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North Shore Neighborhood Board Vice Chair Racquel Achiu and community members address the media before the Department of Planning and Permitting's reconsideration hearing on the Kamananui Agribusiness and Gondola Project outside the Mission Memorial Auditorium. Photo courtesy of Councilmember Matt Weyer

Kamananui Agribusiness and Gondola Project Reconsideration Hearing

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) is reviewing extensive public testimony following its reconsideration hearing on the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the Kamananui agribusiness and gondola project. While the applicant emphasized commitments to agriculture, fire prevention, and conservation, many community members raised

concerns about traffic congestion, public safety, and impacts on our natural resources. Representatives from the U.S. Army Garrison Hawai'i also testified about the safety risks of bringing the public near active military training areas.

DPP has requested a 30-day extension from Kaukonahua Ranch to determine whether the CUP Minor should be affirmed,

modified, or revoked. This action reflects our commitment to listening to community concerns. In November 2025, the Honolulu City Council unanimously adopted Resolution 25-305, FD1, strongly requesting that the DPP Director revoke the CUP Minor.

By Councilmember Matt Weyer

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This reconsideration also highlights the need for stronger safeguards to make sure communities are informed early in land-use decisions. To address this, I introduced Resolution 25-228, CD1, which would add agritourism to the list of activities that trigger public notice and allow for public hearings for Minor CUPs. These requirements already apply to other activities, like schools and daycares. Expanding public notice ensures residents receive timely information, applicants benefit from early community feedback, and DPP has a complete record when evaluating proposals. These safeguards will help reduce the risk of land-use conflicts and costly litigation. The public can follow this measure at

<https://hnlldoc.hawaii.gov/hnlldoc/measure/3447>

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North Shore Country Market at Lili'uokalani Protestant Church
Photo: NSCM



Waialua Community Association News



Waialua Community Association Trustees elected at Annual Membership meeting held on January 21, 2026.
L-R: Jennifer Hernando, Marlene Nakamura, Justine Lafata and Derek Ragragola (not pictured).



Waialua Community Association President Manu Anana announcing the winner of the WCA Logo contest, Evangeline Shriver-Kealoha, a Waialua High School senior.

The design perfectly reflects the WCA's mission of community unity and preservation. The logo features a stylized "W" composed of elements symbolizing the deep connection between the people of Waialua/Haleiwa and their environment.

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Why LNG in Hawai'i Must Be Judged by Who Pays

The front page of the Star Advertiser today focused on a bill I am introducing to ban LNG, and I want to take this opportunity to help our community understand the deeper context not captured in the article.

Hawai'i's electricity debate is often framed as a binary choice between fossil fuels and renewables, between climate urgency and energy reliability. But that framing obscures the most important question facing working families across the North Shore and Central O'ahu: who pays for the energy system we build, and for how long?

That question sits at the heart of the current debate over proposals to allow or prohibit liquefied natural gas (LNG) for electricity generation. While LNG is sometimes marketed as a "bridge fuel" that could reduce near-term fuel costs compared to oil, critics have focused attention on the economics of LNG infrastructure itself, and the long-term financial obligations it creates for ratepayers.

The LNG conversation is about capital financing, contractual lock-in, regulatory risk, and the distribution of costs across households already struggling with Hawai'i's extreme cost of living.

LNG does not arrive in Hawai'i cheaply or incrementally. It requires large-scale, long-lived infrastructure: import terminals, storage facilities, specialized ships, regasification equipment, and plant retrofits. These investments run into the billions of dollars, and they are not paid upfront by fuel suppliers. They are financed, and ultimately recovered, through utility rates approved by the Public Utilities Commission.

That means LNG infrastructure costs do not disappear if global gas prices fall. They are baked into electricity bills for decades, regardless of whether the fuel remains competitive or whether cleaner technologies become cheaper sooner than expected. For ratepayers, LNG is not just a fuel choice; it is a mortgage on the energy system.

This is the heart of the concern that I am trying to raise: LNG risks locking Hawai'i households into long-term financial obligations at precisely the moment when renewable technologies, battery storage, and grid-scale solutions are rapidly improving and falling in cost. Once billions are sunk into LNG facilities, utilities face strong incentives to keep using them, not because they are optimal, but because the debt must be repaid.

