



Councilmember  
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Serving  
**HONOLULU CITY  
COUNCIL DISTRICT 7**



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### UPDATES ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

#### Enforcement on Pohai Place

The Honolulu Police Department District 3 ('Aiea/Pearl City/Waipahu) officers conducted a check on Pohai Place in response to traffic and parking concerns and did not observe any illegally-parked vehicles or football teams at practice. They will continue to monitor the area and take appropriate enforcement action when warranted. Individuals are encouraged to call 911 to report parking violations as this would result in a more expeditious response.

#### 98-1266 Neki Street Overgrowth

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) relayed that staff conducted an inspection, revealing the sidewalk and property is overgrown with grass and weeds. In accordance with the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH) Chapter 14, Section 14-5.1, a Notice of Violation (NOV) No. VI-0079241 was issued for the sidewalk overgrowth. Additionally, in accordance with ROH Chapter 16A-2.1(4), NOV No. VI-0079244 was issued for the property overgrowth.

#### Sidewalk fronting 99-260 'Aiea Heights Drive

DPP's inspection revealed that the asphalt walkway is eroded. A Work Request to repair the asphalt walkway was sent to the Department of Facility Maintenance's (DFM) Division of Road Maintenance (DRM). DRM may be contacted directly at dfmroads@honolulu.gov for status update requests on walkway repair work.

#### Off-Street Parking at 99-639 'Aiea Heights Drive

According to DPP, the required minimum stalls allowed on this lot are a minimum of nine off-street parking stalls per the Land Use Ordinance (LUO) Table 21-6.1. The LUO Table states that there is one off-street parking space for every 1,000 square feet of private dwelling area. Since the total floor area of the two-family dwelling is 8,819 square feet, DPP rounds up to 9,000 square feet to get the minimum nine off-street parking stalls in an effort to minimize on-street parking. With that being the minimum, the provided off-street parking stalls permitted for this two-family residence are 11 stalls.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### 11/18/25

- 9:00 a.m. - [Budget Committee](#)
- 1:00 p.m. - [Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee](#)
- 2:30 p.m. - [Housing, Homelessness & Parks Committee](#)

#### 11/19/25

- 9:00 a.m. - [Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology Committee](#)
- 1:00 p.m. - [International & Legal Affairs Committee](#)

#### 11/20/25

- 9:00 a.m. - [Zoning & Planning Committee](#)
- 1:00 p.m. - [Public Safety & Economy Committee](#)

#### 12/3/25

- 10:00 a.m. - City Council Meeting at Honolulu Hale



### HELPFUL LINKS

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View Bills/Resolutions at [hnldec.hawaii.gov/hnldec](http://hnldec.hawaii.gov/hnldec)

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## UPDATES ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS (CONTINUED)

### Hālawā District Park Field Maintenance

The Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) Maintenance Section 3 Supervisor for the West Honolulu District investigated concerns at Hālawā District Park. Work Request #2025-5209 was made to repair the water sprinkler system, and a call was made to the Maintenance Support Services Plumbing Supervisor to report the issue. Additionally, Work Request #2025-5227 was submitted the same day to skin ball fields A, B, and C, and the Parks Grounds Improvement Supervisor was notified of the needed work.

DPR understands the importance of maintaining the fields and will ensure that grass trimming and proper watering schedules are regularly followed to keep the area in good condition.

In addition to these corrective actions, DPR is actively developing maintenance standards and procedures for volunteer groups who wish to assist with athletic field maintenance. This initiative encourages community members to take greater ownership of their neighborhood parks and athletic facilities. By creating structured opportunities for collaboration, DPR aims to strengthen community pride, enhance field conditions, and build lasting partnerships between park users and maintenance staff.

### Ali'ipoe Drive Pavement Repairs

A water main break occurred at 99-754 Ali'ipoe Drive on Monday, October 13, 2025, and the road was temporarily patched by the Board of Water Supply (BWS). Permanent repairs to the road pavement will be scheduled by the BWS contractor.

### Ala Ali'i Street Speeding Concerns

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) completed its investigation into traffic concerns on Ala Ali'i Street, which included a speed study and review of the area's traffic collision history. DTS currently controls speeding through the use of proper signage and enforcement by HPD. DTS' field inspection revealed that "Speed Limit 25" signs are appropriately placed and in good operational condition. DTS' speed study confirmed that motorists are traveling at or near the posted speed limit of 25 mph. In addition, a review of the area's traffic collision history within the past three years did not indicate any trends, conditions, or unusual circumstances that would necessitate the installation of any additional traffic control devices at this time.

## 'AIEA COMPLEX TRUNK-OR-TREAT



On October 24, Councilmember Cordero and her staff participated in the 4th Annual 'Aiea Complex Trunk-or-Treat held at Salt Lake District Park. More than 60 community groups and organizations took part in creating a safe and enjoyable Halloween environment for keiki and families.

