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### KPAA Launches "Safe Parking" Program for Homeless

Koloa Union Church has agreed to be the first site for our new Safe Parking Program. Their site will accommodate overnight parking for up to three homeless families living in their vehicles. This is a first for Kauai, and it is based on the very successful New Beginnings program that has been operating in Santa Barbara, California for eight years. To be eligible, the driver must have a current driver's license and the vehicle must be registered, have insurance and a current safety inspection. Permits will be issued for one month at a time and may be renewed. KPAA has contracted with Catholic Charities-Hawaii to provide intake and case management services for this project. Anyone interested should contact Catholic Charities at 632-6950 during business hours. KPAA is still seeking a site on the North Shore and East Side for the project. Please call us at 632-2005 if you have a parking location you are willing to offer.



### Find Services or List Your Group in Directory of Community Organizations

For anyone looking for services and programs to meet individual and family needs and interests, there is a new resource just for you. KPAA has created an online [Directory of Community Organizations](#) and it's easy to search for what you need. If you are involved with a community group or nonprofit on Kauai but you aren't listed yet, it's an easy way to let everyone know about the great work you are doing! Plus it's free and takes just a couple of minutes to fill in your information. To list your nonprofit or community group, click on the "Add Your Organization" link at the bottom of the directory page and complete the short form.

## Take KPAA's Quick Poll

If you could tell our candidates for Mayor and County Council your top 3 priorities for Kauai that they should be addressing in the campaign, what would they be? Affordable housing? More jobs? Renewable energy? Go to the [Quick Poll](#) on KPAA's website and share your top priorities.

## Chamber Candidates Forums

The Kauai Chamber of Commerce is doing a great job offering forums to help the community get to know the candidates for office. There are two more before the election:

### County Council Forum

Thursday, October 14, 5:30-7:30 pm, Kauai Beach Resort Ballroom

### Governor Debate and Lt. Governor Debate

Tuesday, October 19, 5:30-7:30 pm, Kauai War Memorial Convention Hall

## Don't Forget to Vote



An old adage holds "if you don't vote, you can't complain." Perhaps an appropriate variation on that theme is, "if you don't vote, you can't support those who can make a difference." We appreciate the candidates who are courageous enough to throw their hat in the ring to work on our behalf. Voting has never been easier and there are easy options for everyone. You can send in an **absentee ballot**, **walk in** and vote between

October 19 and 30 (Monday-Saturday) from 8 am to 4 pm in the basement of the County Building Annex or go to your **polling place** to vote on **election day, November 2**.

## KPAA State Parks Grant in Aid Update

KPAA is using a grant in aid from the Hawaii State Legislature to make improvements in two state parks on the island. To make a safer and more enjoyable hiking experience, work is underway on the first two miles of the Kalalau Trail with contractor Pono Pacific Land Management. During the summer, trail rehabilitation efforts were concentrated at the Hanakapiai end of the trail to take advantage of the calm seas for Zodiac transport. In some portions of the trail, the treadway was narrow and eroded, making it difficult for two backpackers to safely pass one another. The Friends of Kalalau Trail volunteers have been working two Saturdays a month with trail builder Charlie Cobb-Adams and his crew to regrade the treadway, clear aerial roots, and install water bars to divert the water flow off the trail and thus minimize erosion. Frank Whitman (above right) has frequently attended the volunteer workdays, but Mark Hubbard (at left) holds the honors for participating in more volunteer workdays than any other Friends of Kalalau Trail volunteer. Work on the two mile long section from Kee Beach to Hanakapiai Beach is nearly ninety percent complete, and is on schedule to be finished by the end of 2010.



Upcoming volunteer workdays are scheduled for October 9 and 16, and November 13, 20, & 27, 2010. More volunteers are welcome! Detailed information on volunteering with the Friends of Kalalau Trail is available by e-mailing [kalalautrail@ponopacific.com](mailto:kalalautrail@ponopacific.com).

A partner in this grant is Hui o Laka which manages the historic Civilian Conservation Corps Camp in beautiful Kokee. Several of the buildings were in need of repair and through this grant they will be rehabilitated so that activities can once again be held inside. Hui O Laka recruited sixty-seven community members including many Waimea High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps ("JROTC") students for their September 25, 2010 volunteer work day to reconstruct portions of the buildings. The two large buildings in the background are Barracks A and B, and the smaller building on the far left is the Foreman's Cabin. The renovation project is complying with established historical preservation guidelines and ADA requirements, and is now more than fifty percent complete. Kikialoa Construction is the lead contractor, and work is expected to be wrapped by December 2010. Hui o Laka Executive Director Marsha Erickson has put out a call for any volunteers willing to assist in completing the interior painting. Details on how you can participate in upcoming volunteer workdays are available by calling the Kokee Natural History Museum at 335-9975 or visiting their website.



## Hawaii Drug Take-Back Program

If you're like most of us, you have unused or expired prescriptions and other medications at home and you're not quite sure how to dispose of them safely. The State has developed a program to take back your unneeded medications to keep them away from keiki, our landfill and our wastewater system. Here's the drug collection schedule on Kauai:

**Saturday, October 2, 10 am to 2 pm, Longs Drugs, Lihue**  
**Saturday, November 13, 10 am to 2 pm, Longs Drugs, Kapaa**

## Mahalo to KPAA New and Renewing Members

KPAA welcomes the following General and Supporting Members who have joined or renewed their membership since January 1, 2010. We appreciate their continued support of our mission and goals!

### Renewing General Members

Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii  
County of Kauai, Department of Finance  
County of Kauai, Department of Parks & Recreation  
County of Kauai, Department of Water  
County of Kauai, Elderly Affairs  
County of Kauai, Office of Economic Development  
County of Kauai, Planning Department  
County of Kauai, Workwise & Workforce Investment Board

Garden Island Resource Conservation & Development, Inc.

Hale Opi'o Kauai, Inc.

Hanalei Roads Committee

Hawaii Small Business Development Center Network

Kauai Aloha Foundation

Kauai Association of Architects

Kauai Economic Development Board

Kauai Filipino Chamber of Commerce

Kauai Filipino Community Council

Kauai Food Bank, Inc.

Kauai Island Utility Cooperative

Kauai Path, Inc.

Kauai United Way

Kauai Visitors Bureau

Kekahu Foundation-KKCR

Lawai International Center

Life's Bridges Hawaii, Inc.

Malama Mahaulepu

Poipu Beach Resort Association

**Renewing Supporting Members**

Fujita & Miura Public Relations

**Renewing Patron Members**

Grove Farm Company, Inc.

Mark Hubbard

**New General Members**

Center for Ocean Studies

County of Kauai, Civil Defense Agency

County of Kauai, Fire Department

County of Kauai, Housing Agency

County of Kauai, Transportation Agency

County of Kauai, Wastewater Management Division

Malama Kauai

## Show Your Support – Become a Member

To join KPAA and to provide support for our work, simply complete the [online application](#). Or call KPAA at 632-2005 for more information.

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