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COUNCIL DISTRICT 7**



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## REPRESENT COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 ON THE BWS STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP

Councilmember Cordero is seeking a community member to represent our Council District at the Board of Water Supply (BWS) Stakeholder Advisory Group meetings.

The Stakeholder Advisory Group meets on a quarterly basis (January, April, July, and October) from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. In order to be considered for the position, you must reside in the district, commit to attending all meetings throughout the year, and have the willingness to serve and contribute to the discussions to help BWS in their water protection and conservation efforts.

If you are interested in being considered, please **email [rcordero@honolulu.gov](mailto:rcordero@honolulu.gov) by September 29**. For more information about the BWS Stakeholder Advisory Group, visit <https://tinyurl.com/BWSStakeholderAdvisoryGroup>.

## FROM ARCHERY TO ZUMBA, ENJOY THE FALL LINEUP OF ACTIVITIES AT YOUR CITY PARKS AND BOTANICAL GARDENS!

The City's Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has announced its fall lineup of classes and programs offered at City parks and botanical gardens around O'ahu. The catalog of over 320 park activities is now available for public viewing online at [pros.hnl.info](https://pros.hnl.info).

There are free and paid activities for participants of all age, which includes: archery, aerobics, arts and crafts, basketball, board & card games, ceramics, flag football, gymnastics, kūpuna exercises, paddleboarding, snorkeling, surfing, swimming, volleyball, zumba, and so much more! Registration for these activities will be held online at [pros.hnl.info](https://pros.hnl.info) (in the "Activities" section).

If you are unsure which district your park is located, or which botanical garden is closest to you, please visit [bit.ly/OahuParkMap](https://bit.ly/OahuParkMap) to view the interactive map. For more information, please visit [pros.hnl.info](https://pros.hnl.info).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 08/09** City Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- 08/22** Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee, 1:00 p.m.  
Transportation Committee, 3:00 p.m.
- 08/23** Zoning Committee, 9:00 a.m.  
Parks, Enterprise Services and Culture and the Arts Committee, 1:00 p.m.  
Housing, Sustainability and Health Committee, 2:30 p.m.
- 08/24** Planning and the Economy Committee, 9:00 a.m.  
Public Safety Committee, 1:00 p.m.  
Public Infrastructure and Technology Committee, 2:30 p.m.
- 09/06** City Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.



**Watch Council Meetings Live on 'Ōlelo 54 or on [www.honolulu.gov](https://www.honolulu.gov)**



**View Bills/Resolutions at <https://hnl.doc.ehawaii.gov/hnl/doc/>**



**Submit Your Testimony Online at <https://hnl.doc.ehawaii.gov/hnl/doc/testimony>**

## 988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

The 988 Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the United States. They are committed to improving crisis services and advancing suicide prevention by empowering individuals, advancing professional best practices, and building awareness.

If you are experiencing a crisis (including but not limited to suicide, mental health, and substance abuse), please call 988. You are able to call on behalf of someone who is in crisis and you will receive guidance on how to best support the individual in crisis.

### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU CALL THE 988 LIFELINE?

- The caller will be **connected to their local crisis center**. The average answering speed is 45 seconds.
- Once connected with a crisis counselor, they will **build rapport and connection**.
- The counselor will learn more about what is going on through a **risk assessment**.
- The counselor will **deescalate the crisis and offer support**, in addition to community-specific and culturally-competent resources.
- Depending on the type of call, **crisis counselors may follow up**.

For more information about 988 Lifeline, please visit [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org).

## INSTALLATION OF NEW, UPGRADED PARKING METERS ACROSS THE CITY



The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) announced that approximately 4,200 city parking meters are in the process of being upgraded to Single Space 4G-enabled parking meters (SSM) in an effort to modernize parking meters and payment systems for the City's transportation system. The new parking meters come with multiple functions that will allow users to easily pay for parking safely and securely.

Roughly 2,100 of the existing digital meters will be replaced first, and all 4,200 (including existing coin-only meters) of the new, upgraded meters will be installed by the end of this year. [urces/parking.html](https://urces/parking.html).

