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Waialua High & Intermediate School Wing Sing Lion Dance Team Photo: WHIS

Wing Sing Lion Dance Team Rings in the Lunar New Year in Hale'iwa!

By Noah Grodzin

On January 29th Waialua High and Intermediate School's very own Wing Sing Lion Dance Team toured shops up and down Hale'iwa spreading new year's good luck and cheers!

With an explosive bang from their traditional drum along with cymbals and gong the team quickly made their presence felt catching the attention of both locals and passerby's as they gathered along the sidewalks amongst and inbetween store fronts to watch the Wing Sing Lion Dance Team as they ushered in the Year of the Snake!

The team assembled first at Seven Brothers, then made their way down to Rajanee, over to Matsumoto's, and completed the tour at Stonefish. Two ornate and brightly colored lions weaved their way in and out of the business dining rooms and kitchens as people fed the lions with red envelopes filled with donations for the pro-

gram. Earlier that same day the team also performed at Manaoala Shops, two pre-schools, as well as Wahiawa Baptist Church. Leading up to the day the team previously performed with another group in Honolulu China Town. These north shore kids have been busy!

Ian Cablay who has been the band leader at WHIS for the past sixteen years has built the Lion

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Dance program up from scratch. Ian himself was an active performing member of an international Lion Dance Team at one time ranking 5th in the world.

The Wing Sing Team has brand new outfits along with new instruments and Lions both directly from China. This is the 2nd year of the program which is the first program of its type in the state to receive accreditation which means each student receives a full three credits for the class which falls under the category of performing arts. Through Lion Dance the kids are learning about perpetuating Chinese culture along with communication, artistic passion, and the ability to interact with different cultures. Ian has big plans for the program, he hopes to identify with a sister program in Hong Kong that perhaps the WHIS students can connect with.

"People born in the Year of the Snake are believed to be perceptive, intelligent and graceful. In Chinese culture, the snake is often linked to the element of fire, which signifies passion, energy and transformation. The year itself is considered a time for reflection, deep thought and personal growth"

Happy Lunar New Year to all and mahalo to Coach Cablay and the entire Wing Sing Lion Dance Team! Gong xi fa cai!

Wing Sing Lion Dance Team:

7th grade

Lilienne Cablay

9th grade

Keilana Brown Isabella Hawk Eloise Jenkins

11th grade

Damien Beneventte-Sabido Monica Diwa Hannah Placido Asia Macatiag Keilani Ayonon

12th grade

Mele Ayonon Madison Heath Nanea Milnikel Ezra Pascual Luke Ramos Lucy Williams





WHIS Wing Sing Lion Dance Team performing and blessing Haleiwa Elementary School Photo: WHIS

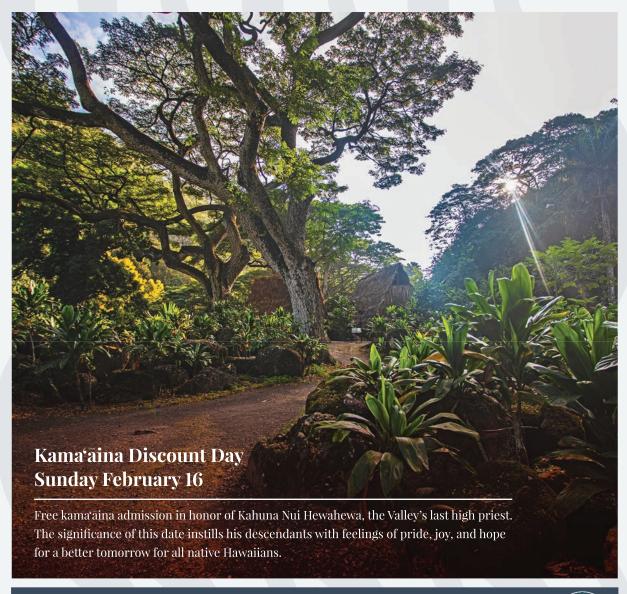
North Shore

Neighborhood Board Meetings #27 Next Meeting: February 25, 2025

4th Tuesday of Every Month - 7pm at Waialua Elementary School Cafeteria 67-020 Waialua Beach Rd.

