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About Kohala, For Kohala

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### Local Nonprofits Partner to Launch the Hawai'i County Emergency Rental Assistance Program for Hawai'i Island Households Impacted by COVID-19

Number Household Members	Annual Household Income Maximum
1	\$46,720
2	\$53,360
3	\$60,000
4	\$66,640
5	\$72,000
6	\$77,360
7	\$82,640
8	\$88,000

Courtesy of the County of Hawai'i

On April 1, seven local nonprofit organizations joined to announce the launch of the Hawai'i County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). The program began accepting applications on April 12.

ERAP nonprofit partners are encouraging Hawai'i Island residents who are at least 18 years old and have lost income due to COVID-19 to apply.

ERAP is funded by the County of Hawai'i through federal funding and will provide rent and utility grants to an estimated 3,400

households that qualify due to income and can prove hardship due to COVID-19 for each month they receive assistance from March 2020 to December 2021. Funding will be limited to households' primary residence on Hawai'i Island. Households will be limited to 12 months of total grant assistance.

The Hawai'i County ERAP will be led by local nonprofit community development financial institution Hawai'i Community Lending. Six Hawai'i-Island-based nonprofit partners will process applications and payments will be made directly to landlords, property managers or utility providers. Approved applicants will also have access to financial counseling and other housing stability services.

ERAP nonprofit partners include:

- HOPE Services Hawai'i (HOPE)
- Hawai'i First Federal Credit Union (HFFCU)
- Neighborhood Place of Puna (NPP)
- Habitat for Humanity Hawai'i Island (HFHHI)
- The Salvation Army (TSA)
- Hawai'i County Economic

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### PONC Commissioners Visit Kohala's Coastal Lands



Photo by Susan Fischer

*Hapu'u Coast – Winter surf rages against the cliffs of Kamehameha's homeland.*

By Toni Withington

Four members of the Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Commission (PONC) this month were given a first-hand view of five privately owned coastal properties vying for space on the County's Open Space priority list.

This year the commission has 26 properties nominated to the list from around the island. By the end of the year they will present the mayor with their top choices for public purchase using the 2% Open Space.

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### NKCRC Workshops on Creating and Funding Community Projects Offered in May

So, Kohala community members...do you think you have a good idea or an important project you want to bring to fruition? Do you see your project making Kohala a better place? Are you wondering how you can transform this great idea into action? No matter what is motivating you, the next step is to think about the following questions.

Do you have a clear plan for your project? Solid planning is the foundation for successful projects. Without it, your proposal won't withstand the fierce "shakedown" that grantmakers give proposals.

Have you created a committed team? As you gather your key teammates, remember to include other likeminded people, those that can help run the project along with those that will benefit. Whomever they are, you'll want help with formulating and identifying the problem, the outcome you hope to gain and the method in which to solve the problem.

Once you have your clear, solid plan, you'll be better able to speak about the goals and objectives of your project, which goes a long way in gaining community support, building partnerships and influencing decision makers.

During the month of May, the North Kohala Community Resource Center (NKCR) will be offering a suite of workshops geared for our current projects. These sessions are designed to increase the participant's understanding of the problem they want to address along with long-term goals that will guide their project.

Also included will be information on how to evaluate projects, create record-keeping systems, manage financials and strengthen credibility.

If you are a current project of the Center or think you have a project you might want to pitch, please contact us at NKCR, as we're here to help. We can be reached at 808 889-5523 or info@northkohala.org.

### COVID-19 Vaccinations

On April 5, Hawaii County opened vaccine eligibility to everyone 16+ years of age.

Those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Those 16-18 years of age may only receive the Pfizer vaccine.

Hamakua-Kohala Health is administering the Moderna vaccine. To make an appointment, call 808-930-2751.

Queen's North Hawaii Community Hospital is currently administering the Pfizer vaccine.

Call 808-881-4668 or email QNHCHvaccine@queens.org to make an appointment.

West Hawaii Community Health Center is administering the Moderna vaccine.

Patients may request an appointment at 808-994-2186 or by

filling out the form at [www.west-hawaii.chc.org/covid-19-vaccine-appointments](http://www.west-hawaii.chc.org/covid-19-vaccine-appointments).

Kona Community Hospital is currently administering the Pfizer vaccine. Vaccination clinics are being held at the Kona Aquatic Center Gymnasium on Thursdays from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and the Kona Community Hospital Campus Clinic in Kealahou on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Call 808-322-4451 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday or email KCHCovidVaccine@hhsc.org to make an appointment.

CVS is offering vaccinations to a more limited population. Eligibility requirements and site availability may be found at <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>.

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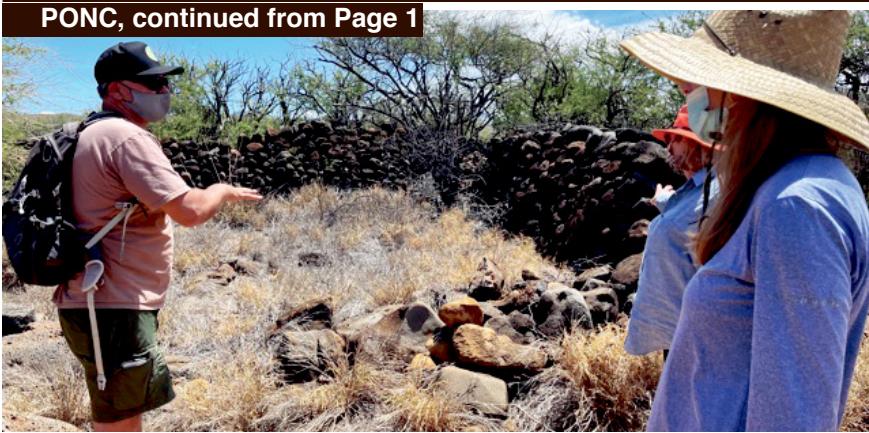


Photo by Toni Withington

*Kaupalaoa – Archaeologist Rick Gmirkin describes one of many stone structures in a string of ancient villages along the coast.*

The visits were hosted by the four community groups that nominate coastal lands each year and Kohala Lihikai, the stewardship nonprofit that cares for much of the open space already purchased.

On April 7, commissioners Diane Kanealii, Rick Warshauer, Anne Meheula and Debbie Ward were able to hike along the northern coast between Kauhola Point (Lighthouse) and Kapanai Bay, also called the Kula Iwi O Kamehameha – the homeland of Kamehameha I. They were also joined by Susan Fischer, the recently term-limited commissioner from the Kohala District who had served for six years.

The day was sunny with a light breeze and high surf crashing against the cliffs.

Four large parcels have already been preserved in open space along this three-mile stretch. Two more, totaling 42.5 acres, between Hapu'u and Kapanai Bays, have already been prioritized, but the County has not moved to negotiate with the owners. Both are for sale on the open market, but the owners are willing to sell for public use.

The other parcel visited is a mile-long stretch between Lighthouse and Hapu'u Bay, including Halelua Gulch. The 50.3 acres also are currently on the PONC list and have permission from the County Council to begin negotiations.

As commissioners hiked the access trail, white-tailed tropic birds swooped and sailed above. Recent rains have allowed the dozen species of native plants along the trail to thrive because cattle are no longer allowed along the cliff edge.

Jesse Vega, representing the

owner of Halelua, chanted an oli amid the terraces of taro patches in Halawa Gulch.

On April 10, three of the above-named commissioners were hosted on a tour of two private properties along the leeward coast at Kaupalaoa and Lamaloloa. Again, the day was sunny, but with the ocean calm and crystal clear.

Both properties stretch from Akoni Pule Highway to the ocean and are covered with ancient cultural and historic sites. The public purchase of the two key pieces would form a 15-mile stretch of almost entirely protected coastal land.

Providing valuable information about the history and ancient culture of the parcels were Superintendent Eric Arakaki and Archaeologist Rick Gmirkin from Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail, part of the National Park Service. The Ala Kahakai Trail runs 175 miles along the coast and encompasses a network of culturally and historically significant trails. The nomination papers also include archaeological studies of the area.

Both the 62.6-acre and 35.3-acre parcels have been on the County's priority list for several years. Both are actively on the market. Their purchase would add to the many parcels already conserved at Kaiholena, Pao'o and Nu'uaniu (Lapakahi).

The groups nominating the lands to PONC are Malama Na Wahi Pana O Kohala, Ka Makani O Kohala Ohana, Malama Kohala Kahakai and Maika'i Kamakani O Kohala. The 2020 PONC report currently has seven projects prioritized in North Kohala.

