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## UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

### Speeding and Request for Traffic Calming on Hekaha and Kanuku Streets

In response to a constituent's concern about speeding and request for traffic calming on Hekaha and Kanuku Streets, the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) conducted an investigation, which included a speed survey, a review of the area's traffic collision history, and a site inspection, and concluded that it does not recommend the installation of traffic-calming measures on Hekaha and Kanuku Streets at this time. DTS, however, has asked the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) for its assistance to conduct additional speed enforcement as well as the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) to maintain signs, repaint crosswalk markings, and add a pedestrian island and in-street school crossing signs in this area.

### Speeding and Request for Traffic Calming on Poko Road and Paihi Street

In response to a constituent's concern about speeding and request for traffic calming on Poko Road and Paihi Street, DTS conducted an investigation, which included a speed survey, a review of the area's traffic collision history, and a site inspection, and concluded that installation of additional traffic-calming measures, such as speed humps, is not recommended at this time. However, DTS did find that maintenance and replacement of signs in the area are needed and issued a work order to DFM.

### Paint Out at the 'Aiea District Park Annex Baseball Field Facility



On Sunday, May 5, 2024, Councilmember Cordero and her staff joined the 'Aiea High School Softball Coaches to paint the dugouts and benches to beautify the park and extend the life of the facilities at 'Aiea District Park Annex. Mahalo to Coaches Alan Higuchi, Matt Lee, Joe Ciccarella, and Mark Shimabukuro, and the Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) Denny Higa for collaborating on this project.

### Childcare Talk Story at 'Aiea Hongwanji



On Tuesday, May 14, 2024, Councilmember Cordero participated in a Childcare Talk Story at 'Aiea Hongwanji that was made possible largely because the City has staffed a long-time inactive program and vacant position of the Early Childhood Resource Coordinator. The new Coordinator, Jordana Ferreira, is holding talk stories in communities across the island. Mahalo to Claire Tamamoto and the 'Aiea Hongwanji for hosting this event!

## TREE PLANTING AT MAKALAPA NEIGHBORHOOD PARK



On February 28, 2024, the Council unanimously passed Resolution 24-16, adopting the City'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 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. Councilmember Cordero's office, Parents And Children Together, Trees for Honolulu's Future, and Climate Champions are volunteering weekly to water the trees for this duration. Additionally, efforts to resurface the park's basketball courts 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](https://www.climatereadyoahu.org).

## APRIL 20, 2024: PEARL HARBOR BIKE PATH CLEANUP



Councilmember Cordero and staff joined volunteers at the biannual Pearl Harbor Bike Path Cleanup on April 20, 2024, where 2.66 tons of trash were collected from 10 cleanup sites along the bike path. Prior to this cleanup, the City's DFM Division of Road Maintenance trimmed along the path and did a sweep of the area, clearing 1.44 tons of metal and 9.87 tons of trash. A total of 12.53 tons of trash and 1.44 tons of metal were cleared off the path. Mahalo to the DFM's Storm Water Quality Division for coordinating this cleanup, as well as the DTS, DPR, the HPD's District 3 Community Policing Team, the Mayor's team, and especially to all the volunteers who came out and participated to make this cleanup a great success. The next Pearl Harbor Bike Path Cleanup will be in October. Details are forthcoming. To view available cleanups in your area, please visit [picktime.com/swq](https://picktime.com/swq).

## THIS YEAR'S BUDGET THEME IS *SAVING AND IMPROVING LIVES*

The Honolulu City Council is now halfway through its deliberations on the City's Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Budget. This year, Budget Chair Cordero has selected the theme *Saving and Improving Lives*. With this guiding theme, funding priorities include a broad array of public safety and parks-related activities such as supporting first responders, ensuring environmental health and clean water for residents, and reinforcing parks and recreational programs; all to improve our quality of life.

Councilmember Cordero has submitted her FY25 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for District 7, and here is the CIP for 'Aiea that is proposed to be added to [Bill 13 \(2024\)](#), [CD2](#):

- \$200,000 for improvements to Makalapa Neighborhood Park.

Visit [honolulucitycouncil.org/Budget](https://honolulucitycouncil.org/Budget) for more information on the Annual Budget and its approval process. To submit testimony on the various budget bills, please visit [hnlodoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlodoc](https://hnlodoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlodoc).

