

August Brain Teaser

What does Oahu and a Fish have in Common?

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DAKINE



President's Message



Your Board of Directors met on Saturday, July 12th at the KEE Pavilion. Owner attendance was good for a mid-year meeting.

On the agenda were reports from the Resident Manager, the Treasurer and representatives of the Grounds, Finance, Infrastructure and Communications Committees.

In addition, Mike Heh (Oahu Short-Term Rental Alliance) made a short presentation covering recent activities concerning the rental market on Oahu. He advised renters to register and operate rentals in full compliance or face the possibility of stiff fines. Updates from OSTRAL will be a regular inclusion in future editions of this newsletter.

Resident Manager

Marlene Almadova discussed the ongoing activities and accomplishments since our April meeting. Our crew continues to save us on maintenance and repairs that would be very costly to hire out. The work performed includes walkway and curb maintenance; painting and repair of buildings; lighting replacement; sprinkler system repairs; removal of tree roots and maintenance of our equipment and vehicles.



Marlene noted that owners that operate short-term rentals need to do a better job informing their renters on our basic house rules (access, parking, pool use, quiet time, bulk trash disposal and hanging clothing over lanai railings). Owners are responsible for the actions of their renters and may be subject to fines for rules violations. Renters should be provided with condensed house

rules. These rules are available for download on our website.

Treasurer's Report



Wendy Stafford provided us with a report on our budget through May 31st. Year to date, our income is right on target at 99.96% of our projected amount.

We are under budget in all Operating Expense Accounts, except for Professional Services. This is due to some unplanned legal fee expenditures. Given this we are still 26% under budget overall.

Grounds Committee

Robert Graham gave a brief report on Grounds Committee activities. The committee meets monthly to identify, prioritize and make recommendations to the board. There is ongoing concern with the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle. The damage to coconut palm trees is very evident throughout the North Shore. We continue to look at options to protect our trees. Coconut tree trimming is scheduled for the week of July 20th.



Infrastructure/Building Committee



Rick Rocheleau and I gave an update on our major projects. Bid proposals for the Waste Line and Electrical Repair jobs have been issued.

We are disappointed in the number of contractors that have submitted responses. Given this we are extending the bid period and actively seeking more bidders.

There are several causes for this situation. These include contractor preference for new



construction over repair work; work location on the North Shore is less desirable; and, a construction market that is very busy at this time.

Since the meeting, we have conducted a walk through with three additional companies for the electrical work.

Finance Committee



Mary Wiidiner reported on the activities of the finance committee. Even though we are doing well in balancing our current budget, our reserves have been depleted by unplanned

emergency work. A plan to pay for the upcoming electrical and wasteline repairs must be finalized. This plan must include the build-up of our reserve account to fund upcoming capital projects. The Board has voted, in principal, to support an Owner Assessment, to fund the upcoming work; however, all funding options are still on the table for consideration.

Public Relations Committee



PUBLIC RELATIONS

In the past, I have been calling this the Communications Committee. Our Bylaws designate it as the Public

Relations Committee and that is what it will be called in all future reports. Our web page has been recently updated, and we urge all owners to check it out at <https://kuilimaestateseast.com/>

I will conclude my message by thanking my fellow Board of Director members for their service and commitment. We are working our way through some difficult times, and I am confident that this Board can get the job done. I also want to complement our owners who are generally very supportive and understanding.

I will be picking a date in August for another "Informal Drop In" Session at the Pavilion. I will be present to answer any questions or listen to suggestions. Owners can drop in at any time. It is a chance to sit and talk "face to face". I will let you all know the date and time with reasonable advance notice.

....**Bert Wilkinson, KEE Board President**



Attendee Questions and Comments

In reference to the overage in the amount budgeted for legal fees, an owner asked if the Association was being sued.

Those present were advised that there is no current litigation involving the Association. The specific details regarding the legal fees paid cannot be disclosed.

An owner requested a letter from the Board confirming that emergency sewer line repairs were scheduled for her unit.

The owner was advised that she would receive letters that verified the work to be done in detail.

An owner asked if the Board was still considering some credit to first floor unit owners who have the most personal expenses associated with sewer line repairs.

The Board noted that some level of credit is being considered and if approved it would be part of the overall plan for financing the sewer line repair work.

The Board was asked if it was possible to pay some of the assessment for upcoming work in advance of the actual assessment announcement.

The Owner was advised that this option is not allowable.

An owner asked if any actions were being taken to control the feral cat population on the property.

