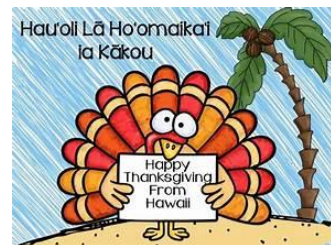


Your Monthly Brain Teaser:
What do you say to a turkey who lost
their left leg? (Answer on Page 5)

DA KINE



President's Message



Here comes the Holiday Season again. Let me start by wishing you all Happy Holidays.

On October 12th your Board of Directors met for the final time in 2024. I will use my section of DA KINE to summarize the results of that meeting.

After approval of the previous meeting minutes, we heard reports from our standing committees.



Treasurer Wendy Stafford

provided a summary on the status of our budget as of the end of August 2024.

We are about 7% over budget in our Operating Expenses Accounts. This is due to a significant (unbudgeted) increase in our HOA Insurance costs of more than \$51,000.

We have collected 3.7% more than we budgeted for in our Revenue Accounts. This is due to insurance and legal fee reimbursements that were not in the 2024 Budget.

We have drawn out significant funds from our Capital Projects Reserve to pay for Roofing Maintenance and Emergency Sewer Line Repairs. Our Reserve Fund is within legal parameters, but we must manage it carefully to ensure funding of future work projects.

Secretary Bert Wilkinson reported on the activities of the Infrastructure Committee.



We have retained two contractors to complete inspections of our property.



Pragmatic Electrical Engineers, assisted by RTM Electric, will complete a comprehensive assessment of our electrical supply system. We expect this evaluation to be done in early November.

C2C Engineering will be completing an inspection of our sewer and drainage system (including main lines). This will include detailed specifications necessary to permit and bid out our future sewer line work.



Our engineering consultant, Bergeman Group, is coordinating this work and is also helping us with a project to replace our aging mailboxes.

We are giving two to three months' notice on the next round of sewer line replacement projects. These will begin in January 2025 and continue through April. We hope to have a more long-range schedule ready for the next phase of work beginning in May 2025.



Robert Graham provided an update on the work of the Grounds Committee. He noted that they are very happy with the performance of our new contractor, Marcos Landscaping. Bob noted that the Coconut Palm Rhinoceros Beetle has been found on



our property. He noted that we heeded warnings about this and all of our trees have been treated for protection against this destructive insect.

2025 Budget Adoption



I will conclude my comments with information on the 2025 Budget.

We must fund our upcoming sewer line

replacements. In addition, we are facing a 250% increase in Property Insurance and a 15% increase in Liability Insurance. In total, our insurance fees increased by \$280,000 for Year 2025.

We also must contribute to our Reserve Fund to maintain State-Mandated Parameters.

Given this your Board of Directors has adopted a Budget for 2025 that includes a 25% increase in the monthly maintenance fee. Your Board has considered other options to fund our community and we believe that this increase in the monthly maintenance fee is the best alternative.

...Walt Weiss, KEE Board President

Resident Manager's Report:

This past month we have been working on our last two sewer line repair projects for this year. Both involved Units in Building 9. Work should be completed in early November.

Four new projects have been scheduled for the first quarter of 2025. All affected owners have been notified.

Work will start in Building 6 in early January 2025. In this job, the exterior sewer line runs under the unit stairway. The stairs will have to be removed/replaced to complete the job.

Work will then move to Building 1 starting in February and concluding in April. We are working on a long-range work schedule that will give owners more than three-months' notice of upcoming work.

AAA Fire Equipment will be on site in November for the annual inspection of our fire extinguishers. We are also going to schedule some tree maintenance.

Other than that, we have no major projects scheduled for the remainder of 2024.

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 (11/27/24) through the Sunday following Thanksgiving (12/1/24); and, from 12/24/24 through 1/2/25.

Mahalo for your ongoing support and, Happy Thanksgiving

....Marlene Almadova, Resident Manager



****DIS ‘N ‘DAT**
Thanksgiving and Veterans Day Thoughts

Thanksgiving is the most popular United States Holiday. It is followed very closely by Veterans Day. Of course, both holidays are in November.

In this edition of our newsletter, we want to honor both days with some local history and culture.

The Makahiki – A Hawaiian Thanksgiving.



At this time of year, the ancient Hawaiians celebrated the Makahiki. It was a time of peace and plenty, relaxation and games, and for harvest. (Much like our

Thanksgiving is now). It was also a time to honor the Polynesian God of fertility, agriculture, and peace, Lono.

The Makahiki was marked by the appearance of a cluster of stars (the constellation Pleiades) in the night skies.

But the Makahiki was not celebrated for just one day. The Hawaiians chose to extend this holiday period for four months. In doing so, it could also be considered a New Years festival. During this time, they celebrated by feasting, competing in sport and games, hula and storytelling.

