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## REOPENING OF KE'EHI LAGOON PICKLEBALL COMPLEX



*Photo by the Department of Parks and Recreation of Pickleball Players at the Ke'ehi Lagoon Pickleball Complex*

As of April 1, 2024, the project to separate the courts at Ke'ehi Lagoon Pickleball Complex to allow for more pickleball courts has been completed. The Pickleball Complex has reopened and is now available for use. Happy Pickleballing!

## PEARL HARBOR BIKE PATH CLEANUP SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 20, 2024

### JOIN US AT THE PEARL HARBOR BIKE PATH CLEANUP



'Aiea Best Buy  
Saturday, April 20, 2024  
8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.



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### PEARL HARBOR BIKE PATH CLEANUP

APRIL 20, 2024 | 8:00AM - 10:30AM

LOCATION SITES:

- Aiea Bay State Rec Area
- Aiea Kai Way
- Best Buy
- Neal Blaisdell Park
- Puuloa Springs
- Lehua Ave (East)
- Lehua Ave (West)
- Middle Loch (Waipahu High School)
- Waipahu Depot Street
- Pupuole Mini Park
- Pupuole Street

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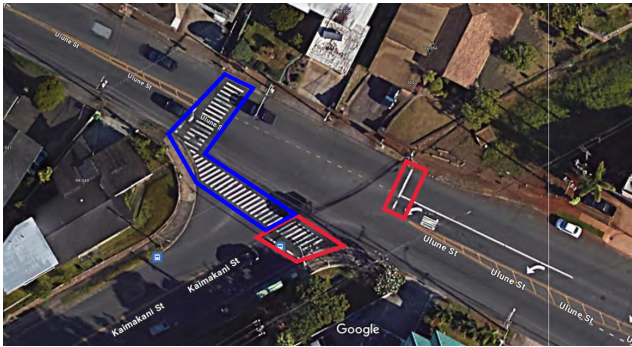
## UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

### Damaged Water Fountain and Overgrowth Between the 'Aiea Best Buy and the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail/Bike Path

In response to a concern raised about a leaking, damaged water fountain and overgrowth in the area between the 'Aiea Best Buy and the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail/Bike Path, the Department of Facility Maintenance confirmed that this area is located on private property. The Best Buy Customer Experience Manager was alerted, and will be submitting a facility maintenance request for these matters.

### Faded Road Markings at Kaimakani Street and Ulune Street

In coordination with Senator Elefante's office, Councilmember Cordero reported a concern regarding faded road markings at the intersection of Ulune Street and Kaimakani Street. The City and Su-Mo Builders, the contractor performing work in this area, have clarified maintenance responsibility at this intersection, as illustrated in the map.



The City is responsible for the crosswalk across Ulune Street and the portion of the crosswalk on Kaimakani Street heading in the makai direction (in blue).

As Su-Mo Builders' construction work has affected the portion of the crosswalk on Kaimakani Street heading in the mauka direction and the stop bars on Ulune Street heading in the Ewa direction, it is Su-Mo Builders' responsibility to temporarily maintain and permanently stripe these areas when the work is complete (in red).

### Hālawa District Park Re-Roofing

Mahalo to the Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) Maintenance and Support Services for completing the re-roofing of the gym roof and various attached rooves and the walkway at Hālawa District Park. The project started on October 9, 2023, and was completed on March 12, 2024.

### Homeless Individuals near the Aiea Korean United Methodist Church at 99-550 Kulaweia Street

The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) investigated the bridge location off of Halewiliko Place adjacent to the church and determined that the area is privately owned and maintained. The Department of Community Services has been notified of the homeless individuals living there to mobilize outreach services for sheltering and other services. For more information on outreach and other resources on homelessness, please visit <https://www8.honolulu.gov/housing/homeless/>.

### Left Turn Road Markings from Halewiliko Street onto Kulaweia Street

In response to a constituent concern regarding issues seeing the lane markings for the left turn lane from Halewiliko Street onto Kulaweia Street, DFM inspected and found them to be visible, but has scheduled repainting when resources are available. Additionally, the Department of Transportation Services is evaluating the constituent's request to paint the left turn arrows at this location yellow.