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Opportunity Council (HCEOC)

"We are honored to be able to provide relief to our local families by alleviating some of the financial pressures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic," said Hawai'i County Mayor Mitch Roth. "With the help of local nonprofit organizations, we will keep the roofs over the heads of 3,400 households, and that, to me, is something pretty special. Through continued partnerships and the community's support, we can and will thrive through this pandemic – together!"

Households who have been impacted, directly or indirectly, by COVID-19 and are past due on their rent and/or utilities should apply through one of the nonprofit partners. Persons without internet access or a computer are encouraged to call one of the ERAP nonprofit partners to request a paper application or complete an application over the phone.

**ERAP Qualifications**

To qualify for rent or utility assistance grants, applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a Hawai'i Island resident
- Be at least 18 years old
- Have lost income due to COVID-19

• Have a 2020 or current annual gross household income at or below 80 percent of area median income for the number of members in their household. See chart to determine if your household income qualifies.

ERAP will give priority households at or below 50 percent of area median income with household members who have been unemployed for 90 days preceding the date of the application.

**Required Documents**

Applicants will be required to submit the following documents with their applications to be considered for rent or utility assistance:

**Proof of Residence and Age**

- Copy of photo ID
- Income Documents for ALL household members (provide all that apply)
  - 30 days most recent pay stubs
  - 2 months most recent business bank statements (if self-employed)
  - Unemployment or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefit letter
  - Public benefit statements

**Housing**

- Copy of rental lease/contract

**Proof of Hardship** (provide 1 of the following)

- 30 days of paystubs for February 2020
- Unemployment or PUA approval letter
- Letter from employer verifying job loss or reduced work hours
- Business bank statements for January and February 2020 (if self-employed)

**Housing Assistance Need** (provide 1 of the following)

- Past due rent notice
- Eviction notice
- Past due utility notice

For more information or to apply (in West Hawaii), contact:

Habitat for Humanity Hawai'i Island  
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[rmap@habitathawaiiisland.org](mailto:rmap@habitathawaiiisland.org)

**Trailers and Dump Bed Trucks Prohibited at Transfer Station**

On April 16, the County Department of Environmental Management, Solid Waste Division, began the prohibition of the use of all trailers and dump beds at transfer stations island-wide.

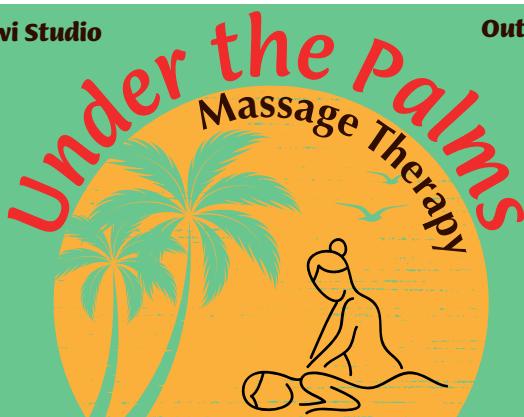
Vehicles at the facilities are limited to sedans, SUVs, pickup trucks, mini-vans or other non-commercial automobiles. All trailers and dump bed trucks will be prohibited at transfer stations island wide.

There is no restriction for the use of trailers at the West Hawai'i Sanitary Landfill and the East Hawai'i Regional Sort Station.

Interested parties can visit [www.hawaiiizerowaste.org](http://www.hawaiiizerowaste.org) and register for Solid Waste Notifications (via email or text). If you have questions about this policy, contact Michael Kaha, Solid Waste Division Deputy Chief, at 808-961-8270.

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# Celebration of Life for Shiro Takata

By Tom Morse

On Saturday, March 27, family and friends gathered at the Shiro Takata Field at Kamehameha Park to celebrate his life. The park was lined with cars of friends listening to the one-hour ceremony broadcast on KNKR 96.1 FM, Kohala Radio. The family and invited guests gathered around.

Chris Brown read about twenty dedications from the Kohala Community. Here are four of them.

From Lee Rivera:

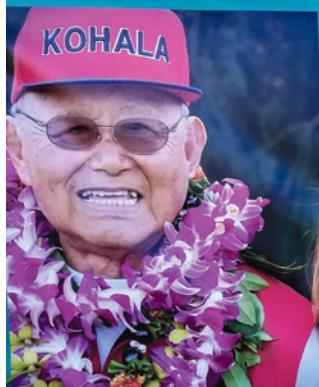
Shiro Takata.... The most humble of all human beings.... His whole life was filled with always giving back to the community that he so loved. I was truly blessed to be on his "phone contact list to help him fulfill his giving back dreams" when he started loooooong ago. His calls always started.... *Lee, meeting tonight, be there.* Curiosity always got the better of me, so of course I would be there. I was privileged to be on the committee that started KCAA. I remember going with Shiro to Puako to meet with his attorney to help put the first KCAA bylaws in place. And that is where it began.

He held an age-group basketball tournament and was not much on giving trophies; he said photos have lasting memories, and so photos it was. He held basketball and baseball clinics at Kamehameha Park, bringing in athletics from UH Hilo. Do you know? Shiro was responsible for initiating our 24-hours police / fire coverage? He called a meeting and invited the Chief of Police to Kohala to present his case. And because of Shiro, back in the early 1980s, we started having 24 hours of emergency coverage.

He also did the only New Year's fireworks display at Kamehameha Park, which was awesome.... As I took a back seat, Shiro never ceased.... Into many, many, many more projects, Shiro got involved. All for the keiki of our community, and our community in general.... You will be sorely missed "My Friend," nobody will ever be able to take able to take your place. Rest in love and peace....

From Damian Perreira Maria:

I remember when I was younger, and we used to go to the old Takata



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Courtesy of Tom Morse

A banner marked the event celebrating Shiro Takata.

Store, which is now Bamboo Restaurant. Every time we go in Shiro would always have the biggest smile, and would always say, "Hey champ, how you?" He would always give me a candy before we left the store. I couldn't wait to go back 'cause I knew he would give me candy. Years later I grew older and became an adult. I lost my job due to the earthquake and was desperately in need of a job. So, in May of 2007 I called Shiro to ask him if he had any work he could give me. He told me to come up to Kohala Kentia, which is located across from the Kohala High School. So, I did. That very day I was hired and have been working there to this day. We became very good friends.

On January 5, 2021, he called me at work and said "Damian, I have something very big going on, and I just wanted to call you and say thank you for all you have done for me. It's people like you who made my life so successful, and I thank you!! But my health is not so good, and I'm tired, so I decided to not do dialysis anymore. Today is my first day in hospice." I was so shocked. I never thought this day would come.

From Leila and Keith Shimizu:  
To Shiro and Family:

Although Kohala has lost one of its most beloved and favored sons, it realizes the work Shiro did throughout his working life was instrumental in helping to make and keep Kohala great for all its residents to enjoy, live, learn, work, and play in a relatively safe, fun and nurtured environment.

I was honored to start working with Shiro from the early 2000s, and my perception of him, was as a very

one-of-a-kind individual whose life revolved around his family, his businesses, his employees, Kohala town and its residents — especially the children.

He was always looking for ways to keep making Kohala a better place to live and providing support wherever and however he could. He was always thinking, a visionary, a behind-the-scenes leader and a teacher, inspiring and motivating everyone he touched to focus on teamwork in getting jobs done properly and safely, very creating, and giving credit where credit was due.

Thank you Shiro for a lifetime job well done!!! You Da Best!! Now you can rest in peace with NO pain and NO suffering.

I am sure whomever Shiro

touched throughout his lifetime, including us, will forever be grateful to Shiro for allowing us to enter his life and for all the memories shared and the lessons he taught, which we will forever cherish and continue to play it forward.

From Christine Morgan:

I worked on many projects with Shiro over many years through the Lions Club, KCAD, and the Kohala Family Center. He was always thinking about projects to help the community, and when he came to me, I always thought, "Oh boy, here we go again" but always said, "Yes, of course, how can I help." But there is one memory that stands out when I think of Shiro. Way back in 1981, I went shopping at Takata Store, you know the one, with my then nine-month-old son, Micah.

I plunked my kid in the wagon and took out my shopping list. Here comes Shiro, says hello, scoops my kid out of the wagon and into his arms. Off he goes, talking away to this baby. I got my shopping done, and when I was checking out, Shiro hands him back, grabs my bags and walks me to the car. I thought, wow, what a cool and sweet thing to do. This is how Shiro built a sense of community in our Kohala, and I always will be grateful for him on so many levels. I miss you Shiro, but wherever you are, I know you're in top shape!

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# Pololū Valley Development Takes A Breather

By Toni Withington

After a flurry of surprise and resistance to a proposed subdivision on the rim of Pololū Valley erupted in December and January, someone hit the pause button. The plan has not moved in its expected progress through official channels.