Regular meeting agenda found at: www.honolulu.gov/nco To view previous meetings go to: olelo.org/olelonet





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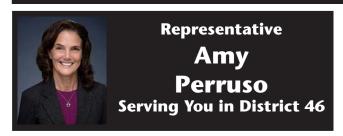


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Aloha friends and neighbors,

Last Thursday was a big day in the Hawaii State House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection (EEP). In addition to tackling our state's cesspool crisis, we also took a critical step toward protecting our community from environmental harm by passing HB 969 out of committee.

HB 969, introduced by Representative Quinlan and myself, along with other colleagues, is an essential bill that would prevent a landfill from being sited over an aquifer. This is a basic but crucial safeguard—our aquifers provide drinking water for communities across the state, and we cannot afford to risk contamination. With ongoing concerns about water security and pollution, ensuring that landfills are kept away from our water sources is just common sense. We've already seen the devastating consequences of environmental mismanagement at Red Hill. We can't let history repeat itself. This bill now moves to the next committee (Water for further consideration, and we'll need strong public support to keep it moving forward.

Following the passage of HB 969, we also had what we jokingly called "Cesspool Day" at EEP! It was a big step forward in tackling our state's cesspool crisis, as we passed several key bills to modernize wastewater management, protect our water, and help homeowners transition away from outdated cesspools. Now, these bills are moving on to their next committees for further review.

Here's where things stand:

HB 879: Aims to provide financial help for homeowners converting their cesspools to safer systems. Next stop: the Water and Land (WAL) Committee.

HB 379: Creates new rules and incentives for cesspool upgrades in high-priority areas. Moving on to WAL.

HB 798: Focuses on stronger oversight to make sure cesspool conversions meet environmental standards. Also heading to WAL.

HB 376: Expands research into sustainable wastewater solutions. This one is off to the Higher Education (HED) Committee.

HB 734: Supports community education and outreach about cesspool conversion options. Next up: WAL.

HB 736: Offers tax incentives for property owners who switch to modern wastewater systems ahead of deadlines. Going to WAL.

HB 735: Introduces creative financing options to speed up cesspool conversion statewide. WAL is next.

HB 1421: Heads straight to the Finance (FIN) Committee. It establishes a grant program to help low- and moderate-income homeowners cover the costs of upgrading their wastewater systems.

HB 749: Also moves directly to FIN. It directs state funding toward infrastructure investments in areas where centralized wastewater systems are needed.

These bills are part of a major push to phase out the more than 80,000 remaining cesspools across the state. Cesspools are a serious threat to our drinking water, reefs, and public health, and with the 2050 deadline for conversion approaching, we need to act now.

If you care about clean water and a healthier environment, now is the time to get involved! Head to capitol.hawaii.gov and create an account so you can submit testimony—either in writing or in person (virtual testimony is an option too!). Every voice makes a difference, and your input can help shape policies that protect our communities.

Mahalo for staying engaged! Together, we can make sure Hawaii moves toward a cleaner, safer future. Me ka ha`aha`a,

Representative Amy Perruso



Waialua Community Association Annual Membership Meeting

February 19, 2025

WCA GYM 66-434 Kamehameha Hwy Sign-In at 6:00pm Meeting at 7:00pm

In order to vote in this meeting your membership application must have been received no later than January 15, 2025. Membership applications are available at the WCA office or online at: waialuacommunityassociation.org
For information please call 808-637-4606



Jay Day Skate Jam at Banzai Skatepark with Shota Kubo, Who Dat, Bruce Walker, Christian Hosoi, SiFly, Jim Muir, Centaur, Mark Vercelli, Reggie Barns, Chris Owens and Seven Adams Photo: Michelle





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Poke for the People Opens a New Location Featuring an Expanded Menu!

By Noah Grodzin

Poke for the People (PFTP) has opened a new location at 66-214 Kamehameha Highway. The new location is centrally located in Haleiwa across the street from the old Waialua Court House and will feature the same high-quality poke as their prior location along with a new expanded all day breakfast and lunch menu.

Christopher Chang, owner of PFTP grew up fishing the North Shore and comes from a long-time fishing family with a strong ocean background. Prior to getting into the poke business Chris was a fisherman and would make his own favorite poke to share with friends and family. As popularity and demand grew, about fifteen years ago Chris stepped away from the fishing boat and into the world of restaurants, eventually opening PFTP in 2018.

