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Members of the RKCA Board of Directors, along with State Senator Mike Gabbard, State Representatives Sharon Har and Jon Riki Karamatsu, Honolulu Advertiser reporter Gordon Pang and Castle and Cooke representative Rick Prahler toured the Royal Kunia neighborhood in February. The purpose of the tour was to acquaint board members and elected officials with the neighborhood's most pressing concerns: Preservation of proposed golf course land, new elementary school, Recreation Center construction, development of Royal Kunia, Phase II (2,000 new homes), traffic congestion and speeding cars.

Kindergarten Registration at Kalei'opu'u

Kindergarten Registration is now being accepted for Kalei'opu'u Elementary School. To register, please bring the following items to the school.

1) Mantoux TB clearance taken within one year of

the beginning of the school year.

2) A completed student health record (Form 14 original, no copies) that includes a current physical examination and all required immunizations.

3) Your child's original birth certificate

4) Verification of Residency Statement (utility bill, rental agreement, etc.)

For more information call the school at 675-0266. the address is 94-665 Kaa-holo Street in Waipahu (Village Park subdivision)

HEAD'S UP KUNIA!

- The RKCA board meeting start time is 7:00 pm. Call 688-9001 to confirm place and time of meeting.
- HPD no longer handles animal complaints. Call the Humane Society at 946-2187 for noise or abuse complaints.
- Royal Kunia is patrolled by off duty HPD, however, if any suspicious activity is seen—call 911!

NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY WATCH UPDATE

BY CHERYL HUMISTON

One night close to midnight I woke up to our doorbell ringing and ringing. Alarmed, I woke my husband and he rushed downstairs to answer the door. It was our next door neighbor and he told my husband that he happened to wake up and looked out his window and saw a guy sitting on the rock wall between his house and ours, behind a row of palms. With their flashlights, both rushed into our yard ... but to no avail ... the intruder had taken off. To make matters more difficult, we have a perimeter lot with the 3D overgrown land meeting our back yard ... so he probably took off into the bushes. Usually, our dog is on watch but she happened to be sick and was staying inside for a couple of weeks. Maybe the intruder had been scouting our house for a while because it appeared he knew our dog was not outside. My neighbor said he looked like an older, local male ... but it was dark and he couldn't see beyond that. This incident sure scared me! And it really made me appreciate the watchfulness of my neighbors.

A couple of years ago, I had started up a Neighborhood Security Watch program on our street in Site 10, but since then, I had gone back to school plus had a full time job, so my commitment to NSW went by the wayside and I neglected to set up NSW events for our neighborhood. But after that wake-up call, I realized how important it was for neighbors to look out for each other and that the NSW will only work if people are active in it. I contacted Officer Fran Maluenda of the HPD Pearl City Community Resources Team and arranged an NSW gathering on our street on May 16th. We had a good turnout and Officer Maluenda gave a very informative talk

on what we can do to keep our neighborhood safe and answered a number of questions. Here are some highlights of what she presented:

A very small number of HPD officers are responsible for a huge area so the eyes and ears of the residents are vital to keep the community safe. We know who belongs to our neighborhood and who doesn't.

If suspicious and in doubt about a situation or someone, don't hesitate to call 911. The 911 number handles both emergency and non-emergency calls. The dispatcher who answers will ask immediately if it's an emergency – if it is (e.g., an accident or a crime in progress), you'll be patched to emergency right away – if it's a non-emergency (e.g., reporting a crime that has already happened), your call will go into a queue and will get answered as soon as a dispatcher becomes available. These dispatchers answer a tremendous volume of high-stress calls, so please be patient and report as accurately as you can.

When you witness a crime, try to get a good description – best method is to take note of appearance from head to toe, working down. Write it down or report it right away.

There are 3 factors involved in crime: the desire to commit the crime, the ability to commit the crime, and the opportunity. The first 2 factors are beyond our control, but what we can control is the opportunity – so we need to take steps to ensure we do not provide any opportunity for the criminal. For instance, we can have a watchdog, brace our windows and sliding glass doors, install security

lighting, be cautious about answering doorbells, etc.

