



Princeville Community Association

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PCA Newsletter

The President's Message

by Donna Apisa, with warm Aloha!

Mahalo nui loa to those of you who responded to my article in our previous PCA Newsletter by giving us your input about long-term planning for Princeville.

One important aspect of long-term planning that we are exploring is to own and occupy our own office/ maintenance facility and community meeting hall. Here is a brief background.

The topic of owning our own building originally came up since our existing maintenance facility is in dire need of upgrading. Issues at hand that cannot be overlooked are safety, security, liability and rent. Our facility is located on land owned by Princeville Corporation. It was rent-free in the past but we are now faced with paying rent.

As we addressed the issues of safety, security and liability, we questioned how cost effective it would be to put money into upgrading our maintenance facility or building a new one on land that we do not own and will have to lease.

Around the same time we learned that the rent on our Princeville Center offices would be increased. In addition, we are outgrowing our current offices. We need more space and better facilities to provide improved service to the growing Princeville community and our Members.

With the poor condition of our maintenance facilities, significantly rising rents and a lack of adequate space, we started to explore new locations for both our maintenance facility and offices. Lots of ideas came up and we did extensive research on alternatives,

but viable options are extremely limited.

With the County of Kauai, we learned that the Prince Albert Park is already appropriately zoned for a "Neighborhood Center", provided it includes a community meeting hall along with our offices and maintenance facility.

Benefits include our already owning the land, it being located within our community and it being adjacent to other commercial facilities. Our intent would be to strategically locate the building to minimize impact on nearby residents and utilize the existing infrastructure. It could be designed to blend in with the surroundings including the library, and to maintain an attractive open entrance to Princeville.

Please refer to the attachment sent with this Newsletter for more details. We are in the preliminary planning stages and we encourage your comments. We will be having Member input meetings, and you may also email us or join the new discussion group on our website that Treasurer Michael Taylor has added. Please check it out and let us hear from you. Thank you very much!

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Hanalei Valley & The Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge Scenic Stop

By Jason Yazawa, courtesy of Mike Loo, Princeville Corporation

The State of Hawaii Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Princeville Corporation are proposing to develop a new scenic stop overlooking Hanalei Valley and Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge. The new scenic stop would be approximately three acres in size and would include a parking lot, overlook, and a visitor / cultural education center with interpretive displays, restrooms and bookstore. Princeville Corporation would donate the property to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who would manage and maintain the facility.

The project's public/private partnership was made possible because the individual interests of the four sponsoring organizations united into a common goal.

The Department of Transportation is concerned about the uncontrolled access at the existing scenic stop on Kuhio Highway. Lacking an alternative, the Department has not moved to restrict access to the existing stop because of the value of the overlook, providing the spectacular view of the valley. Development of the new scenic stop would include an inter-section to the site with turning, acceleration and deceleration lanes. At the existing scenic stop, left-turn movements may be restricted. Also, the Department plans to explore the possibility of linking the existing and new scenic stops by a walking path, and providing picnic benches at the existing stop.

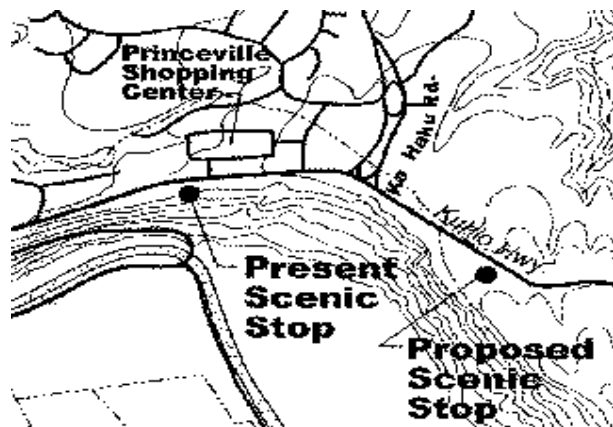
In addition to overseeing the nation's highway program, the Federal Highway Administration is mandated by Congress to advance projects that enhance the appearance and public enjoyment of the nation's highways. An example of such a project on Kauai is the landscaping and beautification of Kapule Highway and Ahukini Road near Lihue Airport. The Hanalei Valley scenic stop project was selected among many nationwide to receive Public Lands Highway funding, a program that seeks to strengthen the connection between

