – Pipeline**



This event is a local favorite of many. It begins with eight teams of four working down to the finals. For more info click on the surfer.



**Billabong Pro Pipeline
January 29 – February 10
Ehukai Beach Park – Pipeline**

This WSL Championship Tour Event offers spectators the chance to see the best on the big and challenging swell that often occurs at Pipeline in late January.

**25th Sony Open Golf Tournament
Jan 11th – 14th**

Waialea Country Club

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

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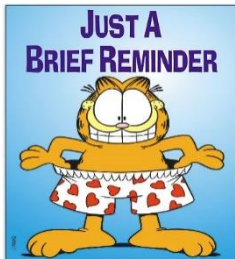


Your attention to the above recommendations will make your guest's visit more enjoyable, avoid unnecessary gate calls by our staff, and gain you better ratings on your vacation rental platform.

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FRIENDLY REMINDERS



KEE continues to be a vacation renter's favorite. Owners, please ensure your guests have are provided the following:

- Name/Number of your Agent to contact if problems/issues occur.
- Access through the gate without the need to call the Resident Manager or Security.
- Access/entry into their rented unit. It is surprising how many guests cannot get into the unit.
- A copy of the condensed House Rules. You can get copies from the Resident Manager.
- Instructions on how to get into the Pool and Court areas.

Marlene Almadova - Bernardo Cacal
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