

Your Monthly Brain Teaser:

What do you call an old Snowman?

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DAKINE



President's Message In Memoriam

I am saddened to report on the loss of a long-time resident and valued member of our community. Walter Weiss

passed away peacefully in his Colorado home on November 30th.

Walt served many terms on the Board of Directors. In his last term he was our Board President.



His care for Kuilima Estates East and property owners was displayed in his dedication and service on the Board.

Most recently, Walt volunteered as a member of the Infrastructure and Grounds Committee where his experience with construction projects was greatly valued.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife Marka and to the Weiss family.



Moving Forward

November was another busy month. Normal activities were interrupted by another waste line failure. This affected four units in Building 13.

My complements to our Resident Manager who was able to schedule repairs and assist owners in relocating rental guests on the weekend before Thanksgiving Day.

I also want to thank the affected owners for their understanding and cooperation in preparing their units for the upcoming repair work.



We are planning for our Annual Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 9:00am HST at the Pavilion.

We will provide Zoom access to the meeting. More details to follow in the January *Da Kine*.

Our Finance Committee has secured a construction loan through the Bank Of Hawaii to finance our major repair work.

Final loan approval requires a Qualified Majority (51% vote of  all Kuilima Estates East Owners). You will soon be receiving voting materials with information on how to cast your vote.

It is important for you to cast your ballot without delay. We have locked in an interest rate of 6% but that is only good through January 1st, 2026. After that the interest on the approved loan may change.

Included in the voting packet will be more detailed information on the loan terms. We will have contact information listed if you have questions.



My thanks to Mary Widiner and Wendy Stafford for their tireless work on this project funding and our 2026 Annual Budget.

I want to recognize our Resident Manager Marlene Almadova and our crew (Bernardo, Alberto, Manuelito & Max) for all the maintenance work completed in 2025.

I also want to acknowledge the work of the members of our standing committees.

Facilities and Infrastructure

Rick Rocheleau, Vini Freitas, Ete Savini & Walt Weiss.

Grounds and Landscaping

Lisa Lai with dedicated members Bob Graham, Scott Najiima, Marla Miller, Bethany & Ann Fortucci and Kathleen Bennett.



Have a safe and happy holiday season and I will see you all in 2026!

Bert Wilkinson....Board President



Resident Manager's Report:

Activities

We ended the month of November with another waste line failure. A cracked pipe with roots inside caused the backup. NK Plumbing responded immediately and stabilized the problem.

Short Term Rental Units were affected so we had to scramble to assist owners and agents in finding other accommodations for their guests. Repairs are approved and scheduled. We hope to get all work done before the Christmas Holiday.

Here is a summary of some other work completed in November.

Cement Walkway Repairs



Irrigation Pipe Replacement

Clearing Drainage System Roots



Fencing Repairs

Clear Root Growth Near Walkways



We completed our annual fire extinguisher inspection and testing. Our fire suppression equipment is certified to be in good working order.

I am looking at a cost-effective option to treat our ageing mailboxes until replacement is scheduled. This would be purchase of specialty paint that will protect and improve their appearance. Our staff can do the paint work.

As we end 2025, I want to thank you all for your support, for your caring and cooperation. From me to you....



Mele Kalikimaka and Hau'oli Makahiki Hou.

Marlene Almadova.....Resident Manager



A Few Friendly Reminders

We are in the Holiday Season so please ensure your guests have a parking pass displayed. In a pinch, guests can write down and display on the dash, the Unit # they are visiting.

Please keep entryways clear of all items. This is necessary for safety and for fire code compliance.



Please arrange to provide gate access for all package deliveries. We are working on options for delivery service entry, but nothing is in place at this time.



Tis the Season to be Careful.



Each year brings new scams to rob you of your holiday joy. We did some research and found out what the new ones are for 2025.

Watch out for these!

Fake Online Deals

Look out for online deals that are “too good to be true”. Scammers create bogus websites that look real. When you order, they steal your money and personal information. To avoid these scams, carefully check web addresses and deal with sites you are familiar with.

