

ENCHANTED LAKE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

Summer 2010

Councilman Anderson takes time to view lake concerns

Honolulu Councilmember Ikaika Anderson and staff member Paulyne Anakalea joined ELRA board members Bob Bourke and Cindy Turner for a barge trip around the lake on February 17. Hugo de Vries, one of the owners of Kaelepulu Wetland, came along to help with getting the barge through the shallow areas of the lake.

The trip started with an orientation at Bob's house to go over maps showing drainage and sedimentation problems brought into the lake by storm drains.

Also discussed was the permanent removal of mangroves growing in waterways that connect to the lake.

The barge trip around the lake included motoring down the Kaelepulu canal to view the shallow area that restricts the interchange of lake water with the ocean when the sand berm is

open. This is ELRA's highest priority area for dredging.

Councilman Anderson has been very supportive of ELRA efforts to obtain city and federal funds for dredging. We appreciate the councilman's time and attention to the environmental challenges that face Kaelepulu Pond.

Keolu Drive Bike lane installed thanks to former ELRA President Kathy Kelly

You've probably noticed how many more cars are observing the speed limit as they travel along Keolu Drive, and the many kids and adults enjoying the new bike lane that stretches along Keolu from Wanaau to the mauka end of the Keolu loop.

The bike lane coupled, with the traffic-calming effect of changing to a single lane going in each direction around Keolu Drive, was a "Vision Team" project spear-headed by past ELRA President Kathy Kelly. She spent countless hours over the course of several years pushing this project forward, and we would like to thank her for her hard work.

Traffic has slowed significantly along portions of Keolu Drive, making our neighborhoods safer and more pleasant for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. Thanks, Kathy!



From left, Cindy Turner, Bob Bourke, Councilman Ikaika Anderson and Paulyne Anakalea are joined by Bob's dog Kea in a tour that included sediment-filled portions of the lake and Kaelepulu canal.

Don't miss out on the fun! Bring your boat out for the 4th of July Potluck and Fireworks Viewing Party on the Lake

Join your friends and neighbors out on the lake this 4th of July at 5 p.m. The middle of the lake is a great location for viewing the fireworks!

Bring some food to share if you want. Barges, kayaks or anything safe that floats are welcome to be a part of the party.

Holiday Boat Parades & Potlucks, Past and Future



Bob Bourke played host to several on his barge, including ELRA president Bob Sanders, left, and his family.



This festively lit barge came equipped with two tables as well as plenty of food and fun.

A last-minute organizing of the 2009 Holiday Boat Parade brought out a small flotilla of festively lighted barges, motorboats and kayaks. On December 20, 2009, the evening turned out to be beautiful, calm and slightly chilly — perfect for the Parade — unlike the blustery weather that forced the cancellation of the 2008 Holiday Boat Parade.

24 celebrants on five vessels enjoyed sharing pupus and singing holiday songs while anchored together in the middle of the lake. One barge came outfitted with two party tables and lights strung above it so that it looked like a twinkling crown. The boat parade was a wonderful way for these lucky Enchanted Lake residents to celebrate the season.

We're planning to have the 2010 Boat Parade on Sunday, December 12. Meet out in the middle of the lake at 6 p.m. Mark it on your calendars now and we'll see you out there at the end of the year!

FOUND: White skiff, no decal, call Margie, daytime, 263-3661.

Penalties for late payments of annual lake maintenance fees add up

Most ELRA members are up-to-date on their lake maintenance fee payments, but there are those who are behind on their payments, and a few who have not paid since 2001. The chart below shows the fee and penalty charges as they add up over the years. For example, someone who has not paid their fees since 2001, owes your lake association a total of \$1,800. Someone who did not pay last year's fee would owe a total of \$320 which includes the current year's fee.