The State Land Board voted in December to partner in a consolidation and resubdivision of land on the valley floor, cliffs and ridge in which landowner Surety Kohala Corporation would donate 86 acres of floor land to the State along with five acres town side of the valley lookout in exchange for creating ten lots, each under ten acres, overlooking the valley rim mauka of the lookout.

The next step after the Land Board approval was to be the application by Surety Kohala to the County Planning department for the consolidation/resubdivision plan. Under County rules the approval of this type of subdivision is most often a decision made by the Planning Director alone. However the director has the discretion to call for a hearing on the matter when he or she feels public interest warrants it.

However, the Planning Department had not received an application from Surety Kohala as of April 9. What the department has

received are phone calls, emails and letters from people in North Kohala who have expressed concerns about the changes the subdivision and five-acre parking lot would make to their experience of Pololū Valley.

An online petition called Protect Pololū Valley has collected almost 22,000 signatures. The petition chides the State Department of Land and Natural Resources and Surety Kohala for not holding promised public meetings in Kohala regarding the plans before action was commenced. It calls on the County Planning Department to protect the valley as a place of refuge. Social media and street signs have also attempted to draw people's attention to the issue.

A more down-to-earth effort has been underway for several months by a group of people living in Niuli'i that is seeking to come up with a unified statement of concerns and solutions to better manage the resources and lands of our valleys, and Makanikahiō. This group is made up of lineal descendants of Pololū-Makapala who still live in the village of Niuli'i and are directly impacted by the visitor's effects on the wahi pana, Pololū.

Recently these families have joined efforts with the larger Protect Pololū project to work with

the larger village of Kohala, and 'ohana and friends who live away from Kohala, to find pathways to protect and preserve Pololū valley and the surrounding wahi pana.

Other Kohala residents are researching the legal status of the project to ensure that the community will have a say before further action is taken. The 86 acres of land on the valley floor involved in this project are subject to Conservation District regulations and are within the Special Management Area, which also has

additional rules. Both conditions might influence the Planning Director enough to hold a public hearing on the matter.

Suzanne Case, chairperson of the Land Board and head of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, said in a February letter to this writer, "It is our understanding that there will be avenues for public feedback into Surety's subdivision plans through the County's subdivision process. We encourage you and others in the community to engage in that process."



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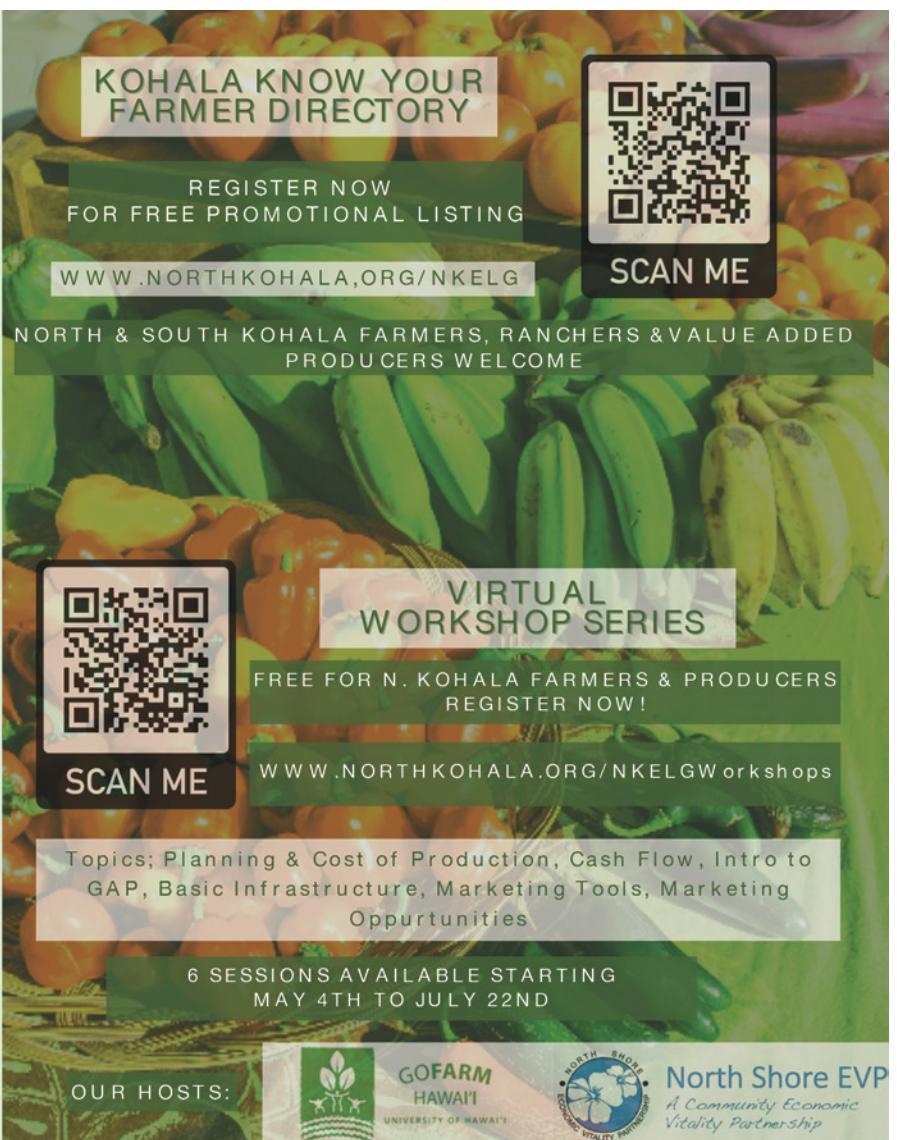
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Letters

Shiro's Memorial Radio Broadcast

Listening to Shiro Takata's heart-warming memorial on the radio, I thought back years ago to the first time walking into Takata's Grocery Store while visiting Kohala. After walking through the store, in the produce section, I said out loud to no one in particular, "This store has everything I need."

A man bending over the produce turned around and said almost like a curt command with a warm smile, "Then move to Kohala."

My wife and I did move here and the man was Shiro Takata.

Over the years, I came to realize that Shiro personified that feeling of love of community and was actively living that feeling.

Hearing Chris Brown's voice expressing the deep admiration of so many in the community for Shiro, all in the comfort of our home, created a memorable shared community experience.

Colleen and I also felt an appre-

ciation for the local radio station KNKR for facilitating this community experience.

Having our very own all-volunteer community radio station is such a wonderful asset for our small community. To show my appreciation, knowing we should really volunteer, instead we sent KNKR a check. You might also consider sending a check, or perhaps volunteering.

Colleen & Joe Ayer

Lessons From 2020

I bet all of us can agree that 2020 was a memorable year, filled with dramatic shifts in lifestyle and opportunities to change. We've experienced monumental challenges worldwide. So, what have we learned from this pandemic? These are my reflections and what I wonder.

Our environment has the ability to heal. I'm amazed by the recovery we witnessed when we were at home, with a much cleaner ocean and sealife returning. This would be a very beneficial new normal. How can we better protect our ocean and land so Hawaii's environment can thrive?

Economic dependency on tourism is not sustainable or wise. Bigger/more is not better for people or place. Intelligent indigenous thinkers created a thought-filled plan called 'Aina Aloha Economic Futures. Their focus is to "move toward a resilient economy that sustains what is precious about Hawai'i". What an important goal! How can we make sustaining what is precious about Hawai'i a priority which is acted upon by everyone, including public officials?

Essential workers are the rock stars of this pandemic and daily life. Doctors, nurses, all hospital workers, teachers, clerks, servers, cooks, police, fire, etc... not professional athletes or actors. How can these workers be better valued and paid more?

We don't need to buy-buy-buy so many things-things-things. We need hugs from family and friends. We need to connect. We need to feel safe. How can we shift from assessing only our gross national income and add on a gross national happiness scale? (Yes, this is a real thing.)

It's time to support all the people in the U.S. to afford life. It's time to bring back a "middle class" and focus the economy to empower all people to thrive. Our national tax structure must be restructured.

Priorities for government must change. How can we elect more public officials who serve all the people?

Communication has changed and grown in importance as we spend much more time at home. With increased sharing of space for needs like work and school, everyone has felt the shift. From singles,

to couples, to extended generations under one roof, our need to communicate effectively has been put to the test. The use of technology has been both blessing and challenge. How might we continue to grow in our ability to communicate better, with clarity and aloha?

Being flexible and patient are super powerful abilities. Both Covid and global warming have offered a long line of new challenges to address, which probably won't stop. Left foot, right foot has been my motto. How can we grow in our ability to deal well with future challenges?

