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Left to Right: Auntie Ka'ula Chun, Auntie Kanani Awai, Trustee Boyd P. Mossman, Chair S. Haunani Apoliona, Trustee Dante Carpenter, Trustee Colette Machado, Auntie Betty Jenkins, Auntie Gladys "Honey" Awai Lennox, & Auntie Maile Agadar Photo: WV

Hi'ipaka LLC Prepares to Celebrate its 20th Anniversary

The Valley's Hard-Won Preservation Stands as a Powerful Reminder of What Community Action Can Achieve

Waimea Valley, nestled along O'ahu's North Shore, is widely recognized as one of Hawai'i's most sacred and historically significant landscapes. One of the island's few remaining intact ahupua'a—a land division stretching from the mountains to the sea—the Valley has served for centuries as a center of priestly authority, education, and community life. Long known as the Valley of the Priests, Waimea's story spans nearly a thousand years and reflects both the resilience of Native

Hawaiian stewardship and the enduring challenges faced by ancestral lands across Hawai'i.

That history includes profound transformation. In the 12th century, the stewardship of Waimea was entrusted to the Kahuna Nui of the Pa'aoline, whose descendants cared for the land and its heiau, including Pu'u o Mahuka, the largest heiau on O'ahu, Kūpopolo heiau, and Kahōkōwelowelo. For generations, families lived in balance with the valley's forests, fields, and fisheries.

Following Western contact and the upheavals of the 19th century, that balance was disrupted. After Kamehameha I's conquest of O'ahu in 1795, Waimea was granted to his spiritual advisor, Hewahewa. By the mid-1800s, the Great Māhele and the pressures of debt and land law resulted in Native land loss. Waimea also became involved in the sandalwood trade that swept through Hawai'i in the early 19th century—a period of

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intense harvesting that lasted roughly two decades and had largely ended by the 1830s. In 1886, ownership of Waimea passed out of Hawaiian hands entirely. Over the next century, the Valley was transformed into plantation land, military installations during World War II, and later a commercial tourist attraction.

By the late 20th century, Waimea faced its greatest threat yet. After a series of failed development ventures, plans emerged to subdivide the Valley for luxury housing. For many in Hawai'i, the potential loss of Waimea was unthinkable. A broad coalition of community members, cultural practitioners, environmental advocates, students, and Native Hawaiian organizations mobilized in what became known as the Save Waimea Valley movement.

That movement culminated in a landmark agreement in 2006. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) with support from the Trust for Public Land, the City and County of Honolulu, the State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the U.S. Army jointly acquired Waimea Valley for \$15 million, ensuring the land would remain permanently protected. Title was placed with OHA, with a commitment that the land would ultimately be conveyed to a Native Hawaiian governing entity. Out of that victory emerged a new era of stewardship. In 2007, OHA established Hi'ilei Aloha LLC and its sub-entity, Hi'ipaka LLC, to manage and care for Waimea Valley. Management transitioned in early 2008, marking the beginning of Hawaiian-led stewardship grounded in cultural practice, conservation, and education. The name Hi'ipaka—meaning “to hold gently in the arms, to nurture”—reflects that mission. Paka is also the Hawaiian word for park.

As Hi'ipaka approaches its 20th anniversary in 2026, the transformation of Waimea Valley is unmistakable. Former theme park infrastructure has been replaced with cultural gardens, restored ecosystems, and educational spaces. Native plants have been reintroduced, endangered species protected, and the Valley has once again become a place for ceremony, Makahiki celebrations, and community engagement.

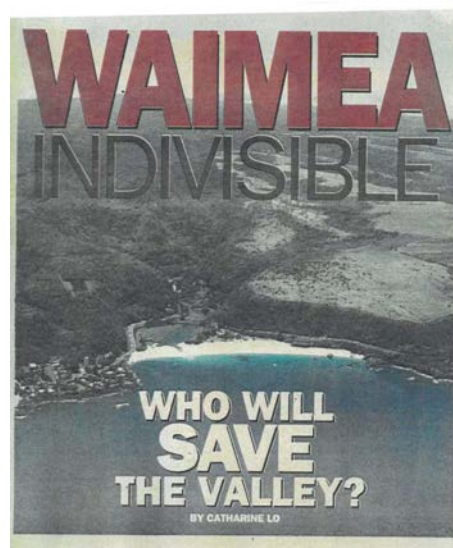
Looking ahead, Hi'ipaka LLC is preparing for the next twenty years of stewardship through a major phase of re-investment. Approximately \$7 million in long-term capital improvements are planned to support the care of aging infrastructure across the Valley. Projects in 2026 include new men's and women's restrooms, a pavilion expansion and roof replacement, improvements to the Visitor Center and gift shop, and restoration of our resource center. This work is designed to enhance accessibility, safety, and visitor experience, and will be phased, so Waimea Valley remains open to the public throughout construction. An additional planned improvement is the development of Pu'ukua, a new learning center featuring a 1,500-square-foot traditional Hawaiian hale and a surrounding lei, agroforestry, fruit tree, kalo, banana, and medicinal healing gardens, designed to strengthen

Hi'ipaka's education programs, enrich student experiences, and expand Waimea Valley's capacity to serve more schools.

