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The President's Pen



Aloha Dear Friends of West Maui. On behalf of the WMTA board of Directors, please accept our sincere appreciation for your continued outstanding support. Similar to survivors of a ship wreck, we are seemingly united

and connected in very special ways. Isn't it amazing that our multi-billion dollar community, producing nearly 40% of the entire County of Maui's economic contributions to the State and County, could have ever been overlooked for so long in so many ways? We are still shaking the tree and it seems like some fruit is on the way down while some is still stuck in the branches.

With traffic woes vying with health care as the number one concern of West Maui residents, your association needs your continued enthusiasm and participation. Our objective is to keep both the state and county on their toes by keeping track of their plans and reporting back to the people on how well they are progressing. We can't do it without you!

For the latest information, go to our web site, westmaui.org to view a new WMTA Roadways Chart. The chart includes data on deadlines set by the county and state and a report on whether these deadlines are met, or even beaten.

We are keeping everyone informed on the progress of our West Maui Community Hospital

"Ai Kea " Campaign

After reviewing the voter turnout for this year's Primary Election, I could not help but be discouraged for a moment; but just a moment. Our efforts achieved registering a total of 62 residents and educating a great majority of the public. Many responses during the registration process were very positive. Statements were so vast as to one resident saying "I never saw this as my responsibility, Thank you!" to another stating "It won't make a difference, so why bother". I know we can never weigh the results of our efforts entirely, but I can say with all certainty that we did make a difference!

I'd like to take this opportunity to give my Aloha and appreciation to the Lahaina-Honolua Seniors Club and their director May Fujiwara for their faithful support during this campaign. Many young adults allowed the seniors to speak into their lives and express the importance of voting. I will always remember May's voice "Excuse me, young man...". It charged a humble response of expectation to each person she called out to. Her words penetrated the very generation that all the seniors are pressing to make a way for.

I'd also like to extend my gratitude to the Lahaina Cannery Mall for allowing us to use their facilities and to the WMTA Board for their assistance in registering voters.

With not too much time left before the General Election, I would like to remind you all to show up and Vote on November 7th. Take a moment to ponder this fact, 35% chose who will make it to the November Ballot, What percentage will chose who runs our Government?

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by mailings and on our dedicated web site exclusively for that purpose at www.westmauihospital.org. The latest news includes completion of traffic component draft towards obtaining necessary land approvals and zoning to enable us to submit a Certificate of Need (CON) application.

Our upcoming "Candidates Night" will be exciting. Don't miss it! Pass the word to everyone you know to attend, Thursday, October 12th, 2006 with Food Feast at 5:00pm courtesy of proprietor Arturo Ortiz of Kahana Outback Steakhouse.

Finally, please note that the WMTA is a volunteer non profit 501-C-4 solely relying upon donations and membership dues for our existence. We are working hard for improvements to the West Maui Community. We need your help to continue our stewardship on your behalf. If you agree that the work we are doing is important, please consider making an extra financial donation to the WMTA today. Dues alone will not meet the financial challenges ahead. Any amount is gratefully accepted and appreciated. Please mail in your donation today and do not delay. You'll be glad you did! Together, we are making a difference!

Mark your calendars!

CANDIDATES **NIGHT 2006**

October 12th, 6pm
at the
Lahaina Civic Center

Lahaina Roadways Watch:

State Projects

- Traffic Light Synchronization – In Process
- Keawe St. to Lahainaluna Rd. – By 2008
 - 10/03/06 – Identify Bidders
 - 11/03/06 – Winning Bidder
 - 11/17/06 – Fed. Bidder OK'd
 - 12/03/06 – Public Hearings
 - 01/01/07 – Construction Begins
 - 12/31/08 – Project Completed
- Lahainaluna Rd. to Launiopoko – By 2011
 - 03/07 to 11/08 – Design
 - 11/08 to 11/09 – Land Acquisition
 - 11/09 to 12/11 – Construction
- Keawe St. to Honokowai – By 2016
 - 03/11 to 03/13 – Design
 - 03/11 to 03/13 – Land Acquisition
 - 11/13 to 03/15 – Completed to Ka'anapali
 - 03/15 to 2016 – Completed to Honokowai

Compiled by Norm Bezane, based on State data 3/06/8/06.

It's not too late to
REGISTER TO VOTE!
Must Register Before:

October 9, 2006, 4:30pm

"Ai Kea!" Campaign T-shirts are still available for \$20 includes shipping!

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***2007 Exiting Members**

Primary Election Results

With a disappointing turnout of only 35% of Maui voters we can still rejoice that it was more than last year; giving us a hope that our efforts made a difference. With the General election only 2 months away, several community organizations are struggling to get more people registered. We at WMTA will continue to register as many as possible until the deadline of October 9th. The following information is based off of the "Final Summary Report" available:

www.hawaii.gov/elections/results/2006/primary/pdf/com.pdf .

US Senator

Akaka vs. Thielen

State Rep. Dist. #10

McKelvey vs. Azman

Governor

Lingle vs. Iwase

Mayor

Arakawa vs. Tavares

Lt. Governor

Aiona vs. Malama

Council Member (West Maui)

Johnson vs. Rockett

State Senator Dist. #4

Tsutsui vs. (No Opponent)

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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

_____ e-mail: • Perpetual Membership - \$5,000

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_____ Name: • Family Membership - \$100/annually

Add your voice! Become a Member TODAY!

Food served at 5pm.

Outback Steakhouse

Lahaina Civic Center. Dinner provided by

October 12th, 2006, 5pm

WMTA'S "Candidate's Night" 2006!