



# *Honokoa Summer Newsletter 2018*

**Vision:** Ehuehu i ka pono ( Thrive in balance)

**Mission:** To empower Native Hawaiians living in Kohala, specifically the Kailapa Community, supporting physical, mental, spiritual, and cultural health of people and place

**GOALS:** Build community self-sufficiency and independence through Social Economic Development

- Educate and strengthen the cultural identity and self-esteem by facilitating opportunities to learn, practice and share Hawaiian knowledge of history, culture, values and traditional practices
- Preserve and protect our natural environment through stewardship of our islands and resources that are appropriate to traditional practice and perspective.
- Strengthen and engage community relationships and encourage active participation in issues that impact Native Hawaiian culture, resources, health, wellness and lands

## **Aquaponics clean up day July 1, 2018**

KCA is hosting a Volunteer clean up event for the community aquaponic system and out-planting of some native plants. There will be 13 youth volunteers, 2 adult leaders from the National Geographic Expeditions program helping us to Malama our 'aina. Please join the clean-out efforts to keep food security aquaponic grow bed and fish tank clean, meet at the Pavilion at 7:30 AM, work begins at **8am-12 noon**. Bring own water bottle, gloves, hat and sunscreen. Lunch will be provided.

## Resilient Hawaiian Community Planning Continues

The 2nd Resilient Hawaiian Community (RHC) planning meeting will happen on **July 7, from 2-4PM at the pavilion**. The first community meeting was held on April 14 and thanks all of the residents and guest that attended and shared their 'ike, helped to identify the needs of the community and defined the strengths and resources as well as selected priorities projects to start working on to build community resilience. Those initiatives are to locate /develop a reliable water source ( get off Kohala Ranch system), Create an Access road from Honokoa to the mountain road for the purpose to develop emergency exit route and to open up lands for development (reforestation, revegetation projects to decrease erosion, Pastoral, Ag lots for beneficiaries , Fire mitigation (fuels reduction, dip tanks) and to build Self sufficiency ( Alternative Energy, water source, economic development)



Don't miss out on part 2 of the community meeting from 2-4PM. Prior to the community meeting the core team of experts and some of our own community experts will take part in a huaka'i to see the lands from Ma uka and visit other projects that have been successfully planting food crops without a direct water source. The team will then reconvene and begin a planning charrette to dive into the predetermined needs of the community and begin to draft an actionable plan. The ultimate tangible goal is to have a roadmap to guide future detailed project planning to develop areas that contribute to resiliency on our homelands. **Don't be left out of the discussion**, this plan is for your keiki and beyond.



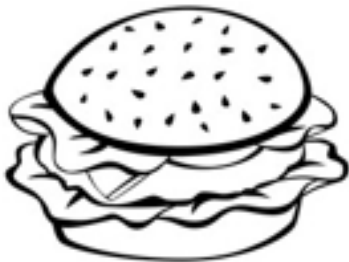
On **Sunday, July 8 . 4 pm. Pavilion**. The **Aloha Committee** ( Amoo Ching, Shari-ann Drummondo) is hosting a community **Summer Event** to prepare the keiki to get ready to go back to school. This event was funded in part with a grant from the Dental Quest Foundation Oral Health 2020 Initiative

KCA was awarded a Community Innovation Award in Oral Health for \$3000 funded by the Dental Quest Foundation Oral Health 2020 Initiative. Per the Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN). Hawaii has one of the worst rates of oral health for children and Adults in the US. To address the chronic and inequitable state of dental health among Hawaii citizens, the HCAN is working to collaborate and consult with at-risk populations and stakeholders to create innovative, culturally aware strategies that will improve oral health status in Hawaii's residents with disparities in oral health status.



Join the fun filled event and receive Free backpacks, school supplies, dental kits, parent information and much more.

### **Meat from the Mauna**



Under the DHHL Aina Mauna program, homesteaders have the opportunity to get meat ( sheep, beef) on a rotating bases. Thank you Lynn Jardine for being our community liaison for this program. Mahalo to **Frank Collo, Kelvin Souza and Kaleo Bertelmann** and his **Ohana** for their kokua to bringing the meat back to the Honokoa community and sharing with anyone who wanted some meat. Without the support from community members, these types of

opportunities would not be available. Please give them a handshake or a hug or just a Shaka when you see them and Mahalo them for a job well done

### **Phase 1 Pavilion update**

The pavilion is a work in progress. The buildings fixtures and electrical are completed and waiting on 1) HELCO to hookup the lines 2) County Building Department to complete the electrical plan review for permitting of the solar street lights 3) paving of parking lot 4) moving of the mailboxes 5) complet-

ing the overhang 6) sidewalks and finally 6) landscaping and we will be finished with phase I of the Community Facilities.

