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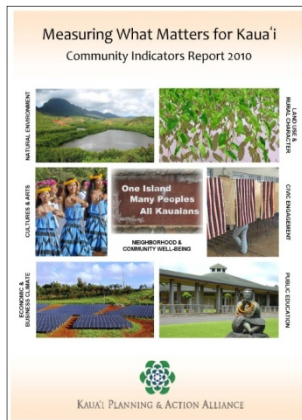
Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at KPAA!

As we work with committees and communities to find solutions to some of the island's challenges, we are continually thankful for the cooperative and generous spirit of Kauai's people, the beauty that surrounds us, the opportunities for sharing and learning, and the strength that comes from family and friends. May you find plenty of ways to enjoy the holiday season ahead.



Invitation to Members and Friends - Join Us

December 1st



Join us at the KPAA Winter 2011 membership gathering on **Thursday, December 1 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM at Kauai Community College in OCET 106** ([click for a campus map](#)). On the program will be an answer to the question “How is Kauai doing?” through a special presentation of the just-released **Measuring What Matters for Kauai – Community Indicators Report 2010**.

The report provides a picture of the island’s economy, public education, health and well-being, civic engagement, land use, natural environment, and culture and arts. Find out what we can celebrate and areas where action is needed. To view and download the community indicators report, go www.kauainetwork.org. The report is also available to read at all public libraries on the island.

Also on the program, **Department of Education Complex Area Superintendent Bill Arakaki** and **Kauai Community College Chancellor Helen Cox** will give an update of an exciting new initiative **Collective Impact – Cradle to Career** that focuses on building stronger collaboration among the agencies and organizations in order to achieve improved outcomes in helping children learn and develop.

The gathering is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served starting at 3:00 PM. Your RSVP is appreciated – [register online](#) or call 632-2005.

Take KPAA's Poll on Education and Youth

We’re taking a quick poll to find out the community's suggestions for improving education and helping youth develop on Kauai. Let us know what you think by [clicking here!](#)

Social Media for Nonprofits

KPAA hosted a workshop for nonprofits earlier this month on **Creating and Engaging Fans and Donors – A Social Media Approach for**

Nonprofits. Thanks to presenter **Chuck Lasker of SocialKauai**, who led us

through the intricacies of utilizing Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and other media to

build relationships with our colleagues and the public.



Materials Flow, Materials Management and Climate Change

Have you ever wondered about all the stuff – food, fuel, cars, products of all kinds - shipped into and out of Kauai? How do these things impact our sustainability? A group of Yale University graduate students were on Kauai earlier this year and in July published their report [Material Flow Analysis for the Island of Kauai](#). The report includes some interesting conclusions and recommendations for further analysis.

What should be done to respond to climate change is an issue communities and governments around the world are trying to determine. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently released the “U.S. EPA Materials Management & Climate Change Toolkit for Climate Inventories & Action Plans” to help them better integrate materials/products into climate inventories and action plans. This new toolkit provides resources to integrate material conservation into community-scale greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory and climate action planning. The [Materials Management and Climate Change Toolkit](#) includes:

- New approaches to greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories that quantify

emissions from materials

- Model Climate Action Plans that include materials conservation
- Innovative policies that can reduce material consumption and increase recycling and composting
- Example ordinances, standards, and policies to drive GHG reductions through materials management.

Meet with the Mayor

In February 2012, the Mayor and his cabinet will conduct outreach at neighborhood centers in Kapaa, Koloa, Hanapepe and Kekaha. Watch for notices and share your thoughts with him.

Join Us!

Becoming a member of KPAA is easy - just [follow this link](#) 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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