

# Kalele Kurrents



## Community

Many of us came from single family homes and are new to living in close proximity to others. Regardless of our pasts, by choosing Kalele Kai as your residence we have chosen to come together and become part of a community. This requires mutual aloha and respect for each other.

### Reminders

**Smoking** Please ensure that if you smoke or vape, smoke or fumes aren't affecting your neighbors or their units via lanais or open doors- wind carries.

**Rubbish** Please bag and secure all trash and break down and flatten your cardboard

**Noise** Always observe quiet hours and monitor your pets.

**Drains** Follow guidelines on what is and especially what ISNT permitted down our drain lines.

**Parking** within marked stalls As many a kindergarten teacher scolded, "Stay within lines."

It is up to each of us to remember that we have responsibilities as a member of a community and that our actions impact others.

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## Be on the Lookout

We want to update our records; over the next several weeks Kalele Kai staff will be placing flyers on cars that don't display either a Kalele Kai sticker or hang tag. If you have a new car and swapped tags or you just didn't know it was required, please come to the office, and update our records.

Regardless, if your vehicle information is correct, this is a great opportunity to stop by the office and update the information in our files, phone numbers, emergency contact etc.

Additionally, the staff will also be noting those drivers who are storing household items such as beach chairs, boxes, and cans in their parking stalls. We greatly appreciate your assistance!

### 2023 Annual Meeting

*The 2023 Annual Meeting of AOA Kalele Kai is currently scheduled to be held on-site on March 25, 2023, at 9:30 PM (Registration at 9:00 AM). All Association members will receive a mailing approximately 30 days prior to the date which contain: (a) the official notice and agenda for the meeting and (b) a proxy.*

#### Announcements

Orkin Pest Control will be servicing the units the third Wednesday in February (this month only – then it's back to the fourth Wednesday). To make an appointment for service, please call Earl 808-597-6323.

Hallway Carpet Cleaning is tentatively scheduled for the end of February; notices will be posted when the dates are firmed for each building.

Landscape Lighting Installation will begin March 13th and the project will be completed by the end of the following month. We are looking forward to a dramatic transformation!

## Register your Kayas, SUP Boards by May!



The deadline to register your watercrafts and boats are approaching! If you have a kayak, surfboard, or Standup Paddle Board, please make sure you have the following by May 1st.

- Residents must show proof of a **current** Hawaii Kai Marina Community Association registration (2023).
- If a resident fails to store a watercraft in their storage space for **thirty (30) consecutive days** or more, their license shall be forfeited and the space shall become available to other residents.
- Residents intending to renew their rental spaces must sign the 2023 agreement
- A \$20 annual fee must be paid by May 1st.
- If you currently have a watercraft storage and do not intend to renew it, please let Management know.

## Reduce Your Electricity Cost!

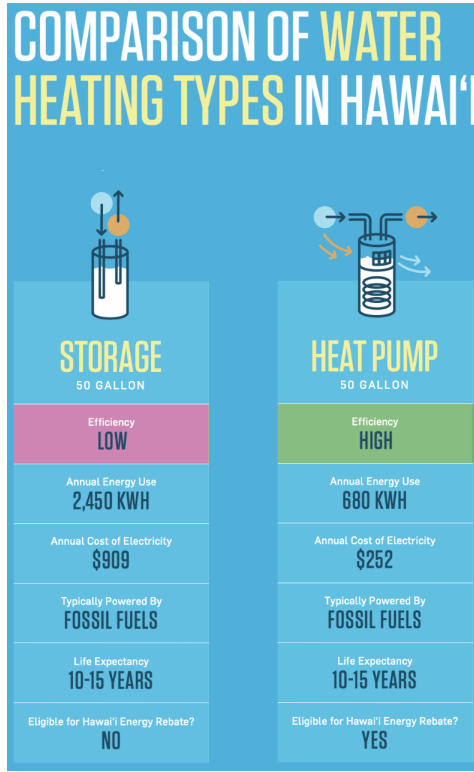
Your conventional water heater is likely your top electricity consumer. Upgrading to an energy-efficient heat pump water heater could reduce your electric bill by up to 40%! With a \$500 Hawaii Energy rebate and a new Federal tax credit of up to 30% of the purchase cost, including installation, the cost of a heat pump water heater has decreased so much that buying a conventional water heater makes little sense.

For those who do not upgrade, please attend the 23 February Board meeting for a brief presentation about HECO's smart water heater timer program. This timer could shift water heater electricity consumption from the high-demand pau hana period when electricity is generated by fossil fuels to earlier in the afternoon when solar energy is abundant. In addition, this timer could detect significant hot water leaks which could minimize expensive water damage repair costs. HECO would credit Kalele Kai's common area electricity bill between \$2 and \$3 per smart timer per month which would help slow the increase in Kalele Kai's condo fees.

HECO plans to migrate everyone to a time-of-use rate plan eventually, so shifting electricity consumption away from the high-cost pau hana period would save money. Some heat pump water heaters include scheduling that could automatically heat water hotter when electricity rates are low to minimize heating when rates are high. A smart timer on a conventional water heater could shift some electricity consumption from high- to low-rate periods.

Please consider installing either a heat pump water heater or a smart timer on your conventional water heater. We all need to do what we can as soon as we can.

If you have any questions, please call Kalele Kai's Energy Committee chairperson, Art Isbell, at [aisbell2@spectrum.net](mailto:aisbell2@spectrum.net).



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The Board welcomes volunteers to serve on committees, if you are interested in serving your community, please contact our office.

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### Calendar

February 15—Orkin Pest Control

February 20—President's Day, Management closed

February 23rd—Board Meeting

March 25—Annual Meeting

## 2022 Christmas Lanai Decoration Winners

1st Place: 3302

2nd Place: 3309

3rd Place: 1308

Thank you to all who participated!