Today, Waimea Valley is home to one of the world's most significant tropical botanical collections alongside an expanding range of Hawaiian-led cultural programs. Yet its modern history serves as a reminder that places of deep cultural and ecological importance are not preserved by chance. Waimea Valley exists as it does today because of persistence, advocacy, and collective action.

As Hi'ipaka LLC prepares to mark two decades of stewardship, Waimea stands not only as a place of reflection on the past, but as a living model for Hawai'i's future—one where land is understood not as a commodity, but as a relative, cared for with responsibility and aloha.

Community members are invited to follow Waimea Valley on social media to learn more about upcoming 20th anniversary events and to join in celebrating nearly two decades of restoration, stewardship, and resilience on O'ahu's North Shore.



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Save Waimea activists gather in solidarity to protest the valley from development

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Reading Green's Budget Honestly: Stability Is Now the Central Demand

Governor Josh Green's biennium budget arrives at a moment when Hawai'i's communities are not asking for sweeping visions or abstract reforms so much as basic stability. The FY2026–2027 budget signed in June 2025, together with the FY27 supplemental budget submitted in December, reflects genuine fiscal pressure. But when read alongside what residents are experiencing on the ground, the central question becomes unavoidable: are we funding what it actually takes to keep communities functioning?

This biennium was built under strain. The 2024 tax cuts narrowed the state's revenue base just as federal pandemic-era funding began to expire. At the same time, costs tied to housing, healthcare, climate disasters, and aging infrastructure continued to climb. That mismatch—less flexible revenue and higher obligations—pushed the administration toward caution. Governor Green's June vetoes signaled that clearly, prioritizing reserves and credit ratings over fully funding legislative appropriations. That choice shaped the entire budget framework.

The FY27 supplemental budget—about \$10.58 billion in general funds—attempts to adjust to reality. It invests in housing through Aloha Homes, climate resilience through Green Fee revenues, healthcare access via telehealth and emergency medical services, education support, and core social services like SNAP and mental health programs. These are meaningful allocations, and they reflect real needs. But they operate within scarcity, not against it. They manage breakdown rather than rebuild systems.

Nowhere is this more visible than in the growing demand for mental health care, substance-use treatment, and transitional housing. Across the North Shore and statewide, encampments have become more persistent and more complex. Many include individuals living with untreated mental illness or addiction—people who are not simply unhoused, but unserved by systems meant to stabilize them.

Hawai'i acknowledged this reality when it passed Act 219, which authorizes assisted community treatment for individuals who repeatedly cycle through crisis, hospitalization, incarceration, and homelessness. The intent was clear: to intervene earlier, provide structured care, and prevent the constant churn that harms both individuals and communities. But laws without implementation are promises without effect. Without sufficient funding, staffing, housing pathways, and oversight, Act 219 remains largely aspirational.

The consequences are now visible. We see en-

campments that include people who should be receiving assisted treatment, supported housing, and coordinated care, but instead are left to deteriorate in public spaces. This is not compassionate. It is destabilizing—for them and for everyone around them.

When mental health and substance-use systems fail, the costs do not disappear. They spread outward. Emergency rooms become default psychiatric facilities. Police officers become crisis responders. Parks, beaches, and neighborhoods absorb the fallout. Families feel less safe. Tensions rise between compassion and exhaustion. Trust erodes—not because people lack empathy, but because systems are not doing their job.

The budget's approach largely replaces disappearing federal dollars instead of building durable capacity. That distinction matters. Social stability is infrastructure, just like roads or water systems. When it is underbuilt, every other system strains to compensate. Delayed treatment becomes repeated crisis. Temporary shelter becomes permanent encampment. Short-term savings turn into long-term costs.

These pressures are not accidental. They stem from decisions made outside the budget itself: tax cuts that reduced revenue flexibility, privatized healthcare and housing systems that extract wealth faster than the state can regulate it, and a tourism-dependent revenue model that remains volatile. The state is attempting to fund public order and human dignity with what remains after these systems take their share.

If the executive budget sets the terrain, the Legislature must widen the frame. That means asking questions this budget largely avoids: Why isn't assisted community treatment funded and implemented at the scale communities now clearly need? Why is transitional housing still treated as optional rather than essential infrastructure? Why do we accept encampments as the default outcome of untreated illness and addiction?

This biennium budget is not a catastrophe—but it is not sufficient. It gestures toward care while preserving the structures that produce instability. Communities are telling us clearly that stability is now the priority. If mental health treatment, substance-use care, and housing pathways are not fully funded, regulated, and enforced, all of our communities suffer.

This budget is a pivot point. Whether Hawai'i builds durable social order or continues managing visible breakdown will depend on whether lawmakers are willing to treat human stability as non-negotiable infrastructure—not a discretionary line item.