That dynamic is familiar to anyone who has watched infrastructure politics play out elsewhere. Capital-intensive systems create path dependency. They narrow future choices. They make it harder, politically and financially, to pivot, even when better options emerge.

Supporters of LNG often counter that fuel oil is expensive and volatile, and that LNG could reduce fuel costs in the near term. That may be true in isolation. But fuel costs are only one component of electricity bills, and often not the most durable one. Infrastructure costs, financing terms, and risk premiums can easily overwhelm short-term fuel savings, especially in a small, isolated market like Hawai'i's.

More importantly, the risks of these investments are not evenly distributed. Large commercial customers may absorb modest increases or hedge their exposure. But working families cannot. For renters, electricity costs are often fixed and unavoidable. For small businesses, higher power bills get passed on as higher prices. For schools, hospitals, and public facilities, rate increases crowd out staffing, maintenance, and services.

This is why the LNG debate must be understood as a cost-of-living issue, not merely an energy or climate issue. Hawai'i already asks households to spend an outsized share of income on housing, food, transportation, and utilities. Any energy decision that increases long-term fixed costs — even in the name of short-term relief, deserves rigorous scrutiny.

The economics of energy transition are fundamentally about risk allocation. Who bears the downside if forecasts are wrong? Who pays if technology changes faster than expected? Who is stuck with stranded assets?

Too often, the answer is the same: ratepayers.

None of this diminishes the urgency of climate action. Hawai'i must move decisively toward a clean energy future. But the path we choose matters. A transition that relies on expensive, centralized infrastructure financed through long-term debt risks reproducing the very inequities that have made Hawai'i unaffordable for so many local families.

The real economic question is not whether LNG burns cleaner than oil. It is whether locking working families into decades of infrastructure costs is compatible with an affordable, equitable future.

Energy policy is economic policy. And in Hawai'i, economic policy must start — and end — with the people who pay the bills.



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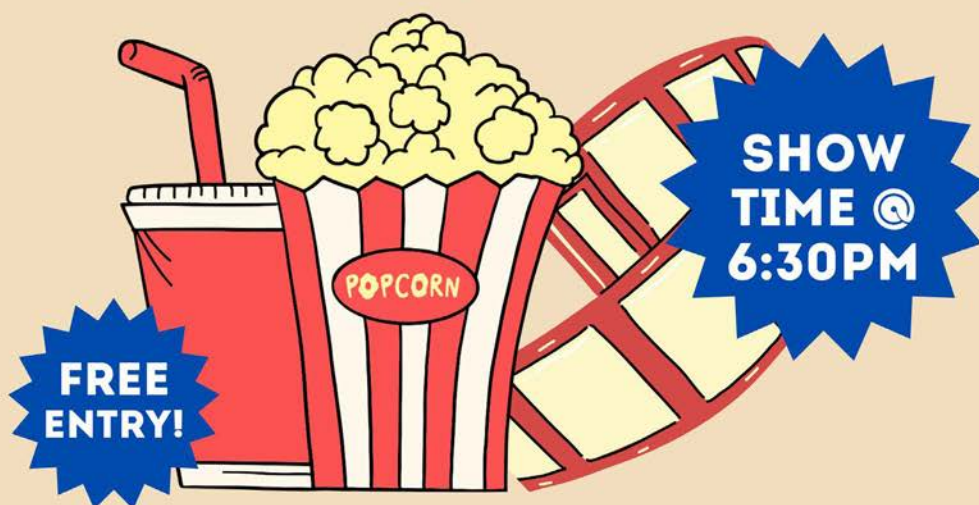


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Big Opportunities for Our Littlest Sharks!

Something exciting is growing at Sunset Beach Elementary School! Beginning next school year, we're opening an additional PreK classroom, creating even more opportunities for young children to learn, play, and thrive in a nurturing school community.

At Sunset, PreK is more than just a classroom. It's a joyful beginning to a child's educational journey. Just like our students in K-6, our youngest learners enjoy weekly PE, Art, and Music, giving them early exposure to creativity, movement, and self-expression. They also participate in monthly 'Āina and Hawaiian Studies lessons, helping them build a strong connection to place, culture, and the land from an early age.