When a neighborhood starts looking rundown, e.g., abandoned vehicles, graffiti, trash, etc., it gives a signal to the criminals that people who live there don't care and it's an invitation to them to start their activities there. So keeping our community clean and appealing has many favorable outcomes – it increases our enjoyment of where we live, it contributes to our real estate value, and it helps to keep the unwanted criminals out!

Above all, she emphasized how important it is for all of us to get to know each other and to look out for each other ... for example, by being suspicious and reporting it when we see someone or a car at a neighbor's house that doesn't belong there, etc. The concept reminds me of the saying ... "it takes a village to raise a child" ... we can think of it as, it takes caring neighbors to build a community!

If you have not started a Neighborhood Security Watch in your neighborhood, please consider it. The HPD community resources are there to support you every step of the way and it will pay dividends in your neighborhood security. To get it started up or for further information, please contact the Community Policing Team, Officer Frances Maluenda and Officer Kathleen Capellas, at 456-8482.

Mahalo nui loa!

PARK HOURS CHANGE FOR SUMMERTIME

Park hours at the Recreation Center are now 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please remember the gates will automatically lock at 7:30 p.m. so users will need to exit the facility before then. Access to the park is limited to residents of Royal Kunia,

and a key fob is required for entry/exit. To obtain key fob(s), registration forms may be obtained at the RKCA office. Please call 688-9001 if you wish for a form to be mailed to you.

Residents, please remember the

RKCA Park is not a dog park. Dogs and other pets are not allowed in the park for safety, cleanliness and insurance reasons.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO ROYAL KUNIA

Royal Kunia's annual holiday event is scheduled for Saturday, 8 December 2007. Events are still being planned and more will be announced in the next newsletter.

BULKY ITEM PICKUP SCHEDULE

In case you missed the article published in the Winter 2006 issue regarding using the City & County of Honolulu's Monthly Bulky Item pick service, it is being reprinted to avoid incidents that occurred from when it was last published.

To clarify the City's location of "curbside" is specific to where your refuse bin is placed during their twice weekly trash pick up. If you roll your bin next to/near your mailbox, your bulk item(s) are to be placed within the vicinity. Please do not place your bulky item(s) along Anonui and Anoiki Streets. The City will not pick up at locations where a mailbox is not present. Bulky item(s) not placed properly for pick up results to your association having to hire a contractor to haul the item(s) off premises, which incurs

cost to you our homeowners.

A friendly reminder when using the City & County of Honolulu's Monthly Bulky Item pickup service. Royal Kunia Subdivision has been designated Sector 14, with monthly collection day starting the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Pickup is conducted over a 3-4 day period. IF your item(s) is/are not collected by Friday of collection week, call 455-9644 for the oversight. Should your item(s) remain uncollected, your item(s) may be dropped off at one of the City's Convenience Centers or stored on your property until the next month's scheduled collection.

Rules for bulky item pickup, as stated from the City & County of Honolulu, Dept. of Environmental Services website:

- Put items out for collection no earlier than the evening before your scheduled pickup day or period. Bulky items sitting at the curbside for long periods are unattractive in your neighborhood, can be unsafe (especially for children) and can attract illegal dumping at that site.
- Remove or secure doors for refrigerators. Children have been known to suffocate in refrigerators, unable to open the doors from the inside. Remove the doors, tie it closed or place the door against the ground or a wall to prevent it from opening.
- Do not block sidewalks, driveways or roadways.

To obtain more information, please visit www.opala.org

GRAND OPENING WEST OAHU CIVIL AIR PATROL BY WESLEY KAJIWARA

The flat costal plain just west of Pearl Harbor is the home of Hawaii's newest Civil Air Patrol Squadron. The West Oahu Composite Squadron is based in the Pacific Aerospace Training Center on Midway Road at the former Barbers Point Naval Air Station.

The new squadron held its official Grand Opening in conjunction with an "Aviation Day" Open House by Honolulu Community College's Commercial Aviation training program in March. Civil Air Patrol aircraft along with those from the University of North Dakota and numerous government and private organizations were on display.

Civil Air Patrol squadrons have non-flying and aircrew specialty tracks for adults in support of three missions: Aerospace Education, Emergency Services, and Cadet Programs.