### **Phase II Community Resource Center update**

The Community Resource Center will be the piko of the community. The Resource Center is being designed to meet the needs of the community for years to come. The center will support homesteaders economic development, promote educational opportunities and provide a level of safety for S. Kohala. It will be a gathering place for programs and activities that nurture and perpetuate physical, mental, cultural and social health rooted in Native Hawaiian values . KCA is committed to creating an active center that serves Honokoa as well as all Kawaihae residents and the surrounding communities

KCA was awarded a \$51,529 DHHL Regional Plan Grant to hire the consultants needed to provide the engineering studies to build the culvert to get over the ravine separating the Pavilion site from the Resource Center site. The funds will also be used to complete the required archeological preservation plan and complete the topography study. KCA was awarded \$500K from the 2017 Grant in Aid (GIA) capitol improvement project (CIP) funds to begin the land prep, culvert work, parking area, etc. for the resource center. KCA was also awarded \$600K during the 2018 GIA for CIP to continue the Resource center and we are awaiting for the Governor to release of those funds also. Both awards for 2017 and 2018 are awaiting release by the Legislature and the Governors office. We continue to work hard to reach our matching asset to qualify for the New Market Tax Credit allocation which would take this project to completion.

### **Congratulations Easton**

#### **Dreamstarter awards Honokoa resident a \$10,000 grant**

**Easton Chong**, a 2018 Kohala High School graduate of our Kailapa Community was one of 10 youth in the nation who received a \$10,000 Dreamstarter Grant earlier this month.

Olympic gold medalist Billy Mills announced this year's recipient on March 1st. Each of the Dreamstarter winners will work together with their Commu-

nity on a science or environmental project supported by Running Strong for American Indian Youth. "Each year, our Dreamstarters inspire me with their incredible talent and limitless passion," Mills said, who is Oglala Lakota (Sioux) from Pine Ridge, South Dakota and co-founder of Running Strong. "This class represents the next generation of Native scientists, environmentalists and water protectors. I believe in them, in their dreams and in the future they are building for all of us."



Chong's dream is to engage his community in traditional and sustainable practices of preserving the land and ocean. He will hold monthly youth activities / workshops and a summer youth camp, plant native medicinal plants and establish Hanai i'a (feeding the fish houses) to increase the fish population. Through his project, he hopes to foster thriving relationships between the community, Hawaiian culture and the natural landscape and train a new generation of natural resource managers. Easton Chong's mentor organization is Kailapa Community Association.

Running Strong's goal is to give away a total of 50 , \$10,000 Dreamstarter grants over five years to support Native youth's dreams for their communities. This announcement makes a total of 40 Dreamstarters selected thus far.

If you would like for your keiki (7 years or older) or youth of your household to be involved in this project please email Aunty Amoo Kainoa at [jkching64@yahoo.com](mailto:jkching64@yahoo.com) or call her at 808-895-2545.

### **Congratulations HS graduates**

***Easton Chong*** Kohala High School & ***Maddisyn Jardine***---Parker School  
We wish them well on their future endeavors



## **Concerned about the air quality where you live?**

The Kohala Center installed an air quality monitor on our new pavilion. The website to check our air quality is not quite ready yet, but stay tuned and the website will be emailed to you as soon as it is up and running.

## **Malama 'Aina (Resource Management)**



### **Caring for the Ma uka lands**

The Kohala Center fencing crew lead by Cody Dwight has finished the fencing that runs across the ma uka road and down to the Kailapa boundary on 2 sides and they are working to complete the fence above the subdivision. Once the fencing is completed , they will begin ungulate removal. When the ungulates no longer pose a threat to new plants, projects to revegetate and restore some of the vital ecosystem to make the lands useable for the beneficiaries can begin.