PFTP specializes in "Hawaii Style Poke", a poke bowl at PFTP is not your average poke bowl; it's a verifiable work of art. First you get to choose from a one or two choice poke bowl where you can choose from the daily variety of poke styles. Then each bowl comes with crab salad and your choice of two sides which can include kimchee, Okinawa sweet potato, edamame, carrots, cucumber, tofu, or seaweed salad. Then the bowl gets your choice of topping which can be furikake, kizami nori, or tempura flakes. Then finally the bowl is dressed with sushi sauce. By the time it's served to you it's truly "culinary aloha" and nothing short of amazing in both looks and taste and also healthy! In addition to poke bowls there is also a shrimp tempura bowl, a tofu bowl, or just a bowl with no poke at all but all the great sides.

The new breakfast menu features local eggs, local style fried rice and pancakes with lilikoi, haupia, and guava house made syrups. Try the NSN "One, Two, Three" breakfast special! The new lunch menu features garlic chicken, fish and chips, loco mocos, and kalbi short ribs.

Chris has a deep appreciation for quality and all the fish is sourced locally either from the Honolulu fish auction or directly from local fisherman. Other ingredients are also sourced locally like sea asparagus coming from nearby Kahuku Farms.

PFTP is truly "for the people" and is meant to be enjoyed by both locals and visitors alike, as Chris says "if the locals like it then it's good" and the locals don't just like it, we love it!



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Vice Chair Matt Weyer Serving You in District 2

Aloha North Shore Community,

It has been wonderful to start the new year with you—talking story with kūpuna groups, joining rallies, attending town halls, and seeing the amazing commitment and passion of our diverse community. To kick off our first Council meeting of the year, it was an honor to recognize Captain Clifford Chillingworth for his lifelong service to ocean safety, our community, and our country. From his tireless efforts as a lifeguard, including mentoring watermen like Eddie Aikau and Mark Cunningham, to his dedication as a Korean War veteran and paddling coach, Captain Chillingworth has left a lasting legacy of safety, leadership, and aloha. Mahalo for your unwavering commitment to the community!

As we approach the upcoming budget season, we are closely monitoring announcements about changes in federal funding. We are working with the City Administration to identify contingencies as needed; however, current federal funding has been restored. Our team is here and will continue to be here to answer your questions, address City concerns, and connect you to available resources for issues outside the City's jurisdiction. If you are a resident or an organization that provides services within District 2, please contact our office at any point if you find yourself impacted by changes to federal policies, programs, or grant funds. This will help us assess budgetary needs for City-related programming or connect you to the appropriate contacts for those services outside the City's jurisdiction.

Community Updates

Laniakea Realignment: With the recent ground-breaking for the road realignment project at Laniakea, I look forward to the state measures that will reduce congestion, traffic, and safety concerns. We encourage everyone to track Hawai'i Department of Transportation project updates, including road work notices and project timelines, at hidot.hawaii.gov.

Kawailoa Transfer Station Green Waste: Mahalo to everyone that is participating in the City's green waste composting program. Residential users can continue to dispose of their green waste at Hawaiian Earth Recycling Products Monday through Saturday at no charge. For convenience purposes, the City does allow for green waste disposal at the Kawailoa Transfer Station on Sundays due to Hawaiian Earth Recycling Products being closed. Since the green waste deposited at the Kawailoa Transfer Station is burned at H-Power, however, we encourage community members to make use

of the free services for composting at Hawaiian Earth Recycling Products when possible.

Pupukea Bike Path: At the request of several community members, our team wants to remind folks that green waste should not be left along the bike path, and we included this reminder in the letter we sent out in November 2024. Preventing the piling up of green waste and mulch helps protect against the coconut rhinoceros beetle, which can utilize green waste and mulch piles to propagate. Mahalo to everyone in the community for doing your part.

Legislative Updates

Resolution 25-003, reaffirming the City policy that municipal solid waste landfills should not be located above our drinking water sources, passed unanimously out of the City Council in January. Going forward, we will continue to use every legal tool available to project our aquifer and prime agricultural land. Please sign up for our newsletter to receive updates about how to engage and testify.

Bill 64 (2024), which we co-introduced with Councilmember Cordero, would expand the eligibility for the City's down payment loan program. By expanding the eligibility criteria, we can get more families into homes. Those interested in finding out more about the City's current program can visit https://www8.honolulu.gov/dcs/.

Bill 51 (2024) passed full Council and was signed into law by the Mayor in January. We introduced Bill 51 to facilitate adaptive reuse projects in the urban core, allowing for unused commercial space to be converted into housing with safeguards to protect residents' health and safety.

As always, I hope that this update finds all of you well and feel free to reach out to me at (808)768-5002 or at mweyer@honolulu.gov.



