



Save Honolua News

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

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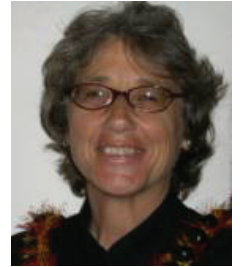
Let the Fun & Fundraising Begin!

At the last minute before going to print, we got some exciting news. Our application for tax exempt status has been officially filed with the federal government. With final approval, donations are tax deductible and our tax exempt status is retroactive back to May '07. Watch for some great events to come!

Public Meeting w/ Lucienne de Naie

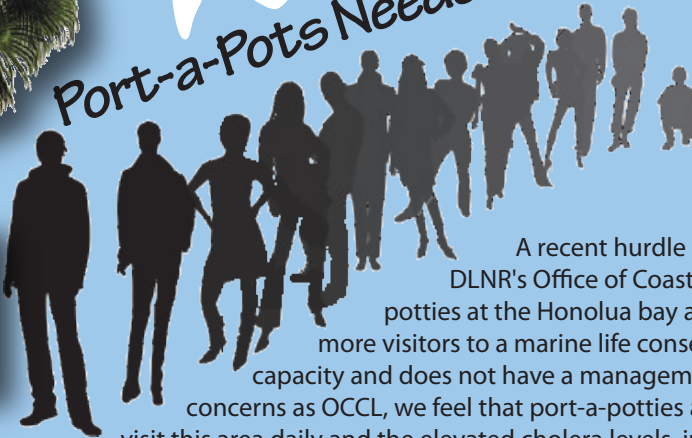
Wed, April 9, 6:45pm
Lahaina Civic Center

Lucienne will talk about stream flow restoration, the petition process, her experience with Na Wai Eha and how the public and other organizations can get involved. Please invite anyone who is interested in assisting with the restoration of stream flow for Honolua, Honokohau and Honokowai streams. A recent news article reported that MLP brought a petition before the state Commission on Water Resource Management to set permanent instream flow standards for Honokohau, Honolua streams. Lucienne will inform the community how they can get involved in this process.



Lucienne is a well accomplished, long time advocate for doing what is right on Maui and is currently the VP of Maui Tomorrow. The advice she has given us along the way has been invaluable and we are excited to catch up with her this month.

Port-a-Pots Needed in Honolua



A recent hurdle in the effort to "Save Honolua" has been the DLNR's Office of Coastal Conservation Lands refusal to allow port-a-potties at the Honolua bay area because of their concerns that it will attract more visitors to a marine life conservation district that has reached carrying capacity and does not have a management plan. While the coalition shares the same concerns as OCCL, we feel that port-a-potties are an immediate necessity as 600-800 people visit this area daily and the elevated cholera levels, indicative of raw sewage, imply that they are not stopped by a lack of rest room facilities. Our main concern and priority is the health of this ahupua'a and we along with Maui Land & Pine, the Honolua Advisory Council and Project SEALINK agree that a necessary immediate interim measure is to provide port-a-potties and we have written to OCCL stating our position and asking them to reverse their decision.

Maui Unite - Power to the People

I ran into Elle Cochran at the Honokowai Farmer's Market the other day. Elle who is a founder and the former President of the Save Honolua Coalition has started a new more encompassing organization to bring power back to the people in a democratic fashion. This group is called Maui Unite and Elle is once again a founder and the President.

One of their first major projects is to create a charter amendment - which requires the signatures of 16,000 registered Maui County voters. The proposed charter amendment would require voters to approve significant development that involves a change in zoning of more than 8 acres or 50 units with the exclusion of affordable housing projects because of the desperate need for this item.

Maui Unite is currently looking for help in collecting signatures and registering people to vote so that they can then collect their signature. In order to register people to vote you need to sign up with the county clerk for a quick class on 6/10 and 6/25 at 5:30pm call Dana or Lauren 270-7748 or 270-7749. For more info link to Maui Unite at www.mauiunite.blogspot.com.

Editorial



Tamara Paltin

Big Mahalos

Last Public Meeting Summary

The public speaker for the March 12, 2008 meeting - Honolua Ranch

Camp native Tony Gomes. Tony grew up in the Honolua area when it was still a ranch town, to this day he still has a love for cattle and horses and even leased land from Maui Land and Pineapple in the late 90's for raising cattle, as a hobby. Tony has fond memories of playing outside all day long, plenty of open spaces,



Tony Gomes grew up in Honolua

close family ties--everybody was very giving. Plantation life was a lot more diversified back then, he remembers they grew watermelon, mango, lychee, yams, etc. On the weekends he remembers catching o'opu if the streams were flowing, it was a self sufficient lifestyle, they only had to buy rice, everything else was fresh--then came progress. Now he does excavation work for high end development in Wailea and has observed golf courses spring up followed by luxury homes and now realizes that the camps are prime lands for development. We can't stop development but Tony believes we can try to slow it down. Tony's maternal family lived in Honokohau and one of his relatives was the Kahu for Kapalua to Kahakuloa and he would help with the ho'ike for the churches. While preparing food, his family would tell stories about the sacred burial grounds and paths of the night marchers. Now the family ties are missing, the construction of Honolua Ridge is the physical evidence of a changed time. He has seen the evolution of Baldwin Packers to Maui Land and Pineapple and finally Kapalua Land Company. He remembers when Punalau (Windmills) actually had a windmill and when Honolua Mokule'ia (Slaughterhouse) actually had a slaughterhouse, when DT Flemings was called Stables and he roamed the whole area. He is so familiar with Honolua that when the Sky line tours were being constructed, they asked him to do the excavation because of his intimate knowledge of Honolua. When asked what we should do now, Tony felt the most important thing is to keep the streams flowing. If they are not flowing, flow needs to be restored because the ocean areas where rivers are flowing are more healthy. He feels companies should stop taking water from our streams because the life provided by the stream takes precedence.

go out to those taking on the leadership role in starting the charter amendment to let residents vote to approve or disapprove new developments that require land use change. So mahalos **Lance Collins** who drafted the amendment and to **Maui Unite** (especially **Gordon Cockett, Elle Cochran** and **Pam Daoust**) for mobilizing the troops on this one. So SHC ohana, make sure to sign the petition, or better yet, go out and get signatures. Times, dates, and locations of signing parties and other information can be found at www.mauiunite.blogspot.com



2008 International Year of the Reef



Florida Surf Club Supports Honolua

"Our club wants to support Save Honolua Coalition because as students and citizens of the world, we believe it is crucial to preserve places of natural beauty and environmental importance for generations to come. As surfers, we know Honolua Bay is a legend and a world class wave in a beautiful area, and we realize how important the reef and the surrounding area is to the wave, wildlife, and the local environment. A few guys from our club, including myself, have had the opportunity to surf and explore Honolua and we realize how critical it is that such a beautiful place be saved. It wasn't just surfing the perfect rights of Honolua that made the experience for me, but it was sitting on my board after a wave and looking up at the mountains and pineapple fields behind the cliff, and then looking down at the reef through the crystal clear water and seeing fish and other sea life. It would be a shame if that were gone."

- Josh Baer (U.C.F. Surf Club - Florida)