

MAY (MEI) 2025

May Brain Teaser

**What's The Best Music
for Cinco de Mayo?**

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DA KINE



President's Message

Your Board of Directors met on Saturday, April 26th. After approval of the minutes of the Annual Meeting, our Resident Manager, Marlene Almodova, brought us up to date on projects and activities at KEE. Details will follow my comments in this newsletter.

Treasurer Wendy Stafford summarized the status of the KEE Budget, and her report is also contained in this newsletter.

We currently have four standing committees. Bob Graham reported for the Grounds and Landscape Committee. Rick Rocheleau summarized the work of the Infrastructure Committee. Mary Widiner spoke on the newly formed Finance Committee, and I presented the Communications Committee report.

I recently met with Ted Biggs, President of the Kuilima Estates East Board. He wants to establish closer working relations with us. We both agreed that our communities could benefit from a mutual exchange of ideas, sharing of resources and possible joint negotiation of work contracts. Our Resident Manager has already established a working relationship with the KEE West RM.

The committee reports summarized in this issue of DA KINE are encouraging and reflect the level of work that your Board is accomplishing. We are moving forward in dealing with critical issues affecting our community.

I will conclude this month's message by repeating what I said to you after our Annual Meeting in January of the year. I left this last meeting with a feeling of very strong support from you, the owners here at Kuilima Estates East.

We (the Board) appreciate your comments and suggestions. We listen to and we hear your

concerns, and we take every suggestion into consideration.

As you will see from this newsletter, we have our work cut out for us in 2025. We are committed to accomplishing our goals and we will keep you informed of our progress.

Bert Wilkinson.....KEE Board President

RESIDENT MANAGER'S REPORT

I continue to be very pleased with the performance of our Maintenance Crew. They save us by completing work that would be costly to hire out.



Our crew just gets better. Roberto Guzman is our newest addition to what I call Team KEE. He replaces James Yamishita who has moved on to other employment.

Roberto comes to us with a lot of expertise and talent. The welding work he completed to repair our aging trash bins was impressive.

Here are a few pictures of the work we have recently completed.



Water Line Fixes



Rain Gutter
Repairs

Welding
Fence Repair



Miscellaneous
Painting, Lines,
Poles, Railings,
Entries

Curb/Hardscape Restoration



Before



After

We just completed our quarterly property inspection. It has been sent to the Board for review. With some minor exceptions, the property looks good. It was noted that the condition of our pool decking is starting to show signs of wear. The mail boxes parcel lockers are wearing out and will need replacement soon.

Recently, the company that completed our annual fire equipment inspection went out of business. SRG Fire Services will now perform our annual inspection. The cost for the work is about the same as we previously paid.

On Saturday and Sunday, May 10-11 there will be a Concert Event at the Turtle Bay Resort. We will go into our Holiday/Event mode on those days. Security will be posted at both gates to control access and prevent our property to become a staging area for concert goers. There will be only 1 guest parking pass issued for each unit on those dates.

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

Committee Reports

Treasurers Report



Wendy Stafford summarized the status of our finances through the month of February, 2025. March and April financial reports are not yet available.

In summary, given the emergency waste line work, our budget looks good.

To date we have collected 100% of our projected cash receipts. Our revenue account is right where it should be.

Looking at our Year-to-Date Operating Expenses

We spent more than we budgeted for due to necessary tree trimming, attorney expenses and payroll.

These costs were more than offset by lower-than-expected payments for utilities, professional contracts and insurance.

The overall Operating Expenses came in at 98.1% of year-to-date projections. A modest but welcome 1.9% under budget.

The total Cash and Reserves of the Association total \$518,711.61.

Committee Reports

Bob Graham – Grounds & Landscape.



Marcos Landscaping continues to perform well.

They are receptive to our direction and not quick to add in extra charges when we make reasonable work requests. They also continue to reduce noise during daily work.

We have been focusing on the trees on our property. Tree trimming for health, removal of trees when necessary and occasionally a new planting.

