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# Ka Leo O Ka 'Āina

## "The Voice of the Land"

Fall 2017

### Beware! Rapid Ohia Death!

We all know or have heard about Rapid Ohia Death and how devastating this disease is for our native Ohia trees. Most of us know it started in the Puna district and is devastating large areas on that coast.

What is new and most alarming, they have located an infected tree in Honokaa as well as in Hawi according to Dr. J. Friday.

The spores can be easily transferred and the trees do not show the infestation for a long time. Any wound on an Ohia tree leaves it more vulnerable to the infestation. A good

space has to be left around the tree trunk so a weed whacker or other lawn equipment cannot injure it. If a tree is mistakenly hit, the surface needs to be covered by a plant wound sealant.

Let's all be mindful and protect our healthy Ohia trees from this dreadful disease.



### Book suggestion

#### "The Hidden Life of Trees"

This bestseller may not have crossed your radar, but Karin's copy just arrived and promises to be a fascinating read.

According to the author Peter Wohlleben, we fail to understand trees because "they live on a different time scale" from us. He draws on decades of experience as a forester in Germany's Eifel mountains. He starts with wise words for those entering a forest: "Slow down, breathe deep and look around". Not only is the air cleaner under trees, as their leaves filter out harmful pollutants, but especially pine forests release defensive compounds that kill germs: Trees disinfect their surroundings." Trees also release oxygen, so a walk in the woods is "like taking a shower in oxygen".

Wohlleben's aim is to let us see the trees and forests around us not just as "lumber factories" but as wondrous organisms, as complex as any animal. Trees are, for instance, "social beings", communicating with each other through their roots, thanks to the fungal "wood wide web" that permeates the forest soil, even sharing nutrients in hard times.

Wohlleben's book will change your view of the wooded world!



Visit the Waimea Outdoor Circle's website

**[www.waimeaoutdoorcircle.org](http://www.waimeaoutdoorcircle.org)**

~a work in progress and input will be appreciated!~



## President's Message

Waimea Outdoor Circle has been hard at work over the past year, both at Ulu La `au the Waimea Nature Park and in the community. We continue to look ahead to the future of the park in the face of changing economics, volunteer participation and ongoing funding through donations, grants and corporate sponsorship. With the new County Administration, we are meeting and acquainting ourselves with our Mayor and Department heads to determine how we can all work together for the benefit of our community. Some accomplishments and highlights this year follow:

- In April, after a year of planning and educating the public, the Waimea Nature Park went "Trash Free". We removed all trash cans and pet waste receptacles. The end result has exceeded our hopes and we are proud to say our park visitors have stepped up to the plate. An unexpected result is that certain individuals no longer come to the park for the sole purpose of stealing the recyclables!!
- With the help of WOC volunteers and the community, we are reclaiming the back four acres of the Waimea Nature Park behind Longs. Ongoing clearing and chipping continues with more workdays scheduled. The goal has always been to connect this section with the developed area of the park and we continue to work towards that result, enabling students and residents to easily walk from one end of town to the other.
- Finally, after more than two years of working with the County and Landscape Contractors, the replanting of the two medians in the center of town is nearing completion, with just the finishing touches remaining. Because there is no County water at these locations, the landscape design was changed to consist primarily of native and xeriscape plants only. Please bear with us, as plantings are new and must become established. With any luck, we will move into Waimea's rainy season to give the plants a healthy start! This long awaited project was made possible by donations and grants from local foundations.

Thank you all for your support and for your memberships. Together, we will work to keep Waimea "clean, green and beautiful".

## Notes from the Treasurer...

Since my last report, we have had our Spring Plant Sale (April 2017) and the Luncheon/Silent Auction (May 2017):

Spring Plant Sale gross receipts	\$861.00
Silent Auction	\$600.00

We have also received donations (restricted & unrestricted) totaling \$8,186.35 since the last report.

We have now ended our fiscal year so I am pleased to recap the total receipts from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017:

Donations (Restricted & Unrestricted)	\$ 14,111.00
Government Grant	650.00
Orchid Sales	1,000.00
Recycle Funds	22.60
Special Events	3,959.00
T-Shirt Sales	155.00

You may well be saying to yourself, "that's great...but, what are you spending it on?" Answer: the bulk of our expenditures are directly related to the Nature Park – maintenance of the gardens, equipment/tools, irrigation system. Also there are property taxes, DLNR annual lease, liability insurance, rental toilet, doggie bags, new signs for the park, tree trimming, gas for the equipment/power tools, and security services.

Other than the Nature Park, there are expenses for these newsletters, membership renewal mail-outs, annual luncheon catering, wreath making supplies, printing posters for our special events, general excise tax, telephone, website maintenance, and post office box rental...etc. Also, the Median Beautification Project is beginning now (we have restricted funds set aside for this).

I hope you see that your generous support of the WOC is being put to good use. We are so appreciative of your continued support and participation in our special events.

Mahalo,  
Bevil



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# Five Reasons Not to Top Trees

- **#1 Starvation**

Topping removes so much of the crown that it upsets a tree's crown-to root ratio and cuts off its food-making ability. Good pruning practices rarely remove more than 1/3 of the crown...more will often interfere with the ability of tree's leafy crown to manufacture food, and starve the tree.

- **#2 It's Dangerous**

After a large limb is truncated, suckers and watersprouts grow back instead of a natural limb. Suckers and sprouts attach themselves weakly to the trunk and break easily in the wind. Many people top trees because they think it makes them safer. Ironically, topping make a tree hazardous.

