



Hanalei-Wainiha-Hā'ena Community Association Newsletter

Winter 2025

Aloha Neighbors! As your Community Association for more than 60 years, we are here for you! We're excited to share some updates and hear what's on your mind. Please check out our website: www.hwhca.org which is a great way to connect, share important info and let us know how we can help you.

You can also reach us anytime at hwhcommunityassociation@gmail.com and follow us on Instagram [@hanaleiwainihahaenacommassoc](https://www.instagram.com/hanaleiwainihahaenacommassoc)

Upcoming HWHCA Event:

Community Meeting

**December 9th
5 - 7pm at the HNC
(old courthouse)**

- Roadwork Update
- Cell Tower Update
- Ha'ena Beach Park
- Community Discussion

HWHCA Updates:

Hā'ena Beach Park Transfer: On November 25, the Kaua'i County Council voted in favor of a resolution authorizing the transfer of the Hā'ena Beach Park to Hawai'i State Parks. HWHCA is enthusiastic about the opportunity this transfer will create to address the negative impacts of overtourism at the park and nearby state beaches and to restore access to local residents who have been crowded out from those resources for too long. State Parks' motto is 'locals first' and at Hā'ena State Park (Ke'e) they reduced visitor numbers and allowed local nonprofits to co-manage the park, creating jobs and educational programs for our community. We look forward to participating in the upcoming planning process and are grateful to the County administration, Kaua'i County Council, Hawaii State parks, Hui Maka'āinana o Makana and Hanalei Initiative for their roles and support in making this proposal a reality. Please download our letter to the County Council in support of this transfer on the HWHCA website.

Proposed AT&T Hā'ena Cell Tower: In August 2024, Hā'ena residents filed a lawsuit to stop AT&T's proposed cell tower and telecom facility, which AT&T would like to build in our neighborhood, less than 50' from a local family's home. The parties agreed to mediation prior to the June 2025 trial date. But before mediation commenced, AT&T requested a 12 month postponement. Trial is now set for May 2026. AT&T has now informed us they do not wish to proceed with mediation because they are "unable to identify any other alternative sites." AT&T's attorney said he is "waiting for the County to get back to them regarding what AT&T needs to do to satisfy the County's requirements for the cell tower currently planned." Unless there is an agreement to postpone the trial or a settlement of the lawsuit, trial is scheduled to commence May 18, 2026.

Air Tourism Noise: HWHCA has been fighting to reduce air tourism noise (helicopters and fixed wing) for decades. We are currently participating in the State's Air Noise and Safety Task Force in an effort to reduce the impacts of air tourism on our community. Stand by for updates.

Residential Parking Zones (RPZ's): In response to We continue to work with the County in establishing RPZ's in our neighborhoods.

Wainiha Double Bridges Grass Cutting: HWHCA continues to co-sponsor grass cutting at the double bridges to ensure good visibility, essential to smooth traffic flow at the double bridges.

Route 560 (Princeville to Ke'e): HWHCA continues to hold monthly meetings with the Department of Transportation, as we have for the past seven years. At these meetings HWHCA acts as a voice for the community, advocating for traffic solutions that reduce backups and the impact of road projects on residents. A summary of each month's meeting is posted to the HWHCA website at HWHCA.org.

HWHCA's first Community Supper was an 'ono-licious feast and a beautiful night of fellowship at Waipā! We served more than 120 people an amazing spread of Hawaiian food, dessert, and tea—prepared with so much aloha by Nanea and crew at Tahiti Nui, Chloe at Wake Up Delicious, and Kari and Joanne at Waipā.

Mahalo to everyone who joined us and helped make the evening so special. We'd love to see you at our next Community Supper—stay tuned, and we'll let you know when the next one is happening!

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About HWHCA

Founded in 1964 by Larry Ching, Henry Gomes, Nancy Kobayashi, Bob Mahikoa, Murphy Maka, Barbara Masada, Bernie Midkiff, Bobby Tasaka, Howard Yokotake and Rev Yoshida, our community association is a locally rooted, community-driven organization dedicated to promoting the well-being and resilience of the communities of the Hanalei, Wai'oli, Waipā, Waikoko, Wainiha, Lumahai and Hā'ena ahupua'a. For over six decades, HWHCA has served as a unified voice of these communities, working collaboratively to preserve our unique cultural heritage, protect our natural resources, and strengthen the social and economic fabric of our region.

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