North Shore

Neighborhood Board Meetings #27

Next Meeting: January 27, 2026

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

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Mahalos for helping push us
past the 50 year mark!**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION

The Association of Apartment Owners of Mokuleia Shores intends to file an application for federal financial assistance with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service. The project includes improvements to the Association's wastewater treatment plant. Any comments regarding this application should be submitted to The Association of Apartment Owners of Mokuleia Shores, 68-041 Waialua Beach Road, Waialua, HI 96791.

Waialua Bandstand
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followed by Jenny Yim**

Sunday, February 1, 4pm

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It is with great sadness to announce Waldo Adams, age 82, passed away on December 26, 2025. He was surrounded by friends at his home in Pupukea and transitioned peacefully and with love. Waldo was the beloved Principal Broker at Adams & Co. Inc. above Cholo's Restaurant at the North Shore Marketplace. He had a kind smile, gentle demeanor that touched the lives of many on the North Shore. His presence in Hale'iwa will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Please celebrate his life by passing on some random love, joy, and kindness that were the essence of Waldo's being.

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Aloha North Shore Neighbors,

Happy New Year! As we step into 2026, I'm excited about what we can accomplish together and I'm proud of the progress we made across the North Shore in 2025. In the year ahead, my team and I will stay focused on what matters to our community, including enhancing public safety and resilience, making housing more affordable, improving food security for our 'ohana, and continuing to support our neighbors across the North Shore.

Community Highlights

We ended the year by celebrating the holidays with the North Shore and Wahiawā communities! Mahalo to everyone who came out to the Wahiawā Town Santa Parade and the 23rd Annual Hale'iwa Christmas Parade! It was wonderful to see all the keiki, 'ohana, schools, and local businesses come together in Wahiawā and Hale'iwa Town to celebrate the holiday season. We also got to hear directly from you at the Lā'ie Talk Story session at the Marriott. The Talk Story sessions we launched in 2025 were casual opportunities for the public to join us during our mobile office hours as a chance to connect, ask questions, and hear updates from across the district. We had many productive conversations about disaster preparedness, affordable housing, services for our houseless community members, public infrastructure improvements, and public safety.

Our team was there to listen, take notes, and submit concerns directly to City departments on the spot, and we're actively following up on the issues raised. We're excited to continue this series in 2026 and look forward to keeping the conversation going with you.

North Shore First Responder Hub Update

I want to share an encouraging update on plans for the North Shore First Responder Hub. The City is moving forward with confidence, and discussions to secure the site are nearing completion with a purchase and sale agreement expected soon. This project is an important step toward strengthening emergency response and ocean safety resources for our North Shore communities. The vision is a modern, centralized facility that supports our first responders, including Honolulu Ocean Safety Department (OSD) and the Honolulu Emergency Services Department (HESD), so they have the tools and resources needed to serve both kama'āina and visitors. My office will continue to monitor the progress of this project and keep the community informed as more details become available.

Waiialua Beach Road Guardrail Project

After safety concerns were raised from the community along Waiialua Beach Road, my team worked with the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) to conduct a traffic collision history investigation and guardrail evaluation. The review confirmed that guardrails are warranted along the north side of the road near 66-287 Waiialua Beach Road. DTS is now coordinating with the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) to advance the design and installation of the guardrails. My office will share updates with the community as more information on installation becomes available.

Residents Urged to Check New Flood Zone Maps

FEMA, the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), and the City have released updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for O'ahu, effective June 10, 2026. These maps provide important information on changing flood risks and may affect flood insurance requirements and building regulations for properties newly mapped in high-risk areas, with 189 parcels impacted in District 2. Residents can check if their property is affected at resilientoahu.org/GetFloodReady and are encouraged to contact their insurance providers to explore coverage options. To help the community understand these updates, there will be a series of upcoming open houses:

Virtual Open House: Thursday, January 15, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m

- Please register by visiting resilientoahu.org/GetFloodReady. After registering, you will receive a meeting link and calendar hold via email, which you can use to join the webinar. This session will include a Question & Answer section.

In-Person Open Houses: Wednesday, January 21, 2026

- Kāne'ohe Community & Senior Center, Multi-Purpose Room, 45-613 Pū'ōhala Street, Kāne'ohe, 96744 from 9:30 a.m. – noon
- 'Aiea Public Library, Public Meeting Room, 99-143 Moanalua Road, 'Aiea, 96701 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Councilmember Matt Weyer with Honolulu Ocean Safety at the 23rd Annual Hale'iwa Christmas Parade, celebrating the holiday season with the community.



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HALEIWA WAIALUA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Globe Trotting King Kalakaua and Waialua

By Boyd Ready

King Kalakaua wasn't just the 'Merrie Monarch,' he had royal concerns for his people. Hawaii's population had crashed to only 44,000 in 1850. Waialua had declined from 8,000 to 1,100. Colonial powers were conquering Pacific island states. The sudden end of whaling and California's farms serving the gold rush ended Hawaii's agriculture exports. And Hawai'i sugar, a promising crop bringing high prices, faced crippling tariffs.