Councilmember Cordero extends her mahalo to the Department of Parks and Recreation's 'Aiea Complex for organizing this popular event, which continues to provide a fun and secure space for families in the community to celebrate Halloween together.

## KALĀKAUA DISTRICT PARK COSTUME CONTEST



On October 21, Councilmember Cordero served as a judge at the annual Kalākaua District Park Costume Contest, where keiki from the Kalihi community and their 'ohana displayed their creativity and Halloween spirit. The event featured games with prizes and candy for keiki and concluded with a Glow-in-the-Dark Trick-or-Treat Lane, providing a safe trick-or-treating experience and showcasing glow-in-the-dark artwork created by Kalākaua Middle School students. Councilmember Cordero extends her appreciation to the Honolulu Fire Department and the Honolulu Police Department's Police Activities League for their partnership and support of this community event.

## CITY NOW ACCEPTING GRANT IN AID APPLICATION

Mayor Rick Blangiardi announced Thursday that qualified non-profit organizations can now apply for grants available through the City's Grants in Aid (GIA) Program. **The deadline to submit GIA proposals is 2 p.m. on November 24, 2025**, and more than \$10.6 million in GIA were awarded to 85 nonprofits across O'ahu last year. The City Charter-mandated GIA fund — administered by the Department of Community Services (DCS) — was established by a voter initiative to serve economically and/or socially disadvantaged populations or provide services for public benefit in the areas of arts, culture, economic development, or the environment.

Interested agencies should download the Request for Grant Proposals from the State of Hawai'i's Hawai'i Awards & Notices Data System (HANDS) website at [hands.ehawaii.gov/hands/opportunities](https://hands.ehawaii.gov/hands/opportunities). Further information is available at [www8.honolulu.gov/dcs/gjainfo](https://www8.honolulu.gov/dcs/gjainfo) about the grant application process. For further assistance, agencies may contact the Division of Purchasing Help Desk at (808) 768-5535.

All agencies must submit their sealed proposals by 2 p.m. Hawai'i Standard Time on Monday, November 24, 2025, as evidenced by a date and time stamp from the Division of Purchasing. The Division of Purchasing is located at Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street, Room 115, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813.

### Additional Background

The City is mandated by a Charter Amendment to set aside one-half of one percent of general funds for GIA for the following two categories:

#### Public Services

Funds in this category must be used to support qualified public services and programs for the target populations deemed by the city to be most vulnerable, including but not limited to: seniors, persons with disabilities, children, victims of domestic violence, people experiencing homelessness, and those suffering from the effects of substance abuse or poor mental health.

#### Arts, Culture, and Community/Economic Development and the Environment

Funds in this category must be used to support the sustainable improvement in the well-being and quality of life of local communities, especially low- to moderate income areas. Projects could include but are not limited to: the creation, development and empowerment of community based organizations, providing planning, organizational support, and technical assistance to organizations, supporting financial literacy programs and services, supporting micro-enterprise and business training, and supporting programs that promote cultural or environmental enhancement, protection or awareness.

## FIRST SEGMENT OF PEARL HARBOR HISTORIC TRAIL/BIKE PATH IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED IN 'AIEA



*(Left) Kahu Kordell Kekoa blesses the first renovated segment of the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail/Bike Path with the City's Department of Transportation Services, Senator Brandon Elefante, Councilmember Radiant Cordero, Hawai'i Bicycling League, SSFM, and Global Specialty Contractors, Inc.; (Right) Image of the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail/Bike Path*

The City's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) announced Wednesday that construction has been completed on the first renovated segment of the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail/Bike Path. Construction began on February 3, 2025, to replace the existing asphalt and concrete surfaces with new concrete, providing bicyclists with a smoother, safer ride. As part of the improvements, new bollards, signs, stripes, and lights were installed to enhance safety.

This project is a key component of the South Shore Trail plan, which will create a 30-mile bicycle and pedestrian pathway connecting communities from Nānākuli to Mānoa and Waikīkī. While bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure exists within each community along this corridor, this initiative aims to improve regional connectivity for active transportation users by linking these pathways together.

Councilmember Cordero stated, "I want to mahalo the DTS team and their partners for their hard work over the past seven months to revitalize this path that links our communities, honors the history of Pu'uloa, and pedals us closer to a future Mobility Hub near Kalauao [Pearlridge] Station. I look forward to the continued progress of the South Shore Shared Use Path, which is an investment in our island's integrated transit networks that will foster a more sustainable and innovative future through closer connected communities."

