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### KPAA Annual Meeting June 19, 3-5 pm

Please join us at KPAA's annual meeting on Tuesday, June 19 from 3:00-5:00 PM at KCC, OCET Building, Room 106C&D. Following a short membership meeting to elect board members and provide an update of KPAA projects, the program will include a fun activity with prizes and feature a guest panel discussing **"Kauai's Carbon Footprint and You"**. Panelists include Eric Knutzen of KCC's Hoouluwehi-The Sustainable



Living Institute of Kauai; Doug Sears, General Manager of the Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa; Glenn Sato, County of Kauai Sustainability Coordinator; and from Kalaheo Elementary School, Linda Silva, Teacher, and Pat Gegen, Parent. It's easy to register for this free event, just <u>click</u> <u>here</u> or call KPAA at 632-3005.

## Keiki to Career Kauai Initiative Underway

Working with many education and social groups on Kauai, KPAA is leading the creation of a multi-year, cross-sector youth development initiative called **Keiki to Career Kauai**. The initiative networks education, youth programs, families, and business to create a holistic, mutually reinforcing system of learning and supports from cradle to career so ensure that young people are "ready to learn and ready for life." It is designed to ensure readiness at each key transition point in a young person's life. We are hard at work building leadership among the

sectors and aligning goals, services and metrics around a shared vision and mission.



• **Our vision** is an island community where Kauai's keiki through young adults are healthy, competent, confident and caring.

• **Our mission** is to unite the community in nurturing and developing Kauai's young people from keiki to career so they are *ready to learn and ready for life.* 

The four areas that will be the initial focus of the initiative are: 1) Parent engagement and education; 2) Resilience and life skills (all ages); 3) Curriculum alignment and school readiness (Birth to Kindergarten); and 4) Curriculum alignment and school readiness (High School to Post-High School). Interested in learning more? Come to the June 19 annual meeting or call KPAA at 632-2005.

# Kekaha Host Community Benefits CAC Recommends \$900K

## to Fund Nine Projects

In May, the Kekaha Host Community Benefits (KHCB) Fund Citizens Advisory Committee completed its first set of recommendations to award \$900,000 in grant funding to nine organizations whose project proposals will benefit Kekaha residents. The work of the CAC has been facilitated by Kauai Planning & Action Alliance since August 2011.



The County of Kauai established the KHCB Fund in 2008 to compensate the Kekaha community for "hosting" the island's landfill in their area. A Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was convened in 2009 and tasked with developing a process to utilize those funds solely to benefit their community.

The CAC sent to the Mayor recommendations to fund the following organizations and projects: Storybook Theatre-The Rainbow Road Crew (\$15,000); Boys & Girls Club-Kekaha's Keiki: Learning about Waste Diversion through Trashology 101 (\$10,000); E Ola Mau-Kekaha Photovoltaic Project (\$780,000); Kekaha Community Garden-Communal Gardening, Resource and Training Center (\$25,000; fiscal sponsor Episcopal Church on West Kauai); St. Theresa School-Renewable Energy Project (\$55,000); The "W"-NBC Basketball Camp (\$5,000; fiscal sponsor-E Ola Mau); Kekaha Pop Warner Football Association-Community Awareness Presentations (\$5,000) and Kekaha Elementary School-School Garden (\$5,000).

To learn more about the grant proposals submitted and the KHCB Fund, visit the Kekaha Host Community Benefits website at: <u>www.KekahaHCB.net</u>.



# Free Unlimited eWaste Recycling Event

Recycle your old or unwanted electronics waste and keep it out of the landfill. The County of Kauai, Pacific Corporate Solutions and Sims Recycling Solutions are partnering to offer three convenient drop-off locations in Kilauea, Eleele and Lihue between June 18 -23. For more details on dates, locations and what you can recycle, <u>see the event flyer</u>.

# Mahalo to KPAA's New and Returning Members

Since January 1, 2012, our new and renewing members are:

### **General Members**

- County of Kauai, Department of Parks and Recreation
- County of Kauai, Fire Department
- Garden Island RC&D, Inc.
- Hanalei Roads Committee
- Kauai Community College
- Kauai Independent Food Bank, Inc.
- Kauai Island Utility Cooperative
- Leadership Kauai
- Poipu Beach Resort Association
- Sierra Club Kauai Group, Hawaii Chapter

### Supporting Member

- Mark Hubbard (Patron Member Kou level)
- Green Energy Hawaii, LLC
- Kauai Nursery and Landscaping, Inc.

## Become a KPAA Member!

Becoming a member of KPAA is easy - just <u>follow this link</u> to join a great network of people and organizations working to make Kauai an even better place for all of us.

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