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Gearing up for Earth Day 2008

Earth Day will be celebrated this year in Lydgate Park on Saturday, April 19, 2008.

Please save the date and join The Friends of Kamalani and Lydgate Park for a fun morning devoted to up-keep of the Kamalani Playground.

Built in 1994 with the labor of thousands of volunteers from all around the island, this landmark is in such good condition today because of you—the committed core of Friends who regularly participate in these maintenance workdays.

How can you help?

Get involved! Contact the event planners—tell them you'll serve as a team leader.

Please contact Thomas Noyes at 639-1018 or send an e-mail to ThomasNoyes at hawaiiintel.net



two new miles of Ke Ala Hele Makalae blessed for your enjoyment

by **Bonnie McCloskey**



Tom and I were delighted to see so many people from our community, from all “walks”—old and young, mother’s with strollers and even with tricycles, friends walking together, and bicycling—all enjoying the Path!

I was very happy to be present at the gracious blessing conducted by Kahu Ipo Kahaunaele-Ferreira. We appreciated the acknowledgements that our gift was a catalyst in obtaining the path.

Mayor Baptiste and Mayor Maryanne Kusaka honored the land and community, and it was a lovely and intimate ceremony.

All best wishes,

Bonnie McCloskey

top left: On February 15, 2008, Kahu Ipo Kahaunaele-Ferreira blessed 2.1 miles of Ke Ala Hele Makalae from Lihi Boat Ramp in Kapaa to Kealia Breach, adding that section to the 2.5 miles in public use in Lydgate Park since 2003. Attending were Ian Costa, Director, Planning Department; Doug Haigh, Building Division Chief, Public Works; Justin Hughes, Michelle Hughes, Mayor Maryanne Kusaka, Bonnie McCloskey, and Sonnette Sadile.

top right: Mayor Kusaka and Mayor Bryan Baptiste. **bottom:** The maile lei was untied by Mayor Baptiste, observed by Doug Haigh, Bonnie McCloskey, and Kahu Ipo Kahaunaele-Ferreira.



essays by Blaze Makoa Magstagni and James Kimo JJ Bilyeu earn bikes & helmets

by Ben Montgomery



Kauai Path, Inc. with the support of Wal-Mart, K-Mart, and Hele On Rentals, Inc. sponsored a children's essay contest to increase public awareness, appreciation, and use of Ke Ala Hele Makalae. The two contest winners—James Kimo JJ Bilyeu and Blaze Makoa Magstagni—were announced on Valentine's Day, 2008, and each winner was awarded a new bicycle and helmet. *photos by Dennis Fujimoto, The Garden Island Newspaper*



Manager Jarrett Chytka helped Blaze and his mom, Nani McClintic, pick out a new trick bike donated by K-Mart.

Blaze Makoa Magstagni's Winning Essay—under 10 age group:

Why I Love the Bike Path

I love the bike path because I get to look at the beautiful blue ocean. My family and I stop to watch the whales play, and jump out of the ocean. On my vacation from school I got to spend time with my family walking and skateboarding, pushing my sister's stroller. My mom goes rollerblading every day on the path. My dad and I go fishing off the side on the weekend. My family and I can enjoy the clean, fresh ocean air. My family and I see lots of friends and stop to talk.

I love the bike path!!!

James Kimo JJ Bilyeu's Winning Essay—10-14 years old age group:

The bike path had a load of fuss while it was under construction. However, barely anyone knew that the bike path could be an alternative to paying for gas and waiting in traffic.

I have already been on the bike path on more than one occasion. Once my class went on a field trip from Kealia to the Kapa'a Pool, we got to run the path. The cliff-side view of the ocean was supported by the cool breeze. When it got noisy from traffic I was nearing the pool, but in between Kealia and the pool it was nice and peaceful.

I was one of the first people to reach the pool. On the way back, I was also one of the first people to return (even after a long swim in the pool). Overall, it was a good experience for a bike path.