## CITY CELEBRATED FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH



*Photo Courtesy of Council Support Services*

In celebration of Filipino American History Month, Honolulu Hale and the Neal S. Blaisdell Arena was illuminated in the vibrant colors of the Philippine flag — red, blue, and yellow — from sunset on Monday, October 20, through sunrise on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

On October 17, the flag of the Philippines was raised outside Honolulu Hale in recognition of the deep and enduring contributions of Filipino Americans to Hawai'i's rich cultural tapestry. During the ceremony, Mayor Rick Blangiardi delivered an official proclamation declaring October as Filipino American History Month in the City and County of Honolulu, honoring generations of Filipino Americans for their remarkable legacy and service to our community.

Filipino American History Month, observed nationally each October, honors the history, heritage, and achievements of Filipino Americans — the largest Asian ethnic group in Hawai'i. The celebration commemorates October 18, 1587, when the first Filipinos arrived in what is now Morro Bay, California, marking the beginning of Filipino presence in the United States. Throughout the month, community organizations, cultural groups, and educational institutions across O'ahu hosted events and programs highlighting Filipino American culture, leadership, and history.

## HONOLULU CITY LIGHTS 2025: TWO SEPARATE LOCATIONS, ONE MAGICAL CELEBRATION!



[Photo Courtesy of Press Release](#)

Get ready to feel the magic of the season! On Wednesday, a 55-foot Cook pine tree was installed to serve as the centerpiece for the 41st Honolulu City Lights. The City and County of Honolulu, in partnership with the Friends of Honolulu City Lights and Show Aloha Land, is proud to present one of Hawai'i's most beloved holiday traditions, which this year will illuminate both the Civic Center Grounds and Thomas Square Park with joy and aloha.

The festivities begin on Nov. 29, with the Opening Night Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m. in front of Honolulu Hale. As Mayor Blangiardi lights the City's iconic holiday tree, Thomas Square Park will be illuminated at the same exact moment — marking the first time in Honolulu City Lights history that both parks will sparkle together.

Opening Night activities get underway at 4 p.m. with a block party along Punchbowl Street, featuring 'ono food and local favorites. At 6:15 p.m., the beloved Public Workers' Electric Light Parade will depart 'A'ala Park, travel down South King Street, and pass Honolulu Hale on its way to Kawaiaha'o Street — wrapping the heart of downtown in a glowing ribbon of lights and holiday cheer. After the tree lighting ceremony, live entertainment will continue behind Mission Memorial Auditorium.

All the traditional and cherished decorations on the Frank F. Fasi Civic Grounds — including Shaka Santa and Tūtū Mele — are being brought to you by the Friends of Honolulu City Lights.

At Thomas Square Park, the celebration continues as Show Aloha Land — led by Mike Gangloff — transforms the historic grounds into a dazzling winter wonderland. Visitors will experience keiki train rides, festive craft and food vendors, a chance to meet Santa, and an immersive display of light tunnels, illuminated trees, and brilliant holiday features that will shine throughout the season.

Holiday festivities at both locations run through the month of December. The City Department Holiday Tree Exhibition inside Honolulu Hale will close on Monday, December 26, 2025, and outdoor displays will begin powering down on Monday, December 29, 2025.

This year's Honolulu City Lights is poised to be the brightest yet — two parks, one celebration, and endless aloha. This year's theme, "Navigating by the Stars," honors and celebrates the 50th anniversary of Hōkūle'a, Hawai'i's legendary voyaging canoe that first launched on March 8, 1975.

Street closures, detours, and TheBus route adjustments will be announced in the coming weeks. For event updates, maps, and schedules, visit [www.hnlcitylights.com](http://www.hnlcitylights.com).

### CITY RESPONDS TO SEWAGE SPILL IN 'AIEA

The Department of Environmental Services (ENV) responded to a sewage spill in 'Aiea at 99-822 Holoai Street on Friday, November 14.

ENV received the call at 7:40 a.m. and arrived at the site at 8:16 a.m. The spill ended at 9:40 a.m. and ENV crews cleaned, disinfected, and deodorized the area, completing the work at 5:45 p.m.

Roughly 1,000 gallons of wastewater spilled from a sewer manhole due to root intrusion in the area. ENV crews recovered 500 gallons from the ground, while 100 gallons dissipated into the ground. Roughly 400 gallons entered a storm drain, and ENV crews were able to recover 300 gallons.

The Hawai'i State Department of Health was notified, and the posting of signs and sampling have been waived.

### SKYLINE SEGMENT 2 IS OPEN



The expansion adds five additional miles & four new stations to the existing rail system, extending passenger service from **EAST KAPOLEI to MIDDLE STREET**



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For more info, visit: [honolulu.gov/dts/skyline/fares/](https://honolulu.gov/dts/skyline/fares/)