Our PreK program is designed to support the whole child, academically, socially, and emotionally, while helping families feel welcomed and connected. Each classroom will serve up to 20 students and be supported by three adults, providing an excellent student-to-adult ratio. Children must be 3 or 4 years old on or before July 31 to apply. Priority is given to children whose circumstances include, but are not limited to:

- Eligibility for special education services under IDEA, with a Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) in general education
- Families with gross household income at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

Applications for the upcoming school year open March 3, 2026. Please note that completed tax forms are a required part of the application. If you plan to apply, we encourage you to file your taxes early to avoid delays.

If you're looking for a warm and engaging start to your child's educational journey, Sunset Beach Elementary may be the perfect fit. To learn more and apply, visit earlylearning.ehawaii.gov.

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Councilmember
Matt Weyer
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Aloha North Shore Neighbors,

Mahalo to everyone who showed up this past month to share your voices on issues that matter to our community. From protecting the cultural and environmental significance of Mt. Ka'ala to advancing safety improvements in Hale'iwa, Waialua, and Pua'ena, your collaboration continues to make District 2 a better place. I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together this month.

Restoring Safety at Pua'ena

At Pua'ena, coordinated efforts are underway to improve safety while connecting community members with appropriate resources. Kamehameha Schools, the landowner of Pua'ena, has been working in coordination with the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) and nonprofit service provider Kealahou West O'ahu to connect individuals in the area with support. Once the site is cleared, contractors will remove overgrown vegetation to reduce fire hazards, create buffer zones, improve visibility, widen access roads for Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) vehicles, and establish a turnaround area near Pua'ena Point for first responders. These steps are critical to improving public safety and emergency response access.

Waialua Beach Road Guardrail Safety Improvements

The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) has begun guardrail installation projects across O'ahu, including Waialua Beach Road. Work will continue through the end of March on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., excluding holidays. The scope of work includes clearing vegetation, removing old guardrails, installing new metal guardrails, adding end treatments, and constructing a crash cushion with a concrete pad. Motorists should expect lane closures in work areas and are urged to drive with caution and follow posted signage. Please plan ahead, allow extra travel time, and consider alternate routes when possible.

Hale'iwa Town Crosswalk Improvements

Crosswalk improvements are coming to Hale'iwa Town on Kamehameha Highway, thanks to requests by our North Shore community. With the help of my office, the Department of Facility Maintenance initiated work to repaint the faded crosswalks and pavement markings along Kamehameha Highway in Hale'iwa

Town, but due to inclement weather at the end of 2025, repainting of the markings could not be completed. DFM reports that the pavement markings crew will now be scheduling resources to complete the project now that weather conditions have improved. For concerns related to City roads, please feel free to reach out to my office or contact dfmroads@honolulu.gov.

Kahuku District Park Pool Meeting

Mahalo to the nearly 100 community members, including many students and their 'ohana, who attended the fifth Kahuku District Park pool meeting. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and consultant G70 shared renderings and project updates with the design about 30 percent complete. The proposed pool would measure 50 meters by 25 yards, include seating for up to 500 people, and would have varied depths to support swimming lessons, water polo, competitive swimming, and free play. Plans also include a resurfaced and covered play court with a plantation-style roof. The community can continue to share their input by emailing kahukucc@g70.design. For more information, please visit bit.ly/kahukuforyou.

North Shore

Neighborhood Board Meetings #27

Next Meeting: February 24, 2026

4th Tuesday of Every Month - 7pm
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North Shore Chamber of Commerce News

The North Shore Chamber of Commerce kicked off 2026 with a strong sense of momentum and community connection at its first General Membership Meeting and Breakfast, held at 8:00 a.m. on January 27, 2026, at the ever-welcoming Hale'iwa Joe's. The morning gathering brought together more than 75 chamber members, business owners, community leaders, and guests for an informative and engaging start to the day.

Hosted by Hale'iwa Joe's, the breakfast meeting reflected the Chamber's ongoing commitment to fostering collaboration, supporting local businesses, and creating direct lines of communication between the North Shore community and its elected officials. Attendees were greeted with a beautiful view of the ocean, a delicious breakfast, and an atmosphere that encouraged conversation and connection from the moment doors opened.

