



Who is MĀLAMA KĪPUKA HAWAI'I?



Mālama Kīpuka Hawai'i (MKH) is a duly organized 501c3 Corporation in the State of Hawaii dedicated to the creation of vibrant public spaces that serve the communities they are in. Our mission is to foster connection within communities by forming partnerships with government, businesses, residents, and other community stakeholders to activate existing underutilized public space and find creative ways to dedicate and convert existing private space for public use.

What is happening here?

MKH has signed an agreement with the City & County of Honolulu to work with the City to improve the safety and use of the park by the general community through field improvements (including extending the chain link fence, installing new benches, expanding the bleachers, and new comfort stations) and cultural programming with two hosted community events each year. Our first project is installing a mural of a baseball's trajectory across a green field. This mural was designed to honor the contributions of the park's namesake, - Alexander J. Cartwright Jr. Long celebrated as the Father of Modern Baseball, who led an interesting and storied life. (Learn more about Alexander Cartwright on the other side)

Why Cartwright Field?

Alexander Cartwright laid out baseball field bases and lines at Makiki Park (now Cartwright Field) in 1852, making it the oldest permanent baseball field in the world. We feel it is our kuleana to honor this treasure by doing what we can to make improvements at the field and engage the local community to allow this space to continue to thrive and serve its community. Rob Iopa, Director of MKH, first noticed the need while coaching his son's baseball team which uses Cartwright Field as practice and game space. During the times he's been there with the team, he noticed the state of dereliction the park/field is currently in - in particular how run down and unsanitary the public restrooms are. We hope to effect positive change and allow this local treasure to be a shining example to reflect its important history in the world of baseball.

When?

Field improvements will occur over the course of the next year or two. Community Cultural Programming will occur with twice yearly events – the first in an around April/May and the second around October/November of each year.



If you would like to learn more and get involved, please reach out to us at aloha@malamakipuka.org

Celebrating Alexander J. Cartwright Jr.

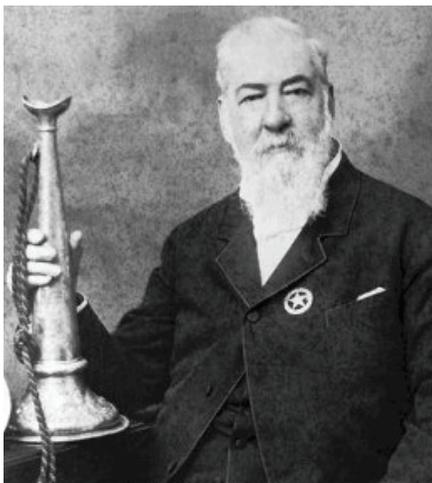
The Father of Modern Baseball

April 17, 1820 - July 12, 1892

- The traditions of the game were passed down orally until Cartwright and Knickerbocker Baseball Club Committee codified fourteen rules of the game in 1845. Some of these new rules included the dimensions and layout of the bases and field and the distinction between fair and foul territory. Setting the number of players to nine and fixing the length of the game to nine innings were later added by Cartwright.
- Cartwright laid out baseball field bases and lines at Makiki Park (now Cartwright Field) in 1852 and making it the oldest permanent baseball field in the world.
- As Queen Emma's trusted advisor, Cartwright managed all of her holdings and engaged in protecting the interest of the Queen's estate. He accessed, surveyed, and filed boundaries with the land commissioners of all the neglected land holdings that were given to Queen Emma by royal patent or personal acquisition.
- Appointed Honolulu's first Fire Chief by King Kamehameha III. During his ten year-long career, he wrote the Fire Department's first bylaws and raised money to acquire the department's first hand engine pump, carriage, apparatus, fire engine, permanent fire house, and the upkeep of all the equipment.



Cartwright (Center of the back row) with his younger brother Alfred (Left of Cartwright) and fellow Knickerbockers in their uniforms. Photo from the book Live All You Can: Alexander Joy Cartwright & the Invention of Modern Baseball



Cartwright with the hailer he used as Fire Chief. Photo from the book Live All You Can: Alexander Joy Cartwright & the Invention of Modern Baseball

- Cartwright played a key role in the founding of Queen's Medical Center. He participated in the ritual of laying the cornerstone of the hospital, wrote the charter and bylaws of the hospital, and appointed a trustee of the hospital.
- Designated financial advisor by King Kamehameha V, King Lunalilo, and King Kalākaua.
- Cartwright was not only able to speak and write in Hawaiian, but was gifted the name U Moe O A.J. Kahalaeka.
- As one of the founders of the Honolulu Library and Reading Room, he donated most of the library's first two hundred books from his own collections and notably advocated for women and children to be allowed to obtain library membership.



‘A‘OHE HUA O KA MAI‘A I KA LĀ HO‘OKAĀHI

WHEN A TASK IS DONE TOGETHER, NO TASK IS TOO BIG.



At Cartwright Neighborhood Park over President’s Day weekend, players and ‘ohana of the Manoa Crowns Baseball Team and Central Union 777 Eagle Scout Troop joined Mālama Kīpuka Hawai‘i (MKH) volunteers to complete the first phase of their Friends of the Park Agreement with City and County of Honolulu. The project kicked off with a blessing of the field and wall by Dr. Kahu Kaleho Patterson.



Socially distanced teams of volunteers spent two days cleaning off the graffiti on the overpass wall and painted a mural that would celebrate baseball and the park’s namesake. The baseball trajectory mural was designed by local architects Jonathan Lee and Daniel T. Kanekuni of WCIT Architecture. Unique details are added to the “ball” as it moves across the wall and grows in size. To honor the National Baseball Hall of Fame recognized “Father of Modern Baseball” and with the blessing of the Cartwright family, Alexander J. Cartwright’s signature was added to the final ball. The first and second balls on the far left of the mural are filled with handprints of volunteers and Kīpuka Keiki members. Kīpuka Keiki is a MKH youth-leadership program that encourages the young generation to take the lead of community-based projects they are passionate about and instill in them the importance of giving back to the community.



The boundary of the baseball field and the park’s restrooms were also cleaned and painted by volunteers. As part of an Eagle Scout’s service project, the Eagle Scout Troop repaired the score booth stairs and repainted the wood. MKH has future plans for more improvements to the field, basketball court, and restrooms.



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