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

### **Resolution 24-129 - URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR FIRST RESPONDERS**

Introduced by Councilmember Cordero, this Resolution asks the City Administration to offer annual mental health assessment opportunities for first responders. Mahalo to Salt Lake resident and retired First Responder Medic, Mr. Eddie Fujioka, for initiating this Resolution by bringing to Councilmember Cordero's attention the concern that effective awareness, recognition, and management of mental health are vital to understanding and addressing the unique mental health needs of first responders, as they are at a higher risk of developing post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms. This Resolution has been referred to the Committee on Public Safety and is pending scheduling of a hearing.

To view the Council's past and current Bills and Resolutions, visit [hnlodoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlodoc](https://hnlodoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlodoc).

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCOME LIMITS RELEASED FOR 2024

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has released the 2024 affordable housing income limits. They serve as guidelines in qualifying purchasers and renters for affordable units as required under various city programs, and took effect on April 22, 2024.

The affordable housing income limits and maximum rents are based on the multifamily tax subsidy project income limits set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. DPP's income limits are the same as that of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, which oversees development and operation of many state-sponsored affordable units.

DPP sets housing expenditure thresholds based on income limits to determine maximum rent for various income groups and household sizes in Honolulu. A complete list of the 2024 affordable housing income limits and maximum rents by income groups and household size is available at <http://bit.ly/4b3KNFX>.

## O'AHU RESIDENTS REMINDED OF APPROACHING DEADLINE FOR UPGRADED DRIVER'S LICENSES

O'ahu residents now have about a year to get the Real ID driver's license or state identification card that every U.S. air traveler 18 years and older will need to board domestic flights or enter federal facilities. Beginning May 7, 2025, only state-issued driver's licenses and IDs that meet federal Real ID requirements will be accepted for airport check-in and to enter a federal facility. Real ID Hawai'i driver's licenses have a gold circle with a star outline in the center of the upper portion of the card. As of May 2024, about 92 percent of the 656,631 driver's licenses issued in the City and County of Honolulu have the Real ID marking. To get a Real ID-compliant driver's license on O'ahu, make an appointment — up to six months prior to expiration — at a driver licensing center. Appointments can be made online at [Alohaq.org](https://Alohaq.org).

## SUMMER FUN ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS IN MAY



Registration for Summer Fun began on Monday, May 13, through the DPR Online System at [pros.hnl.info](https://pros.hnl.info) and is based on geographic park district under the following timetable:

- District 1 (East Honolulu): May 13 at 5:00 p.m.
- District 2 (West Honolulu): May 14 at 5:00 p.m.
- District 3 (Leeward O‘ahu): May 15 at 5:00 p.m.
- District 4 (Windward & North O‘ahu): May 16 at 5:00 p.m.
- District 5 (Central O‘ahu): May 17 at 5:00 p.m.

Summer Fun 2024 will be on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. beginning Monday, June 10, through Friday, July 26 (not including holidays on June 11 and July 4). It is open to keiki six years old before August 2024, and not older than 13 years old by July 28, 2024. Junior Leaders must be 13 years old before August 2024, and no older than 17 years old by July 28, 2024.

The cost of this amazingly affordable program remains the same as last year, with funding assistance available. This year’s Summer Fun registration fee is \$25 per keiki, with an additional activity fee of no more than \$100 for participating sites that offer extra-curricular activities such as an excursion to Kualoa Regional Park. All combined fees will not exceed \$125 per keiki.

Visit [bit.ly/SummerFunMap](https://bit.ly/SummerFunMap) to view an interactive map showing the 2024 Summer Fun Sites and their district locations.

For those without access to a computer or internet, please call the Summer Fun Site where you wish to sign up to coordinate registration. To register a Junior Leader, contact the specific site for registration information.

Go to [pros.hnl.info](https://pros.hnl.info) for more information. Mahalo in advance for your valuable contribution to Summer Fun!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 05/21/24

- 9:00 a.m. - Budget Committee
- 1:00 p.m. - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs Committee
- 2:30 p.m. - Transportation Committee

### 05/22/24

- 9:00 a.m. - Zoning Committee
- 1:00 p.m. - Parks, Enterprise Services & Culture & the Arts Committee (Cancelled)
- 1:00 p.m. - Housing, Sustainability & Health Committee

### 05/23/24

- 9:00 a.m. - Planning & the Economy Committee
- 1:00 p.m. - Public Safety Committee
- 2:30 p.m. - Public Infrastructure & Technology Committee (Cancelled)

### 05/29/24

- 5:30 p.m. - Moanalua High School Graduation at the Stan Sheriff Center

### 05/30/24

- 6:00 p.m. - ‘Aiea High School Graduation at the Hawai‘i Convention Center

### 06/05/24

- 10:00 a.m. - City Council Meeting

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