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Aloha:

June marks mid-way through the year and a good time for a recap on recent activity at the Kauai Board of REALTORS®.

June is National Homeownership Month and in honor of that, and support of homeownership in our community and the idea that everyone deserves a home, we ran 3 full page ads in The Garden Island Newspaper this past week to highlight two upcoming public sessions with the Hawaiian Community Assets and Hawaii Home Ownership Center. Both programs offer to help secure stable housing for participants trying to purchase a home. They offer financial counseling including establishing saving habits, debt reduction, how to build your credit score and how to avoid foreclosure. If you know anyone who could use these services, please have them register for the upcoming events on our website at www.kauaiboard.com

The KBR Young Professionals Networking (YPN) Committee hosted a very successful clothing drive in April/May 2021 and some of the recipients were the YWCA, Nana's House and the Women in Need residents at Kealahou at Pua Loke: <https://www.winhi.org/> You may recall some of our CRS agents welcoming these residents with gifts, donations, and Aloha over the 2020 Christmas season. Another essential drive is expected later this year.

Public relations had a successful College is Possible event helping over 70 attendees get valuable information to navigate the college experience from choosing, applying and paying for college. Plans are to hold another event in October 2021.

The eviction moratorium remains in place until June 8, 2021. An extension may be forthcoming but we are waiting on the governor's decision on that. Our property managers have helped countless tenants and owners apply for and receive rent help through the Covid Crisis. NAR supports nationwide rent relief aid as opposed to the eviction moratorium.

Councilman Luke Evislin and Councilman Bernard Carvalho met with the KBR Government Affairs Committee to discuss a bill that they plan to introduce that would remove the restrictions in CC&R's that prohibit long term rentals, ADUs or ARUs. The Kauai Board of REALTORS® is in support of this potential bill, that increases the housing supply, and we thank the council members for reaching out to us for input.

The KBR Government Affairs Committee (GAC) Chair Heidi Schemp submitted a letter of support to the County Council amending the mayor's 2022 budget as proposed by Councilman Luke Evslin. The proposed change aligns ordinance 2818 with the County General Plan as it relates to wastewater infrastructure.

Our new logo has been well received and our social media platforms are up and running and getting more content every month. During the month of May, we focused on Military Appreciation and Hurricane Preparedness. We held an educational seminar for our agents to assist their VA clients receive and apply for VA loans. We posted a Hurricane Basics Disaster Supplies Kit to prepare the community and residents of the upcoming season. Follow us on Instagram and don't forget to "share" and "like" our posts @kauaiboardofREALTORS®.

Professionalism is key. Keep up the good work! Read and re-read the Pathways to Professionalism and Code of Ethics. With these two documents readily available to you on the KBR website you can't go wrong. We are welcoming several new agents this year. Please help support them in their efforts to shine in our industry and keep a good thing going!

That's it for now. A hui hou.

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