



Save Honolua News

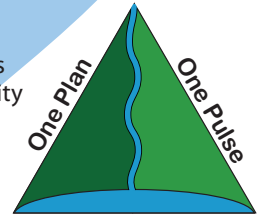
Revitalize the health of the Honolua Ahupua'a through community-based management utilizing Hawaiian values and practices.

8th Edition
August 2008

This Wednesday! Public Meeting (The Big One)

Aug 6, 2008 from 6-8pm at Lahaina Civic Center.

Finally it's here, the long awaited much anticipated community meeting co-hosted with the Honolua Advisory Council. Bringing everyone together and laying all the cards on the table. This is a don't miss event if you care about what is going on with Honolua. There will be a unified plan from the community groups, there will be a proposal from the landowner, there will be comment on the process by the county. There will be an opportunity to provide feedback. What more can you ask for? But seriously folks, we'll see everyone on Wednesday, Aug 6, 2008 from 6-8pm at Lahaina Civic Center. This meeting will be facilitated by Lei'ohu Ryder who has been working with the two community groups on creating a unified plan since early this year.



GPAC Preparation w/ Maui Tomorrow in Lahaina

Aug 13th from 6:30-8:30pm at West Maui Senior Center

Before there was a Save Honolua Coalition there was a group of concerned citizens attending a General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) meeting at Kaunoa Senior Center in Sprecklesville. This group had heard about MLP's plans (which have since been pulled off the table and new ones are being submitted) for more golf courses and luxury homes at Honolua, and vocally opposed them thus forming the two community groups. The GPAC meeting where this all went down was still the very general stages of planning. Fast forward to right now, the GPAC team is coming around to our community to get input for the West Maui Community Plan. This plan will determine what the community would like to see or not see. For all you armchair critics out there who have something to say about how things are done in West Maui, this is your chance to provide your input (appropriately and effectively). The GPAC team will be coming to the West side Aug 21, 23 {need to find out where/what time}. In preparation for those meetings, the Save Honolua Coalition will be co-hosting with Maui Tomorrow a GPAC forum/prep to introduce the Maui Island Plan process to those who are new to participating in GPAC and those who would like to learn more. The GPAC forum will be held Wednesday, Aug 13th from 6:30-8:30pm at West Maui Senior Center, 778 Pauoa St, left off of Lahainaluna Rd. We encourage the community to share their views on West Maui's infrastructure and traffic; medical services; water; schools and other issues for the 2030 Maui Island plan at both the Community Forum and the GPAC meetings the following week. Former Planning Director Mike Foley will moderate and Maui County's Long-range Planning staff Dave Michaelson will be on hand to introduce the process and answer questions.

Hannah Bernard Joins SHC

The well accomplished and long time Maui Eco/Marine activist Hannah Bernard has joined the Board of Directors for the Save Honolua Coalition.



"Her experience, Intelligence, leadership, and energy is most welcomed. Hannah has been an ally to the Coalition since the beginning and I've long admired her and all she has done for all the amazing causes on Maui. It is an encouragement and honor to have her take a leadership role in SHC." John Carty

SHC Gets Non-Profit

The Save Honolua Coalition is now officially a non-profit organization, we are one giant step closer to our goal of securing the land. We seek to help raise the funds necessary to purchase the available Honolua lands and see them put in a land trust for perpetual protection from development. Be on the lookout for future fun-draising events. If you can help out in planning or any other way contact kokua@savehonolua.org, we will need all the help we can get. Donations can now be made via our website: SaveHonolua.org

T-shirt Update

T-shirts and men's and women's tank tops are now available on our website. We used to use a third party to distribute our shirts, but now we do it in house, so our online prices have dropped. Shirts are also available at the Farmer's Market in Honokowai, Hawaiian Village Coffee, & Napili General Store.

MauiTime Gives Award



BEST USE OF COUNTY FUNDS
"Perhaps no ad hoc citizens group has accomplished so much so quickly as the Save Honolua Coalition."
Mahalo MauiTime for recognizing the community's hard work and responsible use of funds in the cause to Save Honolua.

From Our Leader

Aloha no kakou,

As we approach a pivotal period of Save Honolua Coalition on August 6 at the Lahaina Civic Center, it will be our time for reflection and transition. This meeting culminates everything we have accomplished over the past year and initiates the first step toward the realization of our goals and objectives. Now we get to put the "walk" in our "talk." Every coalition meeting attended, every vote taken, every bill paid, every shirt sold, every hand shaken, every mile walked, every petition signed, every mile driven, boils down to this August 6 meeting. We have long anticipated this gathering.

Under one roof, there will be a collage of community representatives. Government officials, corporate executives, prospective candidates for political positions, young professionals, environmental groups, kupuna, young people, etc. will be present to hear and comment on the salvation of Honolua. No other meeting on Maui will be more important than this one. This will be a night to remember!

More importantly, this meeting will showcase our leadership more than our plans. Remember, people do not follow plans, they follow leaders. Leaders embody their plans. The community is looking for strong leadership, and when they sense it they will respond overwhelmingly to the plan. And make no mistake our plan is a good one.

As I stand before the audience, my job is to set the tone for the meeting. As your presiding officer, I promise to represent the Save Honolua Coalition with utmost respect and character. But more significantly, I will represent Honolua with the dignity and integrity she rightly deserves.

Kahu David Kapaku - President SHC



Editorial



Tamara Paltin

In the month of August, there will be several important meetings. I know school is just getting started again and there are always other things to be done, but the feedback received from these upcoming meetings will affect what happens on Maui in the next twenty years. In the past I have said government can't change things, it takes community to make the change. Now I am reconsidering my

stance, I feel that I was wrong; community alone can not make the change, just as government or business alone can not make things better. It is all of us working together towards a united goal that will create the positive changes we all want to see. So what should we do, become meeting junkies spending all of our free time at community meetings? Maybe... if you can, go for it; but if not stay informed ask a friend what's going on, attend the meetings you can and say what you think, email comments in. Form partnerships with your friends just as community, government and business need to partner up, we in the community need to hui up and follow what is going on in our own communities. We are being given an opportunity for input, an opportunity that many people in third world countries die for, lets not take it lightly.

Mahalos

This month we'd like to thank the Maui branches of **Surfrider Foundation** and **Sierra Club** for extending their support in our quest to Save Honolua.



Also, special thanks go out to **Nikki Stange** for following the GPAC process around the county and seeing through our non-profit status filing.

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