

WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Advocating For You!



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A'ohe Hana Nui Ke Alu 'ia (No task is too large when we work together)

THE VOICE

Newsletter of the West Maui Taxpayers Association – August 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Joseph D. Pluta



Aloha Dear Friends of West Maui,

We hope that this letter finds you all in good health and successfully navigating through the “new normal.” While COVID may be with us forever in some form or another, Maui seems to be recovering from the worst economic impacts. Tourism is back to pre-pandemic levels in numbers of visitors. Small businesses that somehow survived are slowly recovering but can't seem to find any employees. Seems most employees in the service industry left during the shutdown of tourism and have not returned or found other employment.

We are writing this letter the day after the Hawaii State and County Government Primary Elections. The major Maui Mayoral race will put incumbent Michael Victorino and retired Judge Richard Bissen in a tight race as each received nearly equal votes in the primary. It's too close to call who will be victorious in November.

This year marks the 43rd anniversary of the WMTA advocating for our West Maui Community. We know that there is no other community organization on Maui who has accomplished more for their members than the WMTA has. Perhaps our most notable success was the development of the Napili Fire and Ambulance Station over 20 years ago. We are proceeding full steam ahead for a repeat “Hana Hou,” at Olowalu and encourage your continued outstanding support.

We know that there are many organizations who are competing for your financial support. We need you by our side and we respectfully suggest that supporting WMTA and WMIF is a wise investment. Our track record speaks for itself and there's much more work to be done. Please support our ability to continue to advocate for you by sending us your best gift today. You will be glad you did! Mahalo.

We should be grateful for blessed opportunities to do good. It's not about “Give to get”, but to Celebrate that we “Get to Give.”

-Joseph Pluta

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph D. Pluta, President, WMTA

Olowalu Fire Station



Brunch by the Sea

OLOWALU FIRE STATION FUNDRAISER

10.23.2022 | 11am - 2pm

HISTORIC OLOWALU PLANTATION HOUSE
810 OLOWALU VILLAGE RD, LAHAINA

You're invited to join us for a Brunch Event organized by the West Maui Improvement Foundation Inc. benefiting the Olowalu Fire Station featuring wonderful entertainment with a live & silent auction.

Invitations for BRUNCH BY THE SEA, A fundraiser for the New Olowalu Fundraiser have been mailed! If you haven't received it and wish to, please email wmifinc@gmail.com with your request. You may also scan the QR Code to the right for additional information or to purchase ticket (or click here <https://www.westmauiimprovementfoundation.org/olowalu-brunch.html>)



Grand Prize Drawing

- Two coach roundtrip tickets systemwide on Alaska Airlines
- Purchase of your Brunch Ticket automatically gives you an entry
- Transportation is valid on Alaska Airlines and no blackout dates applied.
- Each coach ticket is valued at \$1,400 x 2 = \$2,800 Total
- Donated by Alaska Airlines



First Responders Specialty Sponsor - \$3,500

- Two (2) Seats for you and a Guest, Seated with Eight (8) first responders whom were sponsored by your thoughtful donation.
- Name/Logo listed as First Responders Specialty Sponsor on programs and signage
- Recognition on West Maui Improvement Foundation Web site.

West Maui Lifesaver VIP Table - \$1,500

- Ten (10) VIP tickets – costs less than nine (9) seats!
- Name/Logo listed as West Maui Life Saver VIP Table Donor
- Recognition on West Maui Improvement Foundation Web site.

Olowalu Fire Station – Additional Ways to Give

Tshirt \$25 (shipping additional)
(images not to scale, and shirt style may differ)



Direct Donations
Checks can be mailed to
PO Box 10338, Lahaina, HI 96761
or

visit www.wmifinc.org for online donations via credit/debit card

Spread the Word

Share this newsletter (also available online) with your family and friends to get more people aware of our efforts to build the Olowalu Fire Station.

WMTA POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC)

Thanks to your support, we were able to host a successful primary candidate's night with hundreds of community members in attendance. See Primary Candidates Night – Replay at <https://www.westmaui.org/news-blog/primary-candidates-night-2022>

As you can see via the replay of the Primary Candidates Night on the web, all County candidates fully supported the Olowalu Fire Station effort facilitated by the West Maui Improvement Foundation Inc. (WMIF)

There is no other Candidate event that receives as much attendance and support as the WMTA and our elected officials are keenly aware of this.

