

Councilmember **RADIANT CORDERO**

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UPDATES ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Notices of Violation – 99-1648 Analio Place

The Department of Planning and Permitting's (DPP) Building Inspection Section investigated 99-1648 Analio Place and found a retaining wall under construction without a building permit. A Notice of Violation (NOV) was issued to the property owner. Following ongoing site investigations, DPP confirmed continued work on the retaining wall and issued another NOV for grading without a permit. The matter has been referred to DPP's Code Compliance Branch for fines, and DPP will continue to monitor for compliance.

Parked Vehicles on 'Iwa'iwa Street

The Honolulu Police Department's District 3 ('Aiea/Pearl City/Waipahu) Community Policing Team conducted checks on 'Iwa'iwa Street in front of the Hālawa District Park gym, issuing five citations for expired tags and towing two vehicles for abandonment. The two black trailer-type vehicles reported were not found in the area, and outreach services offered to individuals residing in their vehicles were declined. Officers will continue to monitor the area and take appropriate enforcement action as staffing permits.

PEARL HARBOR BIKE PATH CLEANUP



In celebration of Earth Day, Councilmember Cordero and staff joined the Rotary Club of Hickam Pearl Harbor for the biannual Pearl Harbor Bike Path Cleanup on April 19, 2025, to help clear trash and debris along the path behind the Best Buy in 'Aiea.

Mahalo to the City's Department of Facility Maintenance's Storm Water Quality Division for coordinating this cleanup, to all participating City departments, and especially to the volunteers who came out and helped make this effort a great success. To view future cleanups in your area, please visit picktime.com/swq.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/29/25

9:00 a.m. - Budget Committee
1:00 p.m. - Housing, Sustainability,
Economy & Health Committee
2:30 p.m. - Parks Committee

4/30/25

9:00 a.m. - Planning, Infrastructure &
Transportation Committee
1:00 p.m. - International & Legal Affairs
Committee
2:30 p.m. - Executive Management
Committee (*as needed*)

5/01/25

9:00 a.m. - Zoning Committee
1:00 p.m. - Public Safety & Customer
Services Committee
2:30 p.m. - Innovation, Technology &
Entertainment Committee

05/14/25

10:00 a.m. - City Council Meeting

05/21/25

6:30 p.m. - 'Aiea-Pearl City Town Hall at
Pearl City Elementary School

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HELPFUL LINKS

View Councilmember Cordero's District Page at honolulu.citycouncil.org/district-7-cordero

Watch Council Meetings on 'Ōlelo 54 or on youtube.com/@HonoluluCityCouncil

View Bills/Resolutions at hnl.doc.hawaii.gov/hnldoc

Submit Your Testimony Online at hnl.doc.hawaii.gov/hnldoc/testimony

STORM WATER HERO AWARDS CEREMONY



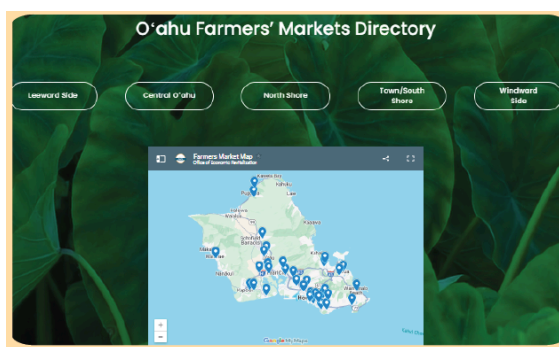
On March 22, Councilmembers Cordero and Augie Tulba joined the Department of Facility Maintenance's (DFM) Storm Water Quality Division to celebrate our Storm Water Heroes in the community across the island. Each year, the City hosts an awards ceremony to recognize and honor individuals and organizations dedicated to safeguarding our water.

This year, Councilmember Cordero had the honor of supporting her neighbors, who have devoted countless hours to reducing pollution and protecting our island's waters. Among those recognized were:

- Chandra Kanemaru and Doug Fujikura from Salt Lake Neighborhood Board No. 18
- Moanalua Middle School
- Rotary Club of Hickam Pearl Harbor
- Rotary Club of Pearlridge

Congratulations to all our 2025 Storm Water Heroes! To view the full list of awardees, please visit <https://www8.honolulu.gov/swq/news/>. Mahalo to DFM for recognizing their dedication in keeping our communities clean and thriving!

DISCOVER LOCAL: O'AHU FARMERS' MARKETS DIRECTORY



Looking for fresh, local food near you? The O'ahu Farmers' Markets Directory is now live! Launched by the Office of Economic Revitalization's (OER) Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems program, this easy-to-use online resource helps you find farmers' markets across the island.

The directory provides essential details, including market locations, hours, and vendor information. Markets are organized into five regions – Leeward Side, Central O'ahu, North Shore, Town & South Shore, and Windward Side – making it simple to discover fresh, island-grown food in your area.

