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The Breeze is Waikōloa Village Association's monthly community newsletter. Hard copies are available at the office, and past issues can be viewed at waikoloa.org.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN WAIKOLOA VILLAGE-VOLUNTEER

Have you ever wanted to give back to the community you love while meeting great neighbors and having fun doing it? The Waikoloa Village Association is looking for enthusiastic volunteers just like you, and there's a perfect opportunity for everyone!

At the **Aquatic Center**, dive in and support our Pool Manager with a variety of hands-on tasks that help keep our facility running smoothly for all residents to enjoy.

In the **WVA Office**, put your organizational skills to work by assisting with administrative duties that keep our association operating at its best.

At the **Equestrian Center-The Stables**, animal lovers rejoice! Volunteer to care for our horses and help maintain the beautiful grounds of this beloved community gem. **Volunteers needed for Sunday, July 26th for FUN HORSE SHOW.** Contact waikoloahorsestables@gmail.com

On the **Golf Course**, lend a hand during special events and help create memorable experiences for our golfing community.

On the **Outreach Committee**, help plan and execute member events that bring our Waikoloa 'ohana together and strengthen the bonds that make this village so special.

On the **Nominations & Elections Committee**, play a vital role in shaping our community's future by helping ensure smooth, well-organized, and successful elections.

Have skills, talents, or experience not mentioned above? Let us know!

We're building a volunteer roster to keep on file so we can reach out when the right opportunity arises — your unique abilities may be exactly what we need. No matter your skills, interests, or schedule, there's a volunteer role that fits your life. Volunteering is one of the most rewarding ways to invest in the place we all call home.

Don't wait — your community needs YOU! Reach out today to learn more about available opportunities and take the first step toward making a real difference. Contact us at agm@wvagolf.com and let's get started together!

SAVE THE DATE

The next monthly Board of Directors Meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 28th at 5:30pm in the WVA Community Room.**

Meeting Zoom link will be sent via email.

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It's Time For Your 2nd Half of Annual Dues

Effective July 1, 2026 — Website Payment Page retired for Breeze Advertisements & Misc. Payments

Great news, members! We're upgrading our website's Payment page to bring you a brand-new, improved experience for making your payments — and we couldn't be more excited to share it with you. Here's what we're retiring the Payment page to only show a link to the [HOALife Owner Portal](#). You may contact the office to take care of a Breeze Advertising or Miscellaneous Payment and we'll send you an invoice to be paid. Our updated payment system has been designed with you in mind — making the entire process simpler, faster, and more secure than ever before. You can pay with ACH Bank Transfer, Debit/Credit Cards.

SECOND HALF OF ANNUAL DUES, DUE JULY 1ST (PAY BY JULY 31ST)

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Our team is here to help every step of the way. If you have any questions about the new payment system, aren't sure where to go on the website, or just need a friendly voice to guide you through it — give us a call at 808-883-9422 or email us at office@wvagolf.com! We're always happy to hear from you and make sure your experience is a great one.

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A FOND FAREWELL & EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR VILLAGE

Dear WVA Members,

It is with a grateful heart that I share some bittersweet news. Our dedicated General Manager, Roger Werhsig, will be retiring effective July 31, 2026. Stop by the office on the last day of the month to show your aloha and wish him well.

Roger is the longest-serving General Manager in our Village's history, and that milestone speaks volumes. What makes him truly extraordinary, though, is the heart he has poured into every one of those years. His dedication to our members and staff has been unwavering, and his eye for talent has brought us exceptional team members like Kevin Hayashi, our outstanding Village Course Golf Pro — a legacy that will keep giving for years to come.



Don't be surprised to spot Roger on the golf course in the weeks ahead! He is looking forward to cherished time with his family, and he has absolutely earned every wonderful moment. On behalf of all WVA Members -mahalo Roger. Thank you for your service, your devotion, and your aloha for this community. We wish you nothing but joy!

We are equally thrilled to welcome Jo Ann Sivils as our incoming [General Manager](#), Jo brings more than 20 years of community association management experience to the Village, along with an impressive array of professional certifications through the Community Associations Institute (CAI) — including the prestigious Large Scale Manager (LSM) designation, a distinction held by only three people in Hawaii. That level of expertise speaks for itself, and our members are the direct beneficiaries. When she's not building thriving communities, you'll find "Jo" enjoying breathtaking sunsets with her husband Ron and spending time with her adult children and grandchildren.! Please join me in giving Jo a warm and heartfelt welcome. We are so fortunate to have her, and we cannot wait to see the wonderful things ahead!

