

Kalapana Seaview Estates Community Association

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March

Newsletter

2004

You are cordially invited to attend,
KSECA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
April 25, 2004, 12 Noon, the Seaview Pavilion
Business Meeting starts promptly at 1 p.m.
Followed by: *Pupu Nui*

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Aloha Seaview Owners and Residents,

The inevitable growth of Seaview has continued this year. I view this growth as an opportunity to experience the positive aspects of an increasingly diverse community. Meeting new owners, hearing their individual stories about where they have come from and sharing their dreams about what they hope to build is interesting to me as a resident and a contractor. Because lots are small, most homes are simple but their styles are as unique as their owners' personalities.

As I meet new residents, the main idea I like to share with everyone is to take part in the future of Seaview. Over the years, a small number of individuals have been responsible for the maintenance and care of our parks. We have held together a basic functioning plan. Our parks have so much potential waiting to be fulfilled with creative energy, office assistance and commitment. We need your help. Join us by volunteering your time to shape the future of the parks to fit our ever expanding community needs.

I have enjoyed my time as your president over the last few years. It has given me the opportunity to meet many wonderful neighbors as we have worked together toward common goals.

A hui hou, Garry Hoffeld.

Seaview: The Unintentional Community

Anthropologists describe this area as the coastal settlement zone of old Hawai'i; a populated, coastal area dominated by ocean-centered activities, orchards and small gardens. Perfect weather conditions, abundant resources and sustainable living ethics fostered a simple, graceful lifestyle. The boundaries between work and recreation often were invisible. This area of lower *Puna* is well known as the backyard of *Tutu Pele*, Goddess of the Volcano, because of the lava flows that appear in the general area approximately every decade. Beautiful and generous with her many gifts, *Tutu Pele* is also known for her feisty and passionate nature. The nature of the *'aina* remains the dominant influence on the ocean-centered lifestyle of most residents today.

The annual holiday dinner, hosted by KSECA, capped last year's end with a flourish, attended by more than 100 residents and guests. We formed a circle and Willy led us in a blessing under *Tutu Pele*, Goddess of the Volcano and this land with

prayers for *aloha* for us and the community. The official body counter stopped at fifty when he was only about a third through the circle. This memorable event was coordinated by Helen Noble and accomplished by an enthusiastic band of volunteers. After dinner entertainment was provided by singer, guitarist, resident artists Zandi and a friend.

In the following weeks our holiday dinner gave rise to many conversations about village life. The paramount feeling expressed was that in today's uncertain world - to live in a place where you know and greet everyone you meet, say yes to anyone who comes to your door for help, feel safe when you go for an evening walk and gaze at the breathtaking night sky - is very precious. Seaview teaches us that getting along with your neighbors, regardless of the challenges it brings, is what it is all about. *Aloha* has always been, and still is, the law of this land and the reason why Hawai'i is known as Paradise.
By: Athena Peanut, Vice President

Caribbean Tree Frogs in Hawai'i

First spotted in Hawaii in 1992, invasive tree frogs have been a threat to the State's agriculture, tourism and native ecosystems ever since. Native to the Caribbean, coqui and house frogs were accidentally imported to Hawai'i hidden on plants and flowers destined for nurseries throughout the State. Beginning at dusk and continuing until dawn, male coqui frogs move into the trees and call "ko-kee" over and over to attract females. The noise from a group of frogs can exceed 70 decibels, rivaling the sound of a lawnmower or chainsaw.

In their native range on Puerto Rico, coqui populations can reach densities of 8,000 frogs per acre. Because Hawaii and Puerto Rico have similar climates, researchers believe that, without intervention, Hawaii will soon have comparable populations. Due to the existence of fewer natural predators in Hawaii and the tiny frog's enormous appetite, the food supply for native forest birds possibly may be threatened here.

There are few locations around Kalapana Seaview Estates where coqui have been heard. They prefer hot, humid, wet environments. Since our area is generally dry with only small areas of forest, the community has a good chance of keeping the frog from gaining a stronghold here. Hydrated lime and citric acid have been found to be very effective to control the frogs' propensity for population explosion when applied to the general area where they live. Anyone that has questions about the coqui can give me a call at (808) 965-6277.