At the January Full Council meeting, members of the Honolulu City Council gathered with Honoree Captain Clifford Chillingworth, who was joined by his family and colleagues

North Shore News

Next Issue - March 12 Deadline Date - February 26



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Nash Witten, MD

Dear Doctor, "I'm going on a ski trip soon and am worried about getting altitude sickness!"

Although most of us live near sea level, since it is winter, many of us will be (or already have!) traveling to the mountains to enjoy snow sports. With that mountain snow fun comes the risk of acute mountain sickness, also known as acute altitude sickness. If you have ever experienced this condition, you know it can ruin your vacation plans and, in extreme cases, can lead to death.

Any travel to an elevation greater than 2,500m poses the risk of acute altitude illness, especially for Hawaii residents who normally live at sea level. For example, Breckenridge Ski Resort in Colorado is over 3,900m above sea level, putting anyone from Hawaii at risk of acute altitude sickness without the proper preparation.

Gradual ascent from sea level to altitude is the preferred method to prevent acute altitude sickness, which isn't usually an option on vacation. Although research does not provide a clear plan for a gradual ascent, it is generally recommended to spend one night at 1,600m before traveling to an elevation between 2,000 and 3.000m.

There are medications we can prescribe that can help prevent acute altitude sickness, such as acetazolamide. If you've experienced symptoms of acute altitude sickness before, it increases your risk of having it again when you go to altitude. If you are planning a personal or family trip, let your primary care physician know, and we can help mitigate the risk of AMS!

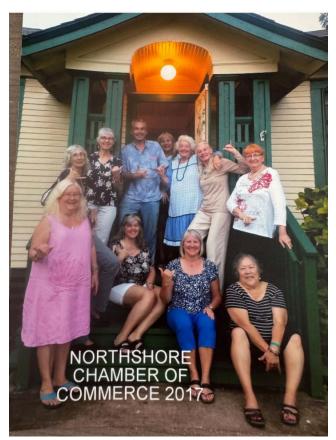
Dr. Nash Witten is a Board Certified Family Medicine physician at the Queen's Health Care Centers Haleiwa, located at 66-125 Kamehameha Hwy., Haleiwa, HI 96712. The clinic is accepting new patients, call 808-691-8501 to schedule an appointment. Submit questions to the doctors at nsnaskthedoctor@gmail.com.



We Remember Joyce Hawkins-Alejandro It is with tremendous sadness, the Friends of the Waialua Library Board (FOWL) and the community sends their condolences to Joyce's family and friends upon her passing on Friday, January 3rd, 2025.

Joyce, 81, was instru-

mental in starting Friends of the Waialua Library in the mid 1980's and served on the Board up until a few years ago when her health kept her at home. Joyce was a tireless volunteer for the library, organizing and putting on countless art shows, serving as an officer of the board for decades, she was also a long time volunteer at the North Shore Chamber of Commerce and the community will remember her as our revered mail carrier in Waialua. Joyce touched so many lives with her quick laugh, her genuine interest in others, and her infectious smile. We know Joyce will be remembered fondly and greatly missed.



Joyce Hawkins-Alejandro (2nd left) with NSCC volunteers and Director Ed Korybski



North Shore Chamber of Commerce News

News from the NSCC General Membership Meeting

On January 28, the North Shore Chamber of Commerce welcomed Honolulu City Councilmember Matt Weyer to our general membership meeting to discuss the City's proposed landfill site—on land many of us know as Dole property—situated directly above O'ahu's critical water aquifer. Councilmember Weyer explained how the site was chosen and highlighted ongoing efforts to halt the project before it jeopardizes our island's drinking water and agricultural lands.

A major concern raised by attendees was the risk of water contamination. Modern landfill designs can reduce many threats, but none are foolproof. Leachate, or the liquid runoff from waste, can seep through landfill liners and potentially enter our aquifer, which supplies much of the North Shore's drinking water. Once groundwater is tainted, reversing the damage is notoriously difficult, expensive, and fraught with consequences for both human health and the environment.

Beyond our water supply, this threat also impacts local agriculture. Farms across the North Shore depend on clean, dependable water for high-quality crop production. Even the perception of contamination could harm their reputations, weaken consumer confidence in local produce, and negatively affect businesses that rely on these goods. The fallout would have serious repercussions for our island's food security and overall economy.

