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NEAL S. BLAISDELL CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Looking for something to do? The Neal S. Blaisdell Center hosts events every month that caters to all interests, hobbies, and more; including concerts, expos, sports, and a weekly Farmer's Market!

Here are highlights of some of the events to close out February:

February 27
Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra Hapa Symphony featuring Keauhou

February 27 and 28
HHSAA Wrestling State Championships

Every Wednesday
Farmer's Market from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To view the Blaisdell Center events calendar and information on events, parking, and bag policy, please visit www.blaisdellcenter.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 03/03/26**
9:00 a.m. - Budget
1:00 p.m. - Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee
2:30 p.m. - Housing, Homelessness & Parks Committee
- 03/04/26**
9:00 a.m. - Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology Committee
1:00 p.m. - International & Legal Affairs Committee
2:30 p.m. - Executive Management Committee (as needed)
- 03/05/26**
9:00 a.m. - Zoning & Planning Committee
1:00 p.m. - Public Safety & Economy Committee
2:30 p.m. - Government Efficiency & Customer Services Committee
- 03/25/26**
10:00 a.m. - City Council Meeting

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HELPFUL LINKS

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

Watch Council Meetings Live on 'Olelo 54 or on honolulucitycouncil.org

View Bills/Resolutions at hnl doc.ehawaii.gov/hnl doc

Submit Your Testimony Online at hnl doc.ehawaii.gov/hnl doc/testimony

UPDATES ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Damaged Directional Arrow Sign on Moanalua Road

The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) Division of Road Maintenance (DRM) is aware of and has issued Service Request No. 70254 to repair the damaged directional arrow sign on Moanalua Road, westbound, before Kaonohi Street.

Tree on Moanalua Road near Pali Momi Medical Center

An arborist from the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Division of Urban Forestry (DUF) responded to a concern regarding a tree on the Pali Momi Street side of Moanalua Road, near Pali Momi Medical Center. The arborist's investigation revealed the remains (stump) of a satin leaf tree that DUF will remove after it conducts a utility check of the surrounding area. Following the removal, DUF will reinspect the site and if deemed suitable, will plant a tree of an appropriate species.

Removal of Crosswalk on Ulune Street at Pohue Street

A constituent reported that the painted crosswalk on Ulune Street at Pohue Street was removed and is requesting it be restored. Councilmember Cordero contacted the City's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and was informed that this crosswalk was removed as part of a crosswalk consolidation study that the City is undertaking. As part of the study, pedestrian volume counts were taken at the Pohue Street crosswalk and found only two pedestrian crossings over a 12-hour period of the day. As such, DTS recommended that this crossing be consolidated with the crossing at Hālawa Heights Road, which is located around 200 feet from Pohue Street. Additionally, prior to the removal, DTS posted signage with notification of the removal of the crosswalk and received no comments from the community.

On a related note, DTS is currently in the design phase to implement a road diet and pedestrian crossing improvements on Ulune Street, between Kahuapa'ani Street and Ali'ipoe Drive. DTS' traffic consultant is working on the conceptual plans for the proposed road diet, which will be shared at community meetings when the preliminary plans are completed. Since the crossing improvements proposed under the project are currently in the design phase, in the interim, until the pedestrian crossing improvements have been completed, DTS has issued a work order to install advanced stop lines with "Stop Here For Pedestrians" signage along this stretch of Ulune Street to increase conspicuity of the existing marked crossings. The work is in progress for these interim changes.

Overgrowth at the Corner of Ulune Street and Kahuapa'ani Street

DRM responded to a request to maintain the overgrowth located at the mauka, Diamond Head corner of the intersection of Ulune Street and Kahuapa'ani Street and determined that this area falls under the jurisdiction of the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT). It has reported the maintenance request to HDOT for follow-up. Requests or concerns regarding State owned roadways or right-of-ways may be directed to the HDOT Public Affairs Office at (808) 587-2160 or dotpao@hawaii.gov.

Signs Posted on Public Property

Advertising signs in the median are under the jurisdiction of the DFM, Roads Division, who may be contacted at dfmroads@honolulu.gov. Unpermitted signs placed on City sidewalks are a violation of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, Chapter 14, Section 14-3.8(b)(2), and investigations regarding these violations are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), who may be contacted at dpp@honolulu.gov or (808) 768-8000. DPP investigations are complaint-based. However, DPP does not regulate political signs on private property.

CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET

The City's Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) process begins next month with the receipt of the Mayor's proposed budget on March 2.

From March to June, the Council will carefully deliberate on the City's proposed budget, which includes the Executive Operating and Capital Budgets, the Legislative Budget, and the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) Operating and Capital Budgets.

During this three-month period, Councilmembers will have the opportunity to hear from the community and propose budget amendments to allocate funds that address the specific needs of their districts, ensuring quality services are provided to the public. This is a critical time for our community to get involved and voice your priorities.

The Council's review of the FY27 budget begins with the Administrative Overview of the Operating and Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budgets and departmental briefings, as follows (schedule subject to change):

- **Monday, March 9: Administrative Overview and Budget Briefings by Department:**
 - Office of the Mayor/Managing Director (Culture and Arts, Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency, Neighborhood Commission, Office of Economic Revitalization)
 - Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
 - Department of Emergency Management
 - Department of the Prosecuting Attorney
 - Royal Hawaiian Band
 - Department of the Medical Examiner
 - Department of the Corporation Counsel
- **Tuesday, March 10: Departmental Briefings**
 - Emergency Services Department
 - Honolulu Police Department
 - Honolulu Fire Department
 - Department of Ocean Safety
 - Department of Parks and Recreation
 - Department of Housing and Land Management
 - Liquor Commission
- **Wednesday, March 11: Departmental Briefings**
 - Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation
 - Department of Transportation Services
 - Department of Planning and Permitting
 - Department of Community Services
 - Department of Information Technology
 - Department of Facility Maintenance
- **Thursday, March 12: Departmental Briefings**
 - Department of Human Resources
 - Department of Enterprise Services (Auditoriums, Golf Courses, Zoo, Concessions)
 - Department of Design and Construction
 - Department of Environmental Services
 - Department of Customer Services
 - **Legislative Branch**
(City Auditor, City Clerk, City Council, Council Services)
- **Friday, March 13: Contingency Day**
 - If additional time is needed for briefings.

After the briefings are concluded, the schedule for the approval of the FY27 Budget Bills are as follows:

- **Wednesday, March 25:** 1st Reading of Budget Bills at Council
- **Monday, March 30:** Special CD1 Budget Meeting
- **Wednesday, April 15:** 2nd Reading of Budget Bills at Council
- **Friday, May 1:** Special CD2 Budget Meeting
- **Wednesday, June 3:** 3rd Reading of Budget Bills at Council
- **Monday, June 15:** Charter Deadline for Council to Adopt the Budget

The Budget Bills will be introduced after the Council receives the Mayor's proposed budget, and all documents, including the bills and departmental briefing presentations will be posted on the City Council's website at <https://www.honolulu-citycouncil.org/>. Additional budget information will be provided in next month's report.

CITY WARNS O'AHU RESIDENTS ABOUT DMV TEXT AND EMAIL SCAM

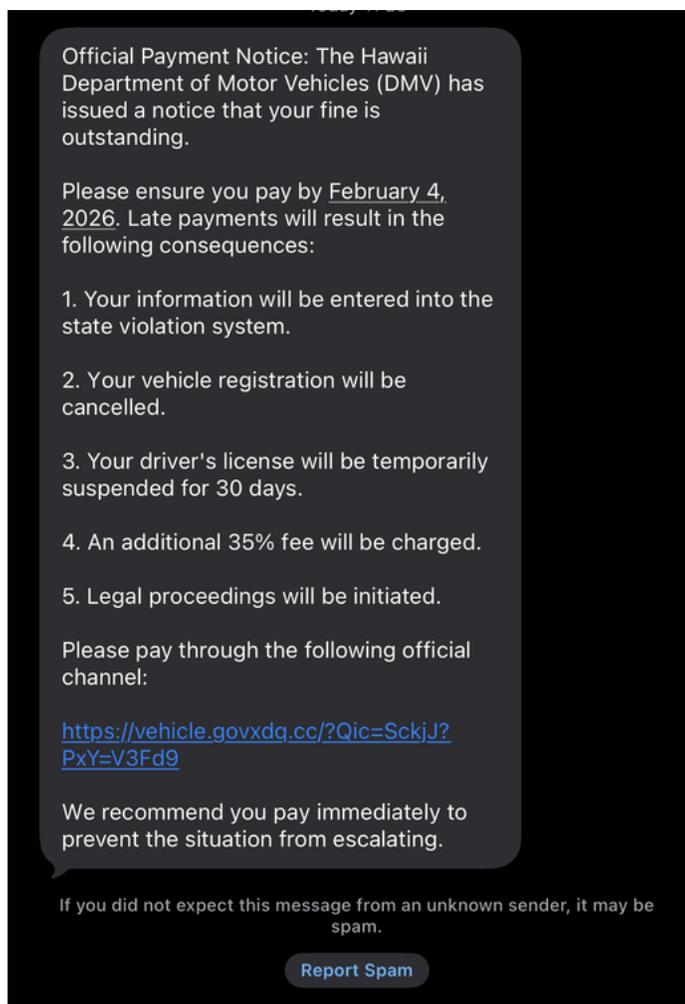
Residents are urged to remain vigilant and cautious about scam texts or emails claiming to be from the "Hawai'i Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)," including fraudulent messages that surfaced over the past several days. An example of such a text can be seen at right.

