



# Association Newsletter

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## President's Message

The year 2026 is well underway and a lot is happening at Poipu Kai.

Last month the Board announced the hiring of our new General Manager, Scott Pacer, who will replace retiring GM, Scott Robey. Scott P. is on site as of February 17 working alongside Scott R. for approximately a one-month period of onboarding and training. We look forward to his formal introduction to owners at the Annual Meeting.

The Board and I would like to extend our thanks and best wishes to Scott R. for his service to our PKA community. He arrived just as the resort and the entire island were shutting down for the COVID 19 pandemic and he has led the resort through several major repairs and/or replacements of our major capital assets such as the tennis courts and total roof replacements at several of our condominium complexes. Scott R's professional and calm demeanor and can-do attitude led us through these major events with excellent results. While we will sorely miss him, we know that Scott R. has exciting plans for this next phase of his life and we wish him well on his journey.

I hope to see many of you at our Annual Homeowners Meeting on Friday, April 17.

*Lanie*

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## Poipu Road Project

The County's project to make improvements to Poipu Road got underway in November beginning with the intersection at Pe'e Road. Work on this portion of the roadway is projected to take another 4-5 months and consists of constructing a traffic circle and other improvements. There will undoubtedly be some disruptions to traffic patterns and delays caused by



the construction, so please exercise some caution and patience while the improvements are made.

Please be sure to read the announcement and update sent via email from Assistant General Manager, Marlene McLaughlin, 2/13/2026 and 2/19 regarding detours related to a partial closure of Pe'e road for approximately 3 weeks, weather permitting. Please sign up with the County Public Information Officer to follow the progress of the project:

[CountyofKauaiPIO@public.govdelivery.com](mailto:CountyofKauaiPIO@public.govdelivery.com)



Before the project is complete, two additional traffic circles will be constructed at the intersection of Kiahuna Plantation Drive and at the intersection of Koloa Road in Koloa Town.



All of Poipu Road will be widened with the addition of bike and turning lanes, medians, sidewalks, signage and lighting. The entire project is planned to take about 2 years.

Completion of the project will also include new landscaping installed by the County, the extent and future maintenance of which is still under discussion.

## Sewage Treatment Plant Status - Announcing a New Manager

The Poipu Kai Association, its Water Reclamation Board of Directors, and General Manager Scott Robey are pleased to announce a new partnership with Makai Water Services, LLC which commenced February 2, 2026. Makai Water is a Wastewater Operations and Maintenance Specialist serving Poi'pu, Koloa, and beyond since 2012.

Our Wastewater Treatment Plant is one of PKA's most valuable and crucial physical assets. We are excited about Makai's hands-on approach working with their staff and engineers to design solutions that protect our assets while meeting all regulatory requirements of the Department of Health all the while maintaining high quality operational performance.

## Spectrum Contract Renewal

The PKA Board approved a new contract with Spectrum at its December meeting. The contract provides for upgraded TV and Internet service at a group price lower than our current package. Included in the selected package are more TV channels than our last contract, a DVR recorder and fast Internet speeds. Owners can continue to use their existing equipment or can individually contact Spectrum to obtain an upgraded equipment starting 2/27/2026. Owners and their property managers can call 1-833-210-0530 to speak to a Customer Care Specialist to order any new equipment that is included with your contract which they can pick up from Spectrum Lihue. You may do so at any time that is convenient to you such as wishing to be on island to install the equipment yourself. You may also ask Spectrum to install the new equipment for \$65.

Residents will not be billed by Spectrum for services and equipment included in Poipu Kai’s bulk account. As in the past, if you elect to subscribe to additional services beyond those contained in the bulk account, you will be billed separately by Spectrum.

Spectrum advises what to expect next for activating the new services at your property:

- A pre-activation email will cover:
  - Owner marketing and communications
  - Introduction of the Property Support Team
  - Answer your questions

Prior to selecting the Spectrum proposal to continue TV/Internet service to PKA for the next 5 years, the Board also evaluated a proposal from Hawaiian Telecom to convert our Internet service to fiber. Given the difficulties of implementation, including the necessity to hire a project manager; the need to access each individual unit to install the fiber; and the obligation to de-install and return Spectrum’s current equipment, the Board ultimately decided that Spectrum’s proposal and upgrade would best serve the needs of our owners and guests. We look forward to a seamless transition with little to no disruption in service.

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## Update on Combatting the Rhino Beetle

Combatting the Rhino Beetle is an island-wide effort. All coco palms and many other types of palms are under threat on Kauai. There is a true risk of losing all coco palms without community effort.

The [Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle](#) (*Oryctes rhinoceros*) is a major invasive pest, specifically damaging coconut palms by boring into their crowns to feed on sap, which often kills the tree.

The Southshore is infested with the pest which has also been found to infest other species.

By the Fall of 2025, Poipu Kai and its sub-associations professionally treated hundreds of coconut palm trees with 4-part injections to help provide resistance or recovery to coco palms that are subject to attack by the beetle. So far, we have lost only a few of our coco palms. Our outlook is guarded but optimistic. We continue to monitor our palms with the help of professional arborists.

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## Upcoming PKA and Sub-Association Meetings

<b>Wednesday, March 4</b>	<b>Regency Villas Annual Homeowners Meetings</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 24</b>	<b>Poipu Kai Water Reclamation Corporation (PKWRC) Board Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 7</b>	<b>Makanui Annual Homeowners Meetings</b>
<b>Thursday, April 9</b>	<b>Poipu Sands Annual Homeowners Meetings</b>
<b>Friday, April 10</b>	<b>Regency Annual Homeowners Meetings</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 14</b>	<b>Manualoha Annual Homeowners Meetings</b>
<b>Thursday, April 16</b>	<b>Kahala Annual Homeowners Meetings</b>
<b>Friday, April 17</b>	<b>PKA and PKWRC Annual Homeowners Meetings</b>
<b>Friday, April 17</b>	<b>PKA Board Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 21</b>	<b>Villas at Poipu Kai Annual Homeowners Meetings</b>