



Happy Labor Day Monday, September 2nd

President's Message

Aloha All. As we enter the last quarter of 2024 your Board is in the process of putting together the annual budget for 2025.



We have much to consider in this process. Our goal is to adequately fund the activities necessary for Kuilima Estates East to thrive as a community. This year we face challenges that make the process a bit more difficult.

We have received word that our Association insurance rates will more than double for 2025. This increase was not a surprise given the state of the insurance industry in Hawaii and the entire United States.

We are also entering into the second year of our sewer line replacement project. So far, we have managed to pay for the work out of our existing budget and reserves. That will be difficult to do in 2025.

Our Reserve Fund is still healthy, but we cannot draw on it any further. In fact, we must increase the Reserve Fund Balance in 2025 to ensure that we comply with Hawaii State Regulations that govern the financial structure of HOA's.

By November, we will have our Budget Plan for 2025 in place. I will keep you up to date on our budget process in future editions of DA KINE.

Our next scheduled Board Meeting is set for Saturday, October 12, 2024, at 9am at the KEE Pavillion.

Our Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 18, 2025, at the Pavilion. Details of these meetings will be out to you all well in advance.

We are also looking at setting up remote (Zoom) access to future meetings in 2025.

Walt Weiss...... Kee Board President Resident Manager's Report

As always, we were busy in August. Sometimes pictures are better than a lot of words. So here goes.

Tree Trimming





Cleaning/Painting





New Entry Gate Signs



Replace Stringer on Building 9



Power Wash Courts



Skid Strips Building 12



We also have ongoing repairs to cracks in our walkways (no picture for this work).

I am happy to report that we had no damage to the property as a result of the passage of Hurricane Hone last week. We prepared for the storm by securing all pool and pavilion furnishings.

Our sewer line work continues with work on units 81-84 finishing up. Work on units 85-88 due to start in early September.

I would like to again ask our owners who rent to find a way to let their guests know that we do not have tennis, pickleball, or beach equipment to check out. Also please make sure your guests have a local contact source when issues arise.

Mahalo For Your Ongoing Support

Marlene Almadova, Resident Manager

**DIS 'N 'DAT – The Saga of the 'Lli'ahi. (Hawaiian Sandalwood)



We are not sure where we got the idea to write about sandalwood, but we are very glad we did.

We found that the largest forests of sandalwood in the world once grew in the Hawaiian Islands.

We also found that the sandalwood trade in the early 1800's represents one of the most distressing periods in Hawaiian History.

When the ancient Hawaiians first arrived on the islands, the sandalwood trees were abundant. They called the trees laau aala "fragrant wood" and extracted oil from the wood to scent clothing and bedding.

They did not know that there was a centuries-old and world-wide demand for sandalwood, particularly in China and India.

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They did not know how that demand would affect Hawaii in the 1800's.

In the early 1800's, American China traders started a trend that eventually decimated the sandalwood forests of Hawaii.

Traders sailing from the west coast of the United States brought goods to Hawaii that were in demand. They exchanged these for sandalwood that they then traded for silk and other Chinese goods.

The sandalwood trade peaked between 1810 and 1820. King Kamehameha I and his successors controlled the trade of sandalwood in Hawaii. It is estimated he made the equivalent of \$300,000 per year in trade credit.

Kamehameha and other Royalty used the sandalwood to trade for western and Asian goods. As the Royal demand for imported goods increased, so did the demand for more sandalwood from the forests.

It was during this time that the entire economy of Hawaii disrupted. The Hawaiian people were burdened by the task of collection and processing of the wood.



As a result, there were less people to fish and farm and famine came to the islands. Many died from the burdens of work and lack of food. During this period the plight of the common people was described as slavery.

Westerners reported seeing thousands of Hawaiians carrying bundles of sandalwood from the mountains into royal store houses. By 1849 sandalwood trees could only be found in one place on Oahu. The largest groves of trees in the world were now just isolated groups of bushes less than three feet tall. Kamehameha put a kapu (ban) on cutting down these small trees. The scarcity of trees brought an end to the lucrative sandalwood trade in Hawaii.

Today, there are now organized efforts to restore the sandalwood and other endangered native tree species. Many of these are in the area of Turtle Bay. One of the first projects was on the Gunstock Ranch Property near Laie.

The Hawaiian Legacy Reforestation Initiative is one of those agencies. To date they have planted 605 thousand trees and are now focusing on sandalwood.

They harvest seeds by hand; germinate them in petri dishes and plant and tend forest areas by hand.

We hope these projects are successful and the once prevalent sandalwood tree groves return to Oahu and the Hawaiian Islands.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS ON OAHU ALOHA FESTIVALS 2024



Oahu's Annual Aloha Festivals are back. The series of events are the largest Hawaiian cultural celebrations in the United States.

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The events include the opening ceremony and Investiture of the Royal Court; a street party (Hoʻolauleʻa) in Waikiki; and, the 74th Annual Floral Parade. Dates and locations for each event are listed below. For more detailed info, click on the floral float image.

The Court Investiture & Opening Ceremony will be held on

Saturday, September 7th at 4:00 PM Coconut Grove at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

The 70th Annual Waikiki Ho'olaule'a is set for Saturday, September 21st from 6 to 9:30 PM on Kalakaua Avenue. Enjoy local food, music and entertainment at the largest block party on the Hawaiian Islands.

The 76th Annual Floral Parade will kick off at 9:00 AM on Saturday, September 28th. The parade begins at Ala Moana Park, proceeds down Kalakaua Avenue and ends at Kapi'olani Park. This is a great parade in a city that knows how to put on a parade!

7th ANNUAL WAIMEA VALLEY KALO & AWA FESTIVAL – Saturday, September 14th – 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – FREE (Register Online)

Closer to home here on the Northshore. See demonstrations of Hawaii farmers and practitioners working the rich lands of Hawaii. There will be kalo & awa tastings, huli giveaways, fun entertainment, and live music. 42nd ANNUAL OKINAWAN FESTIVAL Saturday 8/31 10am-5pm Sunday 9/1 10am-4pm Hawaii Convention Center

Okinawan arts/crafts, food, entertainment, and a Bon Dance on Saturday evening. Click this link for more information.

https://www.okinawanfestival.com/



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Hauʻoli lā hānau

Happy Birthday

FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Paul Heuchling - Bob Lucas - Craig Richter Patty Rolland

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