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## **News Release**

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### **Kekaha Family Fun Day, Play Streets event scheduled for July 2**

KEKAHA – E Ola Mau Na Leo O Kekaha is inviting the public to the Kekaha Family Fun Day to celebrate the Independence Day weekend at the Kekaha Neighborhood Center on Saturday, July 2, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A Play Streets Kaua'i pilot will also take place on Elepaio Road and portions of the Kekaha Neighborhood Center and Kekeha Park from 10 a.m. to noon. All activities at Play Streets are free and open to the public.

"I am immensely grateful to all the partners who worked productively on this event for our keiki," said Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami. "This pilot is an example of creative, low-cost, and community-oriented strategies to address barriers to promoting physical activity and social connections in our rural communities, such as limited resources and reduced access to active play spaces and events."

Elepaio Road, from Alae Road to Amakihi Road, will be closed from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to accommodate the Play Streets Kaua'i event. With the closure of Elepaio Road, the Kaua'i bus stop fronting the Kekaha Neighborhood Center will not be in service on Route 100 and Route 200 during the closure. All other bus stops in Kekaha will be available on July 2.

Play Streets Kaua'i is possible thanks to a partnership between E Ola Mau Na Leo O Kekaha, the County of Kaua'i, the Hawai'i Department of Health, Get Fit Kaua'i, Na Lei Wili AHEC, and other community-based organizations and businesses.

Play Streets refers to the temporary closure of streets for a short time to create a safe, publicly accessible space for children and their families to engage in active play. This event aims to host fun outdoor activities for keiki and their 'ohana to promote physical activity while opening opportunities to build social connections among our communities.

Play Streets' activities will include the following:

- A small skate park by the Kaua'i Skate Ohana. Skateboards and gear will be available for all kids who want to learn how to skate.
- A fun ninja obstacle course by Alex Acopiado from Toy Fit;
- Pickleball play by Laurie Yoshida from Pickleball Association Kaua'i;
- Fishing clinic with throw-net by community partners;
- Basketball play by community volunteers; and
- Free play with bubbles, chalk, hula hoops, jumping rope, and more activities with the Waimea High School Cheer.

"Physical activity is great for our keiki: it builds strong bones and muscles, reduces the risk of chronic diseases, and improves school performance. It's also great for their mental health and emotional well-being. Play Streets is particularly important in rural communities like Kaua'i," said Dr. Janet Berreman, Kaua'i District Health Officer. "It provides a safe space to be active while also fostering community relationships and connections. We hope that this summer break, many families join this and

other supervised spaces to be active, especially when children are not in school or involved in sports or other physical activities.”

Only Kekaha residents may register for a \$10 lunch or dinner coupon by visiting the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kekaha-family-fun-day-tickets-360216847287>.

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, contact Julie at 808-634-9308 and [Juliekauakahi@gmail.com](mailto:Juliekauakahi@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats such as large print, Braille, or electronic copy.



All Welcome!

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# Kekaha Family Fun Day



July 2nd - 10am - 6pm

Kekaha Neighborhood Center Park

Food • Rides (FREE)  
Play Streets • Museum  
Entertainment

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## For Kekaha Residents Only



\$10 Lunch or Dinner Coupon  
at the Food Booths  
Register through

**Eventbrite** to get your coupon



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