My garden will tell me what I need to do if I listen. It heals me as I care for it. When I feel out of alignment, I dig in the dirt, talk to my plants, and say mahalo to the elements for nurturing us. How can we all find our healing spot?

North Kohala is such a special place to live... Not only is it beautiful, it is home to people with deep aloha, true genuine care and concern. I feel humbly appreciative that I get to live here. Mahalo nui loa to this awesome community.

- Rande Golden

Hawai'i State House of Representatives Update

From the Desk of District 7 Representative David Tarnas

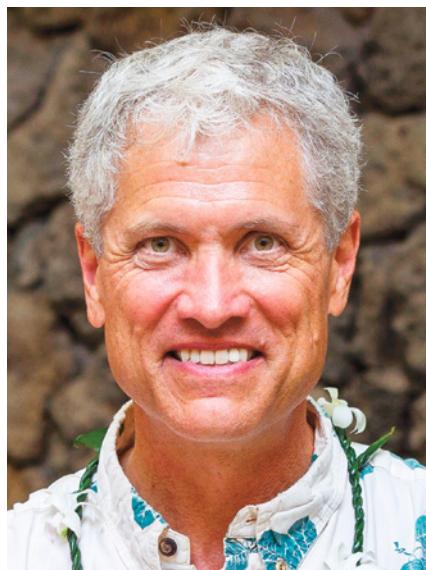


Photo courtesy of David Tarnas Representative David Tarnas speaks for North Kohala as a member of the Hawai'i State House of Representatives.

This session, the Hawai'i State Legislature is seeking to strengthen

strategies to achieve a sustainable future for Hawai'i, including improving food security in our community, increasing clean renewable energy, and addressing critical issues relating to climate change and sea level rise adaptation. In this article, I'd like to focus on what the Legislature is doing to better integrate sustainability principles into our land use decision making, and to improve the ways in which Hawai'i is adapting to sea level rise.

Achieving an abundant and sustainable future for Hawai'i will require re-envisioning the State's institutional framework to better integrate sustainability principles into the organizational structure of state government, especially in planning, land use, environmental and economic development programs. Improved collaboration between state agencies is necessary to achieve the State's sustainability goals and clean energy benchmarks. In addition, improved integration of land use planning and environmental policy decision-making will

enhance state government agencies' ability to implement climate change adaptation measures to address sea level rise and more frequent and intense storm events, and climate change mitigation measures such as increasing clean energy production and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

To begin to reshape and streamline our State agencies, the State House has been working on two measures, HB 1149 and HB 1318, which are still undergoing consideration at the Legislature. HB 1149 integrates the State Land Use Commission within a modified Office of Planning, to be renamed the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD), and HB 1318 then transfers the Office of Environmental Quality Control into this new OPSD. Together, these bills consolidate all key decision-making and regulatory responsibility surrounding land use planning and permitting under one structure.

The Legislature is also working

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to address the significant issues of sea level rise and coastal erosion in our State. Last year, the Legislature approved Act 16, which protects beaches from erosion by placing stricter limitations on shoreline armoring where there are beaches and public access areas.

This session, we continue to address impacts of sea level rise with two bills – SB 474 and HB 243. SB 474 relates to private property transactions and requires realtors to disclose to potential buyers when the property they are considering is located within the Sea Level Rise Exposure Area. The bill also directs realtors, buyers and sellers to use the Hawai'i Sea Level Rise Viewer at [www.pacioos.hawaii.edu/shoreline/slr-hawaii/](http://www.pacioos.hawaii.edu/shoreline/slr-hawaii/) to identify parcels expected to be affected by sea level rise.

HB 243 addresses the impacts of sea level rise on public infrastructure by requiring each executive branch department to identify existing and planned facilities that are vulnerable to sea level rise, flooding impacts and natural hazards; assess options to mitigate impacts of sea level rise to these facilities; improve interagency coordination for sea level rise adaptation, flooding and resilience; and submit annual reports on this work.

The Legislature is also interested in improving how DLNR issues permits for emergency shoreline erosion control measures. In too many cases, these emergency measures are left in place for years

and do not effectively protect the shoreline. The sandbags used in these cases can deteriorate and fall apart, creating litter and debris, and potentially exacerbating erosion in the area. To address this issue, I introduced HB 246 to limit temporary shoreline protection structures approved under emergency permits to a maximum of three years, after which they need to be removed, unless the State approves them as a permanent structure. The Water and Land Committee deferred this bill after hearing testimony from DLNR about their plans to propose amended rules that will improve the way they issue permits for emergency shoreline erosion control measures. I will carefully monitor DLNR's work on this issue to make sure these proposed rules effectively address this situation.

At this time, the Legislature has not come to its final decision about these bills to better integrate sustainability principles into our land use and environmental decision-making and to improve how we adapt to sea level rise and reduce coastal erosion. I am hopeful that as the legislative session comes to an end, we will be able to find agreement between the House and Senate and take the necessary steps to address these important issues.

To learn more about the measures discussed in this article, please visit the Capitol website at [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov) and follow directions to search for the measure status by bill number. For further assistance navigating the website,

please visit the Public Access Room website at [www.lrb.hawaii.gov/par/](http://www.lrb.hawaii.gov/par/), email [par@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:par@capitol.hawaii.gov), or call (808) 587-0478.

Your input is extremely important to me as we work together to address these issues affecting our community and state. If you have

further questions, please reach out to me via email at [reptarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:reptarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov) or by phone at (808) 586-8510. Another great way to stay informed is to subscribe to my e-newsletter at: [bit.ly/reptarnas-signup](https://bit.ly/reptarnas-signup). Please take care of each other and stay safe. Mahalo!

**County Council Update**

From the Desk of District 9 Councilmember Tim Richards



Photo courtesy of Tim Richards  
Councilmember Tim Richards represents North Kohala as part of Hawai'i County Council District 9.

Aloha! Once again, it is time for the monthly update from our office.

County of Hawai'i Budget Season

On March 1, the administration delivered to County Council the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Our fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30. This next year's proposed budget is \$590,800,952. This is up from approximately \$585 million this past year and could be termed a "status quo" budget. When I took office in 2016, the budget was \$461 million. The increase since I have been in office is approximately 25%. 2020 has been unprecedented year with COVID-19 affecting the financial situation of the world, let alone our County. In addition, the years immediately preceding saw our expenses higher due to the numerous natural disasters we encountered. Currently we are going through the process of budget review. I have met with approximately half of the department heads to discuss their budgets coming forward. Meetings will be continuing, and currently we are in the middle of public budget hearings. It is and has always been my deep concern that we spend our constituent's money wisely. I am

extremely concerned with the State Legislature's bill to permanently remove the Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) for all counties. The TAT was established back in the mid-80s to help fund the impact of tourism in our counties. Up until now we have received approximately \$19 million a year as our portion of the state revenues. If this passes our legislature, our County starts almost \$20 million behind each year going forward.

To our county budget, many of you have contacted me expressing your desire for strong oversight. Each year I have tried but been unable to get an ad hoc budget committee formed. COVID-19 has changed much of how we conduct business. We as a Council are trying to retool the process, as we are seeing the potential for more federal funding to come in with the proposed American Jobs Plan to help shore up not only our operational budget but the capital improvement budget.

Economy and Economic Recovery

Our County GDP (or gross domestic product) used to be estimated to be \$8.5 billion. A little over one third, about \$3 billion, usually came from tourism. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic that shuttered our tourism industry, we have not generated much in that sector for almost a year. Thankfully, things are starting to change. As previously stated, the State Legislature is trying to permanently deplete the counties' share of the TAT, which would cause significant hardship for all our island counties. Understandably during 2020, we did not anticipate any TAT funds, yet we are optimistic that tourism would increase in the latter of 2021, and we could utilize funding through that lens for the upcoming budget. For 2018, we were on track to have \$3.5

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## Kohala Reunion Postponed

By Lynda Wallach

The 2020 Kohala Reunion has been postponed once again from July 2021 until July 2022. Although the situation with COVID-19 is improving, we are still not completely out of the woods and the Reunion committee felt that people might still be reluctant to travel and to get together in large groups.

The 2022 Reunion will be held on Saturday, Sunday and Monday – July 2, 3 and 4 – at the Kamehameha Park Complex. The theme is Kohala ‘Aina Ha’āheo, “Kohala Land of the Proud.” The events and exhibits will center around Kohala’s past, present and visions for the future:

Kohala’s Past: Saturday, July 2, 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Kohala’s Present: Sunday, July 3, 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Kohala’s Future: Monday, July 4, 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The Opening Ceremony will be on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and the Fourth of July program will begin at 12:00 p.m. on Monday. There will also be tours to special places in Kohala from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Sunday and Monday.