The highlight of the morning was a series of updates and discussions led by three distinguished public officials: U.S. Congresswoman Jill Tokuda, Hawai'i State Representative Sean Quinlan, and Honolulu City Councilmember Matt Weyer. Each speaker provided thoughtful insights into current legislative priorities and policy issues directly affecting the North Shore, from small business support and infrastructure needs to environmental stewardship, transportation, and community resilience.

Congresswoman Tokuda shared updates from Washington, D.C., emphasizing her continued advocacy for Hawai'i's unique needs at the federal level. She spoke candidly about funding opportunities, regulatory challenges, and the importance of ensuring that rural and neighbor-island communities like the North Shore are not overlooked in national conversations. Her remarks resonated strongly with local business owners navigating economic uncertainty while remaining committed to serving both residents and visitors.

State Representative Sean Quinlan followed with an overview of legislative efforts at the state level, highlighting issues such as his efforts to ban gondolas.. His update underscored the importance of local voices in shaping statewide policy and reaffirmed his dedication to representing North Shore concerns at the Capitol.

Councilmember Matt Weyer rounded out the presentations with a focus on city-level priorities, including housing. He addressed ongoing and upcoming projects impacting the region and emphasized the value of collaboration between city agencies, community organizations, and local businesses to achieve practical, long-term solutions.

A key strength of the meeting was the open

question-and-answer session that followed the updates. Chamber members and guests had the opportunity to ask questions, share concerns, and offer perspectives directly to their elected officials. The exchange was candid, respectful, and productive—reflecting the Chamber's role as a trusted forum for civic dialogue and problem-solving.

The morning concluded with networking, as attendees lingered to connect with one another, exchange ideas, and strengthen relationships across sectors. From longtime North Shore business owners to new members and community partners, the energy in the room reflected a shared commitment to collaboration and to create a sustainable community..

The success of the January 27 General Membership Meeting set a positive tone for the year ahead. With strong attendance, meaningful dialogue, and engaged leadership, the North Shore Chamber of Commerce reaffirmed its mission to serve as a bridge between business, government, and community—working together to protect what makes the North Shore special while planning thoughtfully for its future.



U.S. Congresswoman Jill Tokuda speaking at the NSCC General Membership Meeting Photo: @banzaibetty



Speakers Councilmember Matt Weyer and State Representative Sean Quinlan Photo courtesy of Councilmember Matt Weyer



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Imua Waialua

By Varina Amantiad
Head Paddling Coach—Waialua High School

Although I've paddled nearly all my life, I only started coaching paddling within the last 10 years, and high school for the last five. This is because I needed to grow as a paddler. I wanted to make sure I was comfortable with the craft and technique before coaching. Even now, I'm still learning because paddling is something that changes all the time. Conditions change, the paddles change, everything changes. Now, finally, I feel confident enough that I'm able to coach.

Over the years, I have dedicated innumerable hours to paddling. I have been through many different changes in paddlers who come and go through the club. After 20 years of paddling, my team has finally received state medals. From 1st to 3rd over the past 5 year span.

As a coach, I know that winning happens after experience, regardless of what students I have. I realize that it's going to take time. I tell my students that winning requires six dedicated paddlers who all blend together. It doesn't come easy and you have to put in the effort. You need to find the right jive. But in the end it's all worth it. It's fantastic.

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 :)

Waialua Bandstand
Presents

Jenny Yim

Sunday, March 1, 4pm

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the show!



Ask the Doctor

Nash Witten, MD

Dear Doctor, "Is alkaline water good for you?"

The evidence for the benefits of using alkaline water is limited and mixed, mainly because the study designs cannot establish causation. In other words, it's unclear from the studies whether the water alone caused the perceived benefit, or whether other unaccounted-for factors were at play. For reference, commercially available alkaline water has a pH of 8-10. Tap water pH in Hawaii is usually between 7.6 and 8.2.

Kidney Stone Benefit? Alkaline water (pH~9) may help reduce urine acid excretion and, consequently, reduce the risk of calcium and oxalate kidney stone formation.

Improved hydration? Drinking water with a pH of 10 was shown to improve hydration markers compared with normal tap water in healthy college-age adults when consumed regularly for 2 weeks.