Janie Whitehead, Wal-Mart store manager, and Teri Maximo, Wal-Mart support manager, present a new bicycle to James Kimo JJ Bilyeu, a 13 year old student at Anahola's Kanuikapono Charter School. James was joined by his dad Malani and Francine Johnson of Hele On Kaua'i who presented the new bike owner with a safety helmet.



Friends of the Path turn out for Second Saturday Sweeps

by Brett Ishida



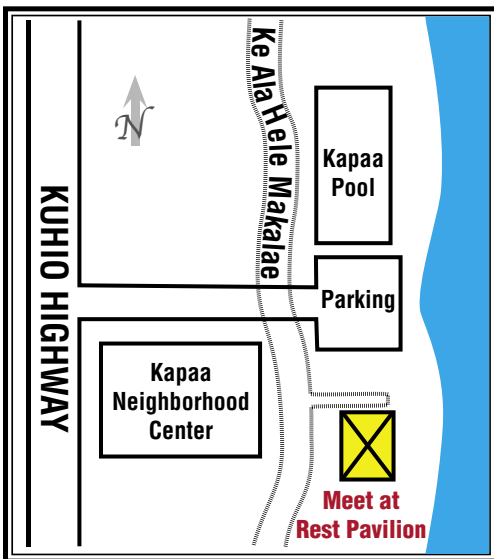
Mahalo to all the volunteers who turned out on March 8th for the first Second Saturday Sweep cleaning up Ke Ala Hele Makalae! I was very impressed by the hard work, good humor, and dedication shown by the group.

The full upper-body workout we all got sweeping ironwood needles and gravel off the path inspired a potential new money-making idea: *Broom Taebo!*

**Upcoming
SECOND SATURDAY SWEEPS
April 12th & May 10th
8:30 AM to 11:00 AM**
*keep your path clear
of broken glass and
obstructions
potluck lunch follows*



above: John Lord, a Kaha Lani resident and Brandon Costales, a Kapaa High School student, scooped up ironwood needles during the first Second Saturday Sweep program, which kicked off on Ke Ala Hele Makalae on Saturday, March 8, 2008. photo by Dennis Fujimoto, The Garden Island Newspaper **below:** Here I am with the volunteer maintenance cart I assembled—now available for cleaning opala from Ke Ala Hele Makalae. photo by Thomas Noyes



**Check out Kauai Path's
awesome video on You Tube!**

remembering Wayne Soma

October 6, 1937 - November 19, 2007

a tribute by Doug Nielsen

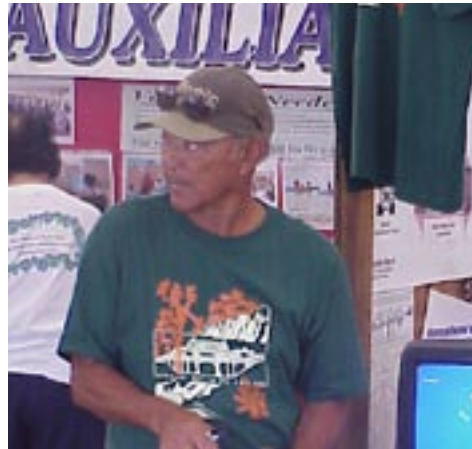


Knowing Wayne Soma as a friend was always a fun-filled experience. The eulogies at his in memoriam celebration at the

Kauai Veteran's Center on January 11, 2008 portrayed his life with Birgit, as a master sergeant in the National Guard, as a father, a co-worker and volunteer and a friend to many. We who worked with him on the Kamalani projects knew him as a hard-working, dependable and happy man who always had a smile on his face as well a cooler of beer when the day's work was done.

On all the projects he was always one of the first to arrive and last to leave. And Birgit was always with him. I'm sure all of us are missing him, but, most of all, I think we all envy who and what he was.

Mahalo and aloha, Wayne.