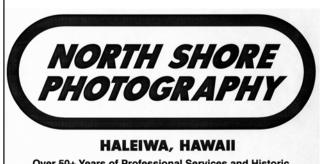
In response, a strong legislative strategy is unfolding. Representative Sean Quinlan introduced House Bill 969, which would prohibit new or expanded landfills near essential water sources. Simultaneously, Councilmember Weyer has championed a parallel resolution through the Honolulu City Council, reinforcing the need to protect our aquifer. Both measures depend on community engagement—through written and oral testimony at hearings and direct communication with elected officials—to ensure O'ahu's water supply remains uncompromised.

During the Chamber meeting, Councilmember Weyer emphasized that public participation is key to shaping these policies. The North Shore Chamber of Commerce stands ready to keep members and the broader community informed about upcoming legislative milestones, hearings, and opportunities for input. Your voice, whether as a resident or a business owner, can significantly influence the outcome.

Although O'ahu still needs a long-term solution to waste management, placing a landfill above our

main aquifer is a risk we simply cannot take. Short-term logistical gains cannot outweigh the potential for irreparable environmental damage. The North Shore Chamber of Commerce opposes the current landfill proposal and urges everyone to remain engaged in the legislative process.

We appreciate the efforts of leaders who are addressing these concerns and reinforcing the principle that O'ahu's water resources are indispensable. While we rely on local government and state agencies for sound solutions, we all share in the responsibility to remain vigilant, well-informed, and prepared to speak out for what matters most: the preservation of our water, our land, and our future.



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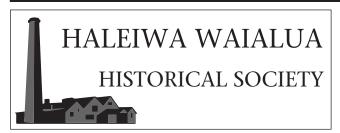
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Waialua's Mill Camp

Boyd Ready, Local Historian

Many of us have heard that a non-profit will renovate and expand the old plantation 'Mill Camp' for low-income housing. Only 67 of the original 300 homes remain, mostly in a state of poor repair. Dole Food's commitment to retirees lifetime residence is expected to continue to be honored.

Of the nine named 'camps' the Waialua Agricultural Company (WACo) built and maintained, Mill Camp was the first and largest, followed by Kawailoa Camp. Crude work camps were, and still are, the normal way agriculture is done, especially for seasonal crops like strawberries, citrus, or tomatoes. Even today in agriculture, farmers just provide tents, portapotties, washstands and tarp canopies. Migrant wives crowd nearby town laundromats washing sleeping bags and work clothes. Most immigrants to Hawaii expected to return home soon with money in their pockets.

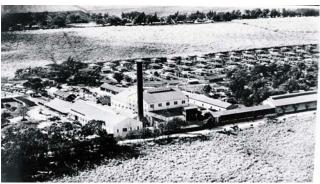
The Mill Camp became the first local economic engine for the North Shore. There was little in Haleiwa in the 1900 to 1920 days but a small resort hotel, a courthouse (1913), and a few services. A first (1899-1905) workforce of unmarried men lived in crude dormitories and spent most of their six, ten-hour-day workweeks outdoors. A few married couples did arrive early and, by contract, were provided with a separate house. Soon 'picture brides' arrived to start families. Some big strikes (1904, 1909, 1920) shook things up, and management built real homes for most workers. By the mid-1930s indoor plumbing was installed, hospital and recreation centers built, and wages were always set higher than other plantations.

Hawaii's first part-Hawaiian architect, Ted Vierra, who also designed Liliuokalani Church & the Honolulu Airport, provided standard designs with good ventilation. Five to seven thousand square-foot lots were sufficient for gardens and fruit trees. Most residents walked or rode bikes to work, shopping, the community center, post office and library. The Bank of Hawaii (1917), the Waialua Plantation grocery store, Fujioka's Store (1905), and even a 'shopping center' near Long Bridge (Tanabe's Hardware, a meat market, a pool hall, and a fish monger) were within a short walk of Mill Camp.

Plantation management kept careful records of house assignments, with better ones for good work performance. Houses were moved as needed, and painters, plumbers and carpenters worked at no charge to the residents. Rent was nominal or free until the late 1940s when ILWU negotiators preferred arm's-length,

paid tenancies to give workers more independence from management. Rents remained nominal, many at \$42/month as late as 1996. The plantation's worker housing at Mill Camp turned transient labor into the genuine community that Waialua remains today. Let us hope the low-income housing to be built will be as vital to our community as Mill Camp proved to be in the last century.