By: Robert Stearns

Volcano Watch - Land of Fire

The volcanic activity on Kilauea continues unabated since 1983. While lava is not flowing into the ocean at this time, some surface flows have been observed recently from Seaview further up the slopes of Kilauea. The Volcano Observatory has reported for the past year that Mauna Loa, another volcano on this island, is not erupting presently but that the summit area is inflating slowly. Summit inflation usually presages a volcanic eruption. There are four volcanoes on this island. Three of them, Kilauea, Mauna Loa and Loihi are active; and, Hualalai is dormant (i.e: having not erupted in 100 years). Mauna Kea and the Kohala mountains are classified as extinct. Kalapana Seaview Estates is situated on a 1955 Kilauea lava flow. There have been no flows in the nearby neighborhood since the 1990 Kalapana flow. For more information visit the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory at <hvo.wr.usgs.gov>.

Outdoor Lighting and the Night

What do you see when you step out of your home at night to look at the sky? A cloudy haze illuminated by light; the neighbor's floodlight that is supposed to make everyone feel safe or a night sky that has stars but is not very notable. Or maybe you can look up and see the amazing expanse of stars that are so bright they appear as big as dinner plates! Each of us has experienced all of the above in our lifetime. Which choice do you prefer in Seaview?

Today, the vast majority of Americans cannot step out their front door and experience the joy of a night sky the way we do. Obliterated by artificial light, most stars are no longer visible in sprawling cities and suburbs like Honolulu and in North America. Under ideal conditions, one might see millions of stars in Seaview's night sky but in a typical American suburb, only a few hundred stars at most are visible and the Milky Way is history

In Texas, New York, Connecticut, Indiana, Utah and Vermont, communities have taken legal steps to control the amount of light emitted into the surrounding night sky. Seaview can easily do the same because we are unique in two respects: (1) Many Seaview dwellings are not hooked up to the grid and, therefore, we have relatively few high-voltage night lights; and, (2) we do not have streetlights installed on our roads yet. It is not too late for us to have a say in controlling the amount of light that we as a community have in our night skies by group consensus to assure that street lights are not installed in Seaview without our consent. The other half of the equation to protect our night sky is by voluntary compliance as individuals in keeping our night lights low key and shielded.

We ask that each of you consider where you stand on this issue and come share your thoughts with us at the upcoming annual meeting this Spring. There will be more information available at the meeting and information can be found on the web at www.lightfromabove.org. Please feel free to call us with your thoughts at (808)965-6277.

By: Christyl Bilyeu

Editorial P.S: Centered in the vast Pacific, Hawaii is the birthing place and nursery for sea creatures that migrate yearly to our shores. Many animals, like sea birds and turtles, come inland at night to lay their precious eggs. Bright lights on shore, particularly in shoreline communities like Seaview, disorient and confuse our avian friends with devastating results.

A sad example is the total absence today of the Hawaiian A'o, a petrel, whose plaintive "ah oh" cries were common thirteen years ago in Seaview during the nesting season. Beginning in December though the summer, many A'o families returned year-after-year to the coastline bordering Seaview to reach Pu'ulena Crater, a popular burrowing site, in *Leilani* subdivision. Until the fledglings were mature enough to fly out to the ocean on their own, *Lelani* residents could hear the fledglings cry throughout the night as their parents flew in and out from the ocean to feed them. I have not heard an A'o for years in Seaview and *Leilani* residents report they no longer hear them. Avian biologists agree that night lighting and overhead electric lines are the major contributing factors influencing the extinction of nocturnal sea birds nesting in Hawaii.

We can take simple steps to mitigate the damage bright lights cause our endangered nocturnal friends by shielding night lights to direct the light down to the ground. Shielding night lights ensures that our night sky view as well as the view of neighbors living at higher elevations from a few miles above and behind us, all the way up to the observatories on *Mauna Loa* and *Mauna Kea*. *Malihini* may not realize that the reason all street and highway lighting on the island are those strange looking, shielded, dimmed yellow lights is to minimize the light pollution that interferes with astronomers' viewing at observatories on those lofty peaks. We can do our part also to *malama* the night sky by thoughtfully shielding and minimizing night lights in Seaview.

For more information, visit: <knoxstudio.com> and <www.seanicva.org/nightsky>.

Greybeard Sez

There has been grumbling. It seems as if those who do nothing are complaining that too little is being done. When, in fact, the all volunteer park and playground committee has been maintaining and improving the inner park area with minimal expenditure of maintenance fee funds. Just see the repainted pavilion and recently planted trees.

If you have anything to say about this, I suggest that you put your muscle where your mouth is and join us for our semi-regular volunteer parties.

One cigarette end
 Spoils the whole park.
 One barking dog
 Spoils the stillness.

Greybeard, Scribe

2004 Seaview Census

Residences	133	Birds	5
Adults	127	Chickens	24
Children	37	Horse	1
Dogs	61	Boats	3
Cat	33	Vehicles	172
Geese	3	SchoolBuses	3

Park Rules

**Seaview Parks and Facilities Are Private Property
 Jointly Owned by Each Seaview Lot Owner
 By Seaview and For Seaview**

Camping is prohibited in any of the three communally Owned Seaview parks, pavilion or community library.