On a bright note, WVA continues upgrading our core systems to better serve you. Our latest addition is AR Collect, making annual dues payments simple and secure. When your reminder email arrives, just click the link and you're done — no late fees, no finance charges, no coming into the office, no mailing, no hassle.

We are grateful for your continued trust as we build the systems that will carry our Village proudly into the next 50 years. Thank you for being the heart of this community!

With gratitude,

*Lani Larrua,
WVA President*



MAKE A SPLASH AT YOUR WAIKŌLOA AQUATIC CENTER!



Did you know one of the best perks of living in Waikōloa Village is right in your own backyard? The Waikōloa Village Aquatic Center is a stunning, renovated facility exclusively available to WVA members — and summer is the perfect time to take full advantage of it!

Renovated in 2020, the center features six swim lanes, including two dedicated daily to 25-yard lap swimming. The heated pool stays a comfortable 80°+ year-round, blending chlorine and salt for a gentler swim experience. Little ones will love the keiki area, featuring a wade-in entry adorned with playful 3D ocean creature tiles.

Beyond the water, enjoy lounge chairs, shaded picnic tables, deck lockers, and an outdoor shower. On weekday mornings from 9–10 a.m., join neighbors for a fun water aerobics session!

Hours: Mon–Fri 6:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. | Sat–Sun 7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

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JUNE HIGHLIGHTS FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Stronger Financial Controls Are Now in Place

The Board approved a new set of Financial Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to address weaknesses identified in a recent audit. These changes introduce clearer checks and balances, better separation of duties, and a dedicated payroll account — all designed to protect Association funds and improve accountability.

Our WVA Records Are Better Protected

A Records Retention & Destruction Policy was unanimously adopted. Key points for members:

- Property and land-use agreements will be kept as **permanent records**
- Maintenance and warranty records will be kept for the **life of the warranty**
- Digital backups will be maintained for all archived documents

Land Use Contracts Will Be Open for Member Review

The Board directed negotiators to **remove confidentiality clauses** from proposed land-use and solar energy Letters of Intent (LOIs) before those contracts are brought to the full board for discussion. Since this land is collectively owned by all members, the board agreed that confidentiality restrictions are not appropriate.

Committee Updates

- **Firewise Committee** is active with a new Chair (Mary Shramke) and four appointed members — great news for community safety.
- **Land Use Committee** has been reinstated with Beverly Brand as Chair.
- The prior Covenants & Bylaws & Communications Committees were discontinued with thanks to its dedicated volunteers.

Golf Rates (2027): No Change for Members

A 2027 golf rate proposal was conditionally accepted for further review. **Members and guests will see no increase** — any rate adjustment targets non-resident visitors only. The Fiscal Committee reviewed and made a favorable recommendation.

Waikoloa Swim Team Program

The Board expressed support for continuing the swim program but could not approve the extended times for more programs to be offered by the vendor.

Staffing Investment Coming The Association is actively recruiting for finance and accounts management roles to improve day-to-day financial operations. The Board emphasized urgency in filling these positions to reduce workload backlogs and strengthen internal controls.

2026-2027 WVA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Lani Larrua, President



Dan Richards, VP



Aislinn Chalker, Secretary



Rob Yagi, Treasurer



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Marie Rizzo, Director



W. "Bill" Campbell, Director

BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION - JOIN US AT AN UPCOMING BOARD MEETING!

July 28	Board of Directors Meeting - 5:30 pm, WVA Community Room
August 25	Board of Directors Meeting - 5:30 pm, WVA Community Room
September 22	Board of Directors Meeting - 5:30 pm, WVA Community Room
October 27	Board of Directors Meeting - 5:30 pm, WVA Community Room



Insights From *Waikoloa's* Real Estate Expert



Security Cameras and Home Showings: What Buyers and Sellers Should Know

Many homeowners today use security cameras during property showings, especially in Hawai'i where many properties are second homes that may sit vacant for periods of time. Cameras are often installed for security and peace of mind, but some sellers also use them to observe buyer reactions and gather feedback about how their home is being perceived during showings.

As a real estate agent, I am required to disclose to prospective buyers when a property has cameras or video surveillance in place. While video recording in common areas is generally legal, audio recording laws vary by state and may require consent from all parties involved. Recording in private spaces such as bathrooms or bedrooms is not permitted.