Registration and t-shirt order forms will be sent out in January 2022. Those that registered and bought t-shirts for 2020 will be carried over to 2022.

2022 may seem very far away, but we all know how quickly time can pass. A successful reunion takes

a lot of preparation, so planning has already begun. Volunteers are needed to fill some of the roles previously occupied by those who are no longer able to fill them.

If you are interested in participating in an exciting and important community event, please consider volunteering for one of the following:

- Developing the program book
- Handling memorabilia and t-shirts
- Developing and maintaining the reunion website
- Maintaining the reunion Facebook page
- Doing photography for the event
- Coordinating the events and exhibits for day 2, Kohala’s Present.

Committee meetings will be on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. beginning on May 19. They will be held on Zoom until further notice.

Please contact Kathy Matsuda, reunion committee chair, at 895-2025 or at kathymaloha@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions. After having to wait for two extra years, those who love Kohala will be anxious to return and to get together with all those whom they haven’t seen for so long. The 2022 Kohala Reunion promises to be the biggest and best one ever.

Ms. Jennifer De Silva Stevens teaches Hawaiian Studies at Kohala Middle School. After studying Hawaiian legends, students in the class wrote their own legends. The following is one of those letters. Additional letters from other students will be published in upcoming issues.

## Uhane and Kai



Courtesy of Patricia Alexandre via pixabay.com

By Averie Sasaki

There once was this beautiful black stallion who roamed Hawaii. He loved running free in the mountains and swimming in secret beaches. The people called him Uhane. Uhane knew the native villagers and trusted them very much.

One day Uhane came to the village only to see that it had been burned to the ground. He spent days and nights searching for the villagers but couldn’t find them, until one day when white men arrived on ships. The villagers were captured as slaves for them, but Uhane was very smart and knew he had to save his friends. He came up with this plan: he would very quietly sneak into their camp at night and chew through the ropes that tied his people.

Late at night, he walked into the campsite and spotted his closest friend, Kai. She was gorgeous and had long black hair. He walked over to her and chewed through her ropes. Just as they were about to leave, a guard came out and started yelling that they were getting away. Uhane urged Kai onto his back but she was scared, and he had never let anyone ride him, but she trusted him and got on his back and they took off into the night.

When morning came Kai awoke in a dark cave and as she walked out, she found Uhane wounded.

She searched for many hours till she was able to make medicine out of some plants and freshwater; it helped heal his leg. He was able to venture with her and showed her around the island – he even showed her where he was watching over the village. Night after night he’d sneak back into the village and rescue more villagers. When most of the villagers were free, they all ventured down to their village. Kai, riding Uhane, led them and helped them fight off the white men.

They had a raging war, and the villagers were losing, when the leader of the white men saw Uhane and stopped the fight. He said, “My men and I will leave this island and never return if you give me this horse,” as he pointed to Uhane. The villagers knew that Uhane was special and refused to give him up, but Uhane knew that in order to save his friends he’d have to give himself up. As he walked through the crowd to the white men, he said goodbye in his own way and boarded the boat. The boat was about to leave when Kai snuck on, intending to save her friend. Mysteriously, when the boat was almost out of the bay, it sank.

There are many tales about what happened to Kai and Uhane, but the legend says they survived and still roam the island, running on the beaches and adventuring in the deep mountains.

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billion out of the tourism sector, but because of the lava event we finish the year at the same for 2017 or about \$3 billion. (Translating that, it means our economy took a \$500 million loss.) In 2020, we saw a \$3 billion loss to our county economy. How do we go forward? It started with the CARES Act. Funding came to our county, but not enough to carry us through. That funding ended in December 2020. The first part of this year brought funds from the federal government in the form of the American Recovery Act. This was the \$1.9 trillion whereby our counties will receive direct funding of approximately \$39 million over two years. It is a start. Before us is yet another federal program, the American Jobs Plan, which, at almost \$2 trillion, plans on deliver-

ing funding for infrastructure building and repair. This will help put people back to work in ways reminiscent of the Civilian Conservation Corp and Job Corps programs of the 1930s. We County officials are scrambling trying to figure out which funding can be used and the best way to use it.

The short-term goal is to get as many maintenance and repair projects as “shovel ready” as we can, so we can act quickly as funding becomes available. Areas that we are planning to assess include our parks, roads, bridges and wastewater treatment.

As always, it continues to be a great privilege to serve as your Councilman. If you have any specific questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office. Stay healthy and safe!

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## Hawi Farmers Market Update: Featured Farmers and Recipe



Hawaii Pacific Institute of Agriculture, or HIP Ag, sells a variety of fresh, local produce at the Hawi Farmers Market.

Story and photo by Donna Maltz

The Hawi Farmers Market is dedicated to bringing the best of Kohala's food to our community and travelers. With more vendors and as the word circulates, we see steady growth. Customers can use their EBT cards to exchange SNAP benefits for "Food Bucks," which can be used to purchase fruits, vegetables, honey, jams, bread and more!

This month's featured farmers are Dash and Erika Kuhr, who moved to Kohala in 2008 with a vision to bring regenerative agriculture to the forefront. Like a vibrant seed, an enlightened idea moved beyond a sprout.

The dynamic couple saw a need to train more farmers to increase bioregional food security. They nurtured their vision, which grew into HIP Ag (Hawaii Institute of Pacific Agriculture), now an essential foundation for our community's food security.

HIP's mission is to practice and teach regenerative agricultural education programs with the vision to heal and inspire Hawaii through resilient agriculture education.

The founders and staff are committed to empowering the next generation of young farmers and

leaders, offering various programs to engage Hawaii's youth in regenerative agriculture, land stewardship and healthy lifestyles. The campus pre-COVID operated as an educational site offering youth programs, workshops and events. Plans to regenerate these programs are happening. The hands-on programs inspire both individuals and communities to cultivate conscious systems of living that restore human and environmental health.

The new campus is located at Starseed Ranch, two miles from Pololū Valley. They produce a diverse collection of Polynesian crops for both food and medicine. A significant component of HIP is dedicated to teaching the value of nutrient-dense soil and how to make nutritious food from Hawaiian staple crops, known as Canoe Crops or Canoe Plants.

When the Polynesians set sail across the Pacific Ocean over 1,500 years ago, they brought 24 staple plants. Today, we find some of the more common ones growing around our island and at HIP. Canoe Crops play a crucial part in Hawaii's history and culture that they're now often considered Native Hawaiian plants, even though they are not originally native to Hawaii. Some

of the more popular Canoe Plants found at the HIP booth and the Hawi Farmers Market are kalo (taro - and the leaves used to make lau lau and luau stew), ko (sugar cane), mai'a (banana), niu (coconut), `olena (turmeric), `uala (sweet potato), uhi (yam) and `ulu (breadfruit). You can find more information on Canoe Crops at [onolicioushawaii.com/canoe-plants](http://onolicioushawaii.com/canoe-plants).

The staff is also active in off-campus activities, facilitating programs at all grade levels in the local school system. HIP is the driving force behind the Kohala Food Hub (KFH). The KFH provides the infrastructure to enable farmers an additional outlet to distribute food to the community. The generous support for the first two years from the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, Hawaii State Grant-in-Aid, the Hawaii Community Foundation, Hawaii County Grant-in-Aid, and amazing individual donors has made KFH available to our community. For more information on the Food Hub, visit [www.kohalafoodhub.com](http://www.kohalafoodhub.com).

See you all at the market every Saturday from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., located at the Kohala Village HUB on Hawi Road. Have some fun and come support your local farmers.

### Cassava Pizza

#### Crust

- 12 oz. cooked or raw cassava, grated (can substitute green plantain and banana, or cooked kalo)
- 1-3 garlic cloves
- 1 tbsp. fresh, chopped herbs (e.g., rosemary, oregano, sage, thyme)
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 tsp. salt

#### Toppings

- Sauce of choice
- Shredded cheese
- Cooked vegetables and/or proteins

#### Directions

Combine all of the crust ingredients in a bowl. Coat a cast iron pan generously with oil and spread out the mixture evenly with a spatula, pressing so that it sticks together. On a stovetop, cook for 5-7 minutes on medium-high heat. Remove from heat and place a plate or cutting board on top, flip the crust over onto it, and then slide the uncooked side back onto the pan. Spread a thin layer of sauce on the cooked side, sprinkle cheese on top.

Add your toppings of choice and return the pan back to the stove and cook for an additional 3-5 minutes.

\*\* For large batches, shape the crust on an oiled baking sheet and cook it in the oven for 10 minutes on each side at 375 degrees F.



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Cassava pizza.



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## Community Resilience Is Growing Enough Food to Share



Chasidie and Dansen Keyes grew and donated vegetables and helped prepare the community meal.