Hours for pavilion park are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Community courtesy demands strict observance of 8 p.m. Pavilion closing time unless prior arrangements are made by permit application with the KSECA Board of Directors.

Drugs and alcoholic beverages or their use are prohibited in the Seaview parks, pavilion or community library.

Glass containers shall not be used in pavilion.

Dogs must be leashed in the parks at all times in accordance with Hawai'i County Dog Regulations.

Residents are asked to leave all pets at home when attending community gatherings in the pavilion.

Dedicated Seaview Volunteer Tribute

Instituting what hopefully will become a yearly feature of our official newsletter, I am taking editorial privilege to recognize and thank Greybeard, *Kupuna*, member of the Board of Directors, KSECA Scribe and volunteer caretaker of the pavilion park. Greybeard is the most community-minded individual I have ever known. He walks his talk.

Since the building of the pavilion several years ago, Greybeard is on the job at 7 a.m. every morning. He cleans and maintains the bathroom, sweeps the pavilion, tidies the free library, the recycling glass and aluminum barrels, endlessly picking up trash, cigarette butts and mowing the upper parks. Sometimes a rare volunteer appears to give a hand with his many tasks. He is an essential element to the beauty and community life of Seaview and an important role model for all of us. *Mahalo nui loa*, Greybeard.

By: Editor, Athena

Proposed Addition to KSECA's By-laws

To add the phrase, "if there are funds available to do so." to the end of the last sentence of:

SECTION 4: Duties and Powers of the Association

D. To obtain and maintain in effect policies of insurance covering the parks and their use therein, that is adequate in kind and amount as the Board deems necessary to protect the interest of the membership, *if there are funds available to do so.* (Note: Proposed addition in bolded italics.)

Discussion: We were unable to purchase park liability insurance, last year, for the first time due to increase in the insurance premium from \$1,900 in 2002, to \$15,000 in 2003. The increase was due to a depressed stock market. In Hawaii, when insurance companies do not make money in the stock market, premiums are raised to make up the lost revenue. A letter from our insurance agent was mailed, 11/03, to all lot owners explaining the situation. You may not have not received this mailing but our database has been since updated. If you wish to receive a copy of this correspondence and/or the By-laws please contact KSECA.

COCONUT WIRELESS HOUSE & GARDEN TIPS

*Washing mildew off is easy with mouth wash. Listerine or Equate replaces toxic bleach.

*Plant citrus trees to keep coqui frogs out of the neighborhood.

*To get rid of the dreaded stem borer. Inspect daily for holes in stems. To treat hole: Light candle and collect melted wax in a small pool. Blow out candle and quickly pour and work melted wax into hole.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2003

<u>Checking Account Bal. 1/1/03</u>	\$ 4,237.67
Deposits, 2003	9,149.50
Interest Paid	45.16
Sub-total	\$ 13,432.32
CD Savings	5,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 18,432.33

Expenses, 2003

Bank Fees	\$ 40.00
Telephone Ans. Service	321.08
Ocean Park Mowing	2,550.00
Property Taxes (two years)	1,429.70
New Keiki Park Swings	223.00
Newsletter/Billing/Xerox/Postage	584.71
A.G.M., refreshments, supplies	343.67
Office Supplies	86.79
Computer/Internet	189.02
Park Signs	260.00
Insurance letter mailing to	\$ 436.54
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,061.39
Checking Acct. Bal. 12/31/03	6,370.94
CD Savings	5,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 18,432.33

Grant Jones, Treasurer

HAWAIIAN DICTIONARY

A hui hou = Good-bye

Aloha = Love, compassion, mercy, kindness, grace, charity and veneration.

'aina = Land, earth.

A'o = A nocturnal seabird in the Petrel family that digs burrows on crater walls to lay their eggs.

Kupuna = Grandparent, elder.

Leilani Estates = subdivision, 5 miles north and several hundred feet higher in elevation.

Mahalo nui loa = Thank you very much.

Malama = To care for, to protect.

Malihini = Newcomer, guest, tourist, unfamiliar with place or customs.

Pule = Prayer.

Puna = One of 5 districts comprising the Island of Hawaii (Big Island). Each island is a county comprised of a number of districts; also, fresh water spring.

Pupu nui = serious finger food

Pu'u'ulena Crater = A deep crater with straight steep walls in *Lelani Estates*, 5 mi. north and several hundred feet higher in elevation than Seaview.