Wayne volunteered to take charge of fund-raising for the Kamalani Kai Bridge community build, and was always a dependable participant in every Park project. Note his "Hansoma" name tag below...just the way we'll remember him.



other path systems

The High Line New York City

Friends of the High Line is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and reuse of the High Line - a 1.5 mile, elevated railway that runs along the West Side of Manhattan.

What hours will the High Line be open? Most City parks close at 1 AM, and the High Line will most likely be closed overnight as well. The exact hours of operation are still being evaluated, and the City intends to take into account the level of nighttime activity in each of the areas surrounding the High Line.

Will dogs be allowed? While a final decision on this issue has not yet been reached, Friends of the High Line's hope is to make the vibrant community of responsible dog-owners part of the larger constituency of High Line users. That said, the design of the park, which has a blurred boundary between walkways and plantings, presents some challenges in this regard. We believe that a set of rules, specific to the High Line, must be formed to ensure that dogs do not unduly stress the health of the plantings. Friends of the High Line is also exploring education and outreach to dog owners around opening to ensure responsible oversight by dog owners.

Will there be public restrooms? Yes. There will be public restrooms in two locations in Section 1, at 16th Street and in the future at Gansevoort Street, at the Whitney Museum site.

Will there be street performers or music? Friends of the High Line will continue to plan a full roster of



public programming and events, which may include musical events and other types of performances.

Can you bike or rollerblade on the High Line or is it pedestrian only? Due to community input and to the narrow width of the High Line, we have decided to make the High Line a space marked by slow uses, with pathways meant for walking

slowly, relaxing, and gathering with friends to enjoy the views and relative quiet that the High Line provides. Thus, bikes and rollerblades will not be allowed. However, efforts will be made to plan for people biking to the High Line – there will be bike racks at major entrances, for example.

<http://www.thehighline.org/>



**KEEP IT SIMPLE
KEEP IT QUIET**

**KEEP IT WILD
KEEP IT SLOW**

DISTINCT CHARACTER:

Unusual: The High Line today is unique and unusual—as a structure, as a landscape, and as an urban event. Design for its reuse must be unique and unusual and take advantage of the structure's unique qualities.

Wild: High Line plantings must be robust and resilient. The landscape should demonstrate the power of nature to take hold in manmade settings.

Slow: The streets below the High Line are fast. Nearby lanes for bikes and in-line skaters are fast. The High Line should be a slow environment that permits a meandering pace.

Otherworldly: The High Line is its own world. It floats above the streets and cuts through the city blocks, a physical embodiment of the passage of time. It must retain its extraordinary quality and not become normalized.

bike path or multi-use path? an interview on the carrying capacity of Ke Ala Hele Makalae

Eva Uran & Thomas Noyes

Eva lives on the Big Island and has been following the development of Ke Ala Hele Makalae

Thomas Noyes serves as secretary for Kauai Path, Inc.

and as The Friends of Kamalani and Lydgate Park's general coordinator



*MOMS Club of Kauai president Katie Thiele (left) and vice president Monica Merrell lead strolling groups from the Kealia Lookout every Tuesday morning starting at 8:00 AM.
photo © David Allio*

Eva Uran: I watched the [Kauai Path] video and was glad to see the path and you for the first time.

Thomas Noyes: Glad you liked it. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KbSWmSa9C_k Most of the irrigation line that was on the ground when the video was shot has been removed.

EU: I do have a question or maybe suggestion...I see that the path is sometimes crowded with baby carriages and so cyclists don't have room to pass them. What are your thoughts on the matter?

TN: The day those pictures were taken, I was training the MOMS Club members on path etiquette. Basically, all path users should stay on the path's right side and be aware

of faster travelers approaching from behind. If you are going to pass, do it on the path's left side. This guideline applies to strollers, walkers, runners, roller bladers, skateboarders, and bicyclists. Our Friends of the Path program is designed to help educate users on good path etiquette, and Kauai Path's advocacy team has been putting out publicity on the guidelines.

EU: Could the path be painted in the middle with half of it allocated solely for pedestrians, joggers, and mothers with baby carriages and the other half for cyclists?