Cadets twelve and older participate in aerospace education, leadership, physical fitness, community service, and orientation flights in both gliders and powered aircraft.

The West Oahu Composite Squadron is one of three on Oahu and one of seven in the State. In Hawaii there are nearly five hundred volunteer Cadets and Adult "Senior" Civil Air Patrol members and there are nearly 57,000 nationwide and over seas.

The Civil Air Patrol is a private, non-profit organization of a benevolent character, incorporated by the United States Congress on December 1, 1941, just days before the attack on Pearl Harbor. It is the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force with over 500 single engine piston planes and the largest communications network in the country.

For more information about the West Oahu Composite Squadron call 234-8016 or e-mail westoahu.cap@gmail.com

GRAFFITI...

Residents: If you see any evidence of graffiti, regardless if it is on a HECO box, street pole, vinyl fence, wall or trash-can, please call the association office and report it. Observe the color and style of tagging and report that too. Every bit of information helps in trying to track down the persons responsible. While the association does have volunteers that do an excellent job of cleaning up graffiti, often on the same day it is reported, it still costs each and every home owner for supplies. Not every tag can be cleaned up by volunteers. The notices for the Easter Egg Hunt were tagged and while the signs were salvaged, the signs had to be taken to professionals to remove the paint. Most of the tagging in our neighborhood is by children. Some have been caught; others reported to HPD. This is an ongoing problem every neighborhood has and only each and every resident can put a stop to it by increased vigilance.

The association office number is 688-9001. If it is after hours, please leave a message.

FOR ASSOCIATION CONCERNS

Certified Management: 836-0911

Jon McKenna, Community
Association Manager: 836-0911
For 24/7 Emergency: 533-3116;
FAX 839-9430

Albi Mateo, General Manager:
688-9001—7:30 am to 4:00 pm
Monday—Friday or
RKCAhawaii@aol.com

For Kulana Knolls, please call
Ralph at 688-0552

For Expressions I, Site 4A, please
call Peter Wargo at 623-2899

Abandoned Vehicles: 532-7700 x250
Animal Complaints: Humane Society @ 946-2187
Board of Water Supply: 748-5030 Building Dept (Permits): 523-4505
Bus Schedules/Routes: 848-5555 Crime Stoppers: 531-3771
Domestic Violence Hotline: 531-3771 Dept. of Health: 586-4400
Hawaiian Electric Co: 548-7961 Poison Control Center: 1-800-222-1222
Police (Pearl City Station): 455-9055
Castle&Cooke Homeowners Warranty Center: 626-3630
Senator Mike Gabbard: 586-6830 Fax: 586-6679 sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov
Senator Clarence Nishihara: 586-6970 Fax: 586-6879 sennishihara@capitol.hawaii.gov
Councilmember Nestor Garcia (9th district): 547-7009; 523-4220 (Fax)
ngarcia@honolulu.gov (Connie Herolaga is assigned to take care of issues for the
Waipahu area. Her phone number is 523-4444)
Rep Sharon Har (40th district-above Anonui St): 586-8500; fax 586-8504;
rephar@Capitol.hawaii.gov
Rep Jon Karamatsu (41st district-below Anonui St): 586-8490; fax 586-8494;
repkaramatsu@Capitol.hawaii.gov

A big MAHALO to all those who call in broken sprinkler heads, leaking water valves, burned out lights, and everything else that you report. Your efforts go a long way to make our community safer, brighter, cleaner and a great place to live.

Olelo Launa is YOUR newsletter. If you would like to submit an article, photo, or publicize an event you think the community would be interested in, please contact Albi Mateo at 688-9001 or email at RKCAhawaii@aol.com to make arrangements to submit your material. Or you may mail your article in care of Jon McKenna, Attn: Royal Kunia Community Association, 3179 Koapaka Street, Honolulu, HI 96819. Content of materials should be of general interest and be informative about events or developments affecting Royal Kunia Community Association. Articles may be edited for reasons such as length, grammar and propriety. Editing will not alter the meaning or intent of any contribution without prior consent from the submitter. The newsletter is published four times a year.

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