Shipping & Delivery Scams

These involve fake texts/emails claiming delivery problems or reporting purchases you have not made. You are directed to a website to correct the problem and of course; to do so you must provide payment and personal information. To stay safe never click these links. Instead go directly to the retailer or package carrier site to confirm.

Gift Card Scams are becoming increasingly creative. There are too many types to list here. Don't make payments with gift cards. Try not to buy them off the rack, but if you must, check the cards carefully for signs of tampering. Buy from trusted retailers.

Charity Scams can really steal your holiday spirit. Stick with well-known charity groups, don't donate to a voice over the phone and do not donate gift cards, a wire transfer or cryptocurrency.

Travel Scams are common this time of year. Crooks post rental properties online and then deal directly with consumers to take their cash. Look out for offers for steep travel discounts. Only deal with reputable (known) travel sites to avoid these problems.

We found a great reference on scams in the TAKE CARE Webpage. Click on the image

at the beginning of this article for much more detail.

****DIS 'N 'DAT
Da Kine Christmas**

In past December issues of Da Kine we have tried to keep to topics related to Christmas and New Years Day. We were feeling a bit nostalgic this year so we decided to go back in time and look at our *Dis N Dat* holiday articles from the past. We kinda liked what we found, and we want to share some of these with you.



In 2017 we wrote about the first known Christmas celebration in Hawaii. Seems British ship Queen Charlotte was anchored in Waimea Bay, Kauai on December 25, 1786. The ship's Captain, George

Dixon, sent a party ashore to capture a wild pig which became the crew's Christmas dinner for the crew. According to legend, the crew mixed their rum ration with coconut milk and invented the pina colada.

The crew gave small gifts (trifles) to the local women and children. In exchange, the local chief visited the ships bringing gifts of hogs and vegetables. This was the first known holiday gift exchange in Hawaii.

In 2018 we listed the 12 Days of Christmas (Hawaiian Style)...and in 2021 we recited the Hawaiian Pidgin version of the Night Before Christmas poem. (Click Santa to Hear it)





For 2025, we would like to conclude our holiday Da Kine with a sampling of some truly Hawaiian Christmas Songs performed by well-known Hawaiian entertainers. We hope you will click on each of these images to see these videos and hear the songs. They are good!



The first is "Nu Oli" by Keali'i Reichel. A beautiful a cappella Christmas song in Hawaiian.

The Second is "My Hawaiian Christmas" by The Honolulu Boys Choir. A very cool song. Listen carefully to the lyrics. "A man made of Sand not a Snowman". "Maile replaces Mistletoe".



And finally Kapena sings about the Hawaiian Santa surfing into Waikīkī and doing the Hula around the islands. Listen and enjoy!

We hope you found this article interesting.



**FROM US TO YOU.
HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

December Events on Oahu

2025 Honolulu City Lights

Saturday, November 29, 2023. 4:00 pm
Honolulu Hale, Honolulu



This is a good one!! Honolulu City Lights kicks off the Christmas Season with Tree Lighting and decorations display at

Honolulu Hale followed and Thomas Square Park followed by an Electric Light parade.

After this event, Holiday Decorations will be viewable in the Frank F. Fasi Civic Center Courtyard until December 29th.

For more information on this event, please click on the image above.

84th Pearl Harbor Commemoration "Building Pathways to Peace"



December 7th 2025
Pearl Harbor National Memorial
(Some Ceremonies Livestreamed)

Activities Honoring the 83rd anniversary of Pearl Harbor will be held at several locations in the Pearl Harbor national Memorial on December 6th and 7th. All events on these days are open to the public.

For complete information visit the Pacific Historic Parks website by clicking on the image of the USS Arizona Memorial.



New Year's Eve Fireworks and Events



Looking to end 2025 with a **Bang!** A fireworks show is set for Honolulu. The fireworks will be set off from a barge located off Waikiki Beach. There are also fireworks and New Years events in many locations across Oahu. The *Go Visit Hawaii* webpage is a great resource for all the action. Access their site by clicking on the fireworks image (bottom left).

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Brain Teaser Answer: What do you call an old Snowman?

Answer: Water



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