Haleiwa Waialua Historical Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit with over 200 members, a volunteer Board of Directors and committees. We seek artifacts, letters, documents, and photos for a new Heritage Exhibit to open April 26th. Email info@waialuahistoricalsociety.org or telephone 808-342-8557 to donate or loan items to the Society.



1924 WACo mill & 'Mill Camp', UH Center for Oral History



WACo relocates a house, early 1950s, UH Center for Oral History



WACo worker housing, typical row, Hawaii State Archives



Dear Editor:

OPEN LETTER TO Mayor Rick Blangiardi, Honolulu City Council and Property Reserve, Inc. (PRI) aka Hawaii Reserves, Inc. (HRI).

We respectfully request all decision-making parties to work together and plan for the next seven(7) generations. As the population and tourist count increase, the city must plan for public safety needs accordingly. Our First Responders deserve basic tools to perform optimal service to protect public safety. Risk management and forward-thinking public policies will also prevent Oahu taxpayers from unneeded expensive lawsuits.

We strongly urge PRI & HRI to exercise neighborly kindness and to provide public service for this much-needed public safety in Laie.

Preserving Lot 52 for emergency access will ensure that lives will continue to be saved.

The Issue

Property Reserve, Inc, (PRI) a Utah Corporation through its land agent, Hawaii Reserves, Inc. (HRI) is developing about 74 new residential units on its 14 beachfront lots on Clissolds Beach, Laie, Oahu.

Lot 52 is one of them.

For decades, this vacant Lot 52 on Clissolds Beach has been used by First Responders - ocean safety, police, fire, ambulance, and even helicopters - as the staging ground for ocean rescue.

The quick access from and to Kamehameha Highway allows First Responders to safely and swiftly launch their jet skis and surfboards from Lot 52 into the ocean.

If vacant Lot 52 is cemented over, this critical access point/staging ground will vanish.

Lot 52 has the nearest beachfront access point to the popular "Laie Point cliff-jump ". Time is of the essence during emergencies. Every minute counts. This irreparable damage from losing this emergency staging ground is too severe and too dreadful to consider.

Many tourists and locals have jumped from this 30-foot cliff edge, only to realize that the ocean currents and waves can be treacherous and unforgiving. There have been many drowning deaths from other activities around Laie Point as well. Fortunately, First Responders have also saved many, including swimmers, fishermen, BYU-Hawaii and Kahuku high school students and others.

This is the last opportunity to keep Lot 52 open. The city must retain Lot 52 in perpetuity for public purpose and public safety.

Live Aloha! Give Aloha! Lives matter!

Sincerely. Choon James







NORTH SHORE REAL ESTATE TRENDS

by Richard Sterman (R) of Sterman Realty & Director of Shoreline Preservation Coalition

Creative Ways to Buy N.S. Real Estate

Our North Shore is a little different than most other areas of Oahu (you probably know that by now).

We have larger parcels, we're more "Country" oriented and we're on the outskirts of the fast-growing urban areas of Oahu. This allows us to be more creative in how we buy and sell our properties. Here are some examples:

- 1. We have more Ag Land than anywhere else on Oahu and more of this land has changed hands in the last 5 years than in the previous 50 years. Dole has sold 22 of its 24 thousand acres in recent years! The buyers of those lands are getting more and more "creative"; breaking multi-hundred acre parcels into smaller Ag-Units. The flexibility of the CPR process allows for more individual ownership and also allows for more seller financing options (more on this in future articles).
- 2. Vacant Lots zoned for multi-family homes, existing duplexes and properties that already have more than one home on them allow for more than one buyer or owner-occupant (lowering the average purchase price on each side). Creativity could look like this: Buy a duplex, fix it up, live on one side, CPR into 2 units and sell the other side. Or if a buyer has little (or no) 'down-payment' find a great deal out there and then find a co-buyer that has the cash and/or down payment and buy that property without the need for your own 'down-payment' or the 'credit'.
- 3. Seller Financing: In the early 80's, our rates were 19%! I remember doing nothing but Agreements of Sales where the seller carried the note; usually for half the going rate and for a reasonable 3 5 year term. That got hundreds of young North Shore surfers started in real estate (including yours truly). With these higher rates that we have today, this type of financing is making a come-back!
- 4. The North Shore has unique properties that allow for additional homes to be built on them: ADU's (Accessory Dwelling Units), 2nd homes or Duplexes. 'Creativity' is there if you have the time and energy to improve a property. It's a great way to get started, build wealth and allow for 'sweat equity' (later being 'Tax Free' or at a lower Long Term Capital Gains rate if you sell).

