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"I rise every morning torn between a desire to save or savor the world."
— *E.B. White*

Hosts Needed for Informal Community Discussions on Sustainability in February and March

This month and next, people throughout the state are meeting in small informal meetings to share their ideas about sustainability and Hawai'i's future, as part of the Hawai'i 2050 program. KPAA is assisting by organizing efforts on Kaua'i. If you would be interested in hosting a small gathering of friends, family or colleagues to discuss ideas about how to ensure a sustainable Hawaii for generations to come, please call Diane Zachary at KPAA, 632-2005 or email dzachary@kauainetwork.org.

Hosts will receive a meeting toolkit, with background information, questions for discussion and individual response forms. The meetings will take only 30 to 60 minutes. This is a great way to be sure your voice is heard in this statewide initiative.



Nearly 200 people attended the October 2006 Hawai'i 2050 community meeting at Chiefess Kamakahalei.

If you are not able to attend one of these discussions but would like to share your ideas, you have the opportunity to participate via an online survey at www.hawaii2050.org/survey.php. It is hoped that all ages, sectors and regions of the community will offer their ideas.

Community Volunteers in the Classroom Are Trained, More Needed



The initial group of *Community Volunteers in the Classroom* is heading into the schools! Seventeen community members completed a brief training entitled *Volunteering 101* conducted by DOE Resource Teachers, and several others are signed up for the next session. The volunteers represent all ranks of our island community – men and women, retirees and actively employed, local-born and newcomers. All share a commitment to help our children achieve by volunteering in elementary classrooms. Volunteers partner with teachers to provide small-group help, one-on-one tutoring, or general classroom assistance. Some may share special talents in art or music, and others may offer clerical support. Although a regular commitment is sought, amount of time and classroom schedules are flexible.

Volunteer Carolyn Gregory assists a child with reading at Hanalei Elementary School.

About sixty teachers are still hoping for a classroom volunteer, so KPAA is continuing recruitment. If you want to inspire and assist a child and be part of this wonderful group of volunteers, simply complete an application that can be downloaded from the KPAA website (www.kauainetwork.org) or call Sarah Shiraki at 632-2005 for more information.

Tourism Strategic Plan Completed – Time to Implement

Thanks to the many Kauaians who provided input into the draft Tourism Strategic Plan. Substantial changes were made to the draft plan by consultants SMS Research to better reflect the intent of the Tourism Strategic Plan Advisory Committee and the public. To view the final plan, go to www.kauai.gov/portals/0/oed/Kauai_County_TSP_final.pdf. Over the next three years, visitor industry stakeholders will work on implementing the action plans. To view the action plans, go to www.kauai.gov/portals/0/oed/Kauai_TSP_Action_Plans_12.22.06.pdf.

Update on the New Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan

As reported in the local news, the island's landfill will reach capacity within 6 years or so, even with the vertical and lateral expansions that have been requested. In response, the County's Public Works Department contracted with the mainland consulting firm of R W Beck to work with a citizen Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) to prepare a new Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan. KPAA's Diane Zachary was a member on the SWAC. From February through November 2006, the consultants presented issue papers for the SWAC to review. These documents were also placed on the County's website (see www.kauai.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=445) for the public to review.

The planning goal set at the beginning of the process was "to develop a financially feasible plan for the residents and businesses of Kaua'i that maximizes waste diversion, protects the health of the island, and ensures access to adequate disposal capacity." In studying the island's waste stream, the consultants found that 60% of what we dispose of is organic material – paper, cardboard, food and yard waste. The consultants recommended a number of strategies to reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill, including a "pay as you throw" trash pick up system; curbside recycling; white goods, hazardous and electronic waste collection events or sites; more composting; and standardizing services at all the transfer stations. Two technologies made the short list to deal with the island's waste. While anaerobic digestion was considered for dealing with the large amount of organic material on the island, the consultants chose to recommend creation of a small, scalable waste to energy facility. (See Section 14 for more information on the consultant's recommendations.)

The draft plan will be presented to the County Council within the next few months, and the public will have an opportunity to comment on the recommendations.

KIUC Candidate's Forum

On Thursday, February 22nd Apollo Kauai is hosting a forum of candidates for the KIUC Board of Directors. The meeting will start at 6:30 PM at the War Memorial Convention Hall. The public is welcome to attend. KIUC will hold the election of board members in March.

Mahalo to KPAA's Renewing Members

KPAA welcomes the following General and Supporting Members who have joined or renewed their membership since December 27, 2006. We appreciate their continued support of our mission and goals!

Renewing General Members

Leadership Kaua'i
Kaua'i Aloha Foundation
Lihu'e Court Townhomes Corporation

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***Aloha: It's Kauai's Spirit
One Island, Many Peoples, All Kauaian***