and federal lands, such as national parks and

landmarks and the Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service seeks to foster greater public understanding and appreciation of the nation's natural resources, including protection of threatened and endangered species. The Service manages the Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge, one of three refuges on the island. The Hanalei refuge provides habitat for endangered Hawaiian water birds, such as the Hawaiian coot, duck, moorhen and stilt, and other species, and maintains the cultural practice of taro cultivation in the valley. The Service envisions the new scenic stop as an opportunity to provide the public with first hand experience on the environmental and cultural value of the valley and refuge, leaving lasting impressions without disturbing the taro farmers and protected species.

The current master plan for Princeville Resort proposes the site for a new Hanalei Valley scenic stop with a visitor center and other activities. Princeville Corporation believes that using the property to create a scenic stop with environmental and cultural education would result in lasting long term benefits to the community.



The Princeville Community Design Committee (CDC)

Providing Valuable Information to YOU! —

By Marc Pomerleau, CDC Facilitator

A devastating disease threatens those tall, gently swaying coconut palms with which we all identify as being part of Hawaii. That disease is destroying them at an alarming rate!

It's called *phytophthora katsurae*, otherwise known as *coconut heart rot*. The University of Hawaii first identified that fungus on Kaua'i in the early 1970's.

Because it originally seemed to be slow- spreading and limited to particularly wet areas, concern was not great. However, this quiet killer has spread into epidemic proportions throughout Kauai, Oahu, Maui and the Big Island.

The fungal infection attacks the heart of the cocoa palm, and will eventually destroy the tree. This disease is readily spread to neighboring palms via rain, wind, insects, etc., and as a result, it is imperative that infected trees be immediately removed and disposed of properly.

A few precautions recommended by the experts are as follows:

- Never prune healthy trees with tools, equipment or

gloves have been contaminated with the fungus;

- Disinfect all equipment with a 20% solution of Clorox bleach:
- Dead or infected trees need to be cut down and immediately burned, or taken to a landfill;
- Hauling a diseased tree must be done with care to prevent the fungus from spreading along the roadway (causing new outbreaks in other locations). Be certain to wrap or cover the infected tree, or fronds while being transported.

The BAD NEWS: *Coconut heart rot fungus* is spreading, is deadly and does infect cocoa palms.

The GOOD NEWS: Currently on Oahu, there is an inoculation program being supervised by *Philippe Visintainer*.

Philippe can be reached at:

1-800-417-7435,

and will provide you with more information about inoculations and this dreaded disease.

~ CDC Recommended! ~

Implementation of the inoculation program by all property owners who have coconut palms.

(Mahalo to Stuart and Mica Hollinger of Kupon Landscapes for information on the Coconut Heat Palm Disease)

About Solar Panels, Satellite Dishes, Landscaping, or Painting

Summer finds many of us catching up on chores and improvements to our homes. These tasks may be regular maintenance items, but others are not, such as installing solar panels, satellite dishes, or making a paint color change to our homes or major changes to the landscaping.

These changes must be reviewed by the Community Design Committee prior to implementation. The review process is quite simple, and the CDC Facilitator is always willing to meet with homeowners, landscapers and/or contractors to assist with this process. Please DO contact Marc Pomerleau, your CDC Facilitator at: 826-6687, any Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm.

About Amended CDC Architectural Guidelines

In April of this year, the Community Design Committee amended several of the existing Architectural Guidelines. As Princeville continues to grow and more homes are being designed, CDC hopes to clarify and provide better guiding principles for Owners and their architects.

The newly Amended Guidelines are now available at the PCA offices, or for your convenience, may be downloaded from the PCA website at: www.pcaonline.org.

