

Kapolei Regional Park Gets Major Security Upgrade

Thanks to public/private partnership



The 73-acre Kapolei Regional Park is clearly the centerpiece of Kapolei’s public parks system, as shown by its popularity and heavy use by area residents. The park, which was dedicated to the City and County’s Parks and Recreation Department by the Estate of James Campbell in 1994, is a hub for outdoor activities in the region. Thousands of residents use the expansive grounds for all sorts of activities like family picnics, kids and schools sporting events, hula halau practice sessions, company team building activities, and the list goes on.

An island-wide concern has been the need for security measures at park restroom facilities to reduce off-hours vandalism and keep the restrooms in good working order for park users. Community concern and support led to the passage of Bill 78 by the Honolulu City Council in April 2017. The bill was authored and shepherded through the Council by Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine. The purpose of the bill was to set up a public/private initiative that would improve the conditions of city parks and facilities without increasing costs to the taxpayer. The bill establishes a process for residents, groups and businesses to help take care of their community parks. In exchange, they receive modest sponsorship recognition for their support.



Kapolei Regional Park kicks off its own security upgrades

Kapolei has already taken advantage of Bill 78. It started at Kapolei Regional Park where the City’s Department and Recreation installed gates to secure the bathroom facilities when the park closes at 10 p.m. The City of Kapolei Association stepped in to help defray the security costs by paying for private security to close the facility at the end of the day. City workers re-open the bathrooms in the morning.

“The City of Kapolei Association is happy to do its part to help provide added security at our park,” said Association president, Corinne Hiromoto. “We want to thank the City’s Parks and Recreation Department and Councilmember Kymberly Pine for spearheading this effort.”

The City of Kapolei Association’s support for the park’s overall condition also includes landscape and hardscape maintenance, removing abandoned carts, and monitoring the homeless situation in cooperation with the Honolulu Police Department (HPD).

Another level of security is now in the works, with local business owner Todd Bedford’s offer to Councilmember Pine to donate security cameras through his company, Lifeline Fire & Security. This will be a joint effort with HPD to help deter crime and secure park facilities.

“Kapolei Regional Park plays a vital role for our families in the Kapolei community,” said Bedford. “The park provides a health and recreation focus for the community including sports practice, hula, jungle gym, soccer on Saturday mornings, and families having fun and playing outside together. Through this donation Lifeline can help provide the cleanest facilities and the safest possible environment for our neighbors and their keiki.”

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Councilmember Pine said, “The City’s Sponsorship program creates a process for residents, groups and businesses to malama our parks and City facilities. I am so excited to see business owners like Todd Bedford as well as community groups such as the City of Kapolei Association take the lead in restoring pride in our park for our families to use.”

If anyone has a park they would like to help, you are invited to email Councilmember Pine at kmpine@honolulu.gov.



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Annual Hire Leeward Job Fair Set for June 23, 2018

Leeward businesses and organizations will be recruiting

The 6th Annual Hire Leeward Job and Career Fair is set to take place on Saturday, June 23, 2018, at the University of Hawai‘i - West O‘ahu campus from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The traditionally well-attended event is the result of a partnership between Councilmember Kimberly Marcos Pine and the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce, whose theme for the fair is “Connecting Leeward Residents with Leeward Jobs.”

This year’s fair will host over 70 businesses and organizations representing a variety of Leeward-based job opportunities including healthcare, financial services, food service, hospitality, retail, administrative, and more. If past experience holds true, organizers expect job seekers to number in the thousands, reflecting Leeward residents’ desire to find jobs closer to home.

“For our Leeward residents—this isn’t just a career change, this is a lifestyle change,” said Councilmember Kimberly Marcos Pine. “By finding a job closer to home, residents can leave their days of sitting in traffic behind, and spend those treasured hours with their families. Many

don’t realize that there are over 60,000 Leeward jobs on the Leeward coast; one for just about every adult in my district.”

Free seminars for attendees In addition to the chance to connect with employers, participants will also have the opportunity to attend free career education seminars conducted by Four Seasons Resort’s human resources director Joseph Hodnette. They include:

RESUME WRITING:
9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
A Dynamic Resume Opens Doors! Learn How to Write a Captivating Resume That’s Sure to Grab a Recruiter’s Attention

INTERVIEW SKILLS:
10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
You’ve Been Invited to an Interview. Now What?

JOB SEARCH:
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
How Do I Find a Job in a Low Unemployment Economy? Using Technology Could Be Your Edge!

FREE ADMISSION
Open to the Public

HIRE LEeward
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6th Annual Hire Leeward
JOB AND CAREER FAIR

“Connecting Leeward Residents with Leeward Jobs”
Saturday, June 23, 2018
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
UH-West Oahu
On the Great Lawn
91-1001 Farrington Highway—Kapolei

Thousands of available jobs offered on the Leeward Coast!

Business and Organizations in West O‘ahu representing a wide range of industries including: Healthcare, Hospitality, Finance, Food Service, Retail, Administrative, & MORE!

KAPOLEI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Working together for Kapolei

Free Admission!
Pre-register online today at:
www.HireLeeward.com

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The University of Hawai‘i - West O‘ahu is the Host Sponsor for the Hire Leeward Fair, and Ko Olina Resort is the Presenting Sponsor for the second consecutive year. Resort partners — Aulani, A Disney Resort & Spa; Four Seasons Resort O‘ahu at Ko Olina; Marriott’s Ko Olina Beach Club; and Ko Olina Golf Club — will be looking to fill immediate positions.

The 6th Annual Hire Leeward Job & Career Fair expects to host thousands of residents in attendance. Attendees can get priority and complimentary entrance into the Fair by registering online.

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For more information on the *Hire Leeward* initiative and the Fair, job seekers are encouraged to visit www.HireLeeward.com.

Councilmember Pine represents residents of District One (‘Ewa, ‘Ewa Beach, Kapolei, Honokai Hale, Ko Olina, Nānākuli, Maili, Wai‘anae, Makaha, Keaau, Makua). www.councilmemberpine.com



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