So, upon his election as King in 1874, he and his Reciprocity Committee took the new transcontinental railroad from Oakland to Washington DC. He traveled as any member of the public, paying commercial fares, with just a few companions and Committee members. He suffered a racist incident on the train, but when he arrived in Washington DC he was treated royally. President Ulysses Grant gave the nation's first 'State Dinner' at the White House in his honor, and he became the first monarch to address a joint session of the United State Congress. Reciprocity relieved Hawaii sugar of American tariffs by 1876. This led to the first Waialua Sugar company whose mill stack still stands at Thompson Corner.

But how to keep Hawaii free of colonial domination, and grow the population for new industry? First, he had to end corruption in immigration. The first group of Japanese laborers in 1868 had been badly treated, displeasing the Japanese government. Kalakaua appointed a new minister to license and oversee labor brokers. Five years later in 1881, the King did an unprecedented world tour to Asia, India, Egypt, most European capitals, and the United States. He developed especially good relations with the new Meiji Emperor of Japan, and the King of Portugal. Soon Hawaii's sugar industry had tens of thousands of Japanese, and thousands of Portuguese workers. Hawaii's population doubled, then tripled.

Kalakaua's diplomacy paid off for Waialua later. When Japan controlled Korea after defeating China at the Yalu River in 1894, Kalakaua's prior diplomacy led to their pressing the 'Hermit Kingdom' of Korea to issue permits for Waialua Sugar Company's agent to send Korea's first laborers ever permitted to emigrate. They arrived in Waialua in 1903. By 1904 the wildcat Japanese work stoppages ended with Hawaii's first documented labor negotiation between Japanese workers and management. The historical society recently found and archived the four pages of typed

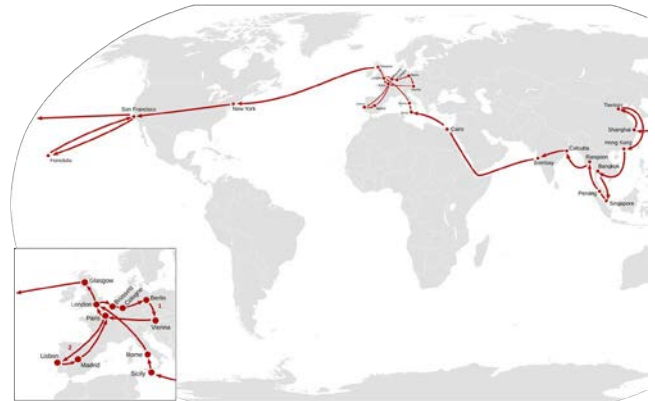
minutes from that negotiation, as well as the nine-page report of its agent who negotiated the Korean workers' emigration permits.

It was Kalakaua's diplomatic successes that enabled Waialua to develop one of Hawaii's finest, most productive plantation economies. But Hawaii remained a remote place. Without telegraph, it had taken weeks to hear the sad news of the King's 1891 death in San Francisco. The US Navy's Asia squadron flagship, the USS Charleston, ceremonially transferred King Kalakaua's remains to Hawaii where a planned happy homecoming became a funeral procession.

waialuahistoricalociety.org



*King Kalakaua and Ulysses Grant State dinner
Woodblock print from Frank Leslie*



*Kalakaua's journey around the world
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*King Kalakaua funeral 1891
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Serving the North Shore

By Dallas Calma
Hanalani School Student

North Shore Food Bank has offered me many opportunities to help out the community. Recently, I've helped at a food bank by packing food into bags and passing it out to people to eat during trying times like these. With our government shutting down and some people not being paid, I get to hand out food to people who are struggling. I always think about how hard it might be for them and how they have to deal with not receiving any pay, which is why I volunteer to help pass out food. I love seeing the expressions on their faces while loading the food into their cars. I'm thankful for all the people who helped during the food bank. After the food bank, I dropped off some school supplies to kids who didn't have notebooks and pencils. This is a great thing because our community cares about the education of our kids.

Another project I helped out with was a car wash. This has to be one of my favorite projects to do to serve my community. I got to know more people who lived in the area, and grew closer to my peers who helped during the car wash. I remember this one guy who gave me twenty dollars just for cleaning his window. It reminded me of one very famous person I know: Jesus Christ. Jesus was a servant leader, and there is this one story where He cleaned His disciples' feet. A perfect man cleaning a dirty sinner's feet. Jesus's only reason to clean their feet was to show humility and love. He is a great example of a servant leader. He wasn't a person who told people what to do, He showed people what to do by serving. Jesus reminds me to be a servant leader everyday. North Shore Food Bank is for the people. I'm for the people. Thank you North Shore Food Bank for doing what you do!

