

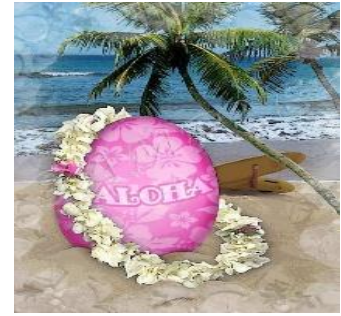
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April Brain Teaser

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# DA KINE



## President's Message

In last year's April DA KINE, we published a schedule for our major projects. We also presented our proposed financing option. There certainly have been a lot of changes since then!

I am happy to say that we did not meet our original deadlines. This was done for very good reasons.

We were unhappy with the bids we received for the waste line work. We went back to the drawing board to rework the bid specs and terms. The result was a bid that saved us millions of dollars for the same quality work.

We listened to owners' concerns about an assessment to fund the work. We looked at other options and are ready to seek your approval for a loan package. The terms of the loan have payment options that we believe will meet most owners' needs.

We have come a long way since last April. We are ready to hire Warrior Construction to complete the waste line work. All we need is your approval of our funding plan.

You should have received an email with an option to vote on the funding plan for our major projects. You can also vote by mail but that is a slower process as letters are just now being sent out.

**Please respond to our letter or email with your vote without delay.** We expect the funding package to be approved. We can then move forward to set a work schedule and get this job moving.

If you have any questions about the financing plan you can contact Mary Widiner at [mary@walpolecpa.com](mailto:mary@walpolecpa.com) or me at [baw5671@comcast.net](mailto:baw5671@comcast.net).

As you know, Hawaii was hit by a series of very strong storm systems.

Roads into the Northshore were closed in both directions. Evacuations were ordered in Wahiawa, Waialua and Haleiwa.

The Karsten-Thot Bridge was closed due to flooding, and it was feared that the Wahiawa Dam might fail.

A section of cliff above the jumping rock at Waimea Bay collapsed threatening the Kamehameha highway. That section of road is now closed from 8PM to 5AM every day for repairs. A contra-flow is in effect 24/7.

As always, our Resident Manager stepped up and managed issues affecting our community in an efficient and professional manner. She did so while responding and providing a lot of assistance to owners and guests.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be at 9am, Saturday, April 25, 2026, at the Pavilion. We plan to have remote access set up via Zoom.

My best to Marlene Almadova, our Resident Manager, who just completed her 13<sup>th</sup> year of service to our community in March.

My complements to all the Board Members working on various committees minding our finances, grounds and property. I am honored to serve with them on this Board.

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



**Resident Manager’s Message**



**Kona Low Storm Report**

Our property did well during the recent storms that hit the islands.

We had some pooling of water in low-lying areas. We cleaned up some

downed tree limbs and palm fronds. We had two separate power outages. 36 hours during the first storm and 27 hours in the second. These affected the entire Northshore.

The Eleku Pool was inundated with muddy rainwater run-off and will require a bit of work to clean the filter and pump systems.

We also had two roof leaks. Tory Roofing responded to make the repairs. Roof issues were reported to the Infrastructure Committee for appropriate action.



**Kitchen Fire – Building 15**



About 4:40pm, Saturday, March 21, 2026, I received a report of smoke coming from the roof area of Unit 168 in

Building 15. I responded immediately and observed smoke coming from the roof vent. Security was on site and 911 had been called. Fire was enroute.

Bert Wilkinson evacuated all units in building 15 while Vickie Dela Cruz stood by the Eleku gate entrance and directed the fire apparatus onto the property. We cleared the parking lot to allow unimpeded access to Building 15. Butch Youmans and Vince Cunningham also responded to help.

Fire crew arrived from the Kahuku Station. Response time was less than 10 minutes. The crew entered the unit and determined that food items were left on the glass surface of the stove by vacation renters.

The renters checked out of the unit while the power was off, but they left the stove on. When the power was restored, the food items burned. The stove and refrigerator were scorched, and smoke filled the unit but there was no other damage and no flames.



**Editor’s Note: It is good that the stairs and entryway for the affected unit were clear.** You can see the gear the fire personnel wear. Boots, turn-outs, self-contained breathers, and full-face masks. They had to climb the stairs and maneuver into a dense smoke-filled unit to extinguish the fire.

They cannot have any obstructions in their way. Marlene’s tireless work to get our entryways cleaned up paid dividends today.

**Waste Line System Work**

We have another waste line failure to report. This one is in Building 2. Work is ongoing. The routing of the waste lines in the affected units is not typical, slightly complicating the job. We hope to complete work by the second week of April. I hope no further work will be necessary until we have plans, permits and funding in place.



**Lalo Gate Repair**

The Lalo Security Gate was out of service for several days. The problem was not storm related.

**General Maintenance**

I say it every month. Our staff continues to save us money by completing amazing work.



They prepped for the Storm by clearing rain gutters and storm drains. Then cleaned these up again after the storm to prepare for the second wave of rain.



They completed general painting of stairway railings and Mechanical Chases.

**Thank you so much for your support!**  
**Marlene Almadova.....Resident Manager**

**Friendly Reminders for April**  
Spring break period is here and the summer tourist season is coming. Given this, we expect a lot of guests on property.