- **#3 It's Ugly**

A topped tree is a disfigured tree. Even with its regrowth, a sawed-off tree never regains the grace and character of its species.

- **#4 Shock, Disease, Death**

A Tree's crown acts like an umbrella, shielding bark from harsh rays of sun. Topping thwarts a tree's natural defense system from doing its job and bare stubs are highly vulnerable to insects and diseases.

- **#5 It won't work**

Topping won't keep trees small. It has the opposite effect. After a deciduous tree is topped, its growth rate swells. The result is denser growth, with far more leaves and suckers than normal. And, in a very short time the tree returns to its original height (or taller).

Trees are your friends, be a friend to your trees. Trees produce oxygen we breathe, cleanse the air, prevent erosion, reduce noise, add scenic beauty, lower ambient temperature and supply food, fuel, furniture and paper to the world.



## Signs Prohibited in All Districts

Violators receive a written warning to remove a sign in ten working days. If the sign is not removed, the owner may be assessed a fine and the sign removed by Public Works. More information, go to

<http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/lb-countycode/#countycode>

- X Any sign in the county right-of-way or on county property
- X Signs by reason of size, location, movement, content, coloring, etc, that pose a traffic safety hazard
- X Any sign which is obscene
- X Any sign that advertises a commercial activity not conducted on the premises
- X Temporary signs used for ongoing commercial use
- X Automated signs
- X Aerial signs
- X Any sign placed on a utility pole
- X Portable signs
- X Flashing signs
- X Any sign placed on a tree
- X Any sign placed on public property unless otherwise authorized
- X Any sign that is a billboard or outdoor advertising device prohibited by chapter 445 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes





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# Anuenue Memories

In 1992 an extraordinary event took place in Kamuela: a five-day-intensive construction of Ānuenue Playground at Waimea Park. This distinctive Waimea landmark had its start in the vision of a small group of dedicated community members. Bold and innovative, donor-funded and volunteer-built, Ānuenue has been a popular and much-used gathering place for residents and visitors ever since.

In 2013 Friends of Ānuenue Playground formed, a group of volunteers working - as Waimea Outdoor Circle had done - every month or so on basic repair and maintenance. While these efforts helped to keep the playground safe it had aged beyond simple R&M, needing significant replacement of materials and structure. Engineers had inspected and determined the playground had 3-5 years of remaining life, after which it would need to be removed for safety reasons. In response FOA evolved into a rescue effort and, inspired by the 1992 community-build concept, decided to emulate this unifying model for a Rebuild Ānuenue project. Seeking and securing the support of Friends of the Future to be a program under their umbrella was key to FOA moving forward.

With input from the Waimea community, Play by Design LLC helped create the new design, incorporating the latest innovations in design, structure, and safety - reimagined, updated, and ADA-accessible. After 2 years of intensive effort and increasing community knowledge and support, fundraising goals were reached in June, and the Ānuenue Playground Community Build was scheduled for a 7-day-intensive, Oct. 23-29. In early October the original Ānuenue was blessed and let go with deep aloha, its structure removed but not its spirit. During October's Build Week the extended community joined hands once again to share in building a playground for their keiki. Many who came had helped build the first playground, and many others had grown up playing in it. It was hard work in some rough weather, but fun, inspirational and powerful. Re-opened with a blessing and ceremony on Sunday Oct. 29, it has been packed with children and their families every day since.

A 501c3 program still supported and overseen through Friends of the Future, FOA welcomes everyone to join, and sign up for intermittent community maintenance days. Info is available @ [anuenueplayground.org](mailto:anuenueplayground.org).

Waimea Outdoor Circle has it's own Anuenue memories and an impressive history of accomplishments. Beginning with our first President Carly Shepherd's push to take care of Waimea Park, the idea of a new playground soon surfaced and Anuenue Playground became a reality in 1992.

Waimea Outdoor Circle provided over \$40,000 for trees, landscape materials, picnic tables, benches and the lava rock walls around the playground while volunteers spent hundreds of hours planting, pruning, weeding and fertilizing.



# Mahalo Community Policing Officer May Lee

Ulu` la au the Waimea Nature Park has been plagued with transient homeless camps, vagrants and vandalism over the recent years and we were thrilled when Officer Lee offered to help us. Last year she began organizing community meetings at the park and encouraged us to clear out brush, eliminating the ability for people to hide. She helped us with signage that allowed her to formally trespass those engaging in juvenile delinquent or criminal behavior. With her help and guidance, we have cleared out problem areas of the park and made it much more open and friendly. Our homeless camps are gone, along with the criminal element loitering in the park. The Nature Park is a special place and Waimea Outdoor Circle is truly fortunate to have someone as genuinely caring as Officer Lee in our community. If you see her, whether it's at a town meeting, a "Coffee-With-A-Cop" get together or just doing her job, please thank her for everything she does for all of us!

## TRASH FREE PARK

On April 22, 2017 Ulu La 'au the Waimea Nature Park officially became a TRASH FREE PARK! The Waimea Outdoor Circle, along with the Nature Park Advisory Committee worked toward this goal for over a year. We are optimistic now, over six months later, that park visitors are happy to comply by carrying out their own trash. While we continue to provide "doggie bags" for our four-legged friends, we do ask that pet owners dispose of their pet's waste in a responsible manner outside of the park. On behalf of all of the park volunteers, thank you so much for your support and for keeping Ulu La 'au the Waimea Nature Park clean, green and beautiful!



Help us to keep Waimea  
clean, green and beautiful  
By sending your year-end  
donation.  
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