Bob noted that, several years ago, a complete inventory and mapping of trees and plants on property was completed. This has proven valuable to the committee in completing its work.





Management of the Wedeila (Singapore Daisy) ground cover has been of concern. We are trying to achieve a balance in growth that allows for the yellow flower to bloom without creating cover and shelter for rodents.

Rick Rocheleau – Facilities and Infrastructure Committee.

The final scheduled emergency waste line repair in Building 1 will be completed May 5th.



After that date, there will be no work scheduled until we have completed the competitive bid process, hired a contractor and secured funding for the work, and established a schedule.

We hope there will be no waste line failures requiring more emergency work.

The engineering report is complete and drawings and specifications have been delivered to our project consultant, Bergeman Group. They are working on the Request for Proposal. To date we have five (5) highly qualified firms lined up to bid on the project.



The Electrical project is also moving forward. The engineering report has also been completed and passed on to Bergeman. A Request for Proposal has been issued. We have two active bidders to date.

Three (3) firms chose not to bid. Reasons included our location on the North Shore and the fact that this was repair and not new construction work. Bergeman is currently in the process of responding to questions from the bidder to clarify the scope of work. We expect to have bids to consider soon.

On a final note, asbestos and lead testing will be required prior to the start of work to ensure appropriate safety precautions are taken by the contractors during work.



We are currently evaluating two (2) bids for this work. The test will require a representative number of drywall and paint samples to be taken and tested. When we know more about this process we will be getting the work out to all owners.

Mary Widiner – Finance Committee



Mary reported on the purpose of this new committee.

Not only will they monitor the current budget, but they also

be creating and coordinating the plan for financing the Residential Waste Line and Electrical Capitol Repair Projects.

Financing options have been considered, and the Board has decided to fund the work through an Owner Assessment.

The amount of the assessment cannot be stated until the total project cost is determined.

The terms of the assessment cannot be established until the work and payment schedules are set.

The goal of the committee is to provide funds to complete the work and make payments on schedule, while providing payment options to owners that fit their various financial situations.

An equally important goal of the committee is to rebuild our Reserve Fund balance to ensure we can finance future Capital Repair work.



Bert Wilkinson – Communications Committee. Bert noted that communication with owners must be improved given all the work activities planned and in progress.

Our contact lists must be up-to-date to allow us to get out special notices and informational bulletins in a timely manner. If you are not getting our monthly newsletter, email Bert at baw5671@comcast.net.

He will be creating a “one-path gateway” to contact the Board of Directors. An email account will be created to make this happen.

He will continue to set up “face-to-face” drop-in sessions at the pavilion when he is on island. Anyone can stop by to talk, suggest or ask questions.

Please visit our website to see what it has to offer. Just click this link to do so. www.kuilimaestateseast.com Then click the links at the bottom of the page. No login required.

Friendly Reminders



Please do not give out our Resident Manager's Personal Phone number to Vacation Rental Guests.

The only number that should be provided is **808-293-9974**. This number is answered 24/7 and our Resident Manager will pick up that line during normal business hours.



We have been having a problem with Rental Guests hanging towels and clothing over the railing. We are issuing warnings and even some fines to owners since they are responsible for their guests.

We can also do better with our rental guest parking and access. Please arrange for your guests to have gate access to the property when they check in. That is you or your agents responsibility.



If your guests are going to entertain visitors on the property, your guests are responsible to let the visitors in the gate.

Please remember that your rental guests use your assigned parking space and do not need a parking pass. Anyone visiting them on the property will use a guest parking space and must get a guest parking pass.

**DIS 'N 'DAT – Stuff About Hurricanes



The week of May 4th is designated as Hurricane Preparedness Week in Hawaii.

Given this, we have decided to provide some lesser known facts about these scary events.

HURRICANE TRIVIA

The name Hurricane comes from the word hurakon. It was used by Native Americans in Mexico and the East Indies to describe a great and evil spirit that commanded the east wind. The name was adopted by Spanish Explorers when they first visited the Caribbean.