For buyers, it is always wise to assume you may be recorded while touring a property. Avoid discussing pricing strategy, negotiation plans, or strong opinions about the home until you are off-site.

For sellers, transparency is essential. Clearly disclosing cameras and disabling audio recording can help avoid legal concerns while creating a more comfortable showing experience.

At the end of the day, successful transactions are built on professionalism, trust, and respect for everyone involved.

***When you are ready to sell, reach out to me!
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BOARD DIRECTOR VACANCY

The Waikoloa Village Association Board of Directors has a vacancy following the upcoming departure of Director Aislinn Chalker, who will be relocating outside of the community.

Aislinn has been an invaluable member of the Board, serving as Secretary and playing a key role in rebranding the WVA — a contribution that will have a lasting impact on our community's identity for years to come. We are deeply grateful for her dedication and service. We wish Aislinn and her family all the best in this exciting new chapter.

The Board is now accepting applications to fill the vacant Director seat.

We welcome members in good standing with diverse backgrounds and encourage anyone interested in serving their community to apply. All submissions must be received by **July 14, 2026 at 4PM.**

The Board will appoint the new Director at the **July 28, 2026 Board Meeting.** The appointed Director will serve the remainder of the current term through **April 30, 2027**, at which point the seat will be included in the regular election cycle.

Please submit your interest and qualifications to the gm@wvagolf.com WVA office.



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MONTHLY MEMBER LOT COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS

To help keep our community safe, attractive, and in compliance with the Declaration of Protective Covenants, the Waikōloa Village Association conducts monthly lot inspections. Each zone is inspected twice a year.

Inspections are carried out by a Board member and our ECD Manager, focusing on landscaping upkeep (lawns, weeds, debris), maintenance of visible structures (paint, fencing, roofing), and overall appearance (proper trash storage, no clutter or inoperable vehicles, and tidy street frontage).

Our goal is to be proactive and transparent. You may also see us outside the scheduled zone if we are doing a re-inspection, responding to a member request, or reviewing a design project.

If you have questions about inspections or standards, please contact Kimo Santos, ECD manager at ecc@wvagolf.com.

MEMBER LOT COMPLIANCE INSPECTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

ZONE 1 <i>Member Numbers: B</i>	ZONE 2 <i>Member Numbers: C</i>	ZONE 3 <i>Member Numbers: KK2, CW, SR 22, SR 222, SR3</i>	ZONE 4 <i>Member Numbers: D, SR2</i>	ZONE 5 <i>Member Numbers: KH, PH, SR, SRJV</i>	ZONE 6 <i>Member Numbers: A, VV, F</i>
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
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A TIP FROM YOUR VILLAGE COURSE PRO – CHOOSE THE RIGHT FAIRWAY WOOD BY KEVIN HAYASHI, PGA



When it comes to fairway woods, one simple truth applies to almost every golfer: the longer the club, the harder it is to hit consistently. Fairway woods are generally more difficult to strike solidly than irons because of their added shaft length. That's why a 3 wood can sometimes feel like trying to hit a golf ball with a fishing pole. And if you enjoy both sports, you'll know what I mean!

The challenge increases as loft decreases. A 3 wood is harder to hit than a 5 wood because it is longer and has less loft. Likewise, a 5 wood is more demanding than a 7 wood, and the 7 wood is tougher to hit than a 9 wood. The lesson is simple — be smart when deciding what fairway woods belong in your bag.

Here is a good rule of thumb when choosing fairway woods:

1. If you're young, strong, and generate plenty of swing speed, a combination of a 3 wood and 5 wood can work very well.
2. As the years go by and swing speed begins to slow a little, many golfers benefit from switching to a 4 wood and 7 wood setup.
3. For senior golfers, where consistency and launch become more important than raw distance, a 5 wood and 9 wood combination is often ideal.

The added loft and shorter shaft lengths of higher-lofted woods help get the ball airborne more easily and improve consistency. You don't have to swing out of your shoes to create solid distance. In fact, smoother swings often produce better results.

Course conditions should also influence club selection. Longer fairway woods work best when the ball is sitting up nicely. For tougher lies — especially from thick Waikoloa rough — a more lofted fairway wood can be your best friend.