The new meters, manufactured by the [IPS Group](#), will be able to accept coins and credit or debit cards as forms of payment. On top of accepting both credit and debit cards and phone app payments via [Park Smarter](#), the new meters will have Near Field Communication (NFC) technology, which will allow customers to pay using Apple and Google Pay. The meters also come equipped with RESTful API, providing both dynamic real-time and historic parking availability, which will be integrated with nearby pay stations.

Park Smarter, the mobile payment system that allows parking to be paid for a select on-street City parking stalls, can be used by scanning the QR code installed directly onto the meter, allowing parkers to easily access the app.

Park Smarter comes with:

- Real-time expiration alerts that notify parkers that their time at the meter is almost up.
- Parking finder tools that would provide directions to open parking spaces.
- The ability to pay and extend parking sessions remotely.
- Simple account setup and intuitive parking payment on both iOS and Android.

In addition to the Park Smarter app, parkers will also be able to access their parking history and support via [MyParkingReceipts.com](https://MyParkingReceipts.com). Here, parkers will be able to lookup their transaction history by card number and date for up to six months and get automatic email receipts for online transactions. [MyParkingReceipts.com](https://MyParkingReceipts.com) will only be available for City parking meters. Visit [honolulu.gov/transportation/resources/parking.html](https://honolulu.gov/transportation/resources/parking.html) for more information on city parking.

## HOME EXEMPTION FILING DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 2, 2023

*Because September 30, 2023 falls on a Saturday, the exemption filing deadline is extended to the next business day.*

The City and County of Honolulu is encouraging homeowners who live on a property as their principal home to file a Home Exemption with the Real Property Assessment Division (“RPAD”) to receive a reduction on their real property assessment and taxes. All homeowners should file a home exemption for RPAD to replace a claimant who has passed with a surviving owner who has a home exemption on file to avoid losing their homeowner's exemption.

Other changes in status such as the claimant’s ownership of the property or relocation of the principal home to a different property will cause the exemption to be disallowed. The owner-claimant must report the change in status to RPAD within 30 days. Failure to notify RPAD of the changes may subject the homeowner to back taxes and a civil penalty for each year that the change remains unreported.

Bill 40 (2022) CD1, FD1, recently signed into law by Mayor Blangiardi, increases the home exemption amount for owners under the age of 65 from \$100,000 to \$120,000 and for owners 65 years of age and older, from \$140,000 to \$160,000. Persons filing for the home exemption should provide verification of age, such as a copy of a driver's license or birth certificate. The home exemption is granted based on seniority of age for all owners with a claim on record.

This exemption will take effect on July 1, 2024 and will continue for each tax year unless there is a change affecting eligibility. Visit [realpropertyhonolulu.com](http://realpropertyhonolulu.com) to file a Home Exemption claim online or to download a claim form. Claim forms may be hand-delivered or mailed to either RPAD office. For a receipted copy when mailing, enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope. For proof of filing, mail the claim form via certified or registered mail and retain the receipt. Additional exemption and real property assessment information can also be found online at [realpropertyhonolulu.com](http://realpropertyhonolulu.com). Inquiries may be submitted via email to [bfsrmailbox@honolulu.gov](mailto:bfsrmailbox@honolulu.gov) or by calling **(808) 768-3799**.

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Honolulu, HI 96813

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1000 Ulu’ōhi’a Street, #206  
Kapolei, HI 96707

## REAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FILING DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 2, 2023

The City and County of Honolulu is encouraging homeowners who meet the eligibility requirements listed below to apply for a real property tax credit. If you qualify, the tax credit will be the difference between the current year’s property tax less three percent of your total gross income. The application deadline is October 2, 2023.

The eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Homeowner must have a home exemption in effect at the time of application and for the subsequent tax year.
- Any of the titleholders do not own any other property anywhere.
- The combined income of all titleholders cannot exceed \$80,000 (Increased from \$60,000 to \$80,000).

Tax credit applications are now available at:

- Online at <http://www.honolulu.gov/treasury>.
- All Satellite City Halls.
- Note: Applicants who filed last year were mailed their applications on July 14, 2023.

If you qualify for the credit, the credit will be applied to your property tax bill that you will receive in July of 2024. For more information or if you need assistance, contact the Real Property Tax Relief Office at **(808)768-3205**, or e-mail [bfstaxrelief@honolulu.gov](mailto:bfstaxrelief@honolulu.gov).