

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 – December 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Joseph D. Pluta



Aloha Dear Friends of West Maui.

Mele Kalikimaka me ka Hauoli Makahiki Hou! (Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!)

On Maui, we have a new mayor, Richard Bissen, who has an outstanding reputation and impressive background qualifications to be well equipped to tackle the numerous obstacles and challenges ahead. He is assembling his management team and has a mission plan with “out of the box” thinking which may be an essential component to address ongoing crisis situations still unresolved. We look forward to working with his administration accordingly.

We will also look forward to working with a new county council with some new faces who are joining in the challenges ahead who seem to be more business and travel industry friendly.

Our upcoming Annual Meeting will be very informative for our community. We have so many issues that West side residents have questions about, and which will be discussed at this meeting. Please plan to attend! We plan to have AKAKU TV record the meeting as well.

Our West Maui community has come together with *Aloha* for improved health and safety for our community once again. It's a “HANA HOU!” The “one more time” for a community-public private partnership to save lives and property.

There is no question that the miracle of a community privately developing its second fire station is officially underway. The West Maui community has spoken with their wallets and personal attendance in support of the proposed Olowalu Fire Station.

It's been said that our dreams become reality when we engage and build partnerships that can change the world. That's precisely what the WMTA and WMIF are all about. We have already done what was said to be impossible and we are still on that same path with our Olowalu Fire Station and more. Join us and be a part of the solution!

Warm Regards,

Joseph D. Pluta, President, WMTA

2023 WMTA Annual Meeting

On, Thursday, January 12, 2023 WMTA will hold its Annual Meeting at the Lahaina Civic Center. This year, we are bringing in people that will be able to address a lot of our concerns that are affecting our lives on West Maui.

At our Annual Meeting, we have invited the following Speakers to address our issues:

- Mike Foley – Kahana Bay Restoration
- Preston Cheng - Pulelehua Housing Development
- Pamela Eaton, new MPO Planning Director – Maui State Transportation
- State Representative Elle Cochran; Senator Angus McKelvey; Mayor (elect) Richard Bissen; Council Member Tamara Paltin
- Brian Hoyle, West Maui Hospital Foundation, Inc. - West Maui Hospital Update

We hope to see all of you and hear your concerns about West Maui!

OLOWALU FIRE STATION

WEST MAUI IMPROVEMENT FOUNDATION INC.
PROUDLY PRESENT



Gretchen Rhodes
WITH
The House Shakers

LIVE AT HYATT REGENCY MAUI

OLOWALU *Fire Station* FUNDRAISER

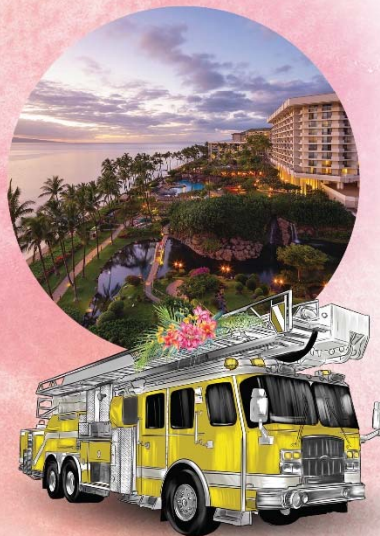
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023
6 PM - 10 PM**

An outdoor evening gala
with ocean views at Halona Kai
featuring a 3-course dinner,
spectacular entertainment,
dancing, silent and live auction.

SCAN QR CODE
TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS



STAY TUNED TO WWW.WESTMAUIIMPROVEMENTFOUNDATION.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.



The planning process of the 2023 GALA at the Hyatt, A fundraiser for the New Olowalu Fundraiser, is in its final process. Invitations are going out in the mail, and you can get tickets/tables by visiting www.WMIFinc.org.

If you cannot make the Gala and would still like to support the Olowalu Fire Station

- Make Direct donations to the Projects Checks can be made payable to WMIF, memo: Fire Station and mailed to PO Box 10338, Lahaina, HI 96761
- Credit Card Donations can be made by visiting www.WMIFinc.org
- Spread the word about our project! Invite your family and friends! This fire station will help the entire Maui community.
- Purchase a *Updated Design*T-shirt for \$25 for pick up in office (shipping additional). Images below are not to scale, shade of red and black may differ from what is shown here, shirt style may be slightly different.



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR EMAIL LIST



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"/> Oahu	<input type="checkbox"/> Not a Resident of Hawaii
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii (Big Island)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Kauai		

“E Komo Mai!” 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!

SENIOR HOME CARE

Vivia by Ho’okele Home Care is transforming home care on Maui. Vivia Teams are providing consistent, reliable, and frequent caregiving visits and achieving seniors’ healthcare goals less intrusively and in less time than traditional care. To learn more, click on the link. [VIVIA In Home Care - Homecare Transformed \(viviacares.com\)](http://VIVIA In Home Care - Homecare Transformed (viviacares.com))

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, January 12, 2023**, at the Lahaina Civic Center Main Social Hall, 1840 Honoapiilani Hwy, Lahaina, HI 96761. 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 Thursday, January 12, 2023**
3. 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 Use Return Envelope and Return the Portion Above to WMTA, PO Box 10338, Lahaina, HI 96761 or 181 Lahainaluna Road, Suite I, Lahaina, HI 96761.

WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, 2023 ANNUAL MEETING- ELECTION OF DIRECTORS SLATE OF DIRECTORS

Michelle Hernandez
Richard Jarman
Rick Nava

Gregg Nelson
Jess "Joe" Park
Joseph Pluta

Feresteh Tali
Dennis Terpin

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!

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: _____

\$ _____ MEMBERSHIP

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

Membership Levels

- Community Supporter \$25/year
- Community Leader \$50.00/year
- Families \$100/year
- Businesses \$100/year
- AOA – email wmtainc@gmail.com

\$ _____ ADDITIONAL DONATION WMTA is a 501-c-4 Non-Profit Organization. "Contributions to civic leagues or other section 501(c)(4) organizations generally are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. They may be deductible as trade or business expenses, if ordinary and necessary in the conduct of the taxpayer's business." (Source: IRS.Gov). Please check with your tax adviser.

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

Mail Checks, payable to "West Maui Taxpayers Association", to:
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