Be on the lookout for fitting days at the Village Course and come talk to us. Simply try a 7 or 9 wood, or both. Absolutely no obligation to buy, just try them. You'll be pleasantly surprised! **Always remember: In golf, proper technique is one thing but being smart and using a club that's easier to hit is a no brainer. Trust your pro!**



Real Estate Market Report July 2026 for Waikoloa Village

WAIKOLOA VILLAGE SINGLE FAMILY HOMES (Comparing Q2, 2025 to Q2, 2026)

	# of Sales					Median Sales Price		
	For Sale	In Escrow	Q2 '25	Q2 '26	% change	Q2 '25	Q2 '26	% change
\$500K to \$850K	5	4	8	4	-50.00%	\$702,500	\$774,125	10.19%
\$851K to \$999.9K	4	1	6	3	-50.00%	\$946,825	\$925,000	-2.30%
\$1M to \$1.3M	6	5	1	4	-300.00%	\$1,173,000	\$1,100,000	-6.22%
\$1.301M to \$1.5M	3	1	2	1	-50.00%	\$1,422,500	\$1,499,000	5.37%
\$1,500,001 ++	5	2	1	0	-50.00%	\$1,700,000	\$0	--

There are currently **23** homes for sale (including 4 at Nana Kai), with 11 in escrow and 12 sold since April 1, 2026. Buyers are beginning to re-enter the market as conditions soften, showing a **clear preference for move-in-ready homes**. Homes under \$1M are averaging 40 days on market, while those between \$1M-\$1.5M average 109 days, with a current **median price of \$950,000**.

WAIKOLOA VILLAGE CONDOMINIUMS (Active, Contingent & Sold Since April 1, 2026)

Waikoloa Villas		Waikoloa Hills		Elima Lani		Paniolo Club		Pointe at Waikoloa		17 th Fairway Villas	
\$618,000 Median Price		\$499,000 Median Price		\$390,000 Median Price		\$424,700 Median Price		\$950,000 Median Price		\$750,000 Median Price	
Sold	1	Sold	0	Sold	3	Sold	0	Sold	1	Sold	0
Pending	1	Pending	2	Pending	1	Pending	0	Pending	0	Pending	0
Active	3	Active	5	Active	1	Active	1	Active	0	Active	0

Waikoloa Village		Waikoloa Fairways		Makana Kai		Fairway Terrace		Paniolo Gardens		Greens at Waikoloa	
\$463,000 Median Price		\$695,000 Median Price		\$335,000 Median Price		\$420,000 Median Price		\$509,000 Median Price		\$350,000 Median Price	
Sold	0	Sold	1	Sold	3	Sold	1	Sold	1	Sold	1
Pending	0	Pending	1	Pending	0	Pending	1	Pending	0	Pending	1
Active	9	Active	1	Active	7	Active	10	Active	0	Active	1



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Now Booking the Summer Series:

- **Thursday, July 9th at 6:00 PM** – *The Mid-Summer Feature*
- **Thursday, August 13th at 6:00 PM** – *The Peak-Summer Feature*
- **Thursday, September 3rd at 6:00 PM** – *The Labor Day Weekend Feature*



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- **6:00 PM: The Open-Air Social & Golden Hour:** Arrive as the sun dips below the Kohala Coast. Grab a drink, listen to live music, mix and mingle, and step into the arena to interact with the horses and capture incredible golden hour photos. Includes artisanal pūpūs and two premium drink tickets.



- **The Heritage BBQ Feast:** A premium, long-table dining experience curated by Umeke's, celebrating authentic, smoky island flavors and concluded with a decadent signature dessert.

- **The Main Event: Legends Under the Lights:** The centerpiece of the night—a high-production, unscripted display of live paniolo horsemanship, cinematic historical storytelling, and traditional music beneath the stadium lights.

- **The After-Hours Party:** The conversation doesn't stop when the show ends. Stay late to talk story with the cowboys, dance, drink, and experience the magic of the stables under the stars.

Grab your friends and experience an unforgettable time at the Stables.

Music Night, July 25th 5pm-7pm: Tome Isobe and the Blues Dogs! Help support ohana in need by bringing a non-perishable food item to the music night, and receive a raffle ticket for a special present. Bring food or purchase from our food trucks here. Bring a chair and BYOB if you want, but no glass, please.

For more information call 808-883-1819

WE HEARD YOU! NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO WEIGH IN AES HAWAII'S SOLAR AND STORAGE PROJECT

The Board is asking for the members input to determine whether it wishes to submit public comments on behalf of WVA for the AES Hawai'i's Ke'amuku Solar and Storage project. Please [send your comments](#) for or against [the project](#) for the Board to review by July 31, 2026.

As part of its proposed renewable energy development (located on the two southern parcels at the top of Waikoloa Road-land not owned by WVA), AES has committed to providing approximately \$258,000 annually over the project's proposed 20-year operating period to support host community needs.

