



Neighbor to Neighbor

COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

SEPTEMBER 2021

MAKIKI/PUNCHBOWL, PAPA KOLEA, DOWNTOWN, CHINATOWN, KAKA'AKO, NU'UANU, LILIHA, ALEWA, KAMEHAMEHA HEIGHTS, KALIHI VALLEY, AIEA, AND MOANALUA



Dear Neighbors,

I would like to extend a warm mahalo to you for taking the time to read this month's Neighborhood Board report, highlighting some of the unique challenges, tough concerns, and positive accomplishments that my staff and I undertake on a daily basis. I am heartened that with continued outreach and communication, we can work towards positive change in this unique, diverse community. Please contact me if you have an area of concern you'd like to address, or a person or organization that you'd like to acknowledge. I look forward to continuing to assist you in building a better community for all of us!

Mahalo nui loa,

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Continuing Saga of 'Monster Homes' in Aiea/ Halawa Heights

During the past three months, my staff and I have continued receiving complaints about 'monster home' construction and public safety/parking impacts in Aiea/Halawa heights. For example, lines of parked vehicles characterize the obstructions facing elderly pedestrians and families walking along Aiea Heights Drive (see photo below): 99-1185 Aiea Heights Drive



A request for an investigation into construction at this property was submitted to City DPP on July 20, 2021.

The department's response: DPP staff reported that demolition work of the existing single-family dwelling is complete and construction work is proceeding in accordance with the approved plans under BP No. 865044.

Status: A building permit was issued on June 2, 2021 for a new two-story single-family dwelling structure with two driveways with aprons, and three feet maximum height concrete rock masonry retaining wall. The foundation and footings for the new two-story single-family dwelling are currently in progress.

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99-1185 Aiea Heights Drive



A request for an investigation into construction activity at this property was submitted to City Dept. of Planning and Permitting (DPP) on May 5, 2021.

The department's response: DPP staff reported unpermitted alterations at 99-518 Aiea Heights Drive following an investigation on June 16, 2021; the kitchen had been removed from the wet bar area on the first floor of the main dwelling. DPP therefore issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) No. 2021/NOV-05-122 to the property owner.

Status: On August 19, 2021, DPP's follow-up investigation revealed interior partition walls were constructed after the completion of Building Permit (BP) No. 855487. DPP has now issued a second NOV No. 2021/NOV-08-123 to the property owner on August 27, 2021.

We have also discovered that multiple illegal vacation rentals are being advertised online in Aiea/Halawa heights neighborhoods, and have invited representatives of the McClellan Group to share visuals of the type of activity that the visitor industry's trade organizations have identified.

I encourage Aiea Community Association to mobilize to reduce the number of illegal vacation rentals emerging in your Aiea/Halawa heights neighborhoods, and we will keep you posted on the status of the Planning Commission's review of City Dept. of Planning and Permitting amendments to Ordinance 19-18 and introduction before the City Council this year.

Please contact Senior Advisor Kimberly Ribellia at kribellia@honolulu.gov if you have additional questions.

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Extension for Driver's License/State ID Renewals

Residents of O'ahu with expired driver's license, state ID cards or instruction permits (since March 2020), now have an extra two months to renew. **Driver's licenses, state ID cards and instruction permits in Hawai'i have been extended until October 4, 2021.**

More than 97,000 driver's licenses, state IDs and instruction permits have expired and not been renewed since March 2020, with an expected amount of 31,000 more will expire by October 4, 2021.

- To meet the demand for driver's licenses, state ID and instruction permit renewals, the Kapālama, Kapolei, Ko'olau and Wai'anae Driver Licensing Centers have been open from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm daily since July 1, 2021.
- The Pearlridge Satellite City Hall is open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the same purpose; the Windward City, Hawai'i Kai and Downtown Satellite City Halls are also open on Saturdays and opening one hour earlier at 7:00 a.m. on weekdays.
- Appointments are highly recommended using the City's AlohaQ reservation system; stand-by services will be available as well but are not guaranteed. For additional information, visit the website: <http://www.honolulu.gov/csd>.

City Extends Free COVID-19 Testing through September 4, 2021 and Drive-thru testing at Neal S. Blaisdell Arena on September 13, 2021

In response to skyrocketing COVID-19 cases in August, the City administration announced the extension of free COVID-19 testing to Oahu residents through September 4, 2021. This testing is funded through a partnership with the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii Consortium.

Test kits are available at the City's Mobile Lab at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport. Those interested in getting tested must pre-register at <https://oahucitypass.lumisight.com/> under the City pre-paid section. After completing registration, you will receive a QR code to use at the testing site. Test results will be processed and provided within six hours.

The testing site is located in the Diamond Head Tour Group Area of HNL Airport and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day (including holidays). For more information, please call (833) 560-0997 or email covidresponse@kidneyhi.org. For additional information, visit the website: <https://kidneyhi.org/covid-19-testing-screening>.

In addition, the City announced a new COVID-19 drive-thru testing site at the Neal S. Blaisdell beginning on September 13, 2021. Rapid antigen tests and PCR nasal swab tests will be available, both of which satisfy the "Safe Access O'ahu" vaccine passport program that also takes effect on September 13, 2021. Registration is required online and appointments will be available every five minutes.

For more information, please call (808) 207-5459. To register online, visit the website: https://testing.nomihealth.com/easy_registration/172/signup?location=blaisdell.



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