These scams are designed to deceive unsuspecting residents into providing sensitive personal or financial information and making payments for a fake "traffic fine," often accompanied by urgent and threatening language about unpaid tickets. They may attempt to pressure recipients into acting quickly before verifying the information.

In some text messages threats include messages saying their vehicle registration will be cancelled, driver's license will be suspended, or a legal proceeding will be initiated.

The DMV does not, and will not, send unsolicited requests for payment, personal information, or account details via text message or email. Any such communication should be treated as suspicious.

Residents who receive these messages are strongly encouraged to block the sender immediately, delete the message, and avoid clicking on any links or responding in any way. Anyone who falls for a scam and makes a payment should immediately contact the company managing their payment (credit card company, bank, etc.) to secure their account.



RIDE THE SKYLINE

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) reminds residents that Skyline remains a reliable option for commuters during periods of heavy congestion and unexpected roadway disruptions.

As evidence of its growing popularity as a dependable transportation method, on January 27, Skyline recorded 12,902 rides, the highest weekday ridership total to date.

Drivers are reminded that the park-and-rides are available at the following stations:

Keone'ae UH West O'ahu Station: 304 parking stalls

Honouliuli Ho'opili Station: 344 parking stalls

Hālawa Aloha Stadium Station: 590 parking stalls

Kahauiki Kalihi Transit Center Station: 95 parking stalls

Park-and-Ride lots are available for transit riders, and parking is limited to no more than 24 hours. DTS encourages residents to consider Skyline as part of their everyday travel, and as a dependable option when road conditions change unexpectedly.

To view Skyline ridership data, including the month of January 2026, please visit [here](#). Skyline operates every day, including weekends and holidays, from 4 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. For more information on Skyline, please visit: www.honolulu.gov/skyline.

For HOLO Card information, visit www.holocard.net or call 808-768-4645. To plan your transit trip, download the free Transit App for TheBus and Skyline schedules and real-time arrivals.



DISTRICT 7 POP-UP OFFICE AT KALĪKAUA DISTRICT PARK



To kick off the New Year, on January 10 Councilmember Cordero and her team hosted a Community Council Corner pop-up office at Kalākaua District Park in Kalihi during the Department of Parks and Recreation's People's Open Market. The City's Complete Streets program joined the outreach event, engaging with residents on pedestrian safety and gathering input on how to improve Kalihi's streets and sidewalks.

GULICK H-1 WIDENING PROJECT COMMUNITY MEETING



On January 12 Councilmember Cordero co-sponsored a community meeting on the Gulick H-1 Widening Project with Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Senator Donna Mercado Kim, and Representative Shirley Templo. Officials from the Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT) provided updates on work completed to date and outlined what the community can expect in the coming year.

READ ALOUD AT HĀLAWA STATION WITH READ TO ME INTERNATIONAL



Councilmember Cordero collaborated with Read to Me International and the Department of Transportation Services to host a community Read Aloud event at Hālawā Skyline Station. Both Councilmember Cordero and Irene Banao from the Department's Transportation Mobility Division served as guest readers. This family-friendly gathering on January 17, brought together keiki, families, and kūpuna for a delightful morning filled with transit-themed literature, music, dance, and various engaging activities.