Improved anaerobic exercise performance? One study found that males in Poland, with an average age of 22 years, who identified as trained combat sport athletes (unspecified what exactly the combat sport was) and who drank alkaline (pH 9.13) water, improved their anaerobic exercise performance compared to non-alkaline water drinkers over 3 weeks.

Miracle cure for post menopausal women? A cross-sectional study of 304 postmenopausal women in Malaysia found that women who "regularly drank alkaline water" had favorable fasting blood sugar, cholesterol levels, sleep duration, handgrip strength, waist circumference, and diastolic blood pressure compared with non-regular alkaline water drinkers. So, alkaline water has potential benefits, but studies generally include young, healthy individuals with presumably normal kidney function, so the data may not apply to you as a patient. I recommend asking your primary care provider whether they think drinking alkaline water is safe, especially if you have kidney dysfunction, since your kidneys normally regulate acid in your blood!

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.



HALEIWA WAIALUA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Episode 1: Kings and Colonial Powers

By Boyd Ready

As a newly unified, self-governed island state, Hawaii in 1810 faced unpredictable oceanic contact with the world. Spanish galleons had bypassed remote Hawaii for 250 years. But just as revolutionary America began self-government, and Napoleon ran rampant in Europe, explorers, and traders, British, French, Russian and American, showed up in Hawaii. A horrific incident, the Olowalu massacre, stunned Hawaii's ali'i rulers. A visiting trading brig, not realizing the place was a 'city of refuge,' mowed down over one hundred people with grapeshot-loaded cannons in vengeful retribution over a prior violent incident. Two barely surviving sailors, marooned, became key advisors in Kamehameha's military campaigns, bringing gunpowder and European military tactics to his victorious army. Hawaii's world of seasonal chiefly warfare, kapu, kahuna, and temples, had to adapt to dangerous newcomers who disregarded custom with impunity. A few warships from afar could wreak havoc.

Kamehameha's friendship with Captain Vancouver, and his adopting the flying of the British flag at his Kona home, communicated an informal alliance of Hawaii with England. This led other warship-wielding powers to be wary of interfering. But after the King's death in 1819, there was no need to subdue rival chiefs. Epidemics reduced the population, and young men emigrated for seafaring. In consequence, Kamehameha's large, trained army and naval power was no longer a standing force. Hawaii became militarily helpless.

Meanwhile, from the 1840s to 1890s naval powers pushed their way into and declared protectorates, or annexed, New Zealand, and Fiji (British), New Caledonia, the Marquesas, and Tahiti (French), Samoa and the Carolines (German), and Okinawa and Taiwan (Japan). China was carved up into European and American trading concessions. Since steamships could not cross the Pacific without refueling, Hawaii was obviously key to naval and trading operations. Hawaii's first signed treaty, with the United States in 1826, though not ratified by the Senate, recognized Hawaii's sovereignty. Missionary, merchant, and later, sugar interests in Hawaii, predominated over British influence. But militarily weak Hawaii suffered more gunship diplomacy.

Lord Paulet, an English warship captain, took Honolulu by force in 1843, held it for months, then superiors ordered it given back. The 1843

'Anglo-French Proclamation' respecting Hawaii's independence occasioned La Kuokoa, an independence day holiday. But mistreatment of Catholic priests, and punitive tariffs on French brandy imports, soon led to Captain Louis Tromelin's 1849 French warship assault on Honolulu, ransacking the fort and demanding concessions. To guard against becoming a de facto colony like Tahiti, Kamehameha III quietly prepared a treaty of annexation to the United States. The United States did not agree, although in 1842 Secretary of State Daniel Webster had warned other powers to keep hands off Hawaii. The King's annexation initiative soon dropped.

Foreign forces intervened again, in 1873, to put down rioting Queen Emma supporters when she lost election to the monarchy. King Kalakaua's 1874 reciprocity treaty exchanged a Pearl Harbor lease to the United States for favorable trade terms. Hawaii sugar became hugely profitable. Militarily weak Hawaii, at the cost of granting naval base rights, retained its independence from marauding warships.