Year	Annual fee	Cum. late fee	Annual total	Cum. total
2001-2002	\$70.00	\$120.00	\$190.00	\$1,800.00
2002-2003	\$70.00	\$105.00	\$175.00	\$1,610.00
2003-2004	\$70.00	\$90.00	\$160.00	\$1,435.00
2004-2005	\$85.00	\$120.00	\$205.00	\$1,275.00
2005-2006	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$185.00	\$1,070.00
2006-2007	\$85.00	\$80.00	\$165.00	\$885.00
2007-2008	\$150.00	\$60.00	\$210.00	\$720.00
2008-2009	\$150.00	\$40.00	\$190.00	\$510.00
2009-2010	\$150.00	\$20.00	\$170.00	\$320.00
2010 - 2011	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00

The board is considering changing the overdue penalty structure. 10% interest per year on the total amount overdue is being proposed, rather than the flat charge that is now in place. We would like to hear your ideas in advance of the September annual meeting. Please email comments, suggestions to elra@kaelepulupond.org.

Don't forget to mail in your 2010-2011 payment soon — your bill should have arrived in your mailbox about a week ago.

ELRA Board Member profiles

The board election held at the 2009 Annual Meeting saw several new directors become part of the ELRA team. Here's some background info on four of the new members.

Frank Shuman: Frank is a 30-year Hawaii resident and one of the owners of Unitek Contracting group. He runs the maritime division, concentrating on ship repair in Hawaii and throughout the Pacific Rim.

Frank and his wife, Mary, had been looking for a home on the windward side for at least 5 years when they came across a lakefront home on Wanaao. They moved in December 2008 and have been enjoying the view of the Koolaus and the tranquility of the area ever since.

Frank likes playing golf ("badly" he claims) and working in his garden.

As an ELRA board member, Frank intends to concentrate on water quality and the cleanliness of the lake, focusing on storm drain runoff, berm opening and dredging of the lake.

Ronald Rickman: Ron is a relatively new arrival to our islands and our lake,

having moved to Hawaii in 2009. Ron enjoys hiking, climbing, kayaking and music. Having kayak access to Kailua Bay from his home is a big plus to living on the lake.

Ron's training and his job as Supervisory hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey Pacific Islands Water Science Center makes him a valuable addition to our board. Ron's interested in improving lake water quality and habitat for native species, and maintaining quality of life for the Enchanted Lake community.

Glenn Maggar: Glenn has been in the islands for 15 years, living the last 5 years on the lake. Glenn works for Merck & Co. and enjoys bicycle riding and Bikram Yoga. Water quality and water flow issues are priorities for Glenn while he is on the ELRA board.

David Bangert: David moved to Hawaii 25 years ago and is now a professor at the UH School of Business. David has been living in his waterfront townhouse at Kukilakila for almost two years, although he has been an owner there for 15 years. A "honey do" list and

a remodeling project at home keep David busy in his spare time. While he is on our board, David wants to resolve the confrontational atmosphere between ELRA and some members of the Kukilakila Community Association.

Green Slime Spotted in the Lake

Two board members reported seeing a large area of bright green to grey green murky water in the canal for about a week in May. The affected area extended down to the beach as well as into the lake. Fish and crabs were seen dying.

The Department of Health was called and both Clyde Tamaru and Bob Bourke obtained water samples. The bacteria reading was low indicating that the problem was not related to a sewage spill. Bob Bourke felt that it was an algae bloom probably caused by fertilizers dumped in the canal.

Fish and crabs die during algae blooms because the algae absorbs all of the oxygen in the water. Water aeration during an algae bloom would likely decrease the number of fish killed. ELRA's board is looking into purchasing a water aerator, similar to those found in aquaculture ponds, which could be used to minimize the negative effects of future algae blooms.

It is important to note that something that seems minor, like spreading fertilizer that washes into the lake during a heavy rain, can cause the death of hundreds of fish and crabs.



Right to left: Farley Watanabe, US Army Corps of Engineers, toured Kaelepulu Pond with Hugo de Vries, Ron Rickman and Bob Bourke (not pictured) for a preliminary consultation on what permits will be necessary to do dredging in the pond.

Calendar of Lake Events

July 4, 2010

4th of July Potluck Party on the Lake

September 18, 2010

Annual Meeting and Board Election

December 12, 2010

Holiday Boat Parade on the Lake

