



NEWS FROM LKOC

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Aloha LKOC Members,

Looking ahead to this coming year, I want to first thank all of you for your continued support of LKOC and the important work we do in Kailua to enhance the livability of our community for residents, and to improve the environment for our local businesses and visitors. Your membership truly exemplifies what it means to be a 'grass-roots' organization. Thanks to our volunteers' tireless efforts over the last 66 years, Kailua enjoys the benefits of quality shade trees and other landscaping on our streets, school grounds, parks, and in our neighborhoods.

In this issue, "**Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle Beautification**" gives some visual examples of how LKOC's beautification efforts have improved our public streets and parks. They show how several areas could have looked today had our planting initiatives not been done and exemplify how important our work has been to our community.

Additionally, many of you may not know that our beautification efforts involve the on-going maintenance of many Exceptional Trees in Kailua. "**Exceptional Trees at WCCC**" describes the recent pruning of four magnificent specimens on the grounds of the Women's Community Correctional Center. LKOC also sponsors a "Learning to Grow" program at the correctional facility that you can learn more about by visiting our website (lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org).

As do all the branches of The Outdoor Circle, our Lani-Kailua Branch has always advocated for responsible land use policies that protect our environment and natural resources. "**Clouds over Kawainui Marsh**" and "**Kapa'a Industrial Park Expansion**" describe our concerns regarding the proposed development of the Kawainui-Hamakua Marsh Complex and the adjacent Kapa'a Industrial Park site. You can get involved with marsh restoration efforts by volunteering on clean up days, as described in "**Join LKOC Working in the Marsh**".

This issue also contains information on important upcoming activities being held this fall, including our **Annual Fall Luncheon**, **WCCC Plant Sale**, and **Holiday House Tour**. I hope you will all participate in these events that support our efforts as well as give back to the community.

All of us at LKOC also want to give special thanks to two retiring LKOC Board chairs who have each devoted more than a decade to our causes: Margaret Brezel, as the WCCC Partnership chair, and Pat Meyers, as our Newsletter chair. Their dedication has been an inspiration to all of us over the years. Mahalo, Mahalo for all you have done! And welcome to our new chairs, Teddi Baumgartner, who is putting out this fabulous newsletter, and Mora Stanley and Terry Beuret, who will be co-chairing the WCCC Partnership. Thank you for that!

I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year. We are actively looking at ways to better engage our community and expand our membership base, and we welcome your input and feedback on any issue you feel is important. You can reach us as described at the end of this newsletter.

Mahalo for your support!
Diane Harding, President, LKOC

Clouds over Kawainui Marsh

A Ramsar report on Kawainui Marsh gives the following information: "Since the 1960s, the local community around Kawainui Marsh, and a variety of local and statewide environmental, educational, and native Hawaiian groups and individuals, have consistently advocated for resource protection and against development in and around the marsh."



http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-activities-wwds-usa-designates-site-on/main/ramsar/1-63-78%5E22429_4000_0

What has happened to our vision for a place that is locally and globally acknowledged to be environmentally and culturally fragile? The Preliminary Concept Plans for the Kawainui-Hamakua "Complex" offer eight maps with drawings of modern buildings, parking lots, restrooms, pavilions, kiosks, trails, signage and roads. A conservative list of this plan includes 17 buildings, 13 parking lots (public and private), 5 pavilions, 8 viewing decks, 4,155 feet of boardwalk, approximately 5.7 miles of foot trails, 10 program and open lawn areas, 9 maintenance access roads, 3 bridges, 10 interpretive sign areas, a canoe launch, and 4 plant nurseries.

This is the plan for a place Ramsar refers to as a "significant prehistoric settlement" site, where local cultural groups have noted many "wahi pana," (celebrated and storied places).

<http://www.hhf.com/kawainui/purpose.html>

<http://ahahui.files.wordpress.com/2012/07/wahi-pana-brochure.pdf>

When Kawainui became eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, the present boundaries were said to be "a major component of a larger cultural district which would include not only the ponding/wet agricultural area, but also the remains of extensive terracing systems, ceremonial sites, burial sites, and habitation areas associated with this agricultural complex." This larger district, as well as the Master Plan area of the marsh, has not been adequately studied. Why would we build modern educational and cultural complexes on top of it or excavate an extensive network of trails to sensitive areas not afforded protection?

