

WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

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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 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Joseph D. Pluta



Aloha WMTA MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!

As I am writing this report for the WMTA newsletter in December, it's appropriate that it begins with Aloha and MELE KALIKIMAKA ME KA HAUOLI MAKAHIKI HOU.

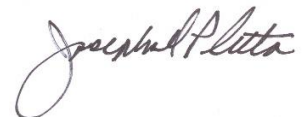
Since our last newsletter, we have been very busy with ongoing work towards our major goals and objectives with the added challenges of an election year and the uncertainties associated with that political environment. Our past president, Rick Nava was not successful in his effort to be elected as our West Maui Council Representative. The good news is that Rick indicated that he will be coming back to support WMTA.

We are encouraged that winner, Tamara Paltin, has been actively attending WMTA meetings and Emergency Management and Awareness Committee meetings, and seems to support our goals and objectives. We are encouraged by that and look forward to working with her and our new mayor Mike Victorino in 2019 and beyond on a myriad of issues they have in common with WMTA. When on the County Council, Mike Victorino was a strong supporter of many of our efforts. We have a lot in common with our new mayor and are optimistic moving forward with his leadership moving forward. You'll hear all about that as they are invited and expected to report to the community at our January 17th Annual Meeting at the Lahaina Civic Center.

There are reports in this newsletter about our ongoing efforts and attention to Homelessness, affordable housing, Lahaina bypass, Emergency plan preparedness, and updating the West Maui community plan. The County of Maui, Planning Department, Long Range Division, has been assisting the community in this vital update process and you can provide your input on line at www.wearemaui.org

PLEASE go to that web site before deadline of 12-31-18 to provide your comments and input into this visioning process. What do you want West Maui to look like in the next 20 years? It seems that I have been selected by the Maui County Council to be one of 13 members charged with the objective of updating the West Maui Community Plan. I look forward to this with enthusiasm and ask for your continued outstanding support accordingly.

Warmest Aloha,



Joseph D. Pluta – President/ Treasurer

WMTA ANNUAL MEETING 2019

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WMTA ANNUAL MEETING
LAHAIN CIVIC CENTER
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019
5:00 pm

On, Thursday, January 17, 2019 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:

- Kaloa Robinson, Project Manager, Stanford Carr Development, LLC,
 - o Kaloa will update us with Kahoma Village Affordable Housing
- Director, Housing and Human Concerns, County of Maui
- Pamela Eaton, Planning Program Administrator, Long Range Division, Department of Planning, County of Maui
 - o Pam will be speaking about the West Maui Community Plan update process
- State Representative Angus McKelvey; Senator Roz Baker; Mayor (elect) Mike Victorino; Council Member (elect) Tamara Paltin
- Brian Hoyle, West Maui Hospital Foundation, Inc.
 - o West Maui Hospital Update
- Colin Yamamoto, Retired Chief of Ocean Safety, Maui County
 - o Colin will update us on the rescue tube project to mitigate the number of drownings in ocean in West Maui (14 drownings at Pu'u Keka'a at Sheraton Maui in the past 5 years)

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

HOT TOPICS ON HOMELESSNESS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Hot Topics Panel event on November 13, 2018 at the Lahaina Senior Center. The replay is now available on our website at www.WestMaui.org (direct link at <http://www.westmaui.org/home/hot-topics-2018-replay-on-vimeo-akaku>).

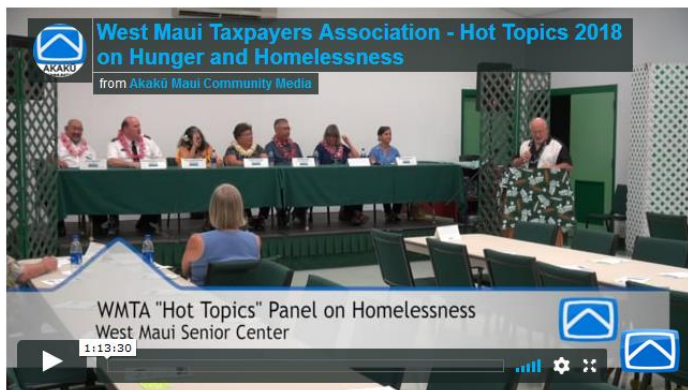
Replay dates on Akaku CH 55 are also scheduled. We will post new dates as they become available at

<http://www.westmaui.org/home/category/wmta-hot-topics>

"Hot Topics" 2018 Replay on Vimeo & Akaku

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West Maui Taxpayers Association - Hot Topics 2018 on Hunger and Homelessness from Akaku Maui Community Media on Vimeo.

