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Community rallies for Hanamā'ulu Beach Park clean-up

HANAMĀ'ULU – Eddie Sarita, Kaua'i County Adopt-a-Park coordinator and organizer of last week's Hanamā'ulu Beach Park clean-up, was extremely happy with the results.

“A lot of volunteers showed up on Saturday as well as a few days prior to help with the preliminary work, so we were able to complete nearly everything on our list,” said Sarita. “Even the ceiling in the main pavilion got painted, which I believe was the first time this was done since it was built in 1980.”

He estimates that the volunteers performed nearly \$10,000 worth of free services during the clean-up, which included: clearing of overgrowth and bushes; landscaping; pressure washing sidewalks and pavilion floors; and re-painting the pavilion, restrooms and picnic tables.

“We really appreciate the work that was done by everyone who took part in the project,” said Lenny Rapozo, director of the Department of Parks and Recreation. “The park looks great. I encourage families and community groups to come down and start enjoying the facility again.”

Among the organizations who participated in the recent Hanamā'ulu Beach Park beautification project were: Alibi Motorcycle Club; AMR ambulance service; Department of Parks and Recreation; Hanamā'ulu Neighborhood Association; Kapa'a Missionary Church; Kaua'i Drug Court; Kaua'i Police Department; Kaua'i Visayan Club; Koa Puna Motorcycle Club; and the Philippine Island Hawai'i Island (PIHI) Cycling Club.

Lunch for the volunteers was provided by: Ernie Pasion; the Hanamā'ulu Neighborhood Association; Kaua'i Beach Resort; and Pepsi Beverages Company.

Following Saturday's clean-up, the PIHI Cycling Club approached Sarita about 'adopting' the main pavilion.

"They really enjoyed taking part in the project and are eager to continue to help," said Sarita. "Hanamā'ulu Beach Park is a large facility so if other groups would like to adopt different sections of the park, I encourage them to contact me."

He pointed out that the county supports 'adopters' by providing them with tools and supplies to do the job.

Some of the gear that's available to Adopt-a-Park volunteers include: bags and gloves; litter sticks; gardening tools, i.e. rakes, hoes and brooms; painting supplies; and safety equipment.

"Programs such as the Adopt-A-Park program provide the opportunity for people to work together and take ownership of the communities they live in," said Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr. "If we all pitch in and do our part, all of Kaua'i's parks would be beautiful."

For more information about the county's Adopt-a-Park program, please call Sarita at 241-6623 or send an email to esarita@kauai.gov.

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