Happy 2026! We need your story :) The Shorebreak is a collection of personal stories/prose from North Shore residents designed to unify via common experiences, struggles, and joys. ALL AGES please submit pieces (and any questions) to Kezia at shorebreakbooks@gmail.com. 300 word limit. Pieces will be considered for publication in the North Shore News as well as a Shorebreak book for the community to enjoy together :)



Ask the Doctor

Nash Witten, MD

Dear Doctor, "Do you have any evidence-based New Year's resolutions to recommend?"

Reduced or no alcohol intake. The World Health Organization published a recommendation in 2023 that "when it comes to alcohol consumption, there is no safe amount that does not affect your health." The American Heart Association (AHA) published a recommendation in 2025 that consuming an average of three or more drinks per day, or consuming six or more drinks on occasion, is associated with worse cardiovascular outcomes. Similarly, the CDC says "even moderate drinking [1-2 drinks/day for men, 1 drink/day for women] may increase your risk of death and other alcohol related harms."

Regular exercise. The AHA recommends at least 150 minutes/week of moderate-intensity physical activity (e.g., brisk walking, cycling) or 75 minutes/week of vigorous-intensity physical activity (e.g., jogging, running, swimming laps), in addition to moderate-to-high-intensity muscle-strengthening activities two days per week, to improve overall cardiovascular health.

Prioritize getting at least seven hours of sleep. Studies continue to demonstrate that adults who get less than 6 hours of sleep have more chronic disease issues as well as emotional problems. School-age children and teenagers need even more sleep than adults, 9-12 hours and 8-10 hours, respectively! Getting sufficient sleep can lower your risk of type two diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, and strokes!

Schedule a checkup with your primary care provider. A 2019 study found that regularly seeing a primary care provider (PCP) is associated with longer life expectancy and better health outcomes. Your PCP will make sure you're up to date with your recommended cancer screening exams (e.g., cervical cancer, breast cancer, colon cancer), ensure your vital signs are normal (e.g., blood pressure, body mass index), and provide vaccine and lifestyle modification recommendations.

Dr. Nash Witten is a Board-Certified Family Medicine physician at Queen's Health Care Centers, Hale'iwa. You can submit questions at nsnaskthedoctor@gmail.com.



MĀLAMA
LOKO EA FISHPOND

Lonoikamakahiki

2025 has come to an end, and we cannot express how grateful we are as a Loko ea 'ohana to our community and visitors for the tremendous work that has been done at the pond this year. With every bucket of sand, shovel full of mud, and large patches of grass removed from our waterways, the loko has shown us more of her beauty, and it couldn't have been done without the amazing dedication and commitment from all of our community and volunteers. Your efforts in taking time to be with us for organized huaka'i and at our community work days have driven our restoration work to new horizons.

As we look towards this new year, we are excited to continue serving our community and this 'āina with the vision of reconnecting the waterways of our kupuna. In collaboration with Kamehameha Schools natural resource division and O'ahu RC&D, we will continue making this vision a reality by clearing the tributary between Loko ea and 'Uko'a fishpond.



This is a significant restoration effort, one that we have been working towards since the conception of our nonprofit in 2009. Once complete, the tributary will reconnect this fishpond system, ready for the next phase of full restoration to these traditional resources for the Waialua community. It is no easy task, but as our kupuna told us before, "Wehe ka 'āina, nui ka hana – When you open land, it is a lot of work". With laulima and lōkahi, it is our hope that your continued support in our programs and community mālama 'āina events will help us accomplish the clearing of this tributary to 'Uko'a fishpond in the next 7 years.

There is so much to look forward to in 2026, and we mahalo you all for your contributions to Loko ea, past present and future! We wish you all a prosperous new year, and send all our aloha to you and your 'ohana. Lonoikamakahiki!

Me ke aloha,
MLEF 'ohana

Upcoming Events

**January
17**

**Community
Work Day**
9am-noon

**February
21**

**Community
Work Day**
9am-noon

**March
07**

**Mele & Mo'olelo
Fish and Poi
Fundraiser Event**

Pono Fit Co a Community Friendly Fitness Center

By Noah Grodzin

Just in time for New Year's resolutions Pono Fit Co in Hale'iwa is here for you.

Perry and Bekah Kaguni opened Pono Fit Co last October with a mission to provide an open gym concept that can be easily accessible and work with anyone's schedule.

The North Shore was Perry's favorite place to visit when spending time growing up with his dad in Kaneohe, he fondly remembers talking story with his grandpa who worked at the Kahuku Sugar Mill.

Perry ended up sharing his love for the North Shore with Bekah, they spent their honeymoon here and moved to Waialua to raise their family. Bekah has a Master's in Exercise Physiology along with a background working with special needs individuals and the elderly. Perry is a natural entrepreneur, he recently worked in the coffee business.

After many trips commuting back and forth to the gym in Mililani a thought popped into their minds... the North Shore was lacking in a family friendly fitness center and maybe they could be the ones to help fill that need. Perry and Bekah ended up finding a location between Celestial Natural Foods and the Hale'iwa Post Office.