During Makahiki, war between the Ali‘i (Chiefs) was forbidden. Other taboos included not going to sea in a canoe: not striking the kapa pounding anvil: not pounding the pahu (drum); not blowing the conch shell, and not tilling the land.

The games that were enjoyed included: heihei kūkini (racing), mokomoko (boxing), hākōkō (a wrestling style like sumo), pūhenehene (a skilled game of deception), and kōnane (a board game most resembling chess).

You can see (or participate) in some of these games at the Makahiki Festival at Waimea Valley this month. See our “What’s Happening” section in this issue of DA KINE.

In our culture, Thanksgiving is a season to strengthen family ties. It was much the same for the ancient Hawaiians who used this time to fortify existing bonds and forge new relationships.



So in the early evening, look to the eastern sky. When you see this cluster of stars, you will know that the Thanksgiving and Makahiki seasons are with us.

The Nisei Veterans of Hawaii

November 11th is a day reserved to honor our military veterans and their service to and sacrifice for our country.



In this edition of “Dis ‘N ‘Dat”, we want to feature a group of veterans with very strong Hawaiian roots.

Nisei, or second-generation Japanese Americans, served in all branches of the military. Most Nisei were from Hawaii. At the start of WWII 120,000 mainland Japanese were relocated and interned. But in Hawaii, this practice was more selective with only 2,000 being held. Many second-



generation Japanese Americans (Nisei) wanted to serve and prove their loyalty to the United States. As a result, over 20,000 Nisei served honorably in WWII.

The “Purple Heart Battalion” (100th Infantry) originated in Hawaii and fought bravely in Italy.



The “Go For Broke” (442nd Regimental Combat Team) was made up of 4,000 Nisei from Hawaii. It remains the most decorated unit in U.S. military history given its size and period of combat.

The U.S Military Intelligence Service was bolstered by Nisei who provided translation and interpretation expertise.

The 1399th Engineer Battalion performed major defense constructions projects on Oahu during the war.

Nisei women served in the Army Nurse Corps and with the Military Intelligence Service.

We can think of no better way to honor our Japanese American veterans than to repeat the words of President Harry Truman. He was speaking to Nisei soldiers returning from Europe after WWII ended.

“You are now on your way home. You fought not only the enemy, but you fought prejudice — and you have won. Keep up that fight.”

We extend our utmost gratitude to those who have served our country in the military past and present. We wish you the best on these upcoming holidays.

November Events on Oahu

***Annual Makahiki Festival and Te Moana Nui Games – Waimea Valley
Saturday, November 2nd – 9 AM-3:30PM
Admission \$5.00***



Would you enjoy witnessing or maybe even participating in the traditional games of Hawaii. The events include Coconut Tree Race, Foot Race, Stone Lifting and Wrestling. There will also be live music, food, hula, vendors, 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 77th Annual Veterans Day Parade
“Honoring Guardians of our Freedom”**

**10 AM Monday,
November 11, 2024
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. This year over 80 marching units are expected to participate. Festivities continue at the park after the parade. Click image for more information.





Waikiki Holiday Parade
Friday, November 29th, 7 - 9PM
Kalakaua Ave, Waikiki,
Ft. DeRussy Park to Queen Kapiolani Park



Set on the first Friday after Thanksgiving to commemorate the heroes of Pearl Harbor and usher in the holiday season. Spectators are treated to Marching Bands, Pearl Harbor Survivors, Entertainers, and a whole lot more! Click the Image for more information.



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SPECIAL NOTICE
KEE BOARD ASKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We are asking for the support of all Owners and Residents in helping to reduce the number of sewer line backups that are occurring on our property.

Our pipes are old, and we are taking steps to deal with that issue. We need to avoid emergencies and there are actions that you can take to help us minimize the number of leaks and backups that are occurring.

We respectfully ask all owners to consider and to implement the following three recommendations for taking better care of our common sewer lines.

1. Report Sewer Problems

Keep an eye out for signs of wear or tear. These include slow drainage or clogs in sinks or toilets and foul odors in your sinks showers or toilet. If you notice unexplained pooling or wet spots near your foundation or landscape, it may also be a sign of a leaking sewer line. *Report these issues to us so we can evaluate and help with solutions.*

2. Flush with Care

Watch what you flush down the toilet or wash down the sink. No grease or coffee grounds down the sink or garbage disposal. Bag and put them in the trash instead.

Do not flush disposable wipes, cotton swabs, facial wipes, diapers, sanitary napkins, condoms, or anything else!

3. Post a Notice in Your Rental

Inform your rental guests of the above-listed Flush with Care guidelines by posting a notice. Signs and notices are inexpensive and easy to order online.





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Omar Enriquez

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

AND LET US NOT FORGET



Brain Teaser Answer - "What do you say to a Turkey that Just lost their left leg"?
"Your all right now"



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