The agricultural site cluster in the Kawainui area has been described as the "earliest agricultural field" dated in the Hawaiian Islands. It once had clean water essential for growing food, especially taro.

If the proposed plan is implemented, how will sediment runoff from the extensive trail system be prevented? Can the suggested remediation measures for heavy metal leaching from roofing materials and parking lots be 100% effective and if not, what percentage of pollutants are the planners suggesting we tolerate?

Can enough nitrogen be removed from septic systems before entering the groundwater to prevent it from contributing to the plant growth that is so detrimental to the healthy function of the wetland? If we don't have the answers, why are we being asked to take the risk?

Can Hawaii's endangered water birds rebuild their populations if we turn their largest refuge into a tourist attraction?

This plan presents a very clouded vision for the future of Kawainui-Hamakua Marsh. We expect more from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the governor who appoints government agents to positions of public trust.

For the full Master Plan go to: <http://www.hhf.com/kawainui/>

Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle
Fall Membership Luncheon

Friday, October 17, 2014, 11:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.
Kaneohe Bay Yacht Club ~ Kaneohe Bay Drive



Lunch Buffet \$30.00



- *Caesar Salad *Fresh Fruit Platter *Grilled Vegetable Platter with Ranch Dressing
 - *Chilled Curry Chicken Salad *Gazpacho Soup *Smoked Ham and Turkey Rolls
 - *Vegetarian Spring Rolls *Assorted Cookies *Ice Tea *Coffee
- (Naupaka Caterers)

Guest Speaker: Beverley Grimmer, award winning horticulturist & designer

Beverley is a long time resident of Kailua and has had a lifelong passion for flowers and gardening. She is a member of The Garden Club of Honolulu and has won awards in floral design and horticulture including Best in Show at TGCH flower shows. She has taught classes at the Lyon Arboretum and WCCC. Bev believes in using plant materials and containers that are on hand rather than running out to purchase a dozen posies every time a table decoration is needed. She has great ideas for elegant, simple compositions.

Name: _____ # of tickets: _____

Guest Names: _____

**Make checks payable to LKOC and mail by October 10 to:
Gay Sevier; 1030 Aoloa Pl. #302B; Kailua, HI 96734**

GIANT PLANT SALE

Saturday, October 25, 2014 8–11 a. m.

Kailua Elementary School

(315 Kuulei Road, next to the Library)



Red ti

Succulent wreath



Golden dew drop



Red blossomed angel wing begonia



Zig-zag succulent

We will have lots of herbs, ferns, mosquito-repellant citronella, red & green ti, plumeria, papaya, mountain apple, red blossomed angel wing begonia, bonsai, stag horn fern, succulent wreaths, hand-painted and hand-made pots suitable for gifts, and much more.

Sponsored by Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle
on behalf of the
Women's Community Correctional Center

Come early (8 a.m.) for best selection!

Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle Beautification



Kailua Road heading towards Pali



Kailua Road without LKOC beautification

Mokapu Boulevard



Mokapu Blvd. without LKOC beautification



Kailua Recreation Center



Kailua Recreation Center without LKOC beautification



Join LKOC Working in the Marsh

LKOC has recently adopted Pond 11, one of the Corps of Engineer ponds in Kawainui Marsh. It was established for four of Hawaii's endangered water birds: the 'alae'ula (Hawaiian moorhen), the 'alae ke'oke'o (Hawaiian coot), the ae'o (Hawaiian stilt), and the kaloa (Hawaiian duck). Our pond will focus on maintaining habitat for the moorhen and coot. Meet behind Castle Hospital for a day of rewarding hands-on work on the first Saturday of the month, and get to know this national treasure! Next pond work days are Oct. 4 and Nov. 1, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Sign up with James Cogswell, wildlife biologist at DLNR/Division of Forestry and Wildlife, at james.m.cogswell@hawaii.gov.

Kapa'a Industrial Park Expansion

Kapa'a Industrial Park owners have received a Special Management Area Permit (SMA) to build a base yard, warehouses, and a wastewater treatment system on 31 acres of recently zoned industrial land directly above Kawainui Marsh. A 13-acre portion of Preservation zoned land and a large segment of Kapa'a Stream have been included in the SMA permit. Kapa'a Stream is the main drainage pathway for the Kapa'a watershed. It flows through the property then down slope into drainage canals along Kapa'a Quarry Road before entering Kawainui Marsh. This marsh is the largest freshwater wetland in the state, with essential habitat for four of Hawaii's endangered water birds.