Control of feral cats on the property is an ongoing process. It must be done in a humane way. Cats can be trapped, but only when we know that



there is space available in animal shelters. When traps are set, we often experience problems with owners who release the cats before they can be transported. We will continue to follow our policy and hope that owners will not work against us because of their personal feelings.

Resident Manager's Report

Our Resident Manager's report is listed above; however, here are some photos that depict the ongoing work referenced by Marlene.

Mail Box Station
Roof Maintenance



Power Washing



Stairwell Work



*Team Kee (Left to Right)
Alberto, Manalito, Marlene, Max & Bernardo*

Editors Note: As we were putting the final touches on this issue of DA KINE, Hawaii was hit with a Tsunami Warning. People

had about 4 hours to move out of the coastal areas. Our Resident Manager and her husband (Ta'ele) decided to remain on site to assist others with evacuation information and to prepare the property for any possible damage. They secured the pool and pavilion areas, opened the gates for easy egress and then patrolled the property. She just felt she could not "abandon the ship".

Thank You So Much Captain!

*****DIS 'N 'DAT – Did you Know the Real Meaning of "Hawaiian Time"***



We feel that the term "Hawaiian Time" is often very misunderstood. It seems to be used in complaints about

issues like roadwork that goes on forever; or business services, repairs, and purchase orders that seem to take forever to complete. We know all the above to be true in Hawaii for various reasons. But it is unfair to blame those on the culture that is represented by the term "Hawaiian Time". Let's try to explain.

Hawaiian Time is a way of life. It encourages a lifestyle that includes less stress and a more relaxed approach to time management.

It comes from a past era when life in Hawaii was closely linked to nature. Without clocks, calendars and appointment books, the ancient Hawaiians activities were guided by the ebb and flow of daily and seasonal events.

So how do the old traditions make their way into modern Hawaiian culture.



First, there is less pressure to rush to meet deadlines and schedules. This allows for more time to develop and enjoy friendships.

With less focus on future events, people can live in and enjoy the moment, instead of worrying about the next task or due date.



In daily life, *being there* is more important than when you arrive in many social situations. It most likely will not matter if you are a bit late. Your presence is what matters the most.

Hawaiian Time varies across the islands. The pace of life on Oahu is much faster when compared to the Big Island. Not that surprising when you think about it. There is a lot more hustle and bustle in the urban areas of Oahu when compared to the country atmosphere on the island of Hawaii.

So, we will leave you with this thought. Hawaiian Time and the Spirit of Aloha are very closely linked. Slowing down is not being idle or lazy. It shows respect for the moment. Sometimes rushing through life can be very rude and that is not an example of the Aloha Spirit.

And remember.....living Hawaiian Time does not mean you are late for important events like doctor visits, business meetings; or, social gatherings that you have scheduled. After all, it is not good to be late for your own party!

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August Events on Oahu

August Moon Walk Waimea Valley



Sunday, August 3rd
8pm – Admission \$10
Take an evening stroll through Waimea Valley to see the August “Sturgeon Moon” Rise over the Waimea Falls.

43rd Annual Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival – Waikiki Aquarium 2777 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu
August 23rd – 5 to 9 pm \$10.00



View the mele of Hawaii’s best slack key guitar musicians. For info click on the image.

Note: This event is a fundraiser for the Waikiki Aquarium. No outside food or beverages allowed.

31st Annual Made in Hawaii Festival
August 15-17, 2025
Hawai’i Convention Center
Fri:10am-8pm, Sat:9am-8pm & Sun:9am-5pm
(Ticket Available 8/1/25)



This event is a local favorite. It offers a great opportunity to shop the largest selection of Made in Hawaii vendors anywhere. Click on the image above for more detail.



Hawaii Statehood Day Friday, August 15th

Recognizes the day Hawaii became the 50th State. State Offices, Universities & Schools are closed.



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FRIENDLY REMINDERS

HAWAII SCHOOLS BACK IN SESSION

Hawaii



Schools are back in session Monday, August 4th. Take care when driving in Kahuku, Laie and Sunset District during school hours.



TIP FOR VACATION

RENTERS Many guests seek to check out equipment for tennis/pickleball and for the beach. Get top ratings from your guests by making sure you have some basic amenities on hand. Beach towels and tennis/pickleball equipment are the most requested items and we do not have them on hand to check out.



FOR AUGUST 2025

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MARLA MILLER**

*Let us Recognize your Birthday in DA KINE.
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Subject: DA Kine Birthday. Mahalo*

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Answer:

They are both surrounded by water!!



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