TN: I would not support that idea. People travel at different speeds, so would joggers pass walkers within a 4 to 5' wide section of the

path? Too complicated. The issue is that Ke Ala Hele Makalae was designed as a multi-use path--not as a bicycle through-way. That means it is essential to advocate for safe accommodations along our State and County road sides for bicyclists who want to cover ground at speed.

EU: What are the ethics of the path use?

TN: Kauai Path refers to the guidelines as path etiquette, and the guidelines are posted on our web site www.KauaiPath.org and on the County's signage in Lydgate Park.

EU: What happens if the path gets crowded?

TN: In that case good etiquette is even more important, and building infrastructure for high speed bicyclists on the roadways becomes a higher priority.

EU: An acquaintance from Kauai who works in Hilo told me that I wouldn't enjoy the bike path because it is so crowded with baby carriages, joggers, and social walkers. I thought I'd ask you.

TN: Personally, I really enjoy traveling on Ke Ala Hele Makalae, but I am content to go with the flow. If I were endeavoring to travel on a bike at speed, it could be frustrating, but that is not the intended use. So far, I have not seen major problems, and I am just glad that the path is attracting and benefiting a lot of people.

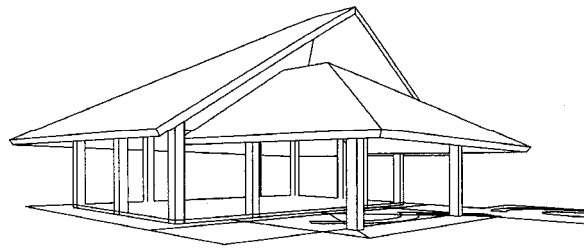
Kamalani Pavilion rebuild déjà vu all over again

by Michael Fox



Just when you thought we were about done with the big work projects at Lydgate Park, along comes fate in the form of fire and burns down the latest joint community project of Friends of Kamalani and Lydgate Park. Now, as the nearby Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Sports Park (the three sports fields above the central rest station) approaches completion, plans to rebuild the Kamalani Pavilion are also underway.

Avery H. Youn, architect and former director of the Kauai County Planning Department, submitted basic design concepts on December 11, 2007, and the design concept shown here was selected. The next step is to submit a Special Management Area (SMA) Permit application to the County Planning Department for approval. The process has begun. *[Editor's note: after Mr. Fox submitted this article, Mr. Youn was seriously injured in an automobile crash, and has only recently returned to work. Mr. Youn is facing the accumulated work load from his absence, causing further*



delay in preparing the SMA Permit Application.] Updates will be posted at www.Kamalani.org.

The basic structure will cover the same footprint as the original structure, but will differ from the previous pavilion in design. For example, the stage area will be protected from the weather by the roof and the new Kamalani Pavilion will be entirely wheelchair accessible, in compliance with ADA guidelines. The roofline and walls will also have a new look.

Doug Haigh and Patrick Kaihara of the Building Division of Public Works indicated that the reconstruction project will be financed with funds from the insurance settlement plus County funds

to cover the policy's deductible. Different from the previous community build, this project will be put out to bid to private building contractors.

An element of community involvement in common with prior Friends of Kamalani and Lydgate Park projects is planned. If this element receives sufficient volunteer support, modular art panels created by art classes around the island will comprise the non-structural walls on three sides of the Pavilion. Carol Yotsuda, the director of the Garden Island Arts Council, has participated in planning a workable approach to creative community engagement.

Please send your donation to the Pavilion Rebuild Fund to The Friends of Kamalani, c/o YWCA of Kauai, 3094 Elua Street, Lihue, HI 96766.

Contact me, Michael Fox, at 635-7733 for information on the rebuild effort.



update—Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Sports Park shade tree planting program

The County Council has formally accepted the donation of the shade tree planting project. The Friends of Kamalani and Lydgate Park organized a site visit in May 2007, and reported to the Kaulunani Urban Forestry committee (the funding agency) in May 2007.

