

## FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

Aloha and Hau'oli Makahiki Hou (Happy New Year) from Bali Hai Villas! What a wonderful holiday season our owners and guests enjoyed while vacationing at the resort: our Guest Services team "decked the halls" once again for this year's holiday season, decorating a large Christmas tree in the Clubhouse, strategically placing holiday poinsettias and many families with their assisting Instagram and Facebook-worthy holiday family photos. Christmas Eve at Bali Hai Villas once again featured the festive stylings of Randy and Primrose Naukana Rego, local north shore entertainers that serenaded owners and guests with Hawaiian holiday tunes and traditional classics.



Complemented by hula dancing, eggnog for the kids and the adults, a homemade cranberry mojito recipe and an array of holiday cookies, the evening spent upon the Mahina Terrace was enjoyed by all!

Prior to the close of the year, on December 4<sup>th</sup>, Bali Hai Villas hosted our bi-annual North Shore Blood Drive in partnership with the Blood Bank of Hawai'i. The drive proved successful, with twenty-four donations received, with several of the resort's guests and owners taking part in this day-long event at the Owners' Lounge where healthy snacks and refreshments were provided.

Additionally, in October and November, the shingled roofs of Buildings 1 and 9 were replaced ahead of the anticipated installation of solar panels on both roofs, damaged exterior walkways between Buildings 6 and 7 were replaced, as were 13 wet-rotted, compromised stair support columns at Buildings 7, 10, 13 and 14, and the exterior painting and waterproofing of the Clubhouse, Preview Center and Buildings 3, 5, 6, 9 and 10 was completed.



Also, faulty irrigation controllers were replaced at Buildings 3 and 9, new drainage runs were installed near Buildings 2, 3, 4, 5 and 9, improving drainage and eliminating occasional back-up flooding, and the installation of in-unit safes was completed across all IOA units.

As the New Year begins, this year's highly anticipated refurbishment of the IOA units draws closer. Now slated to begin construction in early-July, the refurbishment focuses on updating the kitchens and bathrooms of all IOA units, utilizing funds set aside in the Association's Repair & Replacement Reserve Fund. Additional updates include the replacement of the Jacuzzi tub with a walk-in shower in the master bathroom, the replacement of solid surface countertops in the bathrooms and laminate countertops in the kitchens with quartz, the replacement of flooring across the kitchens, dining areas and bathrooms, and more!



Lastly, the Monday evening potluck dinners, complimented by Hawaiian entertainment and Mai Tais, continue to be very popular and well-attended, as do the culturally-themed activities of ti leaf lei making, coconut basket weaving and hula dancing. During your next visit to Bali Hai Villas, please be sure to review our current Activities Schedules upon the Clubhouse display board for a complete listing of all resort happenings!

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## Ke Ala Hale Makalae Path



Ke Ala Hele Makalae is Hawaiian for "The Path that Goes by the Coast," and describes this beautiful multi-use path that will eventually follow the eastern shoreline of Kaua'i for 17 miles from Nawiliwili to Anahola.

The trail partially follows a former railroad line once used to haul the island's sugarcane. Today, the route offers access to parks, beaches, and coastal communities. A highlight of the trail is Lydgate Park, which houses two lagoons protected by a stone seawall offering calm waters for ocean swimming and snorkeling, as well as picnic pavilions, tent campsites, and a playground.

All along the trail, nearly two dozen interpretive signs share information about local archeological, cultural and historic sites; the native names of streams and canals; the plants and animals that can be seen here (including whales and monk seals); and many more topics unique to the area.

Currently, just over 7 miles of path are completed in two disconnected segments. One section connects Lydgate Park to Wailua Beach Park, and the rest links Kapa'a to Ahihi Point. There is a 2-mile gap between the two segments (between Wailua Beach Park and Kapa'a), which one can bridge via road; however, the shoulders are narrow and the highway is busy, so use caution if cycling. Work is in progress to build a trail that links the two segments.

For the Cream Cheese Layer

1/3 cups sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

8oz. cream cheese softened

8 oz. cool whip (thawed)

## Hawaiian Guava Cake

#### INGREDIENTS

#### For the Cake

- 1 package strawberry cake mix
- 1 1/3 cups guava nectar or juice
- 3 eggs
- 1/3 cups coconut oil (room temp)

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- INSTRUCTIONS
- 1. In a mixing bowl, mix together cake mix, guava juice, eggs, and coconut oil until well combined.

2. Bake in a 9x13 glass baking dish according to cake mix package directions.

- 3. In a medium mixing bowl, beat cream cheese with hand mixer until fluffy.
- 4. Add sugar and vanilla and mix well.
- 5. Slowly fold in the Cool Whip and refrigerate until ready to use.
- 6. In a medium saucepan, bring the 2 cups guava juice and sugar to a boil.
- 7. Make a slurry out of the cornstarch and a small amount of water.
- 8. Remove guava juice from heat and stir in the cornstarch mixture.
- 9. Return to heat and bring back to a boil and boil for one minute. Cool in refrigerator.
- 10. When cake has cooled, spread cream cheese mixture evenly over cake.
- 11. Glaze the top of the cake with guava gel. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

#### For the Guava Gel Topping

- 2 cups guava nectar or juice
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 3 tbsp. water

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## Kauai's Infamous Whale Season



There is something rather exhilarating about witnessing a 40 -ton animal launching out of the water only to fall back to sea with an explosive splash! If you have never seen this event, there are really no words to describe it. Wildlife enthusiasts do not want to miss this event.

If you are visiting Kaua'i, this is one of those treats that you can see for free. Whales can be viewed just about anywhere along the coast, but you can enhance your experience by choosing one of the island's beautiful beaches. One of the favorite spots to see whales is along the Coastal Path on the East Side. If you are looking for a more up-close and personal experience, joining a whale watching boat tour is definitely the way to go.

While a full breach is absolutely the most exciting display that you may see, you may also see a number of other interesting whale behaviors. With extremely elongated pectoral fins that easily measure a third the length of their body, they may wave or slap the water in what is called a pec wave, or pec slap. A thundering tail or peduncle slap is also fairly common. This can be quite entertaining if it is repeated and you might get a show that lasts for several minutes.

Humpback whales are also known as kohola in Hawaii. They migrate each year from the food-rich icy waters of Alaska, traveling nearly 3,000 miles to the Hawaiian Islands. This journey can take them nearly two months. They come to Hawaii to mate and birth their young in the warm, tropical waters. They will stick around and delight for about 6 - 8 weeks before returning to their summer home to feed.

While Humpback whales visit the islands annually, peak season is January - March, as this is when most of the calving takes place. Be sure to keep your eye out for juvenile whales that are just learning to play! Bali Hai Villas "Creating Life Long Memories with Aloha"

Feel free to contact your Board of Directors or your General Manager should you have any questions, comments or concerns.

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