



PAPAKOLEA NEWS

JANUARY 2021

Aloha,

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a safe, healthy, and blessed holiday season. As we said goodbye to 2020, we celebrated a memorable year of Papakolea coming together and facing new challenges. Through one of the most difficult years of our time, Papakolea became kinder neighbors, greater friends, and a stronger community.

While a worldwide pandemic is new to Papakolea, struggle is not. Organizing and mobilizing to establish this homestead, perpetuating traditional practices, and promoting community engagement are all examples of the battles and victories we share. KULA is a victory Papakolea shares. In 1992, a group of community women created Papakolea's first non-profit to address a failing education system for struggling Native Hawaiian students and families. Founding kupuna named us *Kula no na Po'e Hawaii 'o Papakolea, Kewalo, Kalawahine* to purposefully highlight the communities we exist to serve.

The Coronavirus pandemic is another battle in Papakolea's story of resiliency. We recently decided to return to the original name to honor our founding kupuna and empower our movement forward. We at Kula no na Po'e Hawaii o Papakolea, Kewalo, Kalawahine are prepared for the journey ahead and look forward to more shared victories.

Eo Papakolea! Eo Kewalo! Eo Kalawahine!

Aloha kekahi i kekahi,

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KUPUNA COMMUNITY CARE NETWORK UPDATES

Mahalo to everyone that completed their KCCN II intake forms. KCCN staff will continue kupuna wellness check phone calls and intake follow-up. As a friendly reminder, the Lanakila Meals Grab & Go program will be ending on Wednesday, February 17. Due to the limited time left, new applications are not being accepted.

KCCN Program Coordinator Mahealani Austin and 'ohana welcomed a healthy, beautiful baby girl. We're blessed to add another member to the KULA Krew and send love and well wishes to the Austins! Mahea is an amazing KCCN team leader and we wish her a restful maternity leave as she enjoys her new bundle of joy and love.

Please direct all KCCN calls to **808-371-4015**. This phone line is dedicated to the KCCN program and ensures staff and participants are able to communicate quickly. Mahalo!

If you are a kupuna or kupuna caregiver in need, or if you know of a Papakolea kupuna that would benefit from KCCN services, please contact us at 808-371-4015.



COVID-19 VACCINES FOR KUPUNA

If you are a kupuna age 75 or older, you are now eligible to register for the COVID-19 vaccine. For more information including registration instructions, please visit www.hawaiiicovid19.com/vaccination-registration/. If you have any questions or would like assistance registering, please contact KCCN staff at 371-4015.

PAPAKOLEA FIRE ACADEMY SPRING REGISTRATION OPEN



Spots are still available for our Papakolea Fire Academy Spring 2021 session. This session will run from February 6th—March 13th on Saturdays from 9am-12pm. Classes are conducted virtually with the exception of a mock agility exercise. To sign-up or learn more information, visit our website www.kula-papakolea.com.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

Thanks to our partnership with Chef Hui and Hams Produce, food boxes are returning! From February to April, food distribution will be weekly on **Fridays** and all boxes will be distributed from Papakolea Park. Community families are scheduled to receive food boxes every other week beginning Friday, February 5th. Due to limited supply and increased need, you must register for each distribution beginning the Monday of distribution week. Boxes are available on a first come, first served basis. Please see February’s schedule below.

COMMUNITY SCHEDULE	
RESERVATION CALL DATES	DISTRIBUTION DATE
MON. FEB 1ST - THURS FEB 4TH	<u>FRIDAY</u> FEB 5TH (11AM-12PM)
MON. FEB 15TH - THURS FEB 18TH	<u>FRIDAY</u> FEB 19TH (11AM-12PM)

CALL 520-8991 TO RESERVE YOUR BOX!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Due to limited staff, we are unable to provide food box delivery on Fridays at this time. If you are able to deliver food boxes to kupuna in community, please contact us at 520-8991.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION: PAPAKOLEA PAYS IT FORWARD

During this pandemic, Papakolea families were greatly blessed with food boxes. The new schedule of distributions now allow us to share the blessings with ‘ohana and friends outside of community. For the month of February, Papakolea, Kewalo, and Kalawahine families can refer family and friends to register for food boxes on the dates below. Registration process is the same as community distributions; calls are accepted the Monday of distribution week on a first come, first served basis. Food boxes are in high demand so to confirm community referral, families registering will be asked to provide your ‘ohana name and homestead address. This assures KULA that all families referred are an extended part of our communities’ ‘ohana. Please see February’s schedule below.

FRIENDS & FAMILY SCHEDULE	
RESERVATION CALL DATES	DISTRIBUTION DATE
MON. FEB 8TH - THURS FEB 11TH	<u>FRIDAY</u> FEB 12TH (11AM-12PM)
MON. FEB 22ND - THURS FEB 25TH	<u>FRIDAY</u> FEB 26TH (11AM-12PM)

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KULA RECEIVES HEALTHYVERIFY CERTIFICATION

We are excited to announce that Kula no na Po`e Hawaii 'o Papakolea, Kewalo, Kalawahine is now HealthyVerify Certified! KULA received certification in December 2020 to reduce the risk of COVID-19 by implementing best health safety practices. This is an important step to resume KULA programs in-person. We established health safety managers to ensure compliance with policies and procedures regarding safe social distancing, face coverings, and CDC-compliant cleaning and disinfecting measures. HealthyVerify is the country's only independent medically based, scientific, and professional full-service certification company.



Mahalo for your continued patience and staying safe!