The shade tree planting & irrigation plans for the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Sports Fields at Lydgate Park will be reassessed during a site visit to be scheduled once the

landscaping contractor has progressed to the point where the fields are in their 90-maintenance period.

No volunteer tree planting event will be announced by The Friends of Kamalani and Lydgate Park until the County accepts the sports fields project as completed by the contractor.

So far, the contractor has finished the grading, fencing, and most of the hydromulching. There is an issue with "tuning" the irrigation system for the fields that the contractor needs to resolve prior to initiation of the 90-day maintenance period.

Once the contractor has gotten into the 90-day maintenance period, The Friends of Kamalani and Lydgate

Park will schedule a second site visit to review the planting and irrigation plans and determine any necessary alterations.

The targeted date for a major volunteer work day to plant the trees at this stage is Saturday, October 25, 2008 in observance of National Make A Difference Day, possibly with a follow-up date of Saturday November 1, 2008 observing Hawaii Arbor day. Those dates are subject to completion of the contractor's 90 maintenance period and acceptance by the County.

To participate, contact The Friends of Kamalani's general coordinator Thomas Noyes at 639-1018.



one solution for dogs walking the path

contributed by Jack Yatsko



thoughts on Ke Ala Hele Makalae

The path is the greatest thing to happen to Kauai in a long time. Already, the use of the path is tremendous and will only continue to grow as people discover the beauty it holds and the utility for all ages and activities. The bikes, runners, and walkers mix with the surfers, net throwers, and local people enjoying family time. A truly wonderful addition to the East Side that will bring people from everywhere to enjoy all that it has to offer.

submitted by Evan Lee



photo © David Allio

Upcoming Events winter/spring 2008

March 13—Friends of the Path Want to know more about volunteering on Ke Ala Hele Makalae? Please attend the Module II Coastal Conservation Friends of the Path training meeting: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Crafts Room, Kapaa Neighborhood Center. Contact Brett Ishida at 639-4561

March 20—Equinox Full Moon Potluck Lydgate Park, North end near the Heiau by the little pavilions: 5:30 PM. Bring food to share, for the barbecue or ready to eat

April 5—Lydgate Beach Clean-up first Saturday of each month come and help out cleaning and raking the sand, watering, picking up trash, etc: 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM Meet at the Life Guard tower, suggested: hat, shoes, gloves & rake

April 7—Friends of Kamalani & Lydgate Park first Monday of each month committee meeting: 5:30 PM, Kuhio Lounge, Aloha Beach Resort

April 10—Meeting of Kauai Path, Inc's Board of Directors, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, Pi'ikoi Meeting Room A, Lihue Civic Center

April 12—Second Saturday Sweep help clean Ke Ala Hele Makalae meet at rest pavilion makai of the Kapaa Neighborhood Center at 8:30 AM. Bring ready to eat food to share. contact Brett Ishida at 639-4561

April 17—Friends of the Path Want to know more about volunteering on Ke Ala Hele Makalae? Please attend the Module II Coastal Conservation Friends of the Path training meeting: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Crafts Room, Kapaa Neighborhood Center. contact Brett Ishida at 639-4561

April 19—Earth Day at Lydgate Park major volunteer work day in Lydgate Park: 7:30 AM - Noon, lunch served, meet at Lydgate Park Main Pavilion. Contact Valerie Woods at 822-2420 or e-mail hph@aloha.net

April 20—Full Moon Potluck Lydgate Park, North end near the Heiau by the little pavilions: 5:30 PM. Bring food to share, for the barbecue or ready to eat

CANCELLED May 5—Friends of Kamalani & Lydgate Park first Monday of each month committee meeting: 5:30 PM, Kuhio Lounge, Aloha Beach Resort

June 2—Friends of Kamalani & Lydgate Park first Monday of each month committee meeting: 5:30 PM, Kuhio Lounge, Aloha Beach Resort