By supporting local markets, you're not only getting the freshest produce but also strengthening O'ahu's farmers and economy. Expanding access to healthy, locally-sourced food aligns with OER's vision of a thriving, sustainable community. Check out the directory today and start exploring O'ahu's vibrant farmers' markets at revitalizeoahu.org/sustainable-ag-food-systems/!

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS FOR THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE 2025-2030

Every five years, the City updates its Climate Action Plan (CAP) to identify actions and strategies that reduce O‘ahu’s carbon emissions while helping residents and businesses save on costs. The Office of Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resiliency (CCSR) is leading the current update, with a focus on affordability for O‘ahu residents.

As part of the outreach strategy, CCSR is hosting nine Community Workshops – one in each Council district – from April to June 2025. These workshops aim to gather community input to help shape the updated CAP. Each workshop will include an overview of climate change, a review of the previous CAP, proposed actions for the updated plan, and interactive sessions for resident feedback.

For more information, please visit resilientoahu.org/capcommunity or email energyprogram@honolulu.gov with any questions.

CITY UNVEILS NEW NOTIFICATION SYSTEM – HNL ALERT – FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

The City has launched HNL Alert, a new mass notification system that delivers severe weather, emergency, and community updates via text, push notification, or email. It replaces the previous HNL.Info Alerts.

There are two ways to sign up for HNL Alert:

1. **Customized Alerts:** Individuals can create an account at hnlalert.gov to select the topics they want alerts for and choose any combination of text messages, email, or push notifications through the Public Safety by Everbridge app. Users may enter one or more addresses to receive targeted alerts for specific areas, such as their home or workplace. Alert preferences can be updated at any time.
2. **Urgent Alerts Only:** To quickly subscribe and receive critical safety alerts via text – no registration required – text “HNLALERT” to 888777.

HNL Alert complements emergency warning systems that do not require sign-up, such as Wireless Emergency Alerts, sirens, and Emergency Alert System messages broadcast over radio and TV. While those are used for urgent emergencies, HNL Alert also provides updates on developing weather and City service impacts. Messages can include detailed information, images, and links, and remain accessible on mobile devices for easy review and sharing. Users previously subscribed to HNL.Info Alerts began receiving instructions to transition to HNL Alert on March 25. For more information about HNL Alert and the City’s alert and warning systems, visit honolulu.gov/dem.

THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ISSUES PRELIMINARY FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP FOR O‘AHU

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently re-studied flood hazards across multiple streams on O‘ahu and has released a preliminary update to the island’s Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM). As part of the update process, a 90-day public appeal and comment period is open from March 13 through June 10, allowing residents to appeal changes to their property’s flood risk designation, provide comments on the maps, and ask questions.

Due to the FIRM updates, some properties may now be classified as a “Special Flood Hazard Area” for the first time. Property owners in these areas who have a federally-backed loan or mortgage will be required by their lender to purchase flood insurance when the maps are finalized. These areas will also be impacted by more stringent development requirements. To check if your property is affected and to find out how to provide feedback to FEMA, visit resilientoahu.org/GetFloodReady.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill 24 (2024), CD2 – Adopting the City’s Revised Primary Urban Center Development Plan (PUC DP)

After multiple community hearings in the affected districts and much deliberation by the Council over the past year, on April 2, 2025, the Planning, Infrastructure & Transportation Committee amended Bill 24 to a CD2 version and recommended it be approved by the full Council. In response to community input, Councilmember Cordero included multiple changes to the 'Aiea area of the PUC DP to reflect the community’s desire to preserve Native Hawaiian cultural and historic sites, preserve existing zoning uses in certain areas, reference the 'Aiea Town Center Master Plan, and reduce development growth projections. This Bill passed third reading as amended at the full Council meeting on April 16, 2025, and has been transmitted to the Mayor.

Resolution 25-63 – Renaming Sand Island to Mauiola

Introduced by Councilmember Cordero, Resolution 25-63 urges the Hawai'i State Board on Geographic Names to rename Sand Island to Mauiola, restoring its original Hawaiian name, which means “breath of life” or “power of healing.” Advocates believe that restoring the name Mauiola would honor the island’s cultural and historical significance, promote public awareness, and reflect the values of healing and renewal. Resolution 25-63 has been referred to the International & Legal Affairs Committee.

Bill 30 (2025) – Relating to Real Property Taxation

Introduced by Councilmember Cordero, Bill 30 aims to amend or repeal certain real property tax exemptions or dedications and adjust the minimum real property tax for certain properties. In addition to repealing certain defunct exemptions, some exemptions and dedications will be reviewed for potential increases to reflect current economic conditions. “We are facing tight budget constraints and these adjustments aim to generate much needed revenue while promoting fairness and efficiency in the tax exemptions,” said Councilmember Cordero. Bill 30 passed first reading on April 16, 2025, and will be next heard at the Budget Committee.