To contact the Historical Society go to www.WaialuaHistoricalSociety.org



Gunnery drill on 1880s French battleship 'Vauban,' by Paul Jazet. Public Domain



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

New City & State Rules Affecting Shoreline Properties

New rules have been adopted and are now seriously affecting Oahu properties that are either on the shoreline or close to the shoreline:
-The new City & County "Shoreline Setback Line" has now changed from a 40' setback to a minimum of 60' (with a maximum of 130' ... depending on how much sand erosion happens out in front of the subject property).

-Most Homes that are "Close" to the Shoreline (in the SMA Areas) will now need an Environmental Impact Statement to do any sort of new home or major renovation.

-New State rules have eliminated the ability to place any kind of "Shoreline Erosion Control Devices" in front of properties even though these solutions are needed more than ever!

Q&A:

Q: Where is the shoreline according to the State of Hawaii? (§ 26-1.3)
A: What used to be the "vegetation line" is now the "upper reaches of the wash of the waves, other than storm and seismic waves, at high tide during the season of the year in which the highest wash of the waves occurs, usually evidenced by the edge of vegetation growth, or the upper limit of debris left by the wash of the waves".

Q: What is the shoreline setback line according to the State of Hawaii? (§ 26-1.4)

A: What used to be 40 foot 'setback' is now 60 foot +70x the annual coastal erosion rate* with a maximum setback of 130 feet.

*The Annual coastal erosion rates can be found at: <https://cchnl.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3809c00cc21d4e049e9fcc151b6096d7>

Q: What is the Shoreline Setback Area? (§ 26-1.3)

A: All the land area between the "Certified Shoreline" and the newly mandated "Setback Line".

Q: What is a Legal-Nonconforming Structure? (§ 26-1.3)

A: A structure or portion of a structure that was previously lawful but is currently located within the new "shoreline setback" so as to be illegal to re-build if the home should be destroyed by more than 50% of its value.

Q: What is a State Certified Shoreline Survey? (§ 26-1.3)

A: A survey rendered by a registered land surveyor for the purpose of determining the location of the shoreline and then Certified by the State of Hawaii.

Q: What if a pre-existing nonconforming structure is damaged or destroyed? (§ 26-1.6)

If a nonconforming structure is destroyed by any means to an extent of more than 50 percent of its replacement cost at the time of destruction, it may not be reconstructed.

Q: What is a Special Management Area (SMA)? (§ 25-1.3)

A: The land extending mauka from the certified shoreline . . . with the mauka boundary delineated on the City maps (around the back of Foodland as an example). No development . . . may be undertaken within the special management area without special management area permit approval.

A map of Oahu's SMAs can be found here: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=f30604a60fe64945af7442c7c08174f9>

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It's been a while but I had to flash back to the HIO, The Haleiwa International Open. This event was a huge success this season. The waves were great for all of the divisions, 14 of them. The event brings together surfers from around the world giving them an opportunity to surf in a community event. Don't kid yourself, it is very competitive for sure. Surf ranged from 4 feet to 8 feet with mostly excellent conditions. You can find all the results on "live heats".com but there were a few standouts for sure. Let's start with Robert Snelling in the Grand Masters longboard event. He was a winner this season and has won the event 7 times, 5 times in a row! That is pretty incredible. This time he edged out Jock Sutherland by a couple points to take the win. Local ripper Tor Johnson was killing it in the men's grand masters shortboard final and won it over Maurício O. Kuhne with a high score of 8.97 out of ten. The waves were solid for the final, around 6 feet. In the all ages men's longboard Haa Foster Bloomfield took the win in the hotly contested mens open longboard division. He edged out Kai'wa Foster for that win. In the women's open shortboard it was Ruby Berry from Australia taking the win. She has won it three years in a row. This year in great surf scoring a 9.5 and 8.6 beating local surfer Skai Suitt. Suitt scored a 9.17 but just lacked another high scoring ride. Super good final for the open women's in perfect surf. So another season goes by for one of the best events for our community of surfers. Mahalo for everyone that worked so hard to put it together!