Shelly Keawe and Thaiddeus Keyes hard at work making pork and cabbage.

This past month, families from the 'Ohana Agricultural Resilience (OAR) program donated 200 pounds of Kohala-grown vegetables and helped to prepare 517 meals for the St. Augustine Episcopal Church Community Meal.

Kahua Pa'a Mua is helping to seed a Backyard Food Revolution with its 'Ohana Agricultural Resilience (OAR) program.

The OAR project trains and equip families to grow fish and vegetables with backyard aquaponics systems and eggs with Chicken Tractors.

The project also provides training, land, equipment and infrastructure for growing taro, vegetables

and other crops. Crops are donated into the community through formal and informal channels in order to increase consumption of healthy, locally grown food in the North Kohala Community.

The March 22 Community Meal menu was rice, kalua pork with cabbage, stir fry vegetables and sweet potato. Most of the ingredients were raised at Kahua Pa'a Mua's Ho'ea Farm by the OAR families.

OAR families that donated vegetables and helped prepare meals are: Hope, Shelly and Naomi Keawe; Renee and Nathan Perez; Jocelyn Lasher, Keikilani Ghibaudy and Keola Teixeira; Ekolu, Mahea, Khloe, Haylee and Alaka'i Jensen;

and Chasidie, Dansen and Thaiddeus Keyes. Feed Kohala also donated head cabbage and helped to prep. Other OAR families are Graves 'Ohana, McCarthy 'Ohana, Seidel 'Ohana and Tan 'Ohana.

Kahua Pa'a Mua believes that the North Kohala community is strengthened through a family-based approach to training and works with multi-generational family units.

The 'Ohana Agricultural Resilience (OAR) program is free for participants, funded by USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program. Learn more at [www.kahuapaamua.org](http://www.kahuapaamua.org).



Hope Keawe and Chasidie Keyes cutting sweet potato.

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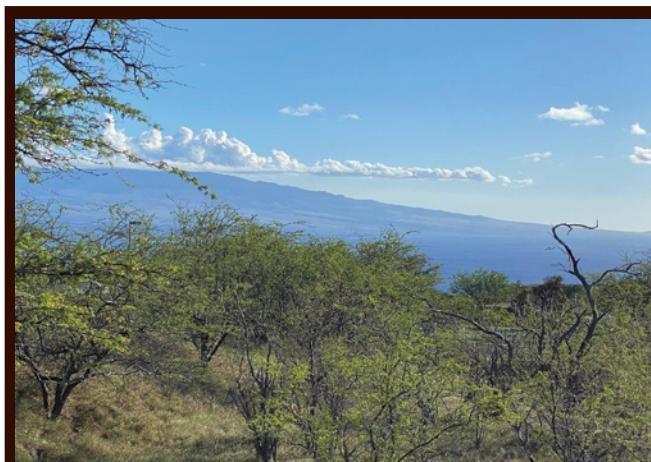
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# THE RISE AND FALL OF SUGAR IN KOHALA

## A One Hundred-and-Twelve Year History

### 1863–1975

By Tom Morse

## PART SEVEN

## THE FILIPINOS

At the end of the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Islands fell under the reign of the United States. Suddenly, a new group of laborers became available, and this time they seemed ideal. Because Filipinos were technically considered nationals, they didn't have to adhere to immigration laws.

The plantations paid for recruiting and shipping of the new labor force and ordered the men by the thousands. The first fifteen laborers arrived December 20, 1906.

By the industry's peak in the early 20th century, Filipinos made up more than half of the sugar plantations' labor force in the Islands. Poor economic conditions and a string of natural disasters in the Philippines motivated workers to try Hawaii. Sold on a glamorized version of plantation life, they accepted a ten-dollar advance, free passage, a three-year job commitment and free plantation housing. The reality on arrival was six-day work weeks, working ten-hour days in sugarcane fields or twelve-hour days in the mill. After their stint of backbreaking work, half the workers left Hawaii, either moving on to the U.S. mainland or returning to the Philippines. Still, as their contracts ended, many of the men remained and sent for their families.

In 1934, the Tyding-McDuffie Act restricted the entry of Filipinos into the United States to fifty persons a year. The act also changed the status of Filipinos from American nationals to alien immigrants.

Filipinos later pushed for strikes and unions.



Credit: Ray Jerome Baker – Bishop Museum  
Filipino field workers.

## THE KOREANS

From 1903 to 1905, single Korean men arrived. They worked in difficult working conditions ten hours per day from dawn to sunset, for 69 cents a day, and were paid less than the Japanese workers.

The Japanese Imperial Government was controlling Korea at that time. The Koreans had suffered from both the Sino-Japanese and Russo-Japanese wars.

Many Koreans had converted to Christianity through the efforts of American missionaries.

The famine that began in 1901 encouraged many to leave their homeland.

When Korean men wanted brides, they sent pictures to matchmakers to find women in Korea willing to marry them. Picture brides were age 17-20, younger than their husbands. If they sent false pictures, the women would have no choice but to marry the men when they arrived in America. During this period, 800 picture brides went to Hawaii.

## WORKERS IN KOHALA

Between 1878 and 1884, 1,394 new people moved to Kohala, among them 902 Chinese, 414 Portuguese, and a handful of Germans and Scandinavians.

By 1880, Kohala Sugar Company employed 250 laborers, 80 of them Chinese. To balance ethnic ratios and hoping to prevent organized majorities, plantations started to supplement their work force in small numbers with South Sea Islanders, and, to a greater extent, with Europeans. Hundreds of immigrants who worked for little had to be shipped into Kohala. In 1896, men earned \$12.50 per month, women \$8.00.

Halawa Mill began with Hawaiian and Chinese workers. By 1908 it had 200 workers.

Union Mill had 280 workers in 1909. Half were Japanese, with the rest Portuguese and Hawaiian.

Kohala, along with other plantations, could barely keep track of the avalanche of Japanese men, let alone memorize difficult Asian names. The Japanese identity was reduced to a multiple-digit number: in Honolulu harbor, immigration officials issued "bango tags." Workers had to wear these small metal plates around their necks. To get paid, you had to present your identification number, which was listed under the mill you worked for. In 1890, Kohala tax records show 405 Japanese residents.

Japanese men who came to Hawaii were lonely. Prostitution was a thriving business in Kohala, but many Japanese men were able to save their money for the Japanese custom of an arranged marriage, *shimpai*. A cheaper variant of *shimpai* was to ask a middleman to take a picture back to Japan to secure a wife. In Japan, the weddings between women and just photographs of men were legally recognized, but not in Hawaii. Upon arrival at Honolulu Harbor, another wedding had to take place before immigration procedures could be finalized.

The Organic Act in 1900 did away with labor contracts. Hawaii became a Territory of the United States. Unions formed, and laborers who started in the field now owned their own businesses. Kohala Sugar raised wages;

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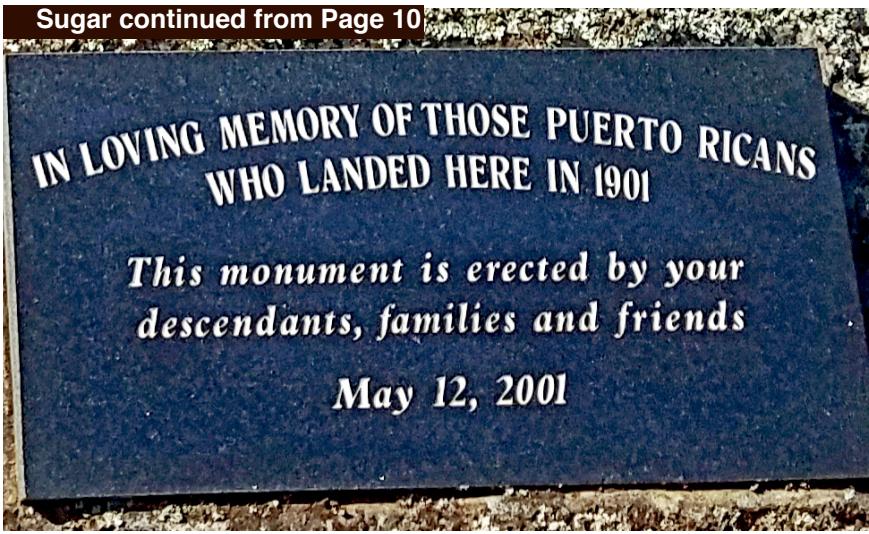


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Puerto Rican monument at end of Old Coast Guard Road commemorates the arrival of Puerto Ricans in 1901.

organized picnics, Christmas parties, movies; and provided a gym and recreation area.

