

WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION'S

# THE VOICE

*"Coming together, uniting West Maui as ONE Voice"*

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Newsletter of the West Maui Taxpayers Association, January 2011

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WMTA is entering a new era as our Executive Director, Zeke Kalua, has rejoined the county administration as Mayor Arakawa's Special Assistant for West Maui and Molokai. We wish Zeke much success in his new position, and our sincere thanks for all he has done for West Maui.

The WMTA Board plans to step up and continue Zeke's commitment to a better West Maui. We hope we can count on those who live, work, visit or own property in West Maui to continue to support WMTA as we strive to fulfill that commitment.

This Newsletter includes our updated, and ambitious, Goals and Objectives. If you know of any additional priorities WMTA should establish, please share your ideas with us at [wmta@maui.net](mailto:wmta@maui.net). If you are interested in learning more about WMTA you can visit our web site at [www.WestMaui.org](http://www.WestMaui.org).

WMTA's primary objective is to lobby for essential infrastructure improvements in West Maui. This is obviously very challenging in these difficult economic times, but West Maui taxpayers rightfully expect our government to provide appropriate levels of services and investment in return for our tax dollars. WMTA is joining other interest groups in suggesting that taxpayers also deserve government that is efficient and no larger than what taxpayers can afford. These are new and important issues for WMTA.

WMTA also will support government initiatives to help Maui businesses to greater success through reduced taxation and regulation, especially our hospitality industry.

West Maui is one of the best places in the world to live, work or play. With the support of WMTA members and supporters, we hope to continue working for a better West Maui for a long time.

**-Donald Lehman**

## WMTA Annual Meeting Announcement

Thursday, March 3, 2011 • Lahaina Civic Center • 5:00 PM

The community is invited to attend the West Maui Taxpayers Association (WMTA) Annual Meeting on March 3, 2011. It will be at the Lahaina Civic Center Main Meeting Room beginning with Food Service at 5:00 PM. There will be regular business and the Election of Board of Directors starting at 5:30 PM.

Sponsors include Outback Steakhouse who will be providing the delicious dinner and Kaanapali Land Management Corp. with a financial donation towards beverages and other meeting expenses.

State and County officials and directors have been invited to share their goals, as well as speakers for project updates: Newport Hospital Corporation on the West Maui Hospital and Medical Center, Kaanapali Land Management Co. on K2020 and Puukolii Village, and Maui Land & Pineapple Company on Pulelehua. Visit [www.WestMaui.org](http://www.WestMaui.org) for updates and changes.

Everyone is invited but be reminded that voting and oral participation is restricted to dues paid WMTA members of record. Your membership expiration is noted above your name on the mailing label on the envelope.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a membership form and a proxy statement (page 2) for those who will not be able to attend in person. Should you have any questions or concerns please call the Admin office at 808-661-7990.

## WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION - PROXY

The undersigned does hereby constitute and appoint the West Maui Taxpayers Association Board of Directors as attorney or agent, with full power of substitution, to act in the undersigned's name, place and stead, to represent that member for quorum purposes only so that the business that properly comes before the meeting can be conducted by those present. It is valid only for the ANNUAL MEETING of the WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION to be held on **Thursday, March 3, 2011**, at The Lahaina Civic Center Main Meeting Room, Lahaina, Hawaii. Any WMTA member present in person may elect to vote upon such business that may properly come before the meeting, including the election of Directors. This Proxy will be valid only for the above-cited meeting and adjournments thereof, may be revoked prior to its exercise and shall be returned upon request if the undersigned attends the meeting and desires to vote in person.

DATE SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ (Required by law)

NAME OF MEMBER (PRINTED-required by law)

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

1. Please sign your name as it appears in YOUR WMTA MEMBERSHIP records. Executors, Administrators, trustees, guardians, conservators, and corporate officers are to add their Titles and, if not already done. Submit a copy of their appointment.
2. For this proxy to be valid:
  - (A) The proxy giver must provide his or her printed name, signature, and the date that this proxy was signed.
  - (B) This proxy must be received by the Association's Secretary at 181 Lahainaluna Road, Suite I, Lahaina, Maui, HI 96761, **no later than 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2011.**
  - (C) The Board of Directors requests that a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of the Board Members to be elected as listed below.  Yes (Check this box to vote unanimous in favor for the Slate of Directors)

**PROXY: Please Return Portion Above to WMTA, PO Box 10338, Lahaina, HI 96761 or WMTA, 181 Lahainaluna Road, Suite I, Lahaina, HI 96761.**

### WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, 2011 ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

#### SLATE OF DIRECTORS

Paul Brown  
Pam English  
Jim Hentz

Richard Jarman  
Byron "Pat" Kelly  
Donald Lehman

Patricia Maielua  
Gregg Nelson  
Joseph Pluta

Bob Pure  
Uwe Schultz  
Richard Starkweather

The WMTA Bylaws state: "There shall be a total of 12 Directors, including the Officers. No person shall be empowered to vote or be eligible for election to any office in the Organization whose membership dues have not been paid in full."

**REMINDER:  
ONLY ACTIVE DUES PAYING MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED TO VOTE!**

## WMTA GOALS AND OBJECTIVES 2011

### HEALTH AND SAFETY



- 1). Promote the development and construction of a critical access medical facility in West Maui with associated facilities.

