



WAILUA - KAPA'A  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION

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**DENTE WINS FEBRUARY NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE AWARD**

KAPA'A, KAUA'I. February 19, 2019. The Wailua-Kapa'a Neighborhood Association (W-KNA) meeting in February will recognize resident Marj Dente, the February Winner of the Association's Neighborhood Pride Award on Saturday, February 23, 2019, 2:00 p.m. at the Kapa'a Library Meeting Room.

Dente, a Waipouli Road resident for three decades, planned and planted a beautiful roadside hedge along her property. Approx. 35-feet long, this was quite an accomplishment for this already busy lady who was a founding member of Kauai's Community Radio Station KKCR and who still serves on its board. Marj is also a co-founder of the Waipouli Road Neighborhood Watch.

For those who don't know Marj, here's a little background. Since the 1960's, after repeated visits to Kauai, Marj and her family moved here from Whidbey Island, Washington, and bought their property on Waipouli Road in 1989. The family kept busy constantly, keeping the trees and lush vegetation in check, as well as planting fruit trees and vegetable gardens.

Waipouli Road was like the wild, wild west with a rutted dirt road and large parcels with only a few homes. Cock fighting was a regular event, followed by drunken brawls, and then vehicles parked along the roadside with crystal meth users getting high. It was time for a privacy fence.

Marj put on her artistic landscaper's hat and created a hedge of beautiful bright red ti plants interspersed with colorful croton. The result was so striking that other neighbor's begged for cuttings.

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It is not uncommon to see this busy octogenarian down on all fours, weeding around her hedge -- wearing her duct-taped shoes and garden gloves -- all the while, taking time to smile and wave at any and all passers-by. Marj takes great pride in her neighborhood and it shows.

Nominations for beautiful front yards in the 96746 zip code can be sent to Carol Volker, Awards Chair, at [carolonkauai@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:carolonkauai@hawaiiantel.net). The only criteria is that residents must do the gardening themselves.

The W-KNA meeting is free and open to the public. A portion of the agenda will include board elections, updates on East Kaua‘i issues, and guest speaker David Bissell, President and CEO of Kauai Island Utility Coop discussing “KIUC Hydropower and Wailua Streams-Finding Balance”. For more information, contact Sid Jackson at 821-2837 or visit [www.wkna.org](http://www.wkna.org).

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