### **Fuels reduction and fire prevention**

The Hawaii WildFire Org held its first WildFire Summit on May 2-4 at the Mauna Lani Bay. 2 KCA representatives attended the summit. Diane Kanealii presented the issues, risks and efforts the Honokoa community has engaged in over the past few years. One of the big take aways from this summit was the fact that all communities have to **collaborate** their efforts to be successful in managing and reducing the fire fuels, engage community members to prevent and plan for fire events as a single homeowner, in the neighborhood, along side the roadways and in S. Kohala as a whole.



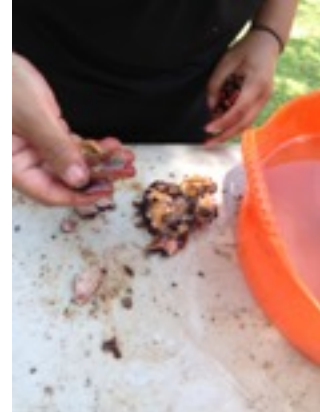
On June 19, 2018 The Hawaii Wildfire Org hosted a Vegetative Fuels Management Collaboration workshop. A representative of Kailapa participated and began mapping out the areas that are proposed for future fuels reduction and revegetation projects. Now that the homelands are fenced along the borders, serious planning can begin. There are no current plans or funds to begin this project, however we are looking for volunteers to guide



the planning process, so when we can secure funds , we are prepared to move forward to reduce the risks of fire on our homelands, community and around our homes. Please attend the community meeting on **July 7th, 2-4pm** at the Pavilion.

### **Na Kilo'Aina**

KCA was awarded \$6K from the **OHA 'Ahahui grant** to partially fund the **6th annual Na Kilo 'aina camp** held each year during the schools fall intercession, **October 8-12, 2018** at the Pua Ka'ilima Surf park. Registration forms will be available in August, watch for the announcements.



**Kamehameha Schools** awarded KCA a grant for \$40K to continue the **Na Kilo 'Aina S. Kohala/ Kawaihae (Aina momona) efforts for a year round program.** Na Kilo 'Aina provides locally relevant, integrated research and malama 'aina experiences targeting High School students and

community members in the collection of quantitative and qualitative data concentrating on intimately understanding natural cycles and seasonal changes throughout the Kawaihae 1 watershed located in South Kohala moku. This project works to strengthen our communities ability to understand the needs of the community (people and place) and provide direction to ensure 'aina are healthy, resilient, and able to sustain us into the future. Stay tuned, more to come as we begin recruitment of our youth leaders.



KCA has been blessed with funders believing in and trusting us to carry out the work we started to make a difference in caring for the 'aina for the future of our families. We invite and encourage every family to participate in this very worthwhile programs for the future of our keiki, mo'opuna and beyond. Help us to lead them to malama 'aina throughout their lifetimes

## Are we as a community of Homesteaders, prepared to be come a CBSFA?



What does that mean? CBSFA stands for Community Based Subsistence Fishing Area.

There are many communities across the State who have already been approved for, applied for, working on their plans to create their CBSFA. The State of Hawaii is working towards its 30 x 30 plan. This means the State will support 30 communities in Hawaii to manage their marine resources by the year 2030.

By 'fishery' we mean activities involved in catching a species of fish or shellfish, or a group of species that share the same habitat.

Sustainability means ensuring the habitat and ecosystem supporting the fishery are in good condition.

A sustainable fishery has sufficient spawning fish to produce the next generation, while allowing fishing to take place. This ensures we can secure our fish and aquatic fish resources for the future.

It means community members, fishers, ocean users, etc. come together and create a plan that fits their communities needs. After the plan is approved by the State, that community begins to manage their fishery.

Last year we were lucky enough to have Uncle Mac Poepoe from Molokai come to Honokoa to share what he is doing in Molokai to create his CBS-



FA. There seemed to be interest by our residents, fishers, ocean users on this topic.

To follow up on that conversation, KCA has secured a limited amount funding to take a select few to Moloka'i to visit the Mo'omomi site this September.

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) also secure funds to take members of the Kai Kuleana Network to engage all S. Kohala coastal communities represented to join this huaka'i. KCA will be reaching out to KCA community members who participated in the discussion and were interested in learning more. If you are one of those people or want more information, please contact Maka'ala Kanealii 808-640-3195