### TRAFFIC AND ROADWAYS

- 1). Promote the completion of the Lahaina Bypass and other traffic mitigation projects in West Maui.
- 2). Pursue completion of the upgrades and paving of lower Honoapiilani Road.
- 3). Promote improvements to Honoapiilani Highway from the Pali to Lahaina Town to protect the single access in and out of West Maui.
- 4). Spur County to complete Shaw Street sidewalk from Front Street to Honoapiilani Highway as promised.

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING



- 1). Continue to support well planned housing projects in West Maui that include both affordable and work force elements. (ie: Waihe'e, Kohoma Stream infill, Villages at Leialii, Puukoolii Village Mauka, Pulelehua, etc.)

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- 1). Press for improvements to the pump station at Honoapiilani Highway and Ka'anapali Parkway to address the sewer odor problem.
- 2). Pursue funding for improvements to the Honokowai sewage treatment plant to provide treatment, storage and distribution systems to reuse treated waste water instead of using injection wells.
- 3). Expedite the construction of the planned West Maui skate park.
- 4). Support development of an off-highway bicycle greenway for West Maui.



### TAXPAYER REPRESENTATION

- 1). Press for reform of the County employee pension system so it is fair to taxpayers and more equivalent to the private sector.
- 2). Support effort to reform the permitting process and change the Planning Department focus more to customer service with fewer bureaucratic hurdles.
- 3). Represent taxpayers in the budgeting process, with an emphasis on right-sizing government and greater efficiency in government programs.
- 4). Promote business friendly regulatory and tax policies for enhanced job creation, especially in the hospitality industry.
- 5). Support fairness and certainty in real property taxation.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT



- Do you have the time to attend all of the community meetings and share your concerns with the officials present?
- Do you have the time to monitor legislation moving through the state legislature and county council which will have an impact on your tax liabilities?
- Do you have time to lobby your representatives to work to ensure that the infrastructure in your community is maintained at optimum levels?

Most of us don't have time to do all of these things but we are fortunate to have an organization dedicated to doing them and more. West Maui Taxpayers Association has worked for over 30 years to represent the West Maui community. WMTA works to ensure that the voice of the community is heard by our elected officials and the various State and County directors responsible for maintaining and improving the infrastructure in our community. WMTA is also a strong watchdog for legislation which will have an impact on the taxes paid by everyone in the community, including individuals, businesses and associations.

Please help WMTA continue to work for you and your community by renewing your membership. Membership dues are the sole source of revenue for WMTA and we can't continue without YOUR support. Mahalo!

**-Paul Brown, Membership Committee Chair**

**LAHAINA SKATEPARK**

The long anticipated West Maui Skate Park will soon begin taking shape. The West Maui Taxpayers Association successfully worked with the County Parks Department to secure a \$450,000 matching funding grant from the National Parks Service. Final contractual paperwork is underway with the contractor. Look for construction to start around the beginning of April and to last about six months.

*-Pamela English*

**WMTA ANNUAL MEETING**

Thursday, March 3, 2011 ♦ 5:00 PM  
Lahaina Civic Center

See Page 1 for more details,  
See Page 2 for Proxy Statement

**WMIF / HOSPITAL UPDATE**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Certificate of Need for the West Maui hospital will be March 13, 2011. The West Maui Improvement Foundation and WMTA were essential in the successful acquisition of a Certificate of Need (CON) for a West Maui Hospital.

With the relocation of the hospital site purchased by Brian Hoyle and Newport Hospital Corporation, and the termination of the development agreement between them and WMIF, all associated development expenses are solely theirs and not any part of our Non Profit West Maui Improvement Foundation Inc. Details on the new web site developed by Newport Hospital Corporation can be viewed at [www.westmauihospitalandmedicalcenter.org](http://www.westmauihospitalandmedicalcenter.org)

It seems from reports at Kaanapali 2020 meetings in December and January that legal technicalities in the land zoning are being worked out at this time with the State in the HHFDC, the attorney general and the landowner, KLMC. All parties expect a successful resolution sometime in February of 2011.

Existing legal issues need to be resolved so that grading and building permits can be submitted for the West Maui Hospital. We will be standing by to support and assist as necessary until then. We hope we can count on your continuing support in this regard.

*-Joseph Pluta*

**TREASURER’S REPORT – JOSEPH PLUTA**

**Today, you have an opportunity to make a positive difference. Please consider that your future begins with what you commit yourself to do each day. Your WMTA board has committed to volunteer their services on your behalf and be the vehicle we all ride towards the destination of successes for the ambitious goals and objectives seen in this newsletter. Of course, this vehicle requires fuel....newsletters, office supplies, and office expenses are real costs beyond our volunteer labor. We are doing our part. May we please ask you to do the same? Thank you.**

**Yes! You can count on me. Please find enclosed my donation of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**West Maui Taxpayers Association Membership & Donation Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please correct my information as noted above.
- Check here to have your name kept private in publications and acknowledgements.
- Check here to have your e-mail address added to our “WMTA E-Alerts” List

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERSHIP**

- I am a member and renewing my dues
- I **am not** a member but would like to join

**Membership Levels**

- o Individuals may join at \$50.00 per year.
- o Families may join at \$100.00 per year
- o Businesses may join at \$100.00 per year
- o Associations, please contact us directly

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **DONATION:** In addition to my membership, here is an **ADDITIONAL DONATION**

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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

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