Even though it's a small footprint, there is plenty of new work-out equipment, with the idea that the user is never crowded or having to wait their turn. Also, installed are selectorized machines along with free racks and smith racks which allow for many variations of work out enthusiasm.

Pono Fit Co will soon be offering personal training and classes for everyone. They will also be partnering with "Silver Sneakers" and "Renew Active" giving special benefits for kupuna.

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NORTH SHORE REAL ESTATE TRENDS

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

A Look Back on 2025...

A Look Forward to 2026

A look back on 2025:

Although there was a substantial pickup in the number of homes and condos that sold on the North Shore in 2025, the prices actually stayed about the same all year.

And, though the largest increase in number of sales was higher-end properties, there was also a perceived 'discount' for beachfront homes; mostly due to Ordinance 23-3 (which I refer to as the 130' setback ordinance).

As an example - the most recent beachfront sale in the Pipeline area, which came on the market just as this ordinance started affecting beachfront prices, took over 500 days to sell and finally sold at nearly a 50% discount to the original asking price!

Due to this possibly unconstitutional ordinance and other beachfront 'rules', there was a non-profit group started: SPC (Shoreline Preservation Coalition, www.SPCHawaii.org). This group hopes to amend some of these unfair 'rules' to take the burden off of shoreline homeowners, yet help better preserve our beaches. They plan to achieve this even if it means going to the U.S. Supreme Court to get it done.

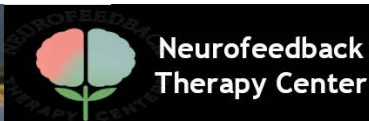
A look forward to 2026:

With interest rates falling and expectations for them to fall even further... There will likely be an increase in both the supply (as owners are willing to move and buy somewhere else at a bit of an increase in their mortgage rates) and the demand (as buyers are willing to finally pull the trigger as these mortgage rates drop).

Therefore, as government regulations continue to negatively affect our housing supply, buyer demand will continue to increase.

Although this tug-of-war is going on, I expect 2026 to be a good year for the overall real estate market.

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HIGH SEAS TREATY RATIFIED BY 60 COUNTRIES

THE "High Seas Treaty" is a United Nations treaty signed by 60 countries in a historic turning point for ocean protection and restoration. Basically it has been set up to commit countries to protect and conserve 30% of our oceans and restore 30% of the ocean areas degraded by 2030. These are offshore areas not in countries designated national jurisdiction. Trump is opposed to it and is into the promotion of U.S. commercial interests such as deep-sea mining. The treaty has agreements for mandatory assessments for activities with potential ecological impacts including fisheries and resource extraction. Scientific and technical support and dispute resolution to insure accountability.

This is a very important treaty and it is sure to make a difference in protecting our existence. Large scale protected areas have been proven to protect marine biodiversity. Protect the fish and there will be more as they reach other areas. The treaty went into effect in January 2026. This is a giant step in the right direction and hopefully it helps to protect our near shore reef areas as well! Happy New Year environmentalists and all!

CARISSA MOORE BACK ON TOP

Does Carissa Moore like Pipeline? I always hear people say she does not but the last event she was barrel hunting like she loves it. Strong and totally sure of her surfing, it was something to watch because she just had Olena, her first keiki. It started out at the HIC WTA Haleiwa Pro where she proved she was back. She took a second in that event with a solid performance just missing the win behind Haleiwa super star Bettylou Sakura Johnson. Her wave selection, off the lips and tail slides garnered her the close final. Then on to Pipeline and the Florence Pipeline Pro with a win! Her dedication to finding the tubes had her with the highest scores in the final, a 8.83 tube ride and a 7.83 beating out Gabriela Bryan's hard core power turns. Mom finesse, mom strength and dedication the sport had her chaired up with baby in tow. Moore is a five time world champion, olympic gold medalist and is back, back with no doubt in anyone's eyes that she can win another world title. It will be fun watching her on the 2026 World Championship Tour. The tour starts in April at Bells Beach, Australia and finishes at Pipeline this season. Some changes, finally, nobody seemed to like the final five format that finished at Trestles.

ELI HANNEMAN THROWS BIG SCORES

Eli Hanneman from Lahaina, Maui won the men's division in style posting big scores for his air attack. He caught a rare left, kicked up his board in the air and landed clean to claim the title. Hanneman is the top ranked surfer on the challenger series that qualifies for the big tour. "It's incredible. This is my first time winning a Pipe event, and I had probably the gnarliest final you can have in terms of competitors," said Hanneman. It was a super heat! John John Florence finished 2nd, Barron Mamiya 3rd and Shion Crawford 4th. WSL.com for more info.