With the primary races behind us which depleted our designated funds, we are asking you to support our General Election Candidates Night on October 13, 2022. Meeting expenses, AKAKU TV coverage, and food services for attendees will be approximately \$5,000.00

We will challenge candidates seeking our votes to respond to what they specifically will do to combat our ongoing crisis situations in lack of housing, need for mental health services for homeless/houseless, roadways falling into the ocean, isolation from emergency medical care and more. Please let us know your specific question you want addressed by our political candidates by sending an email to us or note with your check payable to WMTA-PAC.

Please donate to the West Maui Taxpayers Association (WMTA) POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC) fund- Donate today! Please Contribute to another success via the web at http://www.westmaui.org/wmtapac22_contribution.html
WMTA POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC)

WMTA GENERAL CANDIDATES NIGHT – OCTOBER 13, 2022

Lahaina Civic Center – Social Hall - 1840 Honoapiilani Hwy – Lahaina HI 96761
General Candidates Night – October 13, 2022 – Join Us for another great evening.

We are looking forward to actively engaging with those who seek to be elected to represent us at our Candidates Night, appearing on the General Election Ballots. The Primary Candidates Night was a success, and we know this next one will be too.

A Meet & Greet starts at 3 pm at tables outside Social Hall. At 4:30 p.m. we will begin a complimentary food and beverage service for all with optional donations gratefully accepted. We are planning to continue our partnership with AKAKU TV to broadcast the event. We believe that knowing whom you are voting for and why is essential to making right choices for our future. Voting is a privilege and our right to vote is precious. West Maui candidates for office will be charged with making decisions which are urgently needed to respond to the unprecedented challenges ahead that will be beneficial to all concerned.

“Our children graduating as young adults are to be congratulated. It wasn't easy. The world has changed the past 2 years and we encourage the graduates who will Be 18 years of age this November 2022, to Vote and be a part of the solution to the Challenges ahead.”

Visit <http://www.westmaui.org/news-blog/voting-requirements> for more information of voting eligibilities

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We have exciting things where we want to get the news out to you, and in times, need quick action and help from you to support projects WMTA is working on. Please join our e-mail list. Click here to subscribe to our email list <http://www.westmaui.org/subscribe.html> or complete the following information below.

By completing the information below, you give WMTA permission to add your email and information to the e-subscription list.

Name:		Email:	
Residency (to help with State/Island Specific info)	<input type="checkbox"/> Maui, Lanai or Molokai <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii (Big Island) <input type="checkbox"/> Kauai	<input type="checkbox"/> Oahu <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Resident of Hawaii	

WMTA FRIENDSHIP INVITATION – Joseph D. Pluta, President

We humbly repeat our friendship invitation to you and ask for you to stand by our side together in unity and with Aloha. I invite you to join us in a full court, all hands-on deck effort to fuel our advocacy for necessary West Maui community priorities. We suggest that it may be appropriate for us to change the way we think about “how” to meet community needs. We all agree that we need more housing in West Maui for our workforce with 7000 cars driving here daily to go to work from Central Maui and elsewhere because we don’t have enough here.

Existing policy roadblocks and obstructionist regulations and ordinances in place now need to be changed. Covid-19 has shown new and growing challenges to confront including the fact that we pay the highest prices in the world for housing, medicine, and access to health care.

We hope that the WMTA can count on your continued support. We need your support to address major challenges ahead in the coming year. Remember, we do not receive governmental financial assistance. We exist solely on the basis of member dues and donations.

Membership dues only go so far, and your additional financial support is needed to fund our efforts to continue to advocate on your behalf. Our track record proves that we have been providing our community an excellent return on their investment in supporting us. **The needs are immense, and we are asking you to join us with a generous contribution to aid our work. We suggest your immediate consideration of a generous charitable gift to our sister organization, the West Maui Improvement Foundation Inc. which is a 501-c-3 Charity for 100% tax deductible treatment.**

WMTA and WMIF urgently need your recommitment to support our advocacy efforts on your behalf. Please use the donation form attached or donate via our web site at www.westmaui.org. Do it today! Mahalo nui loa!

West Maui Taxpayers Association
MEMBERSHIP FORM - IRS EIN 99-0160368 - NON PROFIT 501C (4)
 You can also pay online at <http://www.westmaui.org/joinnow.html>

Member Name: _____
 Check here to have your name kept private in publications and acknowledgements.

Join the WMTA Email List: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Fax: _____

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Memberships effective for one year upon receipt of membership dues payment.
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