Mahalo again to the panel participants:

- Thelma Akita-Kealoha - Maui Community Director, Catholic Charities Hawai'i and Maui County-Co-Chair of the Maui Homeless Alliance
- Joyce Kawakami – CEO, Feed My Sheep
- Maude Cumming - Executive Director, Family Life Center and Co-Chair of the Maui Homeless Alliance
- Monique Yamashita - Chief Executive Officer, Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Centers, Inc
- David Nakama - Homeless Program Coordinator- Department of Housing and Human Concerns, County of Maui
- Lieutenant Steven Howard & Kevin Nagasaki – Salvation Army Maui

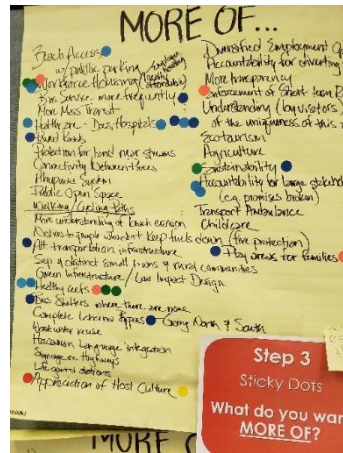
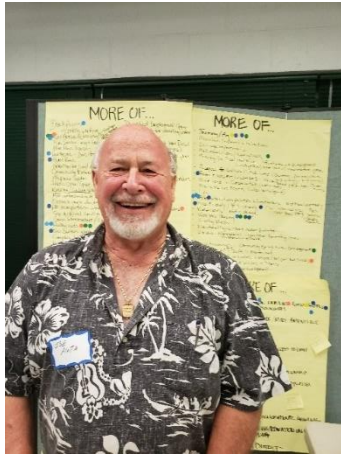
West Maui Hazards Emergency Planning Update – Joseph D. Pluta

On November 29th, we held a meeting with the intention to have an ability to put some community member names on our organizational chart. We set our next meeting to be February 21, 2019 at the Maui College in Lahaina Front Street Apartments at 5pm.

That meeting will be the final before we have a table top exercise with the Hawaii State Emergency Planning Team from Oahu scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2019.

We need to be able to know how we can integrate the West Maui Emergency Preparedness plan concepts and requirements into the update of the West Maui Community Plan. Fortunately, there is a very receptive environment with fellow committee members who have recently experienced unprecedented strains to our community from beach erosion, hurricanes, fires, and flooding.

West Maui Visioning Meeting – Joseph D. Pluta



President Joseph D. Pluta attending the West Maui Visioning Meeting with the Community on 12-5-2018 hosted by Maui County Long Range Planning Department.

Membership Update – Joseph D. Pluta

Mahalo for your support of the WMTA. It's that time of the year when most non -profit organizations are reaching out for year-end donations and we are aware that we are competing in that environment.

Ask yourself, how can I get the most value in return for my financial donations? Where is the "best bang for the buck?" We respectfully suggest that your best and highest return on investment is in donating to the WMTA.

Our sole purpose for existence is to advocate for you, preserve the value of your investment, and enhance the quality of life in a West Maui Community we all love.

We need your added donation to enable us to retain a full-time executive director in 2019. We have a goal to raise \$65 K for this purpose. We have an arrangement with one of our Directors, Joe Park, to devote an extra special effort for membership development this year. Joe will be actively engaging with West Maui property businesses and property owners to solicit their support and membership in WMTA You most likely know neighbors and associates who are not currently active members of the WMTA. Let's get them to join us and assist us to be able to help you even more by making this a reality?

To get at a 100% Charitable donation, make your added donation payable to ("WMIF") West Maui Improvement Foundation – and memo on the lower portion of check "For WMTA E.D."

We know of no other organization who has done more for its community the past 40 years. The WMTA relies solely upon membership dues and donations from our members and friends for our financial support. Help us to Help You today!

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 17, 2019**, 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 Tuesday, January 15, 2019**
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, 2019 ANNUAL MEETING- ELECTION OF DIRECTORS SLATE OF DIRECTORS

Lee Chamberlain
Richard Jarman

Gregg Nelson
Jess "Joe" Park

Joseph Pluta
Feresteh Tali

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 www.westmaui.org/joinnow.html

Member Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Fax: _____

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

<p>\$ _____ MEMBERSHIP</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am a member and renewing my dues</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am not a member but would like to join</p>	<p>Membership Levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> Community Supporter \$25/year<input type="radio"/> Community Leader \$50.00/year<input type="radio"/> Families \$100/year<input type="radio"/> Businesses \$100/year<input type="radio"/> AOA – email wmta@maui.net
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\$ _____ **ADDITIONAL DONATION** Year End Special Donation for Executive Director (E.D)
100% Charitable donation when payable to WMIF. WMIF is a 501 (c)(3) Public Charity Organization EIN 99-0275775. . 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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