

KAHANA RIDGE

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Annual Homeowners' Meeting

The annual homeowners meeting held on April 25, 2022 at Napili Kai was a success. We were able to have a quorum due to the effort made by several owners to either attend the meeting, or simply come to the venue and sign in. Thanks so much to the owners who participated. And a big thank you to Lori Carter for her assistance in coordinating our meeting, and for her many emails reminding us of the importance of attendance and proxies.

New Board of Directors

All seven positions of the Board were up for election this year. Six owners submitted a resume/application for those positions. Three nominations were made from the floor. We appreciate the interest shown by these owners. The following people were elected to the Board and their positions are as follows:

President	Tex Driver
Vice President	Rian Takeshita
Secretary	Eric Farris
Treasurer	Louise Ross
Director	Richard Jarman
Director	Hans Kohler
Director	Phil Raya

Site Manager's Corner

Reminder to ALL residents of Kahana Ridge:

We are losing the fight in our long-term goal of trying to reach out to everyone with the message ***not*** to throw towels, rags, diapers, or cleaning wipes down the toilet. As of May 25, 2022, we have lost the use of one of the pumps because of towel and rags. This has become a major problem for all Kahana Ridge residents. We are down to only one pump and, if it fails, the association will be in hot water with the EPA and subject to large fines daily. A replacement pump has been ordered and is being shipped to us and will be installed as quickly as possible.

Parking Overnight on the Streets of Kahana Ridge:

If you have guest(s) coming and you need to get a parking pass for one or more nights, please contact Wes at 808-866-4745 ***before 6:00 p.m. HST***

Please be prepared to supply the following information:

1. Make and model of the car.
2. Color of the vehicle
3. License number.
4. Your name and address, and
5. How long the guest(s) will be staying

Excessive Noise From Leaf Blowers

During our annual meeting, an owner expressed a concern regarding excessive noise from leaf blowers used by some gardeners/landscaping companies. The Board has authorized our on-site manager to purchase "an app for his iPhone" which will allow him to monitor noise levels. Additionally, one of our newest Board members has been given the ancillary duty of "landscaping" in Kahana Ridge. That would be Hans Kohler. He will also be monitoring this closely. Welcome aboard Hans!

FIRE PREVENTION AT KAHANA RIDGE



A Reminder of a Previous Fire

The Photo above was taken October 2019 from the McDonald's parking lot. This illustrates how close those fires came to destroying our neighborhood.

Fire Prevention and Awareness

A discussion was held regarding the actions that were taken to minimize the fire danger prior to the fire in October 2019. Those same actions/methods of prevention are currently in the process of being done. Our on-site manager, Wes Weigel, has made numerous attempts to contact Maui Land and Pineapple regarding clearing the brush and vegetation to the north of our community. **Late Friday evening, May 27, 2022, we were informed by the management of Maui Land and Pineapple that they have scheduled cutting/clearing to begin on the north side of Kahana Ridge on Wednesday, June 1, 2022.** (Weather permitting)

The property to the east of our community is owned by a different entity. A fire break has already been completed there, which at this time seems satisfactory. However, our on-site manager, Wes Weigel, has been in contact with the owner of that property regarding the possibility of cutting the fire break even further back than it is. The owners of both properties have been agreeable to maintaining their properties, however it has been very difficult to contact the person responsible for coordinating this.

Note: The Board and our on-site manager will do everything possible to ensure the safety of our residents and their property. However, we are limited to what we can do. We cannot legally enter the private property to the north and east of our community to remove what we/you believe to be excessive vegetation.

Proactive Action

— As previously mentioned, Wes has made several attempts to contact the owners of the property to the north and to the east of our development. It has not been easy contacting the people who are actually responsible for maintaining these properties. In fact if we had not heard from Maui Land and Pineapple by last Friday, the Board had made the decision to ask for assistance from the fire marshal, as well as the law firm representing our homeowners' association. As you may recall, this was the action we had to pursue in 2019.

— All owners of property on lower Kahana Ridge Drive, between Highway 30 and our development, were reminded of the need to maintain their property on the hillside, and of the fire hazard that exists when the vegetation is not removed or cut back. In order to assist these affected owners in removing the excessive vegetation on the hillside, the Board agreed to place a green waste container on the lower Cane Haul Road twice a year, for a period of two weeks. Realizing that some of the owners had not removed the excessive vegetation for various reasons, the Board agreed to leave the container there for an additional two weeks. All of those owners have complied with our request, with the exception of one who is currently making arrangements to have a landscaping company address this problem.

Participation by You to Help Prevent Fires

— If you see overgrown vegetation, please report it to our on-site manager, our Community Association Manager, or any Board member.

— Discourage people, particularly our younger ones, from playing or participating in recreational activities on the properties to the north and to the east of our development.

— Discourage any type of fireworks activities for the Fourth of July holiday. Actually, we discourage fireworks at any time due to the extreme drought and fire hazard that exists.

— Report any suspicious persons that you may see in the neighborhood or on the properties to the north and east of our community. **Note:** Rian Takeshita, our Board Vice-President and local firefighter, advises that almost all of the fires on Maui have been intentionally set. (Arsonist) He indicates that the fires in October 2019, between Kahana Ridge and the West Maui mountains, are believed to have been started in a homeless camp. Unfortunately, there has been an increase of homeless camps near our community. Be aware, stay safe!

— If you see any smoke or fire, ***immediately call 911.***

Useful Information Regarding Wildfire Preparedness

The below information was given to us by one of our homeowners, Saman Dias. The you tube video and web site contain great information regarding fire prevention. Please review them. You will find them to be very informative. Thank you Saman for providing this to us.

Recording

A recording of the webinar can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/ldoDoK8e9SA>

Ready, Set, Go! Resources

- Download a digital copy of Hawai'i's Ready, Set, Go! Action Guide by [clicking here](#) (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aOsmWImYQSVDcbo2Ub7OvYWOQPFya_G1/view)

Other wildfire preparedness resources

- Be part of the state's Wildfire & Drought LOOKOUT! Campaign by visiting the campaign's web page (www.hawaiiwildfire.org/lookout) and sharing the informational resources within your networks
- Sign up for County emergency alerts here: <https://portal.ehawaii.gov/page/alerts>