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1. KPAA Meeting on Affordable Housing Dec. 17

Sustainable Design in Affordable Housing will be the topic of KPAA's next membership meeting on **Thursday, December 17 from 3 to 5 PM in the KCC Fine Dining Room**, co-sponsored by the Kauai Architects Association. Architect Peter Arsenault, who led the Sustainable Design Assessment Team that worked with the community last year to envision Lihue's future, and David Rockwood, professor at the UH School of Architecture, will be among the speakers to explore the designs, materials and techniques being used to make housing more affordable. This free session is open to KPAA members and the public. Pre-registration is appreciated - email kpaa@kauainetwork.org or call 632-2005.

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2. Strategic Nonprofit Collaboration Workshop Dec. 18

Many nonprofit groups are looking for ways to work with other nonprofits to save money, increase effectiveness and extend their reach. Whether these are formal or informal arrangements, its important to find a form that meets the needs of both organizations. KPAA is sponsoring a half-day workshop ***Strategic Nonprofit Collaboration*** on **Friday, December 18 from 9:00 am to 12 noon** at the Kauai Humane Society. Learn from several Kauai nonprofits that have found innovative ways of working together, ranging from collaborations to partnerships to mergers. Confirmed speakers include DQ Jackson, Renae Hamilton, Lori Miller, Keith Cruikshank, Tom Bird and Melinda Montgomery. Registration begins at 8:30 am. The workshop is free, but pre-registration is required, as space is limited to 30. To register, email kpaa@kauainetwork.org or call 632-2005. This workshop is supported by the Annie Sinclair Knudsen Trust.

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3. Draft Kauai Energy Sustainability Plan Delayed

The County and SENTECH Hawaii are taking additional time to complete the draft Kauai Energy Sustainability Plan. The dates for the public release of the plan, along with the dates for the community meeting and webinar to review the plan and the comment period deadline will be announced soon. The plan presents a comprehensive analysis of Kauai's energy needs and recommendations for renewable energy for electricity and ground transportation over the next 20 years.

4. Volunteer with Friends of Kalalau Trail

If you've have a chance to hike into the Napali Coast in the past month, you might have noticed how much easier the walking is in certain sections of that popular trail. Major progress has been made in reconstructing and restoring selected waypoints along the first two miles of the Kalalau Trail, with a completion date targeting the end of 2010. Through a State grant in aid to KPAA, Pono Pacific Land Management, LLC has been hired as the contractor for the project. Charlie Cobb-Adams, who has extensive conservation and wilderness experience, leads the trail building team on Kauai.

Waypoint 12 – Before



The Friends of Kalalau Trail has been formed to promote volunteer stewardship of the beloved trail, and the group held its first workday on October 24, 2009. Five hardy workers received training from Charlie and worked shoulder to shoulder with the professional trail building crew. The day's project was the makeover of about 75 feet of trail just before Waypoint 16, the popular Windy Point lookout. Now that section has been re-graded so that water flows off the trail, and the treadway has been smoothed to the desired four-foot width.

Waypoint 12 – After



If you or your friends would like to learn more about future opportunities to volunteer with the Friends of Kalalau Trail, please indicate your interest in an e-mail message to KalalauTrail@ponopacific.com or call (808) 628-7557.

5. Volunteer Videographers Needed!



Do you enjoy being behind the camera documenting interesting workshops and trainings? If so, KPAA would love to hear from you! We have several workshops and presentations scheduled in the coming months and would like to record them for video streaming to the community on demand. Email kpaa@kauainetwork.org or call 632-2005.

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6. Nov. 21 Climate Change Conference

Surfrider Foundation, Kauai Community College and UH Sea Grant College Program are joining forces to present ***Global Climate Change Impacts on Kauai*** on **Saturday, November 21 from 9 am to 1 pm** at the KCC Performing Arts Center. Find out how climate change will affect rainfall, stream flow, groundwater, coral reefs and coastlines. There is no registration fee. You can pre-register and get more information by emailing Dr. Carl Berg at <mailto:cberg@pixi.com> or call 639-2938.

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7. Briefings on Siting New Sanitary Landfill

The County of Kauai will hold two briefing sessions on the siting of a new landfill for the island. The sessions will be from 6 to 9 PM on Thursday, November 19 and Wednesday, December 16 at Kalaheo Elementary School cafeteria. An informational flyer is available in the Whats New? section of the Countys website <http://www.kauai.gov/>. The flyer describes the potential sites considered by the Mayors Advisory Committee on Landfill Site Selection and the criteria used to rank the seven sites that were considered. The 127 acre Umi site received the top ranking. Attend a briefing to learn more.

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