### Completion of Fencing Improvements to the Baseball Field at the 'Aiea District Park Annex

After receiving a request from Senator Brandon Elefante, Councilmember Cordero reached out to DPR to ask for fence improvements to the baseball field at the 'Aiea District Park Annex. Councilmember Cordero is pleased to announce that this project, which began in October 2023, was completed in February 2024. Additionally, she is looking to partner with area baseball and softball teams and the community on a volunteer event to paint the dugouts and benches to beautify the park and extend the life of the facilities. If you are interested in participating, please contact our office.



## TREE PLANTING AT MAKALAPA NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

On February 28, 2024, the Honolulu City Council unanimously passed Resolution 24-16, adopting the City and County of Honolulu’s first-ever climate adaptation strategy, Climate Ready O’ahu, as a guiding policy document for the City. Climate adaptation means proactively preparing for and adjusting to avoid the worst impacts of our changing climate. Climate Ready O’ahu fulfills the community’s call to create a climate adaptation strategy, as identified in Action 28 of the City’s community-driven Ola: O’ahu Resilience Strategy.

The adoption of Resolution 24-16 was celebrated with a news conference at Makalapa Neighborhood Park on February 29, 2024, where the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) planted a new Monkeypod tree to increase urban tree canopy. This project supports Strategy 12 from Climate Ready O’ahu to keep our communities cool as temperatures rise and continues community engagement with the park’s users.

In a partnership program on March 18, 2024, Councilmember Cordero and the community joined DPR to plant four Milo trees at Makalapa. Mahalo to DPR for providing additional irrigation access to facilitate community watering of the new trees, which will need to be done every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for about two years. Additionally, efforts to resurface the park’s basketball court are scheduled for this coming fall as part of the Kākou for Parks Program.

The City will continue to work with the State and private and public organizations to further implement and realize the strategies of Climate Ready O’ahu. For more information, visit [climatereadyoahu.org](http://climatereadyoahu.org).



Photo from the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency Press Release

Councilmembers Radiant Cordero and Tommy Waters, Mayor Rick Blangiardi, representatives from Tree for Honolulu’s Future, DPR, the Resilience Office, National Park Services, and community members celebrate the adoption of Climate Ready O’ahu with a tree planting ceremony at Makalapa Neighborhood Park.



Planting of the four Milo trees at Makalapa Neighborhood Park.

## FRIENDS OF MAKALAPA NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PLANT SWAP



The Friends of Makalapa Neighborhood Park held a successful plant swap event on Saturday, February 24, where community members gathered together to connect and foster green friendships and bring activity to the park. If you are interested in joining the Friends of Makalapa Neighborhood Park, scan the QR code in the flyer below or email Meredith Speicher at [Meredith\\_Speicher@nps.gov](mailto:Meredith_Speicher@nps.gov).

JOIN OUR

### FRIENDS OF MAKALAPA NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

CONNECT WITH THE  
PARK

- ✓ Meet the working team
- ✓ Gain insight
- ✓ Share your voice
- ✓ Park design
- ✓ Become part of the group



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### **Bill 19 (2024) – RELATING TO HOUSING**

This bill establishes a “Resident Preference” wherein Hawai‘i residents are given priority for all City housing programs that are: (1) Funded by Honolulu taxpayer dollars; (2) Developed by the City; or (3) Purchased and managed by the City. To qualify, housing applicants must be a “full-time resident of the City” who: (1) is registered to vote in the State of Hawai‘i; and (2) spends at least 200 days in the state. Co-introduced by Councilmembers Tyler Dos Santos-Tam and Cordero, this bill was amended to an FD1 version and passed First Reading at the Council Meeting on Monday, March 25. On Wednesday, April 3, the Zoning Committee deferred action on this bill to a future date to be determined by the Zoning Chair.

### **Bill 20 (2024) – RELATING TO FINES, FEES, AND OTHER REVENUES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING**

Introduced by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam, this bill seeks to make the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) self-sufficient by creating a special fund in which all fees and fines collected by the department would be deposited. The fund would then be used to directly finance the operations of the department. Currently, all monies collected by DPP goes into the City’s General Fund. Councilmember Cordero appreciates the out-of-the-box approach in looking at the department’s operations. However, she has concerns that furthering the reduction of revenues into the general fund will make it difficult to balance future budgets, may limit city core services down the line, and force the City to look to other revenue enhancement measures. Additionally, creating a special fund also poses instability for a department that proclaims they are currently in “survival mode” and would have to depend on fees, fines, and other revenues to operate. The City should focus on getting DPP and those who utilize DPP to a point of not having to pay fines, but creating a system where residents and developers can succeed rather than be penalized. This bill passed First Reading at the Council Meeting on Monday, March 25. On Tuesday, April 2, the Budget Committee recommended it pass Second Reading at the next Council Meeting on Wednesday, April 17.

