

Honokowai Kauhale Celebrates Community at Family Fun Day



The sunny, spring weather and sprawling green lawn at Honokowai Kauhale in West Maui provided the perfect outdoor setting for a festive Family Fun Day on April 19 in celebration of Easter.

Activities during the fun-filled day included an Easter egg hunt for treat-filled plastic eggs, bean bag toss, face painting, balloon art, and relay games for the young and young-at-heart such as the popular three-legged race and egg and spoon race. All kids, big and

small, were winners with age-appropriate prizes and goodies bags for all.

The bento lunch from Honokowai Times was especially tasty, enjoyed outdoors in the fresh air. Laura Valenzuela, Honokowai Kauhale resident property manager, who brought her granddaughter to the event, said all residents were very appreciative for the family fun day and especially loved all the goodies for the children.

The Komohale Services staff and volunteers hopped over to the Valley Island to coordinate the Easter-themed event. Mahalo to Marc Alexander, a director on the Komohale Services board, for sharing his photography skills, and to the Honokowai families for coming together in celebration of community and the spirit of Easter.



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Partner Profile: Hawaii Institute of Hair Design



Thanks to the Hawaii Institute of Hair Design (HIHD), a Komohale Services partner, residents at Pohulani Elderly and Maunakea Tower have a reason to smile after getting a haircut from one of the students learning the art of hairstyling. Students visit the two properties about once a quarter as a service to the community.

“Students look forward to providing haircuts for the seniors, because volunteering their services counts toward the clinical hours needed for graduation,” said Kaleo Pahia, a director of education and an instructor at HIHD.

HIHD offers comprehensive training in both barbering, women’s hairstyles and cosmetology. Formal classes begin on the second Wednesday of January, March, May, June, July, September and November. The intensive, full-time training takes 10 or 12 months, with each student completing 1,500 hours to get a barber license and 12 to 14 months for a cosmetology license. Approximately 17 students are accepted for each class. The full curriculum covers the knowledge, skills and attitudes required for a professional ethics, hygiene, care and use of implements, hair, skin and scalp disorders and treatments, to haircutting, hair coloring,

perms, shaves and much more, including the laws, rules and regulations governing the practice of barbering in Hawaii. Financial aid is available for those who apply and qualify.

The family-owned business was established in 1942 by Paul Williams and is currently led by his daughter-in-law, Margaret Williams as president, and his grandson Leo Willams, as vice president and director of education. It was originally named the Hawaii Barber School. The name was changed to the Hawaii Institute of Hair Design in 1976 as courses were expanded to include not only barber styling but also advanced hair design and cosmetology. Graduates have gone on to pursue rewarding careers, working as a hairstylist, color specialist, salon manager, as well as owning their own salon or barbershop. Kaleo added that HIHD has a placement rating of 89%, meaning almost 9 out of 10 graduates went to work in the beauty/hair industry.

Under the close supervision of instructors, students receive real-world, hands-on experience in classic barbering and salon-style services, practicing the skills they’ve learned at HIHD’s salon, located at 1128 Nuuanu Avenue, Suite 102. The salon offers a range of services including an above-the-shoulder haircut at \$10; advance haircut with shampoo and blow-dry style for \$25, and full color starting at \$60. The salon is open Monday to Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturdays until 4 p.m. Same-day appointments are accepted. For more information, visit hihd.edu or to make an appointment, call the salon at 808-533-4326.



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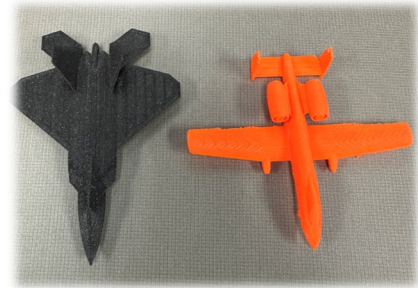
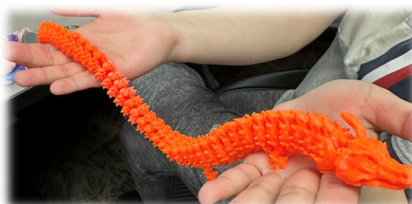
“Creation” is the Focus of Kreation Korner

Bringing creativity and imagination to life through technology is the basis of hands-on classes in 3D printing and laser wood cutting at the Kreation Korner at Halekauwila Place.