The Board may wish to consider soliciting community input to identify potential priorities for these funds. It should be noted that other community and land organizations (not limited to Waikoloa Village) may also submit requests or recommendations for funding. AES will retain final decision-making authority regarding the allocation of these funds.



Potential funding priorities for Board consideration include:

1. Partial funding for a second access roadway.
2. Wildfire mitigation initiatives.
3. Development of a community center.

AES Hawai'i's [Ke'amuku Solar + Storage](#) project, a proposed 86 MW solar photovoltaic array coupled with a 344 MWh battery energy storage system (BESS).

The Ke'amuku Solar + Storage project is expected to begin commercial operations in 2030 and will provide clean, locally produced energy to support Hawai'i Island's energy needs. The project is expected to create more than 1,600 jobs and generate more than \$381 million in economic activity.

As part of our commitment to collaborating and consulting with communities, AES Hawai'i is once again soliciting public comments on this project and the associated Community Benefits Program (CBP). Once the project is operational, the CBP will provide a \$258,000 annual commitment throughout its proposed 20-year operating period to support the host community's needs. We invite you to share your feedback on the project and the CBP via the "Contact Us" link on the [project website](#) or via email at keamukusolar@aes.com.

Your input is invaluable to us, and we encourage you to participate in this process. All public comments received will be submitted to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) as part of the docketed PUC proceedings for this project.

Mahalo for your feedback and engagement in shaping the future of our community's energy landscape.



2ND QUARTER HOUSE BEAUTIFICATION AWARD



Congratulations to Ralph & Cathy Mattis, of 68-3572 Haena St. on receiving the prestigious **House Beautiful Award** for the Second Quarter! This well-deserved recognition reflects the dedication and pride that residents pour into maintaining our most cherished community.

The House Beautiful Award celebrates neighbors that demonstrate exceptional curb appeal, cleanliness, and community spirit — values that Waikoloa Village embodies every day. From meticulously maintained common areas to the stunning natural beauty of the surrounding landscape, this community continues to set the standard for excellence.

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Waikoloa Seniors: July Update

It's that time of year again folks! Please help our keiki by signing up to collect money to buy school supplies for Waikoloa School! 2 hour shifts, starting July 13-July 25. Make a difference in your community! Call or email me!

At our June meeting Carolyn Silan gave us some exercises to do to help us improve our balance and to not fall.



18 seniors visited the Imiloa Astronomy Center in Hilo. We have gone several times and for those of you who have not visited there, it is well worth the trip to Hilo. We enjoyed a great lunch out afterwards at Café Pesto!

Want to go shopping in Kona but don't want to drive? Take the Sr. Shopping Van to Kona on Tuesday July 7th. They leave from Community Church at 9 a.m. You must have a Sr. ID card to participate. \$3.00 donation requested to keep this service going, paid to the driver. Contact me to sign up for it.

Carolyn Silan's next BodyTalk Seminar: Tuesday, July 21 from 4:30-5:30pm, WVA Community Room: The topic will be Yardwork Ergonomics Workshop. Bring your yard tools with you and I'll show you how to use them smarter.

Our next meeting is July 20th, and our speaker will be Dr. Jack Ebner who will be explaining how to harness your healing power in order to activate the great power within you.

Over 55? Want some more fun in your life? Come join us!

Questions? Contact Stephanie Stearns landline (808) 883-2424 or stephaniestearns16@gmail.com



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Aloha Waikōloa!

As we approach the Fourth of July, I wish you and your loved ones a safe and enjoyable holiday. Whether you're attending a community celebration, gathering with family and friends, or simply taking time to enjoy the long weekend, I encourage everyone to celebrate responsibly and remain firewise. As we mark Independence Day, it is also an opportunity to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy and the shared values that bring our communities together.

At Council, we recently approved the fiscal Year 2026-2027 County Budget. We evaluated spending priorities and property tax rates for the coming year with a goal to balance infrastructure needs, public safety investments, and community services all while addressing rising operational costs. Property tax discussions remained a major focus throughout budget deliberations, with rates adjusted to support County services and providing relief for homeowners and affordable rentals.



James Hustace, District 9 Hawaii County Council

Throughout the budget process, I worked closely with County administration to identify opportunities to further support District 9. I am pleased to share that the Waikōloa Fire Station will now include a Captain position, providing the station with a full complement of firefighters. This long-awaited addition is an important investment in public safety for a growing community. Additionally and among the capital budget amendments I introduced this year, I reappropriated funding to advance the design of a Waikōloa Gymnasium and appropriated additional funding for infrastructure improvements on the Kamakoa Nui parcel.

