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Mahalo to Our Donors!

Kauai Planning & Action Alliance extends a warm mahalo to all those who responded to our endof-year annual campaign to raise funds to help develop new programs. We are very appreciative to the following donors who believe in KPAA's mission and work. It's not too late to lend your support for bringing people together to address major challenges our island faces you can donate today. Our thanks go to these donors.

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KPAA Workshop on Managing Volunteers - March 20th

Are you involved with a nonprofit or community group and want to know how to start and manage a volunteer program for your nonprofit organization? Or perhaps you have a volunteer program but it isn't operating as smoothly as you'd like. Plan to attend KPAA's workshop "Developing and Managing Nonprofit Volunteers" on Tuesday, March 20 from 1 to



4:30 PM at the Kauai Humane Society. You'll learn from leaders of three of Kauai's most successful volunteer programs: Katie Cassel, Kokee Resource Conservation Program; Shannon Blizzard, Kauai Humane Society; and Jennifer Waipa, Kauai National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Cost is \$20 for current KPAA members and \$30 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. Register online or call KPAA at 632-2005.

Long-Range Land Transportation Workshop

Do you want to have a say in Kaua`i's Long-Range Land Transportation future? On



Wednesday, March 14 from 5:30 – 7:30 at War Memorial Convention Center, a public meeting will be held to discuss the Kauai Regional Long-Range Land Transportation Plan (RLRLTP) which focuses on State roads on the island and their connectivity to County roads and transit. The meeting is sponsored by the Hawaii Department of Transportation and consultants CH2M Hill. Meeting objectives:

- Provide the public with project background information, and
- Get their input on needs and opportunities for the State's land transportation system.

Socio-economic and travel demand forecasts for Kauai will be presented and you will have a chance to offer feedback and input for the plan.

The updated RLRLTP from Kauai, Maui and Hawaii Island will be incorporated into the Statewide Long-Range Land Transportation Plan (SLRLTP), which is being developed concurrently. The SLRLTP will also incorporate the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2035, which was just completed by the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization.

At the March 14 public meeting you will be able to participate in the discussions as well as hear what other community members share. For more information, <u>visit the project website</u>. Please note that once the drafts of the SLRLTP and RLRLTPs are developed later this year, another round of public meetings will be held on Kauai to receive input on our island's RLRLTPs as well as the SLRLTP. These meetings, in coordination with other outreach efforts, will ensure that all of Hawaii's communities have an opportunity to participate in the development of these important plans.

Improving the Kalalau Trail



In 2010-2011, using a State grant-in-aid, KPAA contracted with Pono Pacific and Native Hawaii Conservation Program to rehabilitate the first two miles of the Kalalau Trail. That work was very successful and included installing waterbars to prevent ponding and erosion, removing tripping hazards, adding steps to make hiking safer and easier, and closing unofficial shortcuts. Since then, volunteers with the Friends of Kalalau have visited the trail twice a month to maintain the improvements. By summer, work will get underway to tackle the more eroded and dangerous sections of the trail from Hanakapiai Beach to

Kalalau Beach, thanks to a second State grant-in-aid to KPAA. The State Parks Division of DLNR is overseeing this project.

Don't Forget to Vote - KIUC Election

By now everyone should be aware that KIUC is holding elections for three positions on the Board of Directors. If you are a co-op member, make your voice heard through your vote! The KIUC election is March 24. You can cast your ballot 3 ways:



- Vote Online at <u>www.alohavote.com/kiuc</u>
- Vote by Phone: 877-778-5482
- Vote by Mail

By now you should have received your ballot in the mail. <u>More information about each method</u> is available online.

The County Wants to Take You for a Free Ride



Building Energy Design & Analysis Workshop

In another step toward increasing Kauai's sustainability, Hoouluwehi Sustainable Living Institute, KIUC and the County of Kauai are offering this workshop on **Friday, March 16 from 10 am to 2 pm at KCC**. Topics will include: what is performance-based design and why do we need it; forming the integrated project design team; monitoring and correlating—microclimate, comfort, occupant response and energy demand; and design and analysis tools. There is an impressive line-up of speakers. Cost is \$25 and registration deadline is March 9th. To learn more and to register, call 245-8318.

Understanding Drug-Related Stigma Workshop

Malama Pono Health Services and The Chow Project will present a harm reduction conference "Understanding Drug-Related Stigma" featuring presenters Katie Burke, MPH, Narelle Ellendon RN, and the Harm Reduction Coalition. The conference will be **Friday March 30, 2012 from 8:30 to Noon** in the Wilcox Memorial Hospital Conference Room A. The intended audience includes substance abuse counselors, social workers, mental health specialists, HIV/Hepatitis prevention staff, physicians and nurses. Limited to twenty (20) participants. There is no cost and lunch will be provided. To register, contact Malama Pono at 246-9577.

Become a KPAA Member!

Becoming a member of KPAA is easy - just <u>follow this link</u> to join a great network of people and organizations working to make Kauai an even better place for all of us.

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