A Sad Day for Gabriel the Albatross

— One of the great joys of being in Princeville is living with the Laysan Albatross —

In the 1970's, the beautiful seabird known as the Laysan Albatross came back to Kauai to re-establish a nesting habitat on the North Shore. Fossil evidence from the ancient past shows they lived on Kauai before humans arrived.

When early Hawaiians and their animals came to the island, Albatross were hunted for food, and their bones used for household implements, e.g. sewing needles, etc. For docile ground nesters, pursuit spelled disaster and they became endangered. Since the late 1990's, there has been a marked rise in



the presence of Albatross in the Princeville area. It appears they are willing to trust humans again to provide a safe environment for them and for their young.

On a Friday afternoon in May 2001, a tragedy occurred. An Albatross chick in Unit 3 was run over by a lawnmower and sustained a broken leg. Unfortunately, the leg could not be saved, and the chick's leg had to be amputated to save his life.

There is no way of knowing if this bird, now affectionately named Gabriel, will ever be able to fly. Those legs provide the momentum needed to run forward on the ground, at a pace fast enough to catch the wind under their wings and rise into the air. If a miracle occurs and Gabriel can fledge using only one leg, he may have to rest upon the water during portions of his flight. Both feet are needed to pedal

away from danger and rise back into the air. Should Gabriel not be able to quickly fly up, he may become food for a shark or other predator.

This accident could have been easily prevented, had the person mowing person taken a quick walk around the property. He would have seen the chick resting in the grass and known where not to go with the mower.

What can we do to prevent another life threatening accident? Be aware of our present chicks on the roadways in Princeville. Alert your yard work-

ers to stay away from the chicks. Ask local realtors and visitors to keep their vehicles off properties where the chicks are living. Inform tourists and other people not to tease or feed or pat the birds. (The latter causes them to move towards the streets.)

Within the month, the Princeville chicks (except perhaps for Gabriel) will have risen to the challenge of their breed and flown away not to be seen again on our land until several years have passed. We will miss them and look forward to next winter when it is hoped our mature Albatross will return to Princeville to nest again. Be ready when the time comes. Take responsibility for your privilege of living with these magnificent birds.

If you have questions about Albatross?

Call: 826-9120.

Newly Expanded North Shore Clinic Reopens at 2490 Oka Street in Kilauea

The new North Shore Clinic celebrated the grand re-opening and blessing on 6/23/01. Guests toured the new facility, while enjoying entertainment by Kainoa Ohana, and refreshments from the Hanalei Gourmet. KONG radio hosts Ron Wiley and Andy Melamed were also present.

In addition to full-time the professional services of Doctors Jeffrey Goodman, General Practice and Charlotte Hunter, Family Practice, the clinic is also offering the services of the following Doctors:

Tyler Chihara	Podiatry	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Thomas Potter	Dermatology	Wednesdays
Paul Ross	Pediatrics	Tuesdays & Wednesdays
David Rovinsky	Orthopedics	TBD
Donna Farley	CNM, OB/GYN	TBD
Sally Moore	PAC, Fm Practice, Dermatology	M W F

Clinic Hours

Monday thru Friday - 8:30 am to 5 pm
Saturday - 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Frequently Asked Questions

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Q: What About Green Waste Disposal?

A: Residents are asking why their gardeners are not allowed to dispose of green waste at the Hanalei Refuse Transfer Station. They have been diverted to the Kapaa Transfer Station for green waste disposal due to a law mandated by the State of Hawaii for environmental purposes; and because of the limited size and capabilities of the Hanalei Transfer Station

Per *Troy Tanigawa*, Solid Waste Coordinator for the County of Kauai, the Kapaa Station is larger, and is better equipped with mulching machinery that has the capability to recycle the green waste material into fertilizer.