Bill 31 (2025) – Relating to the Transit Construction Mitigation Fund (TCMF)

Co-introduced by Councilmembers Cordero and Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Bill 31 seeks to amend TCMF requirements to expand assistance for businesses located along the Skyline system and that are financially impacted by rail construction. This Bill proposes the following major changes: (1) increasing the business annual revenue cap from \$750,000 to \$2 million; and (2) raising the employee limit from 15 to 20 full-time employees, including full-time equivalent positions. Bill 31 passed first reading on April 16, 2025, and will be next heard at the Budget Committee.

Bill 61 (2024), CD1 – Relating to Wheelies

Co-introduced by Councilmembers Cordero and Matt Weyer, Bill 61 would prohibit riders of electric bicycles, mopeds, and motorcycles from performing “wheelies” in order to increase safety on our roadways. Bill 61 passed third reading on March 19, 2025, and has been signed into law as Ordinance 25-13.

CITY URGING VEHICLE OWNERS TO RENEW THEIR REGISTRATION ON TIME

Owners of the more than 880,000 registered vehicles in the City are reminded to pay attention to when the tags on their cars and trucks expire. This reminder is in direct response to the 39,452 vehicles with expired registrations on O‘ahu, where 71% of those vehicles have not been registered in at least five years.

The City’s Division of Motor Vehicles sends courtesy renewal notices 45 days before a registration expires, offers four ways to renew a vehicle registration, and provides a way to determine the cost of a registration renewal online. Late registrations carry a \$16 penalty for passenger vehicles, while the penalty is \$40 for commercial vehicles. To avoid the hassle of being pulled over and dealing with a penalty, O‘ahu motorists are urged to check the annual due dates on their registered vehicles and renew them on time.

The City’s online registration system allows motorists to determine their registration fee at any time at mvinquiry.hnl.info. The vehicle’s license plate number and the last four digits of its VIN are required. A vehicle must have a current Hawai'i safety inspection before it can be registered. To renew the registration of a vehicle that is more than a year overdue, taxes and fees for past years must also be paid. Appeals of past taxes and fees must be made through the O‘ahu First Circuit District Court. For more information, please visit honolulu.gov/csd.

ONLINE SUMMER FUN RESOURCES

With summer quickly approaching, the City's Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is calling on interested applicants to join the Summer Fun 'ohana through a variety of amazing job opportunities!

DPR's largest and most popular program needs hundreds of motivated workers to enrich our keiki with positive and empowering activities. Now, DPR's newly-revamped websites and digital resources make it even easier to begin your journey working for Summer Fun. From a video highlighting this energetic work to an interactive map of the 2025 locations, all of the information you need to learn about and apply for these jobs is available at bit.ly/summerfunjob.

These employment opportunities not only enhance our keiki's summertime by putting the "fun" in Summer Fun, but they also provide the chance to develop essential job skills like teamwork, leadership, conflict resolution, childcare experience, and problem-solving – all while connecting to your community and creating lifelong memories!

This year, DPR is hosting 63 Summer Fun sites, and the more staff we have at these locations, the more keiki can be accommodated! The jobs available offer competitive pay rates ranging from \$15 to \$20.10 an hour, with focuses on coordinating recreation, keiki supervision, lifeguarding at the City's pools, and therapeutic aide positions.

Summer Fun's success also relies on the support of our volunteer Junior Leaders, with over 1,200 Junior Leaders in last year's program. To register as a Junior Leader, please contact the specific site for registration information. Mahalo in advance for your valuable contribution to your community!

Summer Fun is an affordable, City-operated, seasonal day camp where children engage in learning experiences in a fun and safe environment. These opportunities help build soft skills that promote leadership and future educational and lifelong success. DPR aims to accommodate approximately 10,000 keiki and teens through this remarkable program each year, with registration costing no more than \$125 per child, excluding Summer Plus (contracted keiki care before and after the regular program).

The 2025 Summer Fun Program is scheduled to run weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., from June 9 through July 25 (excluding holidays on June 11 and July 4). Keiki registration will once again be conducted primarily online through pros.hnl.info from Monday, May 12, through Friday, May 16, 2025, based on geographic park districts under the following timetable:

- District 1 (East Honolulu): May 12 from 5:00 p.m.
- District 2 (West Honolulu): May 13 from 5:00 p.m.
- District 3 (Leeward O'ahu): May 14 from 5:00 p.m.
- District 4 (Windward & North O'ahu): May 15 from 5:00 p.m.
- District 5 (Central O'ahu): May 16 from 5:00 p.m.

For more information about the program, visit Summer Fun's newly-renovated main website at bit.ly/summerfunoahu.

If you need an auxiliary aid/service, other accommodations due to a disability, or an interpreter for a language other than English in reference to this announcement, please contact DPR at (808) 768-3003 on weekdays from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or email parks@honolulu.gov at least three business days before the scheduled event. Without sufficient advance notice, it may not be possible to fulfill requests.