CITY URGES RESIDENTS TO KEEP PLASTICS OUT OF GREEN CARTS AHEAD OF GREEN RECYCLING ORGANIC WASTE (G.R.O.W) PILOT PROGRAM LAUNCH

As the City prepares to launch its G.R.O.W. (Green Recycling Organic Waste) pilot program on April 1, 2026, which will allow food scraps to be placed in curbside green carts, the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) is reminding residents that keeping plastic and trash out of green carts is essential to making composting work.

Green carts are collected and sent to Hawaiian Earth Recycling, where yard waste is turned into compost. When plastic bags, food wrappers, utensils, or other non-compostable items are placed in the green cart, they can contaminate entire loads of green waste.

Unlike yard waste, plastic does not break down. Instead, it shreds into smaller pieces that can persist in finished compost, potentially harming soil, parks, and farms.

Plastics, including items labeled compostable or biodegradable, do not break down properly in local composting systems and are not allowed in green carts.

“When green carts are clear of plastic and other contaminants, composting works and our community benefits,” ENV Director Roger Babcock said. The reminder is simple: If it did not grow, do not put it in the green cart.

The City’s G.R.O.W. pilot program will introduce food-waste recycling in six neighborhoods — Hawai‘i Kai, Kailua, Nānākuli, Waipahu, Kalihi and Mililani — and help redirect organic material from H-POWER and the Waimānalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill toward local composting. The public workshops are designed to prepare residents by explaining why food-waste recycling matters, what materials can be included in your green bin, and how to minimize odors while helping divert food waste from out waste stream.

Food waste currently accounts for roughly 20% of O‘ahu’s total trash, amounting to approximately 160,000 tons of waste each year. By separating food scraps, residents can help reduce landfill use and support composting, which turns waste into a valuable resource.

Each workshop will include a brief presentation by ENV staff, demonstrations on proper food waste separation, guidance on keeping green carts free of contamination and time for questions. The workshops also reinforce the G.R.O.W. pilot program’s core message: “Include the Food.”

The workshops are open to all residents.

Upcoming G.R.O.W. Public Workshop Dates:

- February 24 at Kapālama Elementary School Cafeteria, 7 p.m.
- March 19 at Nānāikapono Elementary School Cafeteria, 7 p.m.
- March 20 at Waipahu Elementary School Cafeteria, 7 p.m.
- March 27 at Kailua Elementary School Cafeteria, 7 p.m.

Residents who do not live in a pilot neighborhood or who don’t have City refuse and recycling curbside service can drop off food scraps and wasted food, free of charge, at the Hawaiian Earth Recycling (HER) composting facility in Wahiawā starting April 1, 2026. The facility will accept a maximum of two self-drop-off loads per day. See the HER website for more information.

For more information on the G.R.O.W. pilot program and what does and does not belong in the green cart, visit <https://www.honolulu.gov/env/>.



HAWAIIAN COUNCIL KALĀHIKI ENERGY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

The Hawaiian Council, through its Kalāhiki program, seeks to connect residents living in economically stressed areas with local providers to achieve energy independence and lower utility costs. *All* residents are encouraged to apply to receive a free home energy and water assessment and, if qualified, connections to resources and assistance to upgrade appliances or home energy systems.

Fill out the interest form here: <https://kalahiki.hawaiiancouncil.org/s/> or send an email to kalahiki@hawaiiancouncil.org.



Households in Hawai'i—especially those in rural and economically stressed areas—face a **cost of living crisis** and increasing **climate impact risk**.

Kalāhiki weaves together private and public financial support via a one-stop-shop that meets Hawai'i households where they are at—providing “resilient home retrofits” to those most in need. The Hawaiian Council provides client advocates who walk local families through a simple three step process to lower their current utility bills and upgrade their homes against extreme events based on the individual qualifications, needs and risks of each household.

With a single application, qualified families receive:

Efficiency Upgrade

Following application, a family receives a whole-home energy and water assessment and subsidized improvements that lower utility bills.

Energy Sovereignty

Select a zero-money down solar PV and battery backup system, further cutting utility bills and giving energy security during emergency events.

Climate Resilience

Based on home assessment, families receive resilience upgrades including hurricane clips, fire hardening, heat abatement, and more.



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Email kalahiki@hawaiiancouncil.org today to register for your free home assessment and find out how your household can benefit!