In 1902, about 150 Korean men came to Kohala. The Methodist Church took them under its wing. But in 1905, the Korean government ended emigration. The Koreans who had come over in the short three years of opportunity fought the way they were treated.

In the short period from December 1922 to June 1923, 189 Filipinos settled in Kohala. In 1923, Kohala Sugar employed 1,655 Filipinos and 430 Japanese.

The Filipino men came without family, aiming to return to their homelands with money in their pockets. They had no need for picture brides. The men of other ethnic groups would eventually enter marriages but the Filipino men mostly remained single, sharing rooms stacked with bunk beds. Usually Roman Catholic, they congregated around Catholic settlements, such as Halawa. Not speaking any other Asian language, they kept to themselves.

The Chinese and Japanese quickly began catering to these bachelors. Housewives took in their laundry. Prostitution blossomed. Bath houses opened.

Much to the dismay of Kohala Plantation managers, the Portuguese were accustomed to European standards of living and were not nearly as manageable as the single Chinese. Most Portuguese, however, discovered that Kohala wasn't the place to realize their dreams. Contract workers left the plantations for opportunities elsewhere, working their way up to skilled laborers or shopkeepers. Their population in Kohala peaked in 1890 at 465.

In November 1900, the first group of Puerto Ricans—54 men—set out to make the long journey to Hawaii. The trip was grueling.

They sailed from San Juan harbor to New Orleans, then rode the train

to Los Angeles. From there, they sailed to Honolulu on the steamship *Rio de Janeiro*. They then sailed on to Kohala, arriving at Honoipu Landing (near Puakea) in May 1901. They faced the usual difficulties: language problems and poor conditions. Managers complained about the large families they brought. Hawaii's labor laws had changed, making the Puerto Ricans free laborers. Puerto Rican immigration on a large scale did not last, and it became quickly clear that they would not supply a steady, cheap work force.

The granite monument shown here commemorates the arrival of the first Puerto Rican plantations workers in Hawaii. It was placed there at the end of Old Coast Guard Road in 2001 by the Kohala Puerto Rican Social Club.

In 1901 the Hawi Mill brought in six black families that were house in Niuli'i. They did not stay, however.

A small number of Spanish families came to Kohala in 1912-13.

Next Month - What It Was Like to Work in The Fields and Mills



Photo by Tom Morse

Puerto Rican monument.

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## Got Centipedes?

Story and photos by Tom Morse

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We have had quite a few at our house lately. We used to kill them with hammers, knives, etc. But we discovered a much easier way.

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DAY	START	END	EVENT	VENUE	CONTACT
MON	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-5675
	9AM		SENIOR CLUB @ CIVIC CENTER	KOHALASENIORS@GMAIL.COM	
	5PM	6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ROSS PAGAT	SOLID ROCK NORTH CHURCH	989-0966
	6PM	6:30PM	FREE RMD TAIKO CLASSES	HISAOKA GYM	895-2025
	7PM		AL-ANON MEETING	KOHALA MISSION SCHOOL	895-2094
TUES	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	BAPTIST CHURCH	889-5675
	5PM	6PM	MEDITATION COURSE	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	917-293-3427
	5PM	6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ASHLEE CHEEK	SOLID ROCK NORTH CHURCH	989-0966
	6PM	7PM	WOMEN'S RECOVERY DHARMA MEETING	ZOOM	464-4411
	6PM	7PM	TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG	OLD COURT HOUSE	889-1099
	6:30PM		BELLY DANCING	CALL FOR LOCATION	238-6111
	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	BAPTIST CHURCH	889-5675
WED	12PM	3PM	THRIFT SHOP	ST AUGUSTINE'S	889-5390
	2PM	4PM	OPEN GUIDED ART STUDIO	ARTISTS' CO-OP	783-1158
	2:30PM	4:30PM	TEENS X2 SOCIAL 10-19 YRS	ARTISTS' CO-OP	989-5995
	4:30PM		KOHALA CARES FOOD DRIVE	HUB PARKING LOT	
	6PM	6:30PM	FREE RMD TAIKO CLASSES	WALKER HALL	895-2025
	6PM	7:30PM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	HISAOKA GYM	889-0404
	7PM		ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	WYLIE HALL, 'IOLE RD	889-6703
	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	BAPTIST CHURCH	889-5675
THU	9AM	10:15PM	HEALING CIRCLE	NANI'S GARDEN	805-452-9501
	4PM	6PM	THRIFT SHOP	ST AUGUSTINE'S	889-5390
	4PM		FREE FRUIT SHARING MARKET	ST AUGUSTINE'S	889-1282
	5PM	6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ROSS PAGAT	SOLID ROCK NORTH CHURCH	989-0966
	6PM		TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG	OLD COURT HOUSE	889-1099
	7PM	8PM	NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETING	WILEY HALL ON IOLE	805-452-9501
	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	BAPTIST CHURCH	889-5675
FRI	9AM		HEALING CIRCLE FOR ADDICTS, ALCOHOLICS	NANI'S GARDEN	805-452-9501
	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	BAPTIST CHURCH	889-5675
SAT	8AM	12PM	FARMERS MARKET	THE HUB	313-338-7090
	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	BAPTIST CHURCH	889-5675
SUN	10AM	11AM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	FARMERS MARKET	889-0404
	10AM	11AM	WEST AFRICAN DRUMMING CLASS	ARTISTS' CO-OP	987-4243
	11:30AM	12:30PM	WEST AFRICAN DANCE CLASS	ARTISTS' CO-OP	987-4243
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- Second row (L-R) – Jim Scancelli, Eddie Kise, Kelly Asai
- Third row (L-R) – Steve Nakamura, Harold Carvalho, Clarence Alcoran
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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT KYLE DOUGAN and ROCHAEL DOUGAN, Plaintiffs, have filed a Complaint to Quiet Title in Civil Case No. 3CCV-21-0000047, wherein Plaintiffs pray for this Court to enter an Order declaring and determining that the title to the subject property is vested in Plaintiffs Kyle and Rochael Dougan alone and declaring that Defendants are forever enjoined from claiming estate, right, title, or interest in the subject property.

The subject property is Hawai'i County Tax Map Key ("TMK") (3) 5-3-008-004 located at Halawa, District of North Kohala, Island and County of Hawai'i, State of Hawai'i. The 2.176 parcel of land is further described as being portion of the land described in and covered by Royal Patent Number 7667, Land Commission Award Number 8738, Apana 1 to Kuahuia situate, lying and being on the westerly side of an existing roadway and on the northerly boundary of Royal Patent 7800, Land Commission Award 8718 to Kaleoiki.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear in the courtroom of the Honorable Judge Robert D. S. Kim at the Keahuolu Courthouse, 74-5451 Kamakaeha Avenue, Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i 96740 on June 9, 2021 at eight o'clock am or to file an answer or other pleading and serve it before said day upon David J. Swatland, Plaintiffs' attorney, whose address is PO Box 6398 or 65-1291 Kawaihae Road, Kamuela, Hawai'i 96743. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint to Quiet Title.

Dated: Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i, March 24, 2021

L. Kitaoka  
Clerk of the Court

# Earth Day Artists

By Diann Wilson

What do propane tanks and a 100-year-old redwood tree have in common? Visitors to the Earth Day garden party at the Kohala Artists Cooperative found the answer to that question. The event featured two local artists who have used these items to create environmentally friendly pieces of art.

The Earth Day open house featured Isaiah Price and Tom Loomis, who each work in their own way to drive positive action for our planet through their work.

Isaiah Price came to Hawaii 20 years ago at the invitation of a friend who was looking for an apprentice tree trimmer. When pruning trees with a plasma cutter, Isaiah realized he could use that tool to cut other materials. Then he spotted some decorative firepits online and realized he could make the same thing.

This began his journey into upcycled propane tanks. Price started by fishing propane tanks out of the dump. He started making small firepits that would contain ashes. His original works involved cutting out designs while staying within the cylinder shape of the tanks.

When experimenting with his new art, he cut one tank into strips to see how metal would bend. This led to making flowers, winged birds and various creatures. He enjoys taking what people view as trash and reforming it into works of art that can be enjoyed for a long time.

One piece can take a full day to complete, but through his work he has harvested more than 60 propane tanks that would have otherwise ended up in the landfill.

Earth Day was the perfect time for Price to show his work.

Tom Loomis has been in Hawaii for 12 years, having moved here from California. Tom grew up with local tree trimmer Brian Thomas and learned that Thomas was building a 4-man canoe on-island.



Photo courtesy of Tom Loomis  
Tom Loomis works on one of his environmentally friendly surfboards.

Since Tom was building a redwood canoe in California at the time, he made the move to Hawaii.