### **Bill 21 (2024) – RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Co-introduced by Councilmembers Tyler Dos Santos-Tam and Cordero, this bill removes defunct or no longer needed boards and commissions, including the Child Care Advisory Board, Agricultural Development Task Force, Domestic Violence Response Task Force, and the Advisory Working Group to Address Public Infrastructure Issues Resulting From Conflicts Over Private and Public Road Ownership in the Kaka‘ako Community. This bill passed First Reading at the Council Meeting on Monday, March 25. On Tuesday, April 2, the Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee amended it to a CD1 version and recommended it pass Second Reading at the next Council Meeting on Wednesday, April 17.

### **Resolution 24-65 – RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 1630, HD 1, AND SENATE BILL 3202, SD 2, RELATING TO URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

This resolution expresses the Honolulu City Council’s opposition to House Bill 1630, HD 1, and Senate Bill (SB) 3202, SD 2, as it relates to Urban Development. Although the intention of the State bills appears to be to increase the availability of additional residential housing, the Council has concerns that if passed, there could be substantial impacts on the City’s existing zoning districts and corresponding development standards, ongoing planning processes, and the character and nature of neighborhoods and communities throughout the City. This Resolution was adopted with amendments by the Council on Monday, March 25.

Following the Council’s action on Resolution 24-65, the House Committees on Housing, Water and Land, and Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs scheduled a joint hearing on SB 3202. The measure drew nearly 500 pages of noticeably divided testimony. At the hearing, the committees amended SB 3202 to remove certain sections of the bill that could potentially have negatively impacted O‘ahu, including a provision allowing for the subdivision of existing residential parcels to as small as 2,000 square feet. Mahalo to the House Committees for taking the Council’s and community’s input into consideration when voting on SB 3202. For more information about SB 3202, visit <https://tinyurl.com/SB3202>.

Go to [hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc](https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc) to view the Bills and Resolutions.



## FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025 BUDGET

The Mayor has introduced his proposed FY 2025 Budget and the corresponding bills for the Legislative, Executive Operating and Capital, and Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation Budgets have been introduced. The City Council will now spend the next four months discussing, deliberating, and proposing amendments to the budget. As Chair of the Budget Committee, Councilmember Cordero is looking forward to carefully reviewing each department's budget and having an open dialog with our City leaders about their operational needs in the coming year. In light of fixed cost increases, such as employee health care and retirement benefits, and possibly providing hazard pay for those who worked during the COVID-19 pandemic; prioritizing the needs of our residents and maintaining our city infrastructure and services, all while maintaining a balanced budget, is critical. She encourages the community to tune in and share their mana'o during the Council's Annual Budget review and approval process. For more information on the Annual Budget and its process, visit [honolulu.citycouncil.org/Budget](http://honolulu.citycouncil.org/Budget).

### HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL BUDGET REVIEW TIMELINE



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 04/01/24**  
10:00 a.m. - Special Budget Committee
- 04/02/24**  
9:00 a.m. - Budget Committee  
11:00 a.m. - Kapiolani Park Trustees  
1:00 p.m. - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs Committee  
2:30 p.m. - Transportation Committee (Cancelled)
- 04/03/24**  
9:00 a.m. - Zoning Committee  
1:00 p.m. - Parks, Enterprise & Culture & the Arts Committee  
2:30 p.m. - Housing, Sustainability & Health Committee
- 04/04/24**  
9:00 a.m. - Planning & the Economy Committee  
1:00 p.m. - Public Safety Committee  
2:30 p.m. - Public Infrastructure & Technology Committee (Cancelled)
- 04/13/24**  
8:00 a.m. - Kalihi Ahupua'a Ride (Register at [qrco.de/2024KAR](http://qrco.de/2024KAR))
- 04/17/24**  
10:00 a.m. - City Council Meeting
- 04/20/24**  
8:00 a.m. - Pearl Harbor Bike Path Cleanup (Register at [picktime.com/swq](http://picktime.com/swq))

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