The first written report of a hurricane was made by Christopher Columbus in 1495.

Energy generated by a hurricane in one day could provide power to the City of Las Vegas for years.

Hurricanes spin counter-clockwise in the Northern Hemisphere and in the opposite direction in the Southern Latitudes.



Hurricanes are beneficial to the environment as they distribute hot air from the tropics to the poles and balance the earth's temperature and moisture. Without this movement of air, parts of the planet would be too hot to sustain life.

Tropical Storm and Hurricane Names are established by the World Meteorological Organization.

There are six lists of names for Tropical Storms and Hurricanes for the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

The lists are rotated each year so the list for 2025 is the same as the list used in 2019. Devasting storm names are retired and never replaced.

FOR SALE OR WANTED

**Like New Plantation Shutter
Fits 8'x8' KEE Bedroom Slidier
Includes all Trim– Asking \$1000 –
Contact Andrew drewdotcom@gmail.com**



*Need an ad posted? Contact Bert Wilkinson
at baw5671@comcast.net*

REAL ESTATE



#39 for \$1,495,000 FEE SIMPLE
#114 for \$1,950,000 FEE SIMPLE**

* Sale pending ** Sold ***By Owner

MAY 2024 EVENTS ON OAHU

**97th Annual Lei Day Celebration
Thursday, May 1st from 9am to 5:30pm
Queen Kapi'olani Park in Waikīkī.**



Thursday, May 1st is Lei Day in Hawaii. Enjoy a full day of flowers, music, lei making craft and food. The celebration will feature a lei contest showcasing some of the most exquisitely crafted lei in a variety of colors and methods. Click on the floral image for full details.

**Lei Day At Waimea Valley
Thursday, May 1st All Day – Free Admission (If
You Wear a Lei to the event).**



Music, Hula, Garden Tours, Lei Making Displays and Contests. Click the Pic for more info.

Memorial Day on Oahu 2025



Monday, May 26th culminates the three-day Memorial Day Holiday Weekend. Take the time to remember the Men and Women who served and sacrificed to defend our country.

In Honolulu there are three events that are traditional on Memorial Day.

The 74th Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 8:30am at the National memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

Hawaii Memorial Day Parade in Honolulu. Marching, military bands, scouts, military units, and veterans march from Fort DeRussey, Waikiki, down Kalakaua Avenue, then Monsarrat Avenue to the Waikiki Shell.



The parade starts at 5 p.m. with a memorial ceremony and is followed by an evening concert afterward.

The Shinnyo Lantern Floating will Commence at 6:30pm at Ala Moana Beach. Remember past loved ones and veterans by floating a lantern in their honor. Click on the flag for more information.

Click on the flag image above for complete information on these events.



**HURRICANE
PREPAREDNESS WEEK IS
May 4TH THROUGH MAY
10TH.**



Hurricane season in Hawaii begins on June 1st so now is the time to get prepared. Click on the important message icon to access the NOAA Hurricane Preparedness

Website for tips on assessing your risk and developing a plan should a Hurricane Strike our area.

Click on the funnel cloud image to go directly to the Ready Gov page for details on how to build an emergency kit for any disaster.

Don't Forget These Important Dates

Mother's Day Sunday May 11th



Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th



Brain Teaser Answer

*The best Cinco de Mayo
Music is:*

Guac 'N Roll



HAU'OLI LA HANAU

For May 2025



ANNE HARLEN-FORTUCCI – PAULETTE MCCOY – CECELIA QURESHI
BETTE SAVINI – SHARON STEELE – PAM TAYLOR - FRANK TRAMONTANO
BERT WILKINSON

Let us recognize your birthday in DA KINE. Email your name to vickieldc@yahoo.com –



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STANDING COMMITTEE BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

Public Relations – Bert Wilkinson

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Finance – Mary Widiner, Wendy Stafford

Facilities/Infrastructure – Bert Wilkinson, Vini Freitas, Rick Rocheleau

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