

## Mail Park Update

December 18, 2024

Keaau has a new postmaster which has delayed our progress a little. We had a meeting with the new interim Keaau postmaster this month and are trying to get her up to speed. Here is what we learned from that meeting.

They are in the process of building the new routes for delivery to HPP. This is a time-consuming process so it could take a few weeks. 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 being awarded.

The boxes on 14<sup>th</sup> & Kaloli are scheduled to be installed in January and when completed they will start to install at 16<sup>th</sup> & Maku'u. The parcel lockers are also needing to be installed at both 4<sup>th</sup> & Kaloli and 6<sup>th</sup> & Maku'u.

The final phase of the project is the beautification of the sites. The lower sites have been sitting for over a year so the weeds have started to take over the parking lot. We had around 12 volunteers come out in October for the first work party to kick off the beautification project but since then there has only been 3-4 of us continuing the work. Needless to say, the progress has been slow. We need the sites ready for use when USPS gives us the keys. The only way to accomplish this goal is to get more volunteers out to help us weed, plant the plants, spread cinder and trim trees. If we had more volunteers, it could be done in no time. We are out working at the site every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4pm till pau. In addition, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month from 7-11am. The next work party will be December 28 at 7am to 11am.

The 6<sup>th</sup> and Makuu site is looking great. There has been some volunteers working daily at that site and it looks great. We will be bringing in cinder to this site soon and start planting the plants. The next work party at this site will be the first Sunday of January, on the 5<sup>th</sup>. The work party last Sunday had 10 volunteers and we made good progress. The key to phase 3 is getting more help by those that will be using the mailboxes. While there will be no charge to owners for a box, we ask that you help with phase 3 by volunteering to help beautify the sites.

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!