Get "Creative" ... Get Started!

Richard Sterman has been serving North Shore's real estate needs for over 40 years. He is the owner and Principal Broker of Sterman Realty, the largest Full-Service real estate company on the North Shore. You can contact Richard by emailing Richard@Sterman.com, going to www.Sterman.com or just calling 808.638.8600.

SAVE THE DATES

Please join Hawai'i SEED for a weekend of Soil Revitalization workshops, demonstrations, and a community Talk Story, March 7, 8 and 9.

FRIDAY 3/7

Patagonia Hale'iwa 66-252 Kamehameha Hwy, Hale'iwa HI 96712 6:30p.m-8:00p.m.

Community Talk Story

3 separate talks: Waialua & Ko'olauloa Moku Place Names, Molokai Ahupua'a Restoration, Lahaina Update

Kewelakai Farrant, Diane Puanani Fitzsimmons, Walter Ritte - Stories from Keawanui Loko I'a, addressing erosion mitigation and nearshore water protection with traditional Hawaiian practices and swales, Duane Sparkman - Maui arborist, Lahaina historic ulu trees and fire recovery update. Using inoculants to revitalize soil.

Pupus will be served

SATURDAY 3/8

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RIP CURL EDDIE GOES WITH WOMEN, AGAIN!

Last year it was historic to have women surfers in the Rip Curl Eddie Aikau Big Wave Invitational. This year not much was said about the big wave women chargers. Last season in a ceremony Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi along with City Council member Matt Weyer honored the ladies along with Maya Aikau for a job well done. This got noticed by plenty of media. That ceremony was organized by Weyer and The North Shore Chamber's Carol Philips. This last event the waves seemed bigger but is bigger better? Yes life changing drops were the call of the day and the hard working jet ski drivers were a stand out as usual. We congratulate them for a crazy job well done! Not to forget the awesome rides by the winner Landon McNamara. He is regarded as one of the best wave riders on the North shore for sure! This win was long overdue! Congrats, that giant take off was insane. Let's not ignore the ladies. It was Maui's Annie Reickert who was the highest placing wahine with 57.20 points to McNamara's 135.80. France's Justine Dupont was second at 48.00. I'll stick my neck out to say I would rather see a separate heat for the ladies. Pretty sure some would agree. In an interview, Maui's Paige Alms talked about the same idea. Nonetheless, things are looking up for women surfers. The rules for equality have been updated for all the events on the island and our hope is that those ideas will be initiated for future events. Unfortunately the World Surf League has failed to update their events to be "equal" men to women. They are upgrading in 2026 but still not equality like the Olympic regulations. Let's hope for a much better future!

Annie Reickert 57.20 Justine Dupont 48.00 Bianca Valoenti 44.50 Ane DosSantos 32.40 Emily Erickson 31.20 Felicity Palmateer 30.70 Paige Alms 24.90 Laura Never 23.50 Tiare Lawrence 17.00 Izzy Gomez 9.00

HUI BACKDOOR TEAM WITH A GOAL

Did you catch any of the team names for the Hui Backdoor Shootout? Oneteam name was "New Earth Project". That caught my environmental mind's attention. What do they do?, I asked. A New Earth

Project is a strategic collaboration between outdoor enthusiasts and global packaging suppliers. The mission is to rid the world's oceans, lakes, and rivers of plastic pollution. The team was insane, Kelly Slater, Kai Lenny, Bethany Hamilton and Koa Smith. The ideas, even better! A New Earth Project is the sustainability initiative of Atlantic Packaging, focused on finding innovative solutions to eliminate plastic waste and transition to more sustainable packaging. Some of the products are surprising! How about sustainable six pack carriers, EverTec padded mailers by Pregis are fully curbside recyclable padded mailers, the S3 Pro System for packaging surfboards and how about insulated cool packaging made from food waste. Plastic waste and pollution is extraordinary. Two million tons of plastic finds its way into the ocean every single year. What's scary is also that there are 51 trillion microscopic pieces of plastic weighing 269,000 tons. Not to mention all the plastic in our fish and in our bodies... In our placentas! Ouch! Polyethylene is the most common plastic found in placentas, used in plastic bags and bottles. (All these figures from the internet!) But no matter the numbers we all need to do our part and be responsible for keeping our planet healthy!



