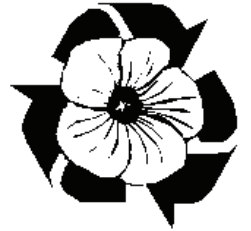


Kula Postal Patron



KCA Meeting: Tuesday, February 19, 7pm - Kula Community Center

**Kula Community Association Meeting:
Vacation Rentals in Kula: Pro or Con or Conditionally?**

Tuesday, February 19, the Kula Community Association will have an exciting program, "Vacation Rentals in Kula: Pro or Con or Conditionally?" at the Kula Community Center from 7pm - 9pm. Two years ago the KCA Board took a position on TVR's and B&B's. It is now exploring whether that position should be changed. Some of the "hot topics" include: a requirement that the owner or manager live on the property; appropriate property tax classifications, allowing on agricultural lands; and the role of neighbors in allowing or denying a nearby TVR. The County Council is now evaluating proposed TVR and B&B legislation, and our Kula residents are urged to get informed of the many issues and of the pending County legislation. As in the past the County Council may be turning to the KCA for guidance on the views of our community. Consequently, the input of participants will assist the Kula Community Association Board in formulating a position and making its recommendations to the County Council. Panelists analyzing the matter at our meeting include Jeff Hunt, Maui County Planning Director, Council Member Gladys Baisa, Realtor's Association of Maui Government Affairs Director Dave DeLeon, and a representative from the Maui Vacation Rental Association. After the panelists lay out the issues, the KCA Board is interested in hearing the opinion of Kula residents. It should be both an educational and exciting evening with your neighbors! The usual great refreshments will be served.

Call 878-1874 for information

Your County Parks Department at Work

Kula Community Center: The County is busy scheduling repairs and electrical upgrades to the Center. There is a work order to separate the kitchen counter plugs on separate circuits so more appliances can be plugged in without overloading the circuit and tripping the breakers. The interior and exterior were recently painted and the sink faucet has been replaced. Water damaged cabinets will soon be replaced and a new stove, refrigerator, and floor tiles have been ordered.

Kula/Waiakoa Gym: Approximately \$200,000 of improvements to the gym are scheduled including replacing the roof, sealing and repainting the exterior and interior, and performing some restroom handicapped accessibility renovations.

Kula Tennis Courts: The Kula Community Center Tennis Park's master plan of six tennis courts, passive park area, restroom facilities, and parking, will soon be moving one step (phase) closer with the addition of two lit courts. Construction should be underway in the next few weeks barring any major setbacks. The good news also is the County now has title of the full park parcel, which has been under lease to the County for generations. The project is a very challenging with much work needed to address the sloping site. There will be many retaining walls, ramping, and relocation of an internal roadway. The estimated construction time for this phase is four to six months. Thank you to KCA Board Member Steve Sutrov for his continued efforts to make sure the full build-out of the project is completed.

Pukalani Pool: The pool heater replacement project is scheduled to begin soon with a completion date at the end of May and only one day of pool closure during this time. The replacement of the pool filter will begin this summer and may close the pool up to a month. Mahalo to Kula resident Steve Goldstein for monitoring this project and keeping it on track.

Kula Community Association



YEAR 2008 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please send your 2008 dues with this form to: KCA, PO Box 417, Kula, HI 96790.

Dues: \$10-Individual \$30-Business Donations for AKAKU taping of election forums are welcome!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Make sure you give us your email address, so we can alert you to meetings and special upcountry issues. The KCA keeps your contact information strictly confidential and will not share this information.

DECEMBER STORM DRAWS HUMAN KINDNESS

All Kula was impacted, but the December Kona storm took a severe toll on the Waiohuli subdivision. One home was lost when it slid off its foundation, displacing an entire family, miraculously no serious injuries occurred. Heavy debris of logs came down from PoliPoli State Park, taking out portions of people's yards. Several gulches also were filled with trees, logs and debris. Clean-up efforts got a boost with the collaborative volunteering efforts of family, and friends from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the County of Maui, the National Guard and the community. Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association, Inc., President, Pua Gomes says, "Thank you to all those involved. We could not have done this amount of clean-up without everyone's help." On another note: Phase I of the 386-lot Keokea-Waiohuli subdivision is scheduled for completion this summer and includes 97 residential lots and 66 farm lots.

POLITICAL CANDIDATE FORUMS ARE COMING

The Kula Community Association is again planning to conduct Candidate Forums prior to both the Primary and General elections. The Primary Election Forum will be held on Tuesday, August 12; and the General Election Forum will be on Tuesday, October 7. These are always exciting events which allow the candidates to go head-to-head with their opponents, as they answer unrehearsed questions posed by your KCA Board. In the past more than one candidate has used this forum to get the recognition they needed to get elected, while some candidates have mis-spoken, and paid the price. The evening is always informative, and often amusing.



WE NEED YOUR OPINION

The Board of the Kula Community Association is updating its position on short term rentals, including vacation accommodations. A short term rental is defined as any rental for a period less than six consecutive months. The Maui Planning Commission has reviewed proposed ordinances and the County Council will now begin deliberations. Please circle one or more letters that most reflects your feelings.

Please mail to KCA, P.O. Box 417, Kula, Hawaii 96790 or bring to our February 19th meeting.

1. **The Larger Issue of Maui Tourism.** —The current 1991 General Plan promotes a tourist economy based in resort ocean areas in South and West Maui. A new General Plan is currently being developed. Do you think it should:
 - a. Continue to limit tourist accommodations to resort areas in South and West Maui?
 - b. Allow tourist accommodations island-wide, including residential areas?
 - c. Allow individuals to operate vacation rentals in residentially zoned areas?
 - d. Allow other parts of the island (such as Waiakoa near Morihara's store) to allow twenty unit hotels?
2. **Community Notification.** Any permit application for a short term rental:
 - a. Should not be approved, as rentals for less than six months should not be allowed in residentially zoned neighborhoods.
 - b. Should include notification of surrounding property owners/residents and provide ample opportunity for their input while the application is being considered.
 - d. Should be approved subject to review and support from a majority of the neighbors within 500 ft.
 - e. Should not be required to have the approval of the surrounding neighborhood/community.
3. **Management.** If a short term rental is permitted, it should:
 - a. Be required to have an owner or manager living on site.
 - b. Be permitted to operate without an owner or manager living on site.
 - c. Be permitted as long as the immediate neighborhood knows who to contact in the event of an issue arising from the presence of the rental.
4. **Property Tax Rate.** The tax rate for short term rentals should be:
 - a. At residential rates
 - b. At residential rates only when the owner lives on site.
 - c. At hotel and resort rates
5. **Vacation Rentals on Agriculturally Zoned Land.** Vacation rentals on ag classified lands
 - a. Should be permitted under the same rules used for other residential areas
 - b. Should not be permitted
6. **Short Term rentals will:**
 - a. Negatively affect farming practices on ag land
 - b. Positively affect farming practices on ag land

Comments:

7. **Bicycle Tours:** The County of Maui has hired a firm to conduct a study of the commercial downhill bicycle tour industry. Part of the study will ask for community input. Have you had problems with the commercial downhill bicycle tours or their riders? Do you have an opinion on what the County should do, if anything, about the tours?

