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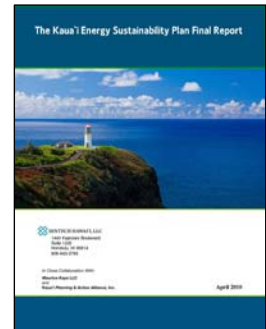
1. KPAA Annual Meeting - June 24, 3 to 5 PM, KCC



You are invited to attend KPAA's 2010 **Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 24 from 3 to 5 PM** in the new OCET Building, Room 106 C/D at Kauai Community College. Following a short business meeting to elect new members to the Board of Directors, guest speakers George Costa, Director, County Office of Economic Development and State Representative Hermina Morita will share their perspectives on *Green Jobs, Green Economy*. The meeting is free and open to KPAA members and the public. Your RSVP is appreciated - email [Rayne](mailto:Rayne@kpaa.org) or call 632-2005

2. Kauai Energy Sustainability Plan Completed

The Kauai Energy Sustainability Plan, which offers recommendations toward a sustainable energy future, has been accepted by the County Council and is available on the KPAA website. The plan was developed by SENTECH Hawaii LLC with assistance from Maurice Kaya LLC and Kauai Planning & Action Alliance, and drew upon the input of stakeholders and community members. The County Council will be exploring the policy changes that will be needed to implement portions of the plan.



3. Sites Sought for Overnight Parking - Can You Help?

The economy may be showing modest signs of improvement, but the large number of Kauai people who are homeless continues to be a concern. Many are living in their cars but have difficulty finding safe places to park overnight. The length of stay in campgrounds is limited and parking overnight in parks is illegal.

Drawing on the very successful New Beginnings program in Santa Barbara, California, the Kauai Community Alliance, local organizations offering services to the homeless population, has been looking for ways to establish safe overnight parking in a few private parking lots on Kauai. Kauai Planning & Action Alliance received a grant from the Hauoli Mau Loa Foundation to establish a pilot program. The goal is to establish three sites to serve the North Shore, East Side and West Side. The number of cars at each site would be limited, generally no more than three to five cars. In Santa Barbara, sites typically are at churches, nonprofits and private businesses and parking is permitted from evening to early morning only. Those wishing to utilize the Safe Parking sites are required to participate in an intake interview and secure a permit to park. Case workers provide referrals to needed services.

If you would consider making your parking lot and a restroom facility available on an overnight basis, please call Diane Zachary at KPAA 632-2005 to learn more about the program.

4. KPAA 2009 Annual Report

KPAA's 2009 Annual Report is now [available online](#). The report offers a summary of activities last year, along with a list of sponsors and donors and a financial report.

5. Long-Range Land Transportation Plan Launched

Current thinking about how we grow and develop as an island takes into account the relationship of our transportation system, land use, environment and the location of housing and jobs. The State Department of Transportation has contracted with CH2M Hill to develop regional long-range land transportation plans for Kauai, Maui and Hawaii Counties, as well as a statewide plan. The plans will look at state roads and consider how to incorporate multi-modal options, such as cars, transit, pedestrians and bicycles. This will be a two-year project that will draw on the input of stakeholders and community members from across the island. Kauai Planning & Action Alliance will be assisting CH2M Hill with the community engagement process on Kauai.

6. Backyard Sustainability Student Video

Check out *Akamai Backyard*, a short video by teacher Felicia Alongi and her Akamai Learning students. It's a great example of how learning and taking action to care for the planet can happen in a wide variety of settings. Their goal is "to change the world one backyard at a time." Go to www.akamaibackyard.com and pass on the link to anyone who might be inspired by it.

7. KCC to Offer Nonprofit Management Certificate



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A new course for new or aspiring executive directors, board members and staff of small to mid-sized not-for-profit organizations will be offered by the Kauai Community College Office of Continuing Education. It's a chance to build relationships and learn from leading professionals in the field. This Certificate program is an

8-module series covering a range of topics important to 501(c)(3) operations and will run from August through April. Each module runs four sessions, three hours per session and you can select the modules desired or take all of them to earn the Certificate. A limited number of scholarships are available. For more information contact KCC's Office of Continuing Education & Training at 245-8318.

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