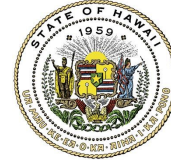


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NO CABINS ON KA IWI FOREVER!

First it was cabins, then a golf academy, and now its freedom from development!

For the past 8 years, following the 2006 defeat of the 180 “resort cabins” and then shortly thereafter the defeat of the “golf academy” with visitor facilities on the mauka ridges above the Ka Iwi coast, this newsletter has listed the development status of the mauka and makai lands on a monthly basis.

The community remained alert and vigilant but never knowing what development proposal would pop up next on Ka Iwi. Following these two scares, the community, the Hawaii Kai Hui, my office, and Governor Lingle, and her Office of State Planning began **working together to reclassify the makai lands “urban” to “conservation.”** This was a great accomplishment but the mauka lands were still wide open for potential development and always remained a threat. That is up until a couple of weeks ago.

What happened a few weeks ago is historical and is the final chapter of the fight to keep Ka Iwi free of cabins, golf academies or any other form of development. What is afoot is a public – private partnership that is purchasing the Ka Iwi mauka lands and keeping it undeveloped in perpetuity.

The Trust for Public Land, the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Ka Iwi Coalition have been working together to acquire the last privately owned 181 acres of mauka ridge lands on the Ka Iwi coast. This began by a little known initiative in 2011 by the Ka Iwi Coalition when it initiated discussions with Utah-based owners with the help of the Trust for Public Land to purchase the remaining undeveloped mauka ridges above the Ka Iwi coast. These efforts finally paid off in September 2014 thanks to **the yeoman's efforts by the leader of these groups, Ms. Elizabeth Reilly.**

But more than \$4 million is needed to consummate the purchase of the Ka Iwi lands. So far the City and County's funding commission (**Clean Water and Natural Lands Funds**) **has ranked the Ka Iwi purchase as its top priority and has recommended \$2.5 million for its acquisition.** Regarding the State of Hawaii's share, The Trust for Public Land is now seeking \$1 million from the Legacy Land Commission and is working with the Ka Iwi Coalition and **the community to raise an additional \$700,000 to complete the purchase and save these lands.**

The bottom line, our community needs us! The Ka Iwi Coalition needs your help to raise \$700,000 dollars to match just a fraction of what the City and State are putting up to purchase the land. Everyone is asked to make a donation, be it big or small, to help preserve the last pristine coastline on Oahu. Donors can **contact the Trust for Public Land by calling 808-524-8562 or by emailing the Livable Hawaii Kai Hui at www.HawaiiKaiHui.org to make a donation.** The call is clear, the aina needs us, **please help close this almost 40-year community movement to protect the Ka Iwi Coast.**

KA IWI WATCH UPDATE:

Papers for Purchase Filed - CASE CLOSED - UPDATE ENDED!



SANDY BEACH? OR OBAMA BEACH????!!!

Sandy Beach, known locally as Sandys, is one of the most scenic and well utilized beaches on Oahu, but City Council members Stanley Chang and Ernest Martin wanted it renamed as President Barack Obama Sandy Beach, (see RES14-237 at <http://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-152691/dspage04017487050835895028.pdf>).



“We don’t have any statues, monuments, anything named after him here,” said Councilmember Chang.

We all know now that public pressure has caused the resolution to be withdrawn from the City Council’s agenda, but the people from Hawaii Kai who have “ownership” of this beach in their backyard, have not yet had the opportunity to express how they feel about the renaming of our beach at Sandys.

This is Hawaii Kai’s opportunity to vote for or against this proposal, and the results will be published in next month’s newsletter. Email p.altonn@capitol.hawaii.gov with your vote and comments.

1. Should Sandy Beach be renamed President Barack Obama Sandy Beach?

Yes No Undecided

2. Please comment why you are for or against this proposal

CONSTITUENTS CORNER

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Except for skin cancers, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the U.S. Breast cancer knows no boundaries - be it age, gender, socio-economic status or geographic location. But there is hope. Thanks to heightened awareness, early detection and improved treatment methods, people have a greater chance of survival than ever before. **HAVE YOU BEEN CHECKED?**

DIALYSIS CENTER COMING TO HAWAII KAI

Despite delays, it has been confirmed that Liberty Dialysis will be opening at the former Blockbuster store in Koko Marina Shopping Center. **It will serve anyone on chronic dialysis and will also offer a home dialysis program for those who are unable to get to the clinic.** The dialysis center will have 24 stations and is projected to be open by June 2015. **Liberty Dialysis is a welcome neighbor in Hawaii Kai.**



HAWAII KAI GETS CIP MONIES

Governor Abercrombie released \$200,000 to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for rockfall and flood mitigation Capitol Improvement Project on the Ka Iwi, Makapuu coast. These projects are important to the safety of our roads and our district and hopefully this is just the start of more monies for more projects needed to be completed in Hawaii Kai.

BRING YOUR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS TO THE SUMMIT(S)!

Monthly “Summits” are held at Koko Marina Shopping Center the first Tuesday or the first Thursday of every month.



COFFEE SUMMIT - Cancelled Due to Election Night—See Thursday Beer Summit below -



BEER SUMMIT - Thursday, November 6, 2014 - 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Kona Brewing Co.

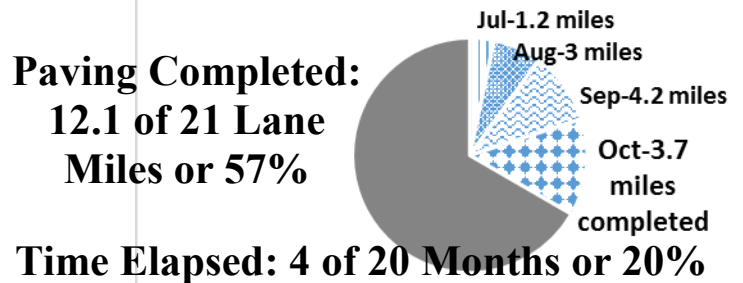
Featuring:

Hawaii Kai Resident and retired Professor, Neal Milner
To speak on “The Winners, The Losers and The Meaning of the 2014 Elections”



HIGHWAY PAVING PROGRESS

KALANIANAOLE REPAVING CHART



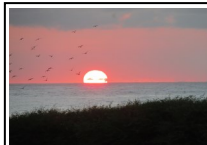
HAWAII KAI FACTOID

DID YOU KNOW? Representative Ward and Representative Matsumoto are each hosting a Ukrainian intern for the month of October. They are not staying in Hawaii Kai, but **there are approximately 73 people who are of Ukrainian ancestry in the 96825 zip code!**



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2ND ANNUAL KA IWI RUN



Representative Ward and Chief of Staff, Paige Altonn were among the 1200 runners and walkers that finished the 2014 Ka Iwi Run earlier this month. **Rep Ward finished 3rd in his age group and Paige beat her 2013 time by 1 minute** and still managed to take a few photos of the amazing coastline. This is a not-to-be-missed event in Hawaii Kai so be sure to register for next years run early! Hope to see you all there!

GREAT LAWN UPDATE:

- Shopping Center on Hold -



As of October 24th, 2014, no movement has been made by KS/BE regarding 2 their proposal for the development of a shopping center on the Great Lawn.