# kōlea

We all recognize that many of the residents here at Kalele Kai only live here part-time. Four of our neighbors will be taking off later this spring for a three month stay on the Alaskan tundra.

The Pacific Golden Plover's Hawaiian name, kōlea, is a phonetic imitation of its keening flight call. In Hawaiian it now means "one who takes and leaves." The Pacific Golden Plover has a range which covers from the edge of the Arctic Ocean to New Zealand. Our Four neighbors call Alaska their summer home. Pacific Golden Plovers that nest closer to the Arctic Circle in Alaska and all those in Siberia will migrate to parts of Southeast Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. Experts believe that the Hawaiian Islands has one of the larger wintering populations. They have certainly become attuned to urban life often preferring golf courses, yards, playing fields and cemeteries to more remote spots.



Kōlea are territorial, especially during breeding season but even here you'll note our four residents have their own on feeding haunts during the day and will chase away other birds. "John" can generally be found along the water on the side of Building One to the middle of the Townhouses. "Paul" frequents the other half the Townhouses and along the side of Building Three. "George" ranges from Building Three pool area all the way to Building One. "Ringo" seems content to hang around the Building Two area but on occasion will wander over to the Building Three entrance. Kōlea have been documented to live for over 20 years and since our four residents return to the same spot every year, they could be some of longer tenured residents.

To be honest we are not sure if the names match the sexes of our four residents. Right now, the sexes appear identical but soon they will develop their breeding plumage and the breast to the head will turn black with a white "scarf" of white feathers from their brow to their flanks. Once this happens, we will see if our four residents will require different names as the chest of the female is a bit less solid black and more mottled.

Kōlea arrive in Hawaii as early as July at about half the weight they currently carry (7oz.); they feast on most insects, as well as, snails, shrimp, small fish and on Oahu they add rice, chicken, French fries, etc. Around April, you will notice the Kōlea will begin to molt, and they'll sprout their "Tuxedo Feathers" for their trip north and mating and breeding season. The birds will congregate at various spots around the Islands and will migrate together to Alaska in the familiar VEE formation. The 3,000-mile nonstop journey will take 3 or 4 days depending on winds. Once there, the courting and breeding fun begins followed by two months of parental responsibility. The male builds the nest. They will take turns incubating the eggs (usually four) for a month. Once hatched the chicks are almost immediately off to forage on their own returning to their parents for warmth and protection. After a month, the hatchlings are ready for flight and the parents leave them on their own and return to us in the Summer. The hatchlings will make the trek to Hawaii purely by instinct, but they won't leave the tundra for another three or four months. Between the cold, predators and the rigors of their first migration only 20% of a year's brood lives to try to compete for their patch of paradise here in Hawaii when they arrive in the late Fall.

We wish our friends safe travels and look forward to seeing them back this summer.

## This Issue our Spotlight Shines on... Ray Gouveia and Ron Root

A relationship that lasts 60 years is a rare thing these days! Life and creative business partners, Ray Gouveia and Ron Root of Building One share that special magic.

Ron is a California boy, born in San Bernadino; his father was in the restaurant business in Laguna Beach and Santa Cruz. Ron loved two things, surfing and the arts; and, as his family moved north and the water got colder; art began to take precedence. Ron enrolled at San Jose State and that is when he first met an actor in a toga featured in a role in a George Bernard Shaw play.

Ray is Big Island born and raised. His great grandfather was on the "Ravenscrag", the second ship out of Madeira, Portugal. Ray's dad was a school principal and his mother a teacher so one can imagine that he could never get away with much in class. After graduating from Hilo High, Ray enrolled at UH – Hilo but transferred a year later to San Jose State, where he was active in drama productions.

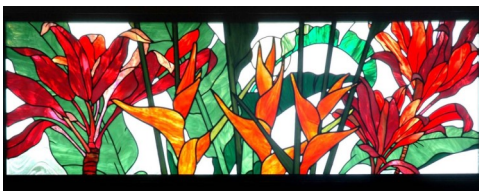


After graduating from San Jose State, Ron and Ray stayed in the area and began teaching. Ray taught High School English Literature, Speech and Drama and Ron taught Art, Photography, and Film Making. Hard to imagine today a couple living in San Jose on two teacher's salaries; that hasn't occurred for over 30 years.

In 1980 they decided to go into the stained-glass business. They bought a studio with a storefront. Ray left teaching to run the business full time and Ron kept working at the High School. At the store, they would sell completed pieces as well as crafting supplies, but it was in the studio where the magic happened. Ron and Ray created commissions for panels and windows for churches, synagogues, and private homes. Some of these pieces were sets of up to 13 panels. Some pieces took over a year to complete. They moved to Palm Springs in 1996 with the business providing pieces for the rich and famous really taking off; they had several great stories but kept the identities of their clients to themselves despite prying.

The partnership was ideal for the business. Ron would sketch out the requested piece on paper. Ray and staff would then fashion the outline, cut the glass, and assemble the masterpieces. Over the years, Ron and Ray made frequent trips to Islands to visit family and friends, eventually choosing Oahu as their spot

to enjoy retirement. I use the term "retirement" broadly as both men are dizzyingly active with events and projects. Ron's labor of love these past four years has been amassing what can only be described as a family tree on steroids for each of their families. When completed will be a memorable piece of art that can be passed down for generations. Here's to two of our residents who are truly an inspiration to all.





From left: Marion Rose Bataiff, Eleanor Oxley, Gloria Young

After making her century mark—Eleanor has moved on and is with her partner James. We are saddened by this and can only find comfort in the fact that she was able to greet all her family and friends at her party last weekend at Waialae Country Club.

From Left: Charlyn Kurata, Eleanor Oxley, Colin Kurata



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