

Kauai Planning & Action Alliance Alliance in Action - March 2010 - Vol. 31 - KPAA Newsletter

1. Smart Growth Presentation

March 30 Smart Growth Presentation. Join KPAA for a workshop on *Implementing Smart Growth on Kauai—Lessons from Puget Sound and Around the Country* Tuesday, March 30th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Kauai Community College Cafeteria. Speakers Tim Bynum, JoAnn Yukimura and Neil Clendeninn will share their insights and ideas from the 9th annual *New Partners in Smart Growth Conference* in Seattle and discuss how smart growth principles can be applied to community planning, design, transportation and land use policies for Kauai. The event is free for KPAA members and the public. RSVP appreciated - call 632-2005 or email rayne@kauainetwork.org with your name and phone number.

2. Nonprofit Board Training

Save the Date: April 22 Nonprofit Board Training. If you serve on a nonprofit board, find out what your legal responsibilities are as a director and how your board can accomplish more at a workshop on *"Building Effective Nonprofit Boards"* on Thursday, April 22 from 2:30 to 5:30 PM (central area location to be announced). Executive Directors are also welcome. Honolulu attorney Jeffrey S. Piper with Schlack, Ito, Lockwood, Piper & Elkind, LLC, will discuss legal issues relating to nonprofit boards. A panel of seasoned board members will share their insights of what it takes for a board to work together effectively. There will be time for participant questions and discussion. The cost is \$35. This program is supported by the Annie S. Knudsen Memorial Fund through the Hawaii Community Foundation. To request a flyer and registration form, email <u>kpaa@kauainetwork.org</u> or call 632-2005.

3. Google Project for Kauai?

Vote NOW to Support County's Google Project Bid. If you haven't already voted your support, read on. Each county throughout the state is submitting an application to participate in Google's *Fiber for Communities* initiative. If selected, the speed of connectivity for Hawaii homes and businesses would increase by over 100 times and exciting new possibilities would be created for residents, from telemedicine to distance learning, at no cost to the counties or state. One of the criteria for selection is that residents must demonstrate their support for the ultra high speed program by providing testimony online by March 26, 9 pm, Hawaii Standard Time. Go to www.petitionspot.com/petitions/gigabithi/ and vote to support. It takes only a minute or so. If you have a Facebook account, go to www.techhui.com and click "Become a Fan" at the top of the page. Questions? Send an email to google@kauai.gov.

4. Park Volunteers Needed

Recruiting Volunteers for State Park Projects. Using funds allocated by the 2007 state legislature, KPAA and their partners are nearing the mid-point of the Kokee and Napali State

Park enhancement projects. Hui o Laka, partnering to manage the Kokee project, has completed the design phase and contracted with Kikiaola Construction Company to renovate three key buildings in the Civilian Conservation Corps camp. On the North Shore, Native Hawaiian Conservation and Hiking Expeditions, under Pono Pacific Land Management LLCs direction, is close to 50% complete with the rehabilitation of the two miles of Kalalau Trail between Kee Beach and Hanakapiai Beach. Both projects are recruiting volunteers as key components in their rehabilitation efforts, and groups are welcome. For more information, contact KPAA's project manager Thomas Noyes at tnoyes@kauainetwork.org.



Kalalau Trail - Before



Kalalau Trail - After Volunteer Workday

5. Vote for KIUC Directors

March 27 Deadline for KIUC Board of Directors Vote. Another important voting deadline is approaching. Be sure to make your selection for <u>three</u> members for the KIUC Board of Directors. Important energy decisions will be made in the next few years and the KIUC Board plays an important role in guiding the direction of our energy utility cooperative. The deadline to submit your ballot or vote online is Saturday, March 27th. For more information about the voting process, visit <u>kiuc.coop</u> or call 246-4300.

6. Session on Kauai's Health Resources

Mapping Kauai's Health Resources April 22. The Kauai Rural Health Association (KRHA) presents a program on *Mapping Kauai's Health Care Resources* on Thursday April 22, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kauai Beach Resort, Lihue. KRHA seeks to determine what health resources are available and where they're located plus what are we missing - what are the pukas. The program is free and includes continental breakfast and lunch. All health care organizations, agencies and nonprofits are invited to send a representative to describe their services whether mainstream or complementary. Native Hawaiian facilitator Lehua Lopez Mau will preside. Sign up by contacting Barbara at the Malama Pono office at 246-9577.

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