

Mail Park Update

February 23, 2025

The interim postmaster for Keaau has been working to get the two lower sites at 4th & Kaloli and 6th & Maku'u open for service. She was delayed with the holiday rush and was out on leave for a time in January but is back now and working hard to get us back on track.

USPS is in the process of building the new routes for delivery to HPP. This is a time-consuming process. Once the routes have been created, they will put the routes out for bid on USPS.com. The bid process could take a week or a month, depending on how many are looking for routes. Once the route has been awarded, the keys will be distributed to HPPOA and we will start to issue the keys for that route. Service should begin then within 30 days of the route contracts being awarded.

The boxes on 14th & Kaloli were scheduled to be installed in January but have been delayed so efforts can be focused on the lower two sites. Once 14th & Kaloli CBU's install is completed they will start to install at 16th & Maku'u. The parcel lockers still need to be installed at both 4th & Kaloli and 6th & Maku'u. At the February 19, 2025 board meeting the board approved the purchase of additional parcel lockers for the 6th & Maku'u site so that the parcel lockers on the roadway will not have to be pulled, disrupting service for the existing boxes on the mains.

The final phase of the project is the beautification of the sites. Volunteers have been working at the lower sites since October. These sites had been sitting for over a year, so the weeds started to take over the parking lot. We have 3-4 owners regularly working at the sites. Needless to say, the progress has been slow. We have been weeding, planting native plants, spreading cinder and trimming trees. More volunteers are needed and welcomed. We are working the 4th & Kaloli site every Wednesday from 4pm till pau. In addition, the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 7-11am. At the 6th and Maku'u site the volunteers are there every Sunday. The next work party at this site will be the first Sunday of March, on the 2nd at 7am to 11am.

While we have no control over USPS and the speed of getting us service, we do have control over the beautification of the sites. Please see if you can spare an hour a week to come out give us a hand. Many hands make light works!