

## Mail Park Update

May 14, 2025

The interim postmaster for Keaau will be replaced at the end of June with the new permanent Post Master who is from Oahu. In the mean time, she has a goal to get service to 4<sup>th</sup> and Kaloli before she leaves. We will see what she can do in the next 6 weeks.

USPS has continued to be nonresponsive to my emails. We started a campaign to have owners send in a Congressional Complaint through the office of our Congresswoman Jill Tokuda to try to get USPS to be responsive and it worked. Within two days, we had a call from the congressional Liaison with USPS and he stated that they were going to get us some answers and keep us informed regularly. After hearing nothing for 3 weeks, we reached out to him again to ask for an update. He stated that USPS had not been responding to them as well and he was going to escalate it to a higher level.

On May 13, 2025, I received an update that USPS is planning to start service at 4<sup>th</sup> and Kaloli in July 2025 and after that site has service then they will work on service at 6<sup>th</sup> & Makuu. I asked when the boxes will be installed at 14<sup>th</sup> & Kaloli because we had been told that it would happen in January, which it did not. He stated that he was not given any information on that but would inquire for us.

While I was hoping to not have to go the congressional route to get things moving again, it seemed necessary after 4 months of them not responding to my emails.

The parcel lockers still need to be installed at both 4<sup>th</sup> & Kaloli and 6<sup>th</sup> & Maku'u. I have also asked for an update on when USPS will install the Parcel Lockers at both sites.

The beautification of the lower sites is coming along great with the help of owner volunteers. Volunteers have begun to work at 14<sup>th</sup> & Kaloli and the football team "The Young Padawanz" and their parents came and worked on 16<sup>th</sup> and Makuu to remove the cane grass and pull up the thousands of Albizia trees that have germinated. This site still has need for volunteers to help remove the baby Albizia trees. Even though progress has been slow, we continue to weed, plant native plants, spread cinder and trim trees. More volunteers are needed and welcomed. We are working the 4<sup>th</sup> & Kaloli site every Wednesday from 4pm till pau. In addition, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month from 7-11am. At the 6<sup>th</sup> and Maku'u site the volunteers are there every Sunday. The next work party at this site will be the first Sunday of June, on the 1st at 7am to 11am.