

MARCH (MALAKI) 2025

March Brain Teaser

*What do you call a
Leprechaun's Vacation
Home*

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DA KINE



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A new Board of Directors has been formed, and we are organizing our efforts.

One of the changes we have implemented is the creation of a Finance Committee. We are facing two major work projects, and we must adopt a plan to fund the work.

Mary Widiner and Wendy Stafford will take the lead. They have the professional expertise we need to find the best financing options for us all.

We have completed an inspection of our electrical service systems property-wide. Total repair costs are estimated to be from \$3 to \$5 hundred-thousand dollars. Fire/Life Safety repairs will be the top priority.

Our inspection of the waste line system will be complete in four to six weeks. Project costs will be determined after we select a contractor to do the work.

A licensed contractor, chosen through a competitive bid process, will complete all work on both projects. Building permits will be obtained.

Since we are so close to completion of competitive bidding for our waste line project, the Board has decided to cancel all work currently scheduled beginning May 1st. March and April work will be completed.

Finally, our Resident Manager, Marlene Almadova completes her 12th year of service to the KEE community on March 4th. Wish her well the next time you see her!

Bert Wilkinson.....Board President

RESIDENT MANAGER'S REPORT



Cats, Chickens, Beetles
Leaks and Tree Roots!
That's February 2025 for
you.

I have received numerous reports of feral cats on property. Our normal response is to trap the cats and then get them to the Humane Society where they have a chance of being adopted. The Human Society has no space available so we will put off trapping for now. Owners, please do not feed the feral cats. It makes it much harder for us to catch them.

We also have chickens and roosters on the property once again. A hen with nine chicks is roaming around the Lalo side of the property. We will be working on their humane removal.

We had an emergency water shut off for units in Building 14. A quick response by a plumber and we had the water back on in less than 1 hour.

Not so good a response for a broken sprinkler on the golf course very near Building 5 and shooting water up on our property. It took several hours for the Golf Course staff to respond and make repairs.

We finished scheduled waste line repairs in Building 6 and the project scheduled for February in Building 1. Work will continue in Building 1 in March and April.

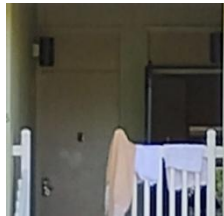
We continue to battle the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle. We are looking at cost-effective options to save our trees.



Our maintenance staff did a good job in removing some large roots that were growing near the walkway by Building 6.



For Owners that Rent. I am noticing a lot of vacation renters hanging towels and clothing on stairways and lanai railings. Please make sure your guests know this is a violation of our house rules.



Mahalo for your support.

Marlene Almadova.....Resident Manager

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

**Please do not cut
across the Ground
Cover**



A request from our Landscape Committee. Please use the sidewalks. Do not cut across the Ground Cover as it tramples the plants and creates unsightly pathways.

If you operate a vacation rental, please add this to your list of notifications to your guests.

****DIS 'N 'DAT THE 'ALAE 'ULA – Messenger of Fire**



Did You Know that Hawaii has the most threatened and endangered plants and animals in the United States. In fact, nearly one-third of

endangered species on the US Fish and Wildlife Service list are found on our islands.

What is remarkable is how many of these species are found here on the Northshore. In past editions of DA KINE we have featured articles about the Monk Seal and the Hawaiian Green Sea Turtle (Honu). If you walk along the beaches between Kuilima Estates East in either direction you might be treated to a view of one of these.

Honu frequent the shore between the Turtle Bay Resort and Kawella Bay. If in the other direction, towards Kahuku Point, Monk Seals will occasionally choose those beaches to give birth.

But did you know that a few miles down the road in the Waimea Valley, there are about 15 of the rarest birds in the world. We did not know that. These birds can also be viewed in the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge (a few miles south of Kuilima Estates).

They are the 'ALAE 'ULA commonly known as the Hawaiian Moorhen. There are only about 500 left in Hawaii and in the world, because they live nowhere else.

These birds are legendary. According to Hawaiian folklore, fire was given to the people of Hawai'i by the gods. The gods chose a secretive waterfowl with a scarlet forehead and beak to be the keeper of fire and to carry it to the people. And so, they named this bird 'Alae 'ulu or "burnt forehead".



The 'Alae 'Ula prefers lowland wetlands and river valleys, including habitats like: freshwater marshes, taro patches, irrigation ditches, reservoirs, and wet pastures. But their habitat is shrinking. Now they are found only in the river valleys of Kaua'i and on the north and windward shore of O'ahu.

Along with loss of their habitat, they are also threatened by environmental contaminants and predators like feral dogs and cats,





mongoose, rats, owls, and even bullfrogs (they go for the chicks). The sad truth is that none of these predators are native to Hawaii.

You do not have to go far to view these birds. The best bet is to visit Waimea Valley where you can view them in the estuary located on the front (entrance) side of the park. They are tended by a conservation team of staff and volunteers that maintain the habitat and combat invasive predators.

You can also see them at the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge but access to that area is highly restricted. You must book a tour in advance to enter, and these tours are very limited. Click [here](#) for more information.

They are nesting now. A female will lay about five eggs that will hatch within about 20 days. The chicks can walk and swim but must be fed and protected for several weeks.

March Events on Oahu

HONOLULU Festival

29th Annual Honolulu Festival
Friday/Saturday/Sunday March 7-9
(Most Events Saturday/Sunday)
Free Admission – Various Locations Near Honolulu City Center

Dedicated to honoring the Cultures of Hawaii and the Pacific Rim, this event has it all. Music and Dance performances, food, vendors and a Grand Parade. Too much to describe here. Click the link above for a complete listing of all the events.

Prince Kuhio Holiday Parade and Celebration

Saturday March 29th
5:00 – 8:00 PM Kapolei



This is one of only four State of Hawai'i Legacy Parades. It will begin at 5pm at Kapolei Hale, proceed along Kapolei Parkway, and end at Ka Makana Ali'i. Sponsored

by the The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs to honor the life of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole. Arrive early to get your spot to watch over 100+ parade participants. Click the image for full details. **Note: This Year Prince Kuhio Holiday is celebrated on Wednesday, March 26th.**

Vintage Collectibles & Hawaiiana Show 18

Spring Wiki Wiki One Day Vintage Collectibles & Hawaiiana Show
Sunday, March 23rd – Blaisdell Center
11:00 AM – 4:30 PM Admission \$5

90 plus vendors of Hawaiian Vintage and Collectibles. The show features a huge selection of pre-statehood and antique Hawaiiana for sale. Click the image above for more information.



FOR SALE OR WANTED

Looking for a unit for my Father to purchase. He wants to move to Kuilima Estates. Prefers a bottom floor unit but that is not a deal breaker. If you are interested in selling, **Contact Joel Hehn 808-426-6393**

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



REAL ESTATE

No Listings or Sales to Report

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY Sunday, March 17th





HAU'OLI LA HANAU



FOR MARCH

**KYLE DUNCAN - DAVID HAAS
MARK HAMILTON**

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

Brain Teaser Answer

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STANDING COMMITTEE BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

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