*Justine Dupont, France*https://bettyadepolitophotography.zenfoliosite.com



"Life is Precious" Rescue a Pet this Valentine's Day





Aloha! I'm Taco, a sweet and social 7-yearold looking for my forever home. My previous owner had health issues and had to give me up, but I'm an adventurer and I'm ready to find a family who will love me just as much. I get along great with other dogs, cats, and even little humans! Hugs & Kisses...



I'm Nori, a sweet 4-year-old girl who came to the shelter with my brother Taco after our owner faced health issues. I'm a bit shy at first, but once I get to know you, I'm an affectionate and loving companion. I enjoy peaceful walks, cuddles, and spending time with my humans. I'm a sweetheart!



Hi, I'm Abbott! I'm almost 10 years old and came to the Oahu SPCA after my owner passed away. I can be a little nervous, but I love treats and enjoy being brushed once I feel comfortable. I'd do best in a quiet, calm home where I can adjust at my own pace. I prefer sitting on your lap while you brush me, rather than being held. If you're looking for a sweet, patient companion, be mine today and forever!



Aloha! I'm Tom Cat. I just turned one, and started life as an outdoor cat, but a kind human brought me inside, and now I'm loving the indoor life! I'm super social and ready to find my forever family to share all my love with. If you're looking for an affectionate companion, I'd love to be your indoor Valentine kitty furr-ever!



Aloha! I'm KB, a shy 10-year-old girl who came to the shelter after my owner passed away. While I'm a bit reserved at first, I warm up quickly with head and chin scratches—and I even drool from purring so much! If you're looking for a calm, loving companion, I will be the purrfect Valentine cuddle for you.





Aloha! I'm Badger, a happy-go-lucky 5-month-old puppy with a tail that's always wagging! I'm full of energy and love to play—whether it's with my favorite toys or enjoying some quality time with my humans. I'm friendly, curious, and ready to explore the world around me. Will you be my Valentine?



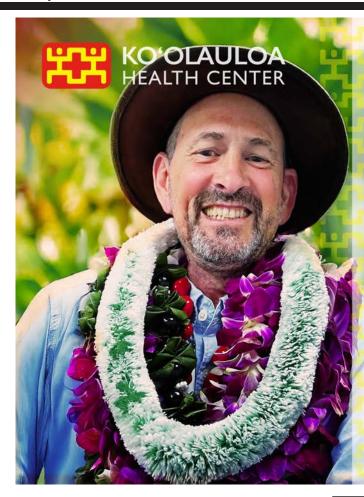


I'm Radiance, a young Pitbull mix with a vibrant personality. Full of energy, I thrive on daily exercise and stimulation, but sometimes I forget just how strong I am! I'm best suited for an active adult household, as my exuberance might be a bit much for young kids. I love to jump, but after a good play session, I settle down. A home with a yard and an active lifestyle would be perfect for me. Oh, and ILOVE water! XOXO





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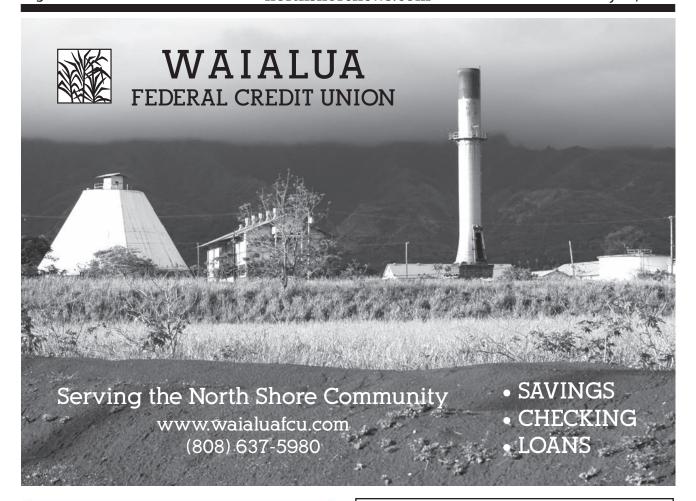
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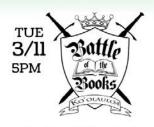
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Off da Island on the Greek Island of Aegina

NSN writer Penny and her husband Hal are taking some time off to travel and check off their bucket list! In the background on a pine-clad hill in northeast Aegina stands the beautiful temple of Aphaia (500-490 BC).

For info on the OFF da Island campaign turn to page 23.

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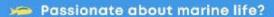
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