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Season's Greetings!



The holidays are a great time to reflect back on what we've accomplished and look ahead to plan for the change we want to create. It's a time to share with family and friends and to get inspired by the wonders around us. A new [2-minute video](#)

from the students at Stanford Center for Social Innovation captures the spirit of the holidays perfectly. May you and your loved ones enjoy the warmth of the season and all that it offers. Happy holidays from all of us at KPAA!

Give Back to Kauai

KPAA relies on the financial partnership of the community – that's what enables us to serve Kauai and initiate programs that benefit the island. Your support of KPAA's work, helps us carry out our mission of *"bringing together diverse groups for collaborative planning and action to achieve targeted community goals."* Please **Give Back to Kauai** by partnering with us through your financial contribution or donation of time or other resources. Donate securely online at

www.kauainetwork.org/donate-today. Working together we can achieve positive change.



Facebook – Like Us!



Kauai Planning & Action Alliance is now on Facebook where several times a week we post the latest news about KPAA's activities and related information. We're still learning how to use social media... it's a whole new world! We invite you to log in and **Like Us** at <http://www.facebook.com/kauainetwork.kpaa>

KPAA Priorities 2014-2016

At the December 4 membership meeting, community priorities were adopted for KPAA to focus on for the next three years. We look forward to working with the community on these important issues.



1. Support the development of Kauai's youth from keiki to career so they are ready to learn and ready for life.
2. Improve and maintain County and State parks.
3. Report on community trends by publishing a biennial Community Indicators Report.
4. Assess Kauai's sustainability and promote action for resilience and self-sufficiency.
 - Strengthen our agriculture sector to ensure Kauai's food security.
 - Protect the availability, quality and quantity of ground and surface water.
 - Identify and advocate for strategies and tools to manage growth to align with the General Plan and other plans that impact Kauai.
 - Support efforts to reduce solid waste through the 3 R's of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

New Community Indicators Report Coming in 2014



We will be publishing the fourth biennial report for the island's businesses, nonprofits and government decision-makers. We track approximately 50 indicators spanning economic and business climate; public education; neighborhood and community health; civic engagement; natural environment; land use and rural character; and cultures and arts. Opportunities for action are also suggested.

Building the Bridge from Education to Career

In November, Keiki to Career Kauai partnered with the Kauai Chamber of Commerce Small Business Education Committee and Kapaa High School to bring together more than 40 students, parents, and business, education and community leaders from around the island to discuss career readiness. The gathering helped identify existing efforts in high schools



and Kauai Community College to prepare young adults for the workforce, and how those efforts can be further enhanced by partnerships with local businesses and community programs.

If you're interested in fostering career readiness, please attend the next Keiki to Career community gathering on **Tuesday, January 14 from 5:30-7 pm in the Waimea High School Library**. The event is being hosted by the Waimea High School PTSA. To learn more about Keiki to Career, visit www.keikitocareer.org or contact Stacey Gillette at 808.482.4425 or Stacey@keikitocareer.org.

Kalalau Trail Rehabilitation Nears Completion



The folks who were instrumental in the Kalalau Trail Rehabilitation Project celebrated its "Topping Off" earlier this month. After walking the entire project corridor on December 9, Curt Cottrell, DLNR's Division of State Parks Assistant Administrator, declared to the gathering, "The trail is now in the best condition it has been in for thirty years!"

This two year, million-dollar project to rehabilitate the eight miles of spectacular hiking trail from Hanakapi'ai Stream to Kalalau Stream is now in its final stage. As of mid-December 2013, there is a single week-long deployment of Pono Pacific's trail building crew to Napali remaining on their schedule. This project included the innovative application of erosion control matting and out-planting of appropriate native plants in an experiment intended to minimize the displacement of soils above the trail—a major cause of deteriorating trail conditions. Let us know how you like the safer, improved trail!

Commission on Water Resource Management Seeks

Applications

The Nominating Committee of the Commission on Water Resource Management is accepting applications for one position on the Commission starting July 1, 2014. They are looking for someone with "substantial experience in water resource management." The Commission has jurisdiction and final authority on matters related to the State Water Code. Presently Kauai is the only county not represented on the Commission - and KPAA's members feel Kauai should be represented! If you are interested in applying, go to www.state.hi.us/dlnr/cwrm/notice/2013/nt20131206.pdf for more information and application instructions.



Mahalo to KPAA's New & Returning Members Since Oct.

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- County of Kauai, Office of Economic Development (OED)
- Catholic Charities Hawaii-Kauai Community Office
- Wilcox Health Systems/Hawaii Pacific Health
- Malama Mahaulepu

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- Fujita & Miura Public Relations
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- Ahonui Gardens
- Green Energy Hawaii, LLC

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