JOHN JOHN FLORENCE OFF THE TOUR, AGAIN

Three-time World Champion John John Florence (HAW) has announced that he will defer his return to the World Surf League Championship Tour (WCT) for another year. Florence, who was awarded the WSL Season Wildcard, has decided to withdraw from the 2026 CT and extend his break from full-time competition to continue to focus on his family and travel. "We've decided to continue in 2026 with the goal of hopefully making a full lap of the world." Explained Florence. "I want to become a better surfer; I want to become the best father I can be and combine it all with nonstop adventure and curiosity." Florence has been traveling the world in his sailboat Vela with his family and has found some new surf breaks. Florence took a break last season and will continue

his journey and posting it to his 1.6 million followers on instagram. The postings are world class and lots of sponsors to help the journey. Ramzi Boukhiam (MAR), who missed the last three CT events prior to the Cut in 2025 due to a serious injury sustained during competition at Bells Beach, has been awarded the WSL Season Wildcard in Florence's place.



Tor Johnson Haleiwa Photo: @banzaibetty



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Kama'āina of the Year Creates Community

By Penny Nakamura

Sitting in the patio of his Green World Coffee shop, Howard Green looks back at his long career as a lawyer, businessman and developer and tears up when asked what it means to be awarded North Shore Kama'āina of the Year for his 40-year dedication in building the North Shore Market Place in Hale'iwa.



"It means everything," said an emotional Green, wiping tears from his eyes. "I wanted to create a sense of community-- with visitors experiencing our local artists and our North Shore entrepreneurs. I wanted to provide a place, where locals could also make a living. It's the most important thing I've done in my life, other than my family."

In 1980 Green saw land in Hale'iwa town that was being used as a dump and thought the area could be better served as commercial space. Back then, little did he know it would become what it has become today.

Green went to Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate who owned the land and asked for a ground lease to build North Shore Market Place, his dream. Procuring a long-term lease, Green went to work, cleared out the dump full of junk cars and rubbish and asked for community input of what they desired.

"I wanted to really enhance the life of this community, and really I'm probably most proud of the park next to our marketplace, where we had what felt like the entire North Shore community there for the Christmas tree lighting," said Green with a big smile, saying this has become the heart of the town.

Listening to the community, Green realized they didn't want a glitzy mall with mainland companies, so he made it a point to bring in 20 local businesspeople to run their own companies from art galleries to surf shops.

"Back then we had Billy and Wendy Barnsfield, who were leaders and pioneers in the surf industry, and they built the Raging Isle Surf Shop in our Marketplace, and we had Robert Wyland who was then an upcoming artist, and we had his art gallery," explained Green.

"In those early days I also traveled all over Hawai'i looking at the architecture, from the early 1900's, as I wanted to preserve the old time look here, going so far as finding fire bricks from the Ewa Refinery and repurposing them for building some of the original buildings here," said Green, who was and is passionate about preserving the history of the North Shore. "I think when

you say 'old-timey' it means people-- you get to meet the people of that place, it doesn't mean big shiny new corporations, it means people of the place."

As Green was building out the North Shore Marketplace, it was serendipitous that the H-2 freeway to Wahiawā was completed in 1977, cutting the drive time to the North Shore almost in half.

With luck and the adage, 'if you build it, they will come,' Green was overwhelmed how successful the North Shore Marketplace became, over the decades, but with success came some headaches. Traffic, being perhaps the number one complaint by visitors and locals alike.

Acknowledging, the traffic complaints, Green paid for the 2024 Hale'iwa Traffic Study to help find a solution to the problem, but he explains the solutions aren't simple and could take years to implement.

Along with success and growth, Green finds himself at an impasse with negotiating another lease with Bishop Estates, who he says would force him to nearly double the rents of his tenants at North Shore Marketplace, something he says he won't do.

Already, Billy and Wendy Barnsfield of Raging Isle Surf Shop have closed their long-time shop and they're now enjoying retirement and Coffee Gallery also closed their long time business.

So Green is also retiring as head of the North Shore Marketplace and selling it to the Bishop Estate, who owns the actual land, and hopes Bishop Estate will continue to guide this heart of the community in the right direction.



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Coffee Gallery, North Shore Marketplace

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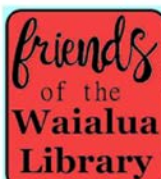
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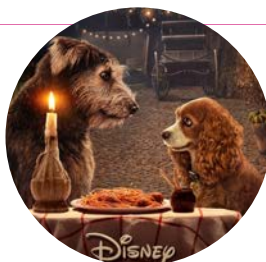


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