Final 2025 Hawai'i/Tahiti Nui Women's Rankings:

- 1 - Moana Jones Wong (HAW)
- 2 - Kiara Goold (PYF)
- 3 - Aelan Vaast (PYF)
- 4 - Vaihitmahana Inso (HAW)

Final 2025 Hawai'i/Tahiti Nui Men's Rankings:

- 1 - Finn McGill (HAW)
- 2 - Barron Mamiya (HAW)
- 3 - Eli Hanneman (HAW)
- 4 - Mihimana Braye (PYF)
- 5 - Joshua Moniz (HAW)
- 6 - Luke Tema (HAW)

Florence Pipe Pro Men's Final Results:

- 1 - Eli Hanneman (HAW) 17.10
- 2 - John John Florence (HAW) 15.90
- 3 - Barron Mamiya (HAW) 15.57
- 4 - Shion Crawford (HAW) 12.86

Florence Pipe Pro Women's Final Results:

- 1 - Cariss Moore (HAW) 16.66
- 2 - Gabriela Bryan (HAW) 13.73
- 3 - Ruby Berry (AUS) 12.87
- 4 - Eweleilua Wong (HAW) 7.00



Hanneman and Moore Photo Heff

Rush Soccer says Aloha North Shore

Hawai'i Rush Soccer has officially announced a new branch on North Shore!!

For over 25 years, the Rush organization has produced thousands of top-level players, including U.S. National Team players, MLS and NWSL professionals, and college athletes across all divisions. With a unique combination of expert coaching, a structured pathway, and a global reach, Rush Soccer sets apart from other clubs.

To lead the program on the North Shore, Hawai'i Rush have appointed coach Dani Musatti as Director of Coaching. A North Shore resident since 2015 with the highest coaching licenses from Europe & South America, Coach Dani has been developing top level players for decades with a methodology based on the most successful academies in the world. He also loves to connect soccer with surf, having supported a few WCT surfers on their mental training while in Hawai'i, including Wiggoly Dantas before his title in 2020 Volcom Pipe Pro.

Rush program consists in a year-round training calendar focusing on developing youth athletes to thrive inside and outside the field. Players can start as early as 6 years old until they graduate at 17 years old. All levels are welcome, from beginner & recreational, to competitive elite players.

Training is currently located at Sunset Beach Elementary on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 4:30pm to 6pm, with additional extra hours & days as needed in the future.

For information: contact the club Administrative Director Sheryl Hopeau at shopeau@elitesportsadmin.com ; the North Shore Director of Coaching Dani Musatti at (808)900-2034; and access club website <https://www.hawaiirush.soccer/> Or as DOC Dani Musatti said "Bring your child to the fields and we will take care of you."



Hawaii Rush Teams recently winning National Leagues (Hawaii Rush Instagram Pictures)



Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! Mahalo Nui Loa from the Waialua Community Association

As we look back on the past year, our hearts are full of gratitude. The Waialua Community Association (WCA) exists because of you. In a world that is constantly changing, your commitment to preserving our local heritage and supporting one another is what makes our North Shore home so special. We are incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together this year, and none of it would have been possible without your unwavering support.

The sun has set on 2025 and as we prepare to welcome 2026, the WCA board and staff wish you and your 'ohana a Happy New Year! May the coming year bring you peace, prosperity, and plenty of time spent with the people you love. We look forward to seeing you at the WCA as we continue to work together to ensure our community remains a vibrant, thriving place for generations to come.

The Waialua Community Association Board of Trustees

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Happy New Year from Kahuku Community Association! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and wish you a new year filled with health, happiness, and new opportunities. As we look ahead to 2026, we're excited to continue building momentum on projects that support the health, safety, and wellness of our residents and community. KCA will be hosting a Community Pool Meeting with the Department of Parks and Rec and G70, where residents can view and discuss the latest pool design and the draft Environmental Assessment. In addition, planning efforts are actively underway for the Kahuku Shared-Use Pedestrian and Bike Path. We invite our community to stay engaged, share feedback, and attend our community meetings as these important projects move forward in the new year!