Areas of concern regarding the industrial expansion and the issuing of the SMA permit:

1. The proposed industrial development would be built on a former unlined landfill and on top of Kapa'a Stream's original path before it was diverted to the northern end of the property.
2. The storm wastewater management and treatment system is designed for a 10 year storm event and when the detention vaults fill to capacity or fail, the runoff will be directed into Kapa'a Stream.
3. The increased flow of cars, trucks, and heavy equipment to the site will compromise traffic safety which has led to suggestions that trees be removed along Kapa'a Quarry Road.

Please contact the Honolulu City Clerk at 768-3810, or access the City Council's Website at <http://www.honolulu.gov/council.html> for further information.

The Outdoor Circle Annual Full Circle Meeting

The Outdoor Circle's annual Full Circle Meeting will be held on Oahu this year, at the magnificent Waimea Botanical Park, on November 15 from 9:00 to 3:00, followed with a private tour by park botanist David Orr. Hosted this year by the North Shore Branch, this annual meeting is where all our branches from across the state meet to discuss the issues that affect our organization as a whole including upcoming legislative issues and state-wide directions we want to pursue for the coming year. More importantly, it is an opportunity for all of our members to share with each other the progress we are making at the branch level, on all the Islands. It is always an entertaining and informative day that lets our members know what we are doing, and there will be time to explore this beautiful park during the event.

The cost, including lunch, will be around \$30. If you are interested in attending, at the beginning of November you can make a reservation by going to the TOC website at outdoorcircle.org.

I Love Kailua Town Party T-shirt Contest

The 'I Love Kailua' Town Party will be held Sunday, April 26, 2015. We are looking for artists to create a beautiful, or funky, or funny turtle for next year's T-shirt. All designs must be sent to LKOC by November 15, 2014. Call Lyn Turner (254-5477) for details.



Exceptional Trees at WCCC

The Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle contracted to have four Exceptional Trees expertly pruned by Trees of Hawaii. The president and lead arborist of the company is Abner Undan. These four magnificent specimens are located on the exterior grounds of the Women's Community Correctional Center in Kailua on Kalaniana'ole Highway, and they are enjoyed by visitors and residents alike as they drive by.

The trimmers were there at WCCC for three whole days with four trucks, two cherry pickers, a chipper, and about eight men. Each of these four monkey pod trees is the size of four or five regular large trees. They are enormous!

In a cooperative community project with WCCC, dating back to 2002, Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle has been using funds raised at their 'I Love Kailua' Town Party and other donations, to pay for having these very special trees pruned every two to three years. Exceptional Trees are selected in Hawaii by a committee of arborists, based on rarity, age, form and placement, and LKOC is proud to maintain these remarkable specimens.

So when you drive by on Kalaniana'ole Highway look over at these four Exceptional Trees and enjoy their beauty!

SAVE THE DATE: Christmas House Tour – Friday, December 12, 2014. We are looking for houses for the tour. If you have a house or know of one, please call Holly Turl at 261-6035.

Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle Board Roster 2014-2015



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Fall Luncheon: Fri., Oct. 17, 2014

Plant Sale: Sat., Oct. 25, 2014

Christmas House Tour: Fri., Dec. 12, 2014

<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<i>Your membership alone is a very worthwhile contribution.</i>	<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Membership</div>
Name: _____	<i>If you wish to take a more active role in any of the categories listed, please check below and return this sheet with your remittance.</i>	
Address: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Holiday House Tour Hostess	TOC 1314 S. King St., #306 Honolulu, HI 96814 808-593-0300
City: _____ Zip: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden Circle	
Phone: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> I Love Kailua Town Party	
E-mail: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Plant Exchange	
MEMBERSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/> Beautification	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual: \$25 per person annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Affairs	
<input type="checkbox"/> Organization: \$100 per entity annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Education Outreach	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime: \$1,000 per person	<input type="checkbox"/> Recycling/Litter Control	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship: \$5,000 per sponsorship	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/Newsletter	
DONATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> Sign Control	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Telephone/Clerical	
AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ (Tax Deductible)	On occasion, can you supply?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Flowers <input type="checkbox"/> Greens <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Goods	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	