

# 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 – October 2018

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** – Joseph D. Pluta



Since our last newsletter, I have been re-elected as President of the WMTA.

This is not a new office for me and I'm hitting the ground running with enthusiasm to engage our Board and the Community to address the myriad of issues facing our West Side community today.

This month is the Mayor's Budget hearings, Candidates Night, October 24<sup>th</sup>, and next month is Housing and Hunger Hot Topics 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary November 12<sup>th</sup>, continued work on our West Maui Emergency Planning and the West Maui Community Plan updating.

The recent fires and flooding in West Maui have highlighted the need for bringing our diverse West Maui Community together in some proactive action organizing. Heavy rains have flooded out new areas of roadways for the first time in Kahana and Honolua. The new Lahaina Bypass has mud flowing across it near Lahainaluna that was not planned for by Hawaii State DOT. Health and Safety has always been a top priority for WMTA and that has not changed.

We have so much to do and we need your help. I know that you probably forgot, but the WMTA with the West Maui Improvement Foundation Inc., our 501(c)(3) partner, fully developed and paid for the Napili Fire and Ambulance Station in 2000 which was added to the County Fire Dept Budget afterwards. This unprecedented accomplishment has saved West Maui Property Owners over a million dollars in reduced fire insurance premiums not to mention literally saving lives! Wouldn't you agree that your added financial support to the WMTA is clearly something that we have earned? If money is short, what about your time? We really would love to hear from you!!

We urge you to stay tuned in to how you can be more involved with these many challenging opportunities. Visit our WMTA Web site at [www.westmaui.org](http://www.westmaui.org) and be sure to contact us with any issues or concerns you may have at [wmta@maui.net](mailto:wmta@maui.net).

Aloha,



Joseph D. Pluta – President/ Treasurer

## MY VOICE – MY VOTE!

**Oct**  
**24**  
**2018** CANDIDATES NIGHT  
WEST MAUI SENIOR CENTER  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2018

The West Maui Taxpayers Association (WMTA) invite you to attend the **WMTA 2018 Candidates Night. Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at 5:00 pm**, which will be held at the **West Maui Senior Center** located at 788 Pauoa St, Lahaina, HI 96761. Dinner will be served at 5:00PM, program begins at 5:30PM.

The **WMTA Candidates Night** is the only forum of its kind in West Maui – and will feature the Candidates for the following: State Senator District 06, State Representative District 10, Maui Mayor, and Maui County Councilmember-all districts. West Maui is a unique and vibrant community that provides employment opportunities and generates significant tax revenues for the all levels of government. WMTA is also unique in that our mission is to promote efficient use of the taxes generated to invest in infrastructure, services and amenities that help ensure that West Maui remains one of the best places to live, work and visit in the world.

We had to change our date and location due to unexpected ongoing construction at the Lahaina Civic Center. Unfortunately at press time we learned that mayoral candidate Elle Cochran cannot attend due to a prior commitment out of state. We understand that all other candidates have been able to be there on 10/24.

As the WMTA Candidates Night is for West Maui voter education, we ask that any candidate attending please refrain from bringing a large contingent of supporters. No signs, banners or other campaign materials will be allowed inside the Civic Center, and all election activities must be conducted outside. Anyone displaying disruptive or disrespectful behavior will be asked to leave. There will be a complimentary dinner service provided by local businesses and restaurants at 5PM.

For any questions, please email [wmta@maui.net](mailto:wmta@maui.net) or call 808-661-7990. Visit [www.WestMaui.org](http://www.WestMaui.org) for updates.

According to the Office of Elections for the County of Maui:  
Total Primary Registration was 94,194  
Total Turnout was 34,073 –  
that's only 36.2% of registered voters!  
Source: <https://elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/results/com.pdf>

Statewide:  
Total Primary Registration was 741,007 Total Turnout was 286,041 - 38.6% of registered voters!  
Source: <https://elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/results/histatewide.pdf>

### GET OUT AND VOTE!



Register to Vote Online  
at: <https://olvr.hawaii.gov/>  
or visit State of Hawaii Office of  
Elections: <http://elections.hawaii.gov/>

**General:** Tuesday, November 6, 2018 (Last Day to register is October 8, 2018)

## LAHAINA FRONT STREET APARTMENTS

Gov. David Ige signed into law Senate Bill 2293, the measure aims to keep housing affordable for residents of the Front Street Apartments. Gov. Ige is pictured with (left) WMTA President Joe Pluta and (right) Front Street Apartment tenants.



**West Maui Hazards Emergency Planning Draft Incident Organizational Chart**

We all know from the recent fires and flooding in West Maui, that there were many problems in areas that previously had none and had not been expected to occur.

As part of our planning process in finalizing our All Hazard Emergency Disaster Plan, we are hoping to have members of the West Maui Community contact us and be willing to offer their expertise and assistance moving forward. Please consider being a part of the solution to planning our community's ability to most effectively and proactively prepare for future emergencies. We know they will happen again, and perhaps the overall impacts can be mitigated with strategic placement of materials, resources, and community volunteers who are aware of them.

The Incident Organizational Chart below is what we will be working on at our next HHARP meeting (November 29, see following page for details) with Dennis Terpin's expert advice and assistance. Please contact us and provide your questions and/or suggestions. We look forward to engaging our community for preparedness planning and your continued outstanding support.

**INCIDENT ORGANIZATION CHART (ICS 207)**

<b>1. Incident Name:</b>	<b>2. Operational Period:</b> Date From: _____ Date To: _____ Time From: _____ Time To: _____	
<b>3. Organization Chart</b>		
ICS 207	IAP Page ____	<b>4. Prepared by:</b> Name: _____ Position/Title: _____ Signature: _____ Date/Time: _____



**WMTA EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS COMMUNITY  
MEETINGS CONTINUES**

WMTA is now working on the final touches being proposed for our West Maui Community All Hazard Emergency Disaster Plan as part of the HHARP meetings we've held the past 14 months. The next meeting will be November 29 at the UH Lahaina Ed Center.

If you wish to be part of these final steps and have time and availability to meet, please contact Joe Pluta at 808-661-7990.



For More Info Visit [www.WestMaui.org](http://www.WestMaui.org)

**MAHALO, MHLA CHARITY WALK**

Once again, congratulations to the Maui Hotel Lodging Association on a successful Maui Visitor Industry Charity Walk. Maui County (Maui, Molokai, and Lanai) raised over \$1.35 million, breaking their record, and surpassing their goal!

West Maui Improvement Foundation is fortunate to be one of the grant recipients of the MHLA Charity Walk. Mahalo, MHLA!



**Oct 24 2018** CANDIDATES NIGHT  
LAHAINA SENIOR CENTER  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2018

**Nov 13 2018** HOT TOPICS MEETING  
LAHAINA SENIOR CENTER  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018

**Nov 29 2018** WMTA HHARP DISASTER GROUP MEETING  
UH LAHAINA ED CENTER/BOARD ROOM  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018

**Jan 17 2019** WMTA ANNUAL MEETING  
LAHAINA CIVIC CENTER  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019

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- Check here to have your name kept private in publications and acknowledgements.
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**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 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 [wmta@maui.net](mailto:wmta@maui.net)

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 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.*

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