Although some Princeville property owners employ professional gardeners and/or yard services to maintain their property, the dumping of green waste is limited to residents. If you have questions/concerns relating to the disposal of green waste, or other refuse related problems, please contact: **Troy Tanigawa, at: 241-6880.**

Q: What does Princeville Corporation handle?

a) Mowing Vacant Lots: Some vacant lots are maintained (at the lot owner's request and expense) by Princeville Corporation (not the Princeville Community Association or PCA). For additional information, contact Thelma Ortal at the Corporation, 826-826-3120.

b) Water and Sewer: This is handled by the Corporation. Call Princeville Utilities to speak with Debra Draper at 826-3920.

Q: Who handles Complaints, Problems or Information????

a) At the Shopping Center: Call Kay of Asset Realty, 639-7689, or during night time hours, call Princeville Hotel Security at 826-2758.

b) On the Golf Courses or at the Princeville Airport, (e.g. vandalism, trespassers, etc.): Call Princeville Hotel Security at 826-2758 or KPD at 911.

c) The PCA Community: Contact Princeville Patrol at: 826-6181. All other complaints needs to be placed in writing and mailed to the Rohit Mehta, PCA General Manager.

d) Princeville Phase II: Call Patrice Asuncion, Prop-

erty Manager for Certified Management at: 828-6840.

Q: How does one obtain a Golf ID?:

A: Go to the PCA Administrative Office between 8:30 am and 3:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. Only those homeowners or condo owners whose names appear on the property deed are eligible. Golf ID's are \$15/ per person. (Sorry, Timeshare owners are not eligible for this service).

Q: How can we contact Princeville Library:

A: This is a State Library. Please call: 826-1545 for assistance. *Please do not call the PCA for information about the library.*

Princeville Residents Recognized

The Mayor and the Agency on Elderly Affairs as "Outstanding Older American" honored **Ralph N. Leaman**, on 5/10/01. Ralph, a volunteer at the Kaua'i Museum, was instrumental in relocating photographic archives; organizing the book collection, creating an inventory of other museum collections and reconstructing several damaged maps and charts. He also researched and prepared a summary of the Hawaiian monarchy to assist the Museum docents.

The Diocese of Honolulu recognized **Richard and Ruth Boucher**, as Island Treasures on 5/17/0. This award is sponsored by Catholic Charities to recognize the countless hours given by hard working volunteers of Hawaii's parishes and missions. *Richard and Ruth* were joined by friends and family for the ceremony at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. Bishop Francis X. Di Lorenzo presented a polished calabash to the Boucher's.

PAP Vandalism Continues

Continued occurrences of vandalism to playground equipment and restrooms in Prince Albert Park has necessitated costly repairs and a recent change to public usage of restrooms.

Restroom doors are being kept locked for longer hours. Anyone with a large group activity at the pavilion must contact Patrol and request the restrooms be opened for the duration of their park event. Individuals who wish to use the restrooms during locked hours are held responsible for the restroom conditions.

For Patrol call 826-6181 at any hour

Princeville Community Dialog

By Mike Taylor, PCA Treasurer and Webmaster

The PCA web site now offers an online discussion group! Through that discussion group, you can see the major issues facing the Community Association, express your own viewpoint, or reply to the comments of other members. Do whatever works best for you.

Do you have an opinion about the raised crosswalks (speed bumps)? The PCA budget, spending, and assessments? Building a facility in Prince Albert Park? Here is your chance to publicly discuss these and other issues.

To participate in the discussion group, do the following:

1. Go to the web site - <http://www.pcaonline.org>
2. Click on the index item "Your Viewpoint"
3. Register (select your own user and password)
4. Sign on and participate

This gives you an opportunity to know more about your community and to have your opinion count!

More Response Needed for PCA e-Mail

Mahalo to those that responded to our request in the last newsletter! However, we can only use e-mail to you IF we have enough response. To date, approximately 25 individuals have responded.

To make this happen, we need 200 or more homeowners interested in receiving mail, etc., electronically. If you wish to receive general info via e-mail, complete and return the permission this form.

Permission

By my signature below, I hereby give my permission to the Princeville Community Association to use my e-mail to send information. I understand my e-mail address will be used for this purpose only and will be kept confidential.

(signature)

My e-mail address is:

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