After arriving here, Tom travelled to Port Townsend, Washington and studied wooden and composite boat building. He came back to Kohala and got a job for a canoe builder and also opened his own shop.

He had learned that the production of composites creates a huge amount of waste. When attending a composite conference a few years back, he discovered a small sustainable section. He was attracted to the idea, so he spent time learning about sustainable materials that reduce greenhouse emissions and brought that knowledge to his work here.

His focus on Earth Day was his surfboard building. He is using greener and more sustainable materials such as flax, fiber, basalt and an epoxy called entropy resin. Loomis is a certified by the Sustainable Surf Organization as a Level One ECO-BOARD builder.

While his boards can be heavier than foam board, they will last a longer time. Wood will keep its flex

and not dent as easily. It takes many more hours to shape a wood board, but he is doing his part for the environment while making surfable pieces of art. He is currently working on a board made from a 100-year-old redwood tree from Parker Ranch land.



Photo by Diann Wilson  
Isaiah Price works on one of his upcycled propane tanks.

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Ms. Arakaki ready to drop another astronaut egg capsule to students (left to right) Payton Camara, Halia Keliikipi, Celo Cornejo and Simone Kolly below.

Ms. Arakaki and some of her science students. Left to right: Ms. Ilikea Arakaki, Gene Ferris, Jussaine Basilio, Halia Perez-Bobek, Alyssa Bautista, Uriah Roxburgh, Pela Terrell and Nori Lucas.

By Ilikea Arakaki, KMS Science Teacher

During the week of March 29 at Kohala Middle School, I had our students create an egg capsule to test their physics knowledge and

engineering skills. They have been learning about space and gravity, and the goal and objective of the week's activity was to create a safe capsule for their astronaut egg.

Students were given materials in

class to create a prototype and then a final capsule in a pair. We then went out to drop it from a ten-foot height. We did two tests: one drop that is neutral, with no external force applied, and one with force.

Most of the students were very creative and their astronauts landed safely upon impact! Afterwards they were required to write out their entire proposal, project, results, possible improvements and reflection.

## KOHALA MONTHLY CALENDAR MAY 2021

**ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO CURRENT HEALTH CONCERNS**

DATE	DAY	START	END	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	VENUE	PHONE
5/5	WED	4:00 PM		KOHALA COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP	MEETING	SENIOR CENTER	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
5/5	WED	4:30 PM		NKAG MEETING		OLD COURTHOUSE	889-0404
5/10	MON	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL - TAKE OUT	AT ST. AUGUSTINE EPISCOPAL CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
5/11	TUE	6:00 PM		HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED	FACEBOOK.COM/KOHALACHAPTERHFUU/	THE HUB	KOHALA.HFUU@GMAIL.COM
5/15	SAT	4:30 PM	6:30 PM	FREE GRINDZ HOT MEAL	KOHALA BAPTIST CHURCH	BANYAN TREE	889-5416
5/20	THU	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	SACRED HEART FOOD BASKET		SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH	889-5115
5/25	MON	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL - TAKE OUT	AT ST. AUGUSTINE EPISCOPAL CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
5/26	WED	5:00 PM		PARKS, WATER & ROADS GROUP	MONTHLY MEETING	OLD COURTHOUSE	889-6238
5/26	WED	4:00PM		RESTORATIVE YOGA THERAPY CLASS	WITH CARLA ORELLANA - BY REQUEST	CALL FOR LOCATION	238-6111
5/27	THU	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	THRIFT SHOP EVERY WED & THURS	AT ST. AUGUSTINE EPISCOPAL CHURCH	NEXT TO WALKER HALL	889-5390

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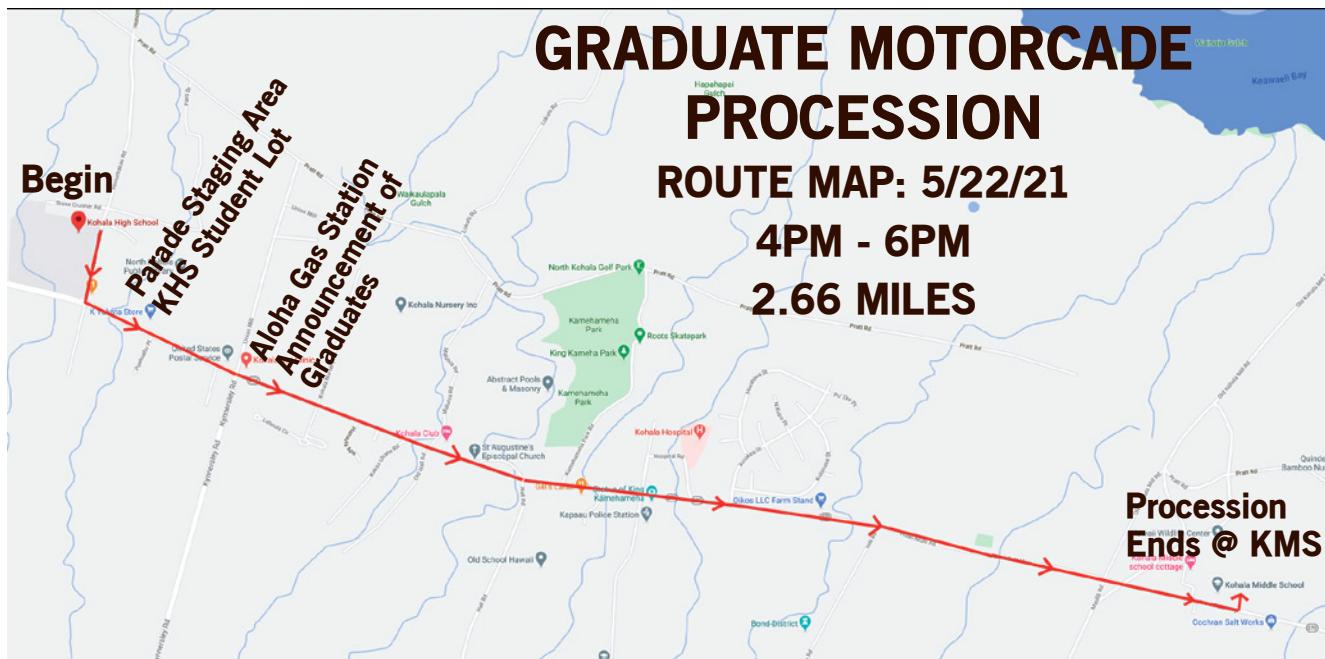


# Kohala High School Class of 2021 Graduation

The Kohala High School Graduating Class of 2021 and Graduation Committee would like to announce and invite you to our promenade graduation ceremony. Similar to last year's Class of 2020 graduation, this year's ceremony will follow mandated COVID-19 guidelines, including social distancing, mask-wearing and limited contact between people, while still being cheerful and celebratory.

The ceremony will begin at the high school football field on Saturday, May 22, at 2:00 p.m. Graduates and their families will stage in one vehicle per graduate with all people in the graduate's vehicle being a part of the graduate's family. Graduates' vehicle staging at the field begins at 1:00 p.m. and graduates are asked to please be there at that time. Vehicles may be decorated as families see fit, while remaining in accordance with state vehicle laws.

Graduates will begin the drive-up procession from the football field to the Kohala Elementary School parking lot area at 2:00 p.m. Vehicles will line up alphabetically, with the five Valedictorians leading. Next will be the senior class officers, all other graduates in the procession will follow the class officers' vehicles. Once in the elementary parking lot, each graduate will be called out by name, one at a time, to the exit their vehicle and enter into the decorated diploma reception area located in front of the school cafeteria. Here they will



The Kohala High School Class of 2021 graduation procession route follows Akoni Pule Highway from Kohala High School to Kohala Middle School.

be presented their diploma. At that time, family members in the vehicle of the graduate may exit as well to take photos from a reasonable distance of the podium area.

After being honored, each graduate will get back into their vehicle and proceed to the Kohala High School Student Parking area to stage for the Akoni Pule Highway Graduation Procession. The Procession will begin after all graduates are staged in the student lot area,

approximately 4:00 p.m. Akoni Pule Highway will remain open as usual to all normal traffic flow with no road blockages to avoid disturbing business and travelers needing to access the roadway. However, we will have two marked police escorts, one in front of the vehicle procession and one behind it.

Also, on this day we will have custom Class of 2021 masks, designed by the Graduation Committee, for sale for \$6.00 each. Each

graduate will receive three free masks. All Graduation volunteers and Kohala High School Staff will receive a free mask as well. We ask that you help us by following the Department of Education COVID-19 Graduation 2021 guidelines and our Kohala High process when sharing this moment. The entire event will also be livestreamed on our Class of 2021 Instagram page for those individuals that cannot attend in person.

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