Sunny Unga
President of Kahuku Community Association

Kahuku Community Association invites you to

Kahuku District Park COMMUNITY POOL MEETING



WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21, 2026

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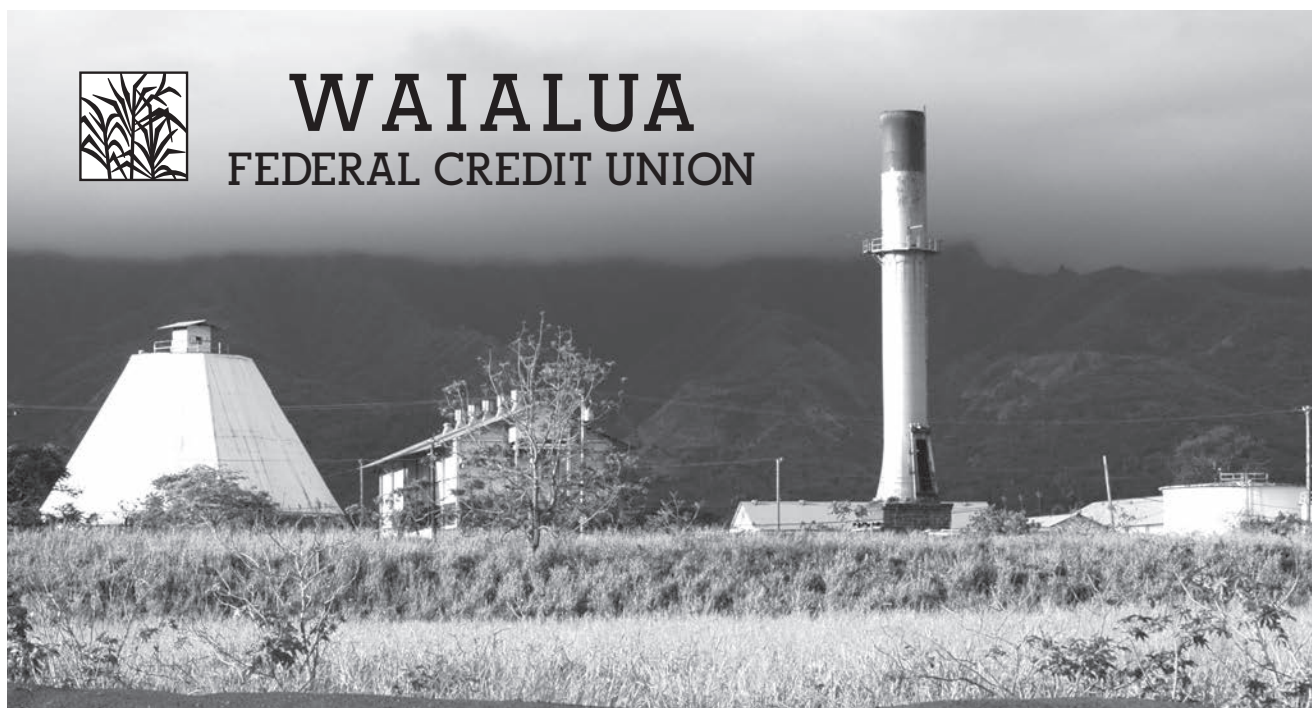
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Thursday, Feb. 12, 9:30-11am

Topic: "Bad Habits"

Family Story Time & Activity

cancelled until further notice

Computer Introduction

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Something new in 2026

Pop-Up Book Sales

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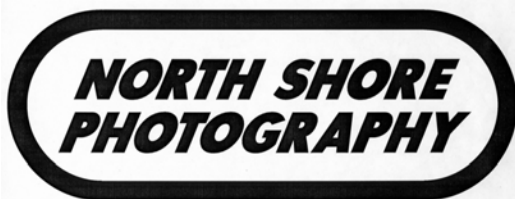
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1/6
5pm



Family Movie Night

Bad Guys 2 (PG)

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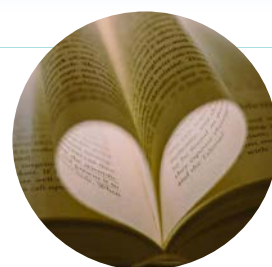
TUE
1/13
5pm



Beginner Line Dancing

Back by popular demand, Robbie Snyder leads this feel-good activity good for most ages. Western attire recommended, not required.

TUE
1/20
5:30pm



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How Rescue Oahu Helps

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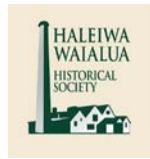
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HAU'OLI MAKAHIKI HOU!

As we approach our Kōkua Learning FarmRAISER goal, we are pleased to share some great news: thanks to a generous donor, your support will now be **DOUBLED**! Help us reach \$100,000, and every dollar you contribute will be matched. Let's continue to inspire the next stewards of environmental education together. Support us at bit.ly/2025KLFarmRAISER now until January 31, 2026.



**HELP US REACH
OUR GOAL!**

KŌKUA GENERAL STORE CLOTHING SWAP

Saturday, January 17 | 10am - 2pm

New year, "new" clothes! Drop off your clean, good condition clothing now until January 16, then come back on January 17 to browse and try on fresh pre-loved clothes to take home.



VIEW UPCOMING EVENTS!



PLASTIC FREE HAWAII BEACH CLEANUP

Monday, January 19 | 9am - 1pm

Kickstart the new year with our first Plastic Free Hawai'i Beach Cleanup of 2026 at Kahuku Beach Golf Course on Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service!



REGISTER

'ĀINA FARM STAND SEED CARD INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 24 | 10am - 2pm

Write dreams, goals, and intentions on seed paper made with seeds from the Kōkua Learning Farm then take it home to watch them blossom!

NEXT COHORT OF THE KŌKUA LEARNING FARM YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Every Wednesday from February 4 to May 13

We encourage all students in grades 9-12 to apply for this hands-on internship program for opportunities to explore sustainability, mālama 'āina, and community care through real-world, hands-on farm focused learning. Apply today at bit.ly/KLF-Internship-Cohort11.