**Keep Your Contact Info Up to Date**

This is important if you do not live on property. We need to get in touch when a problem occurs. If you vacation rent, we also need to have your agent's contact info.



**Manage Your Vacation Rental and Manage Your Rental Manager**

Owners or their agents are responsible for handling the needs of your rental guests. We always respond to emergencies. We will call you and your agent. Sometimes your on-island is not available. In a few cases, on-island agents are not very helpful, forcing us to tend to problems with your guest accommodations. This is not our job!

Please make sure your guests have access to the property and to the unit they rented. They should have a number to call if they need assistance. They should be aware of basic parking requirements and our house rules on quiet time, pool use, smoking and scheduling use of the Tennis/Pickleball Courts

**Please Post Condensed House Rules in Your Rental Unit**

We continue to have had problems with guest hanging towels and clothing over stair and lanai railings and discarding trash on the grounds. Cigarette butts thrown on the ground at the mail kiosks and burn marks on the benches where cigarettes have been snuffed out. **Is this what you want your vacation renters to experience?**

See photos.



Clothing on Rails



Beer Cans Thrown from Lanai

Cigarette Butts



**FOR SALE OR WANTED**

**Nothing to List for April**

**Need an ad posted? Contact Vickie Dela Cruz at [vickieldc@yahoo.com](mailto:vickieldc@yahoo.com)**



**REAL ESTATE**

#29	for	\$1,100,000	FEE SIMPLE
#39	for	\$1,300,000	FEE SIMPLE
#51	for	\$1,200,000	FEE SIMPLE
#64	for	\$1,880,000*	FEE SIMPLE
#139	for	\$1,998,000	FEE SIMPLE
#140	for	\$1,998,000	FEE SIMPLE
#167	for	\$1,250,000	FEE SIMPLE

\* Sale pending \*\* Sold \*\*\*By Owner



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Fun Facts about the Easter Bunny**



The original Easter Bunny was a Hare and not a Rabbit.

In German folklore, the "Oschter Haws" laid colorful eggs to deliver to kids as a reward for their good behavior.

No one knows why or how the Germans decided that a mammal could lay colored eggs!

The Oschter Haws wasn't just a gift-giver; he was a judge. Much like Santa's "naughty or nice" list, the Oschter Haws would determine which children had been well-behaved before leaving colored eggs in their hand-made baskets,

This tradition was carried to the U.S. by German immigrants and bunny rabbits took over for the German Hare. I think because a Bunny is cuter than a Hare.

So, what about the rest of the world!



Easter Rabbit – Hare – Fox – Cuckoo & Bell

In Switzerland the Easter Bunny is replaced by an Easter Cuckoo. In Australia, eggs and chocolate are delivered by rabbit-like animal called a bilby.

In France, flying church bells deliver the goodies and, in some parts of Europe, it is a fox doing the work.

Chocolate bunnies are one of the top treats given at Easter. It is estimated that 90 million are produced during the holiday period.

It seems that researchers do not have enough work to do. They have determined that 80 percent of us eat the Ears of chocolate bunnies first. The next most popular spot seems to be the tail!



Finally, there seems to be some questions as to where the Easter Bunny lives. Some say it is in a deep burrow on Easter Island. Others say the Easter Bunny lives at the North Pole with Santa Claus. You will have to decide which to believe.

We hope you enjoyed these fun facts. Happy Easter!

**April Events on Oahu**



**2026 Family Friendly Easter Events April 4<sup>th</sup> thru the 20<sup>th</sup> Many Locations**

Last Year we found the *Hawaii Parent* site on the web. It is filled with family friendly Easter events. Don't miss out! Click on the image above and find some Easter fun!

**Hawaiian Scottish Festival and Highland Games – Postpones till April 2027**

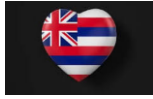


**The gathering of the Clans will not occur in 2026. It should be back in April of next year.**

Click the image for details.



**HEART of Honolulu Street Festival**



**Sat April 11<sup>th</sup> – 11am to 4pm**  
**Nu'uuanu Ave & King St. – Free**

Enjoy the HEART of the Chinatown Arts District, including art, live music, food, creative local vendors, performances and the HEART STRUT Parade. Admission is Free – Click the Heart for more information.



**Earth Day 2026**  
**Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Our Power Our Planet**

Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by EARTHDAY.ORG. For more information on how you can honor and support, click the logo above.

**20th Annual WAIKIKI SPAM JAM**

**Hawai'i Food Bank Fundraiser**



**Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**4-10 PM**

**Kalakaua Ave @**  
**Lewers St. Waikiki**

**Free Admission**

Looks like this Block Party is a lot of fun. Live entertainment on two stages, fun activities and all the Spam dishes you can handle. Click the logo for info.



**Sunday April 5, 2026**

**Brain Teaser Answer**  
*Why should you not tickle an Easter Egg?*  
**Because it might crack up!**

**HAU'OLI LA HANAU**



*FOR APRIL*

**ROBERTA DUNCAN**  
**GAYLE ROSE**

**KRIS MacDONALD**  
**VERA STONE**

*Let us recognize your birthday in DA KINE. Email your name to [vickieldc@yahoo.com](mailto:vickieldc@yahoo.com) – Subject: DA Kine Birthday. Mahalo*



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