With equipment purchases, upgrades and set-up completed, the class will meet once a week for two hours during August. It's geared for up to eight 11-13 years olds living at Halekauwila Place; however, the class may open up to youth living at neighboring properties if seats are available, according to Roget Alabastro, who has been contracted by Halekauwila Place to teach the class and set up the lab. Classes may also open up to adults and seniors if there is enough interest.

“The class is an introduction to digital fabrication and crafting, using the Design Thinking process to build and make personal projects,” said Roget. “It’s really about Art, Design, Engineering mashed up together. If you love making things, this class is for you!” he added.



Pretty much anything can be made using 3D printing, from games and gifts to gadgets galore. Earrings, lanterns, jewelry boxes, home décor, and puzzles, are just a few of the cool things that can be made using a laser cutter.

Roget was first introduced to Halekauwila Place in 2016 when



he answered a call for volunteers to assist at a new place called the Kreation Korner where youth could create things using IT tools. He said classes will be fun and educational, because they will be learning something new. “Creation starts with a spark.” Halekauwila Place is please to have the Kreation Korner as an amenity for its residents and be able to introduce teens to new technologies and build their STEM skills. “I always tell my son, ‘If you learn something new every day, you’ll never be bored,’ and that’s true about going to the Kreation Korner,” said Margaret “Maggie” Hattal, Halekauwila Place Manager.

Notes from the Executive Director



Aloha all!

I hope you are enjoying the long days of summer and the great weather.

Summer also means classes in 3D printing and laser wood cutting offered at the Kreation Korner at Halekauwila Place. You'll read more about this exciting new offering for teens in this issue.

The Family Fun Day at Honokowai Kauhale, our newsletter's cover story, was the first event hosted at the property by the team of Komohale Services. We enjoyed getting to know the residents—parents and children, and I speak for all of us when I say we had as much fun at the event as the families. You'll read more about Honokowai Kauhale, the subject of this issue's Property Profile.

If you missed our Spring issue of *Komohale News*, you can find it on our website, komohale.org, under News. Also on our website, under *Hints for your Hale*, we share some tips to keep you and your ohana safe during the summer.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about Komohale Services, please contact us at info@komohale.org or visit the website Komohale.org.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Pamela Witty-Oakland
Executive Director

Property Profile: Honokowai Kauhale 3500 Lower Honoapiilani Highway, Lahaina, Maui



West Maui's warm and sunny climate and casual, laidback vibe agree with the residents who call Honokowai Kauhale home. It's no wonder the property is 100% occupied. With manicured trees and sprawling, well-tended lawns, the garden-style property features 23 two-story buildings spread over 4.73 acres. It consists of 42 one-bedroom, 112 two-bedroom, and 30 three-bedroom units. Built in 1990, the property completed renovations inside and out in 2022. Improvements to the units included painting, new vinyl flooring, lighting, windows, and updated kitchen appliances. Common amenities include a community meeting space, three coin-operated laundry facilities, basketball court, and small playgrounds. There are 300 parking stalls.

Overseeing all aspects of operations and the health of the property is Laura Valenzuela, who has served as resident property manager for the past five years. She is supported by her assistant, M'chelle Aguinaldo, and two "awesome" maintenance/landscape technicians.

Laura says the most rewarding part of her job is assisting residents and their families live a happy and healthy life.

"Honokowai Kauhale is a community full of families and friends. Everyone watches out for each other, especially since the 2023 Lahaina fire," adds the seasoned property management professional with 44 years of experience, 25 of those years on Maui. Originally from Oakland, California, Laura says she moved to the Valley Island to raise her children in a place where love and aloha are shared within the community.

On the northwest side of Maui, Honokowai Kauhale is conveniently located near an elementary school, shopping centers, restaurants, beach parks, and public transportation. It is 10 minutes away from Lahaina town that is still recovering from the devastating fire. The community is strong and resilient, and several Lahaina businesses have reopened, however, it still needs support. Donations may be made through Maui Nui Strong, the Maui Strong Fund at the Hawaii Community Foundation, or Maui United Way.

There are currently no vacancies at Honokowai Kauhale; however, applications are being accepted with names added to the waitlist. For more information, call 808-669-1539.