At the beginning of June, I introduced new legislation (Bill 163) establishing an 'Āina Kūpuna Dedication Program aimed at helping preserve generational family lands by providing property tax relief for qualifying descendants of pre-1926 landowners. The proposal offers an opportunity to ease the financial burden of rising property taxes, helping families maintain ownership of ancestral lands and pass them on to future generations. By reducing ongoing costs associated with land ownership, the program can strengthen long-term family stewardship, support cultural and historical connections to place, and provide greater stability for descendants seeking to retain their family lands amid increasing property values.

It was wonderful to connect with residents at the recent Waikōloa Community Conversation. Hosting these gatherings with our State legislators strengthens connections throughout Waikōloa Village and helps keep residents informed and involved. Thank you for attending!

I am honored to serve as your Council Member. You are welcome to email me at james.hustace@hawaiicounty.gov, call our Waimea office at (808) 887-6077, or our Hilo office at (808) 961-8564.

Wishing you good health and aloha!

-James

WAIKŌLOA VILLAGE ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Environmental Control Committee Reviews all Property Improvement Plans (PIA) via HOALife Portal</p>	<p>\$1120 Due Annually or \$560 if you made a ½ payment Pay at: portal.hoalife.com</p>		<p>1 Communications Committee Meeting WVA Community Room, 6pm</p>	2	<p>3 WVA Office Closed </p>	<p>4 4th of July LAND & FREE HOME & BRAVE est. 1776</p>
5	6 Outreach Committee 7pm, Zoom	7 Greens Committee WVA Community Room, 9am	8	9	10	11
12	13 Fiscal Committee WVA Office, 3pm	14	15	16 Firewise Committee WVA Community Room, 4 - 5 pm	17	18
19	20	21 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting WVA Community Room, 5:30 PM	22	23	24 Covenants & Bylaws Committee WVA Community Room, 12- 2 pm	25
26	27	28	29 	30	31	
				<p>To see the full list of Committee Meetings, visit: www.waikoloa.org/community-calendar/</p>		



THE WAIKOLOA LIBRARY IS COMING!

From the State's Public Works Division They have formally posted the project (Project Number 11-36-6546) to its upcoming bids list on May 19, 2026. Here are the key details from the solicitation:

- **Bid Opening Date:** Scheduled for **July 16, 2026.**

[Public Works Division - hawaii.gov](http://hawaii.gov/public-works)

- **Scope:** This follows Governor Josh Green's release of the \$21 million in Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding in April 2026. The bidding documents cover the full construction of the planned 12,000-square-foot facility, the 3,000-square-foot Early Learning Center, community meeting spaces, and the 71-stall parking lot on Kamakoa Drive.

Friends of the Library is looking forward to the new Waikoloa Library. "The new Waikoloa Public Library will be a beautiful new community hub for the community to read, learn, and connect, and we can't wait for it to open," said State Librarian Stacey Aldrich.



SCAM EMAIL - "Retired Americans"

THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WAIKOLOA REGION HAS BEEN MADE AWARE OF A SCAM EMAIL REGARDING APPROVAL FOR THE WAIKOLOA PUBLIC LIBRARY. ONE OF OUR FLWR BOARD MEMBERS SHARED THIS INFORMATION. IF YOU RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM CINFO@E.RETIREDAMERICANS.PAC.ORG OR ANYTHING SIMILAR, YOU ARE URGED NOT TO RESPOND.

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FULL MOON POTLUCK AT HOLOHOKAI BEACH PARK

JOIN US FOR A FULL MOON POTLUCK

Our next Full Moon Potluck is on Wednesday, July 29th starting at 5pm at Holoholo’kai Beach Park, (Down by the Fairmont Orchid) on the left side of the park, in the grassy area.

Every month on (or around) the full moon, Waikoloans gather and enjoy good food, good company and a beautiful sunset. Come join us! Bring a chair, plate, utensils, a beverage and something to share.

It’s good fun! Always!

Note Correction to Sept. date! In September, the full moon potluck is on Friday, Sept 25 (NOT Sat. 26)



FULL MOON POTLUCK FOR 2026
BEGINNING AT 5PM
WEDS. JULY 29
WEDS. AUG. 26
FRI. SEPT. 25



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