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March 2026 - Kona Low Storms, Otake Camp house destroyed in the Waialua Floods. Photo O. Seyler

Everyone Stepped Up!

By North Shore Chamber of Commerce

When multiple consecutive Kona Low storms swept across O'ahu's North Shore in March 2026, it was the last one that wreaked the most havoc—and in doing so revealed the strength, courage, and unity of a community that refused to stand still in the face of disaster.

In the dark of night, as pounding rain caused floodwaters to surge through Waialua, Hale'iwa, and Mokolē'ia, there was no warning to

match what was unfolding. Streets were black, visibility nearly nonexistent, and communication limited. In those critical early hours, before official response systems could fully mobilize, the first responders were not in uniform—they were neighbors.

Waialua residents woke to rising water and moved without hesitation. They grabbed keys, fired up trucks, tractors, and heavy equipment, and drove straight into dangerous, fast-

moving floodwaters. These were not professional rescue teams, but everyday people who knew their community and refused to wait. They navigated submerged roads and strong currents, pulling people from homes, vehicles, and rooftops. In those first hours, many lives were saved because ordinary people chose to act.

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At the time, only a handful of official responders were on duty—just three police officers, five firefighters, and two EMS personnel—far too few to meet the scale of the emergency. Yet they, too, pushed through one of the wettest and most dangerous nights imaginable, working alongside community members who had already stepped into action. Together, they formed the first line of response against a rapidly escalating disaster.

As dawn broke, the full magnitude of the devastation came into view. Homes were filled with mud and debris. Some were knocked clean off their foundations and washed out to the ocean. Entire areas along waterways like the Kaukonahua Stream were unrecognizable. Vehicles sat waterlogged and destroyed—overturned, buried, or left inoperable. For many families, everything they owned was lost in a matter of hours.

Upwards of 400 households were impacted, and well over hundreds of acres of farmland—central to the North Shore's agricultural identity—were damaged or destroyed. Crops were wiped out, irrigation systems buried, and access roads washed away. Public schools were also hit hard, forcing closures for days and adding another layer of disruption for families already struggling to stabilize.

And yet, almost as quickly as the waters rose, something else rose with it: an unprecedented wave of support.

From across the island, people showed up.

Construction companies halted projects midstream and redirected crews, equipment, and materials to the North Shore. Heavy machinery arrived to clear debris, restore access, and assist with recovery. Fuel was shared. Equipment was lent. Skilled operators worked side by side with volunteers, unified by a single purpose—to help the community rebuild.

Volunteer medical professionals showed up in force, providing care, assessments, and support to those in need. Unions sent teams of members to assist and what seemed to be thousands of ordinary people showed up to clean up. Food became a constant presence—prepared and distributed by local families, restaurants, and food trucks—ensuring that both residents and volunteers were sustained through long, exhausting days.

Community hubs quickly formed, becoming the backbone of the recovery effort. The Distillery at the Waialua Sugar Mill emerged as the primary hub, coordinating volunteers, supplies, and information. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Waialua Ward, already active from earlier storm response, expanded its role, offering shelter and organized support. Additional hubs—including the Waialua Community Center, St. Michael's Church, the Hawaii Polo Club, Long Bridge, and the Wishing Well, and many other micro-hubs, each responding to immediate neighborhood needs.

Recognizing the scale of the crisis, the City opened a resource center at Waialua District Park, connecting residents to essential services including medical care,

housing support, and document replacement.

Elected officials also showed up in a meaningful and visible way. From the earliest days of the response, they were on the ground—walking impacted neighborhoods, helping coordinate resources, connecting agencies, and working tirelessly to support the community's needs. Their presence helped streamline communication and bring additional support where it was needed most. But what made this moment truly unique was that this was not a story of government taking over. It was, and continues to be, a community-led response. The leadership of residents, local organizations, and grassroots networks set the tone and pace of recovery, with government stepping in as a partner—supporting, amplifying, and enabling the work already being driven by the people of the North Shore.

What followed was one of the largest grassroots mobilizations the region has ever seen. Thousands of volunteers poured into the North Shore, turning heartbreak into action—clearing debris, gutting homes, salvaging belongings, and supporting one another through loss. But even as progress continues, the road to recovery remains long.

The needs are significant—especially for agriculture. Farms require soil restoration, replacement of equipment, irrigation repair, and rebuilding of access roads. Families need support to rebuild homes, replace transportation, and regain stability. Schools must recover. Infrastructure must be strengthened.

And still, through it all, one truth stands above the rest:

Everyone stepped up.

Not because they were asked. Not because they were assigned. But because this is what community looks like on the North Shore.

It is neighbors rescuing neighbors in the middle of the night.

It is workers leaving their jobs to help strangers.

It is doctors, farmers, business owners, and volunteers standing shoulder to shoulder.

It is aloha in action.

This disaster tested the North Shore in unimaginable ways. But it also revealed something far greater than the destruction it left behind—it revealed the unshakable spirit of a community that shows up, no matter what.

And in the end, that is what will carry our community forward.



Donation hub at the Hale'iwa Distillery Co. Photo@banzaibetty

LĀ HONUA

EARTH DAY

SATURDAY APRIL 25

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After the Water Recedes: What Recovery Really Requires

In the days since the flooding, I've been thinking a lot about what recovery actually means—and who bears its weight.

We tend to focus on what we can see: the water, the debris, the damage to homes and farms. But as the water recedes, another set of impacts begins to take shape. Some are physical, like public health risks. Others are less visible, but just as serious: the strain on families, the disruption of community life, and the very real threat of displacement.

What we are experiencing is not just the aftermath of a storm. It is the exposure of a system that has not been built to hold together under pressure.

When waterways are narrowed by sediment, when erosion is left unchecked, when infrastructure does not match the scale of the flows moving through it, water doesn't just move differently—it moves through communities in ways that bring harm. Contaminants spread, homes are inundated, and recovery becomes uneven and uncertain.

That is where public health begins—but it is not where it ends.

Floodwaters leave behind conditions that increase the risk of disease—leptospirosis, rat lungworm, respiratory illness from mold. These are serious and immediate concerns, especially for those doing cleanup work or returning to damp homes.

But alongside these risks is another layer we have to name clearly: trauma and instability.

For many families, this was not just flooding. It was a disruption of safety—the place you rely on to be stable suddenly isn't. People are sleeping in unfamiliar spaces, navigating insurance and repair decisions, trying to salvage what they can while managing uncertainty about what comes next.

Children absorb that disruption. Kūpuna carry the stress of loss and uncertainty. And for households already operating close to the edge, the margin for recovery is incredibly thin. That is our community.

This is where the question of displacement becomes real.

Not always in the immediate sense of evacuation, but in the slower, more structural way disasters reshape who can afford to remain. When homes are damaged, when repairs are costly or delayed, when insurance falls short or rents rise nearby, recovery can quietly become a forced pathway out of the community.

That is not accidental.

When systems are not built to absorb shocks, the

burden of recovery shifts onto individuals. When that burden becomes too heavy, people are forced into decisions that fracture the social fabric—leaving homes, leaving communities, leaving the networks of care that make recovery possible in the first place.

So when we talk about resilience, we have to be clear about what we mean.

Resilience is not just about how well people endure hardship. It is not just about neighbors stepping in for one another—though that is powerful and necessary.

Resilience is about whether the systems around us are designed to prevent harm, reduce exposure, protect stability and provide for human flourishing.

Right now, we are seeing what happens when that is not the case.

We are asking people to manage contaminated environments, navigate health risks, absorb financial shocks, and hold their families together—all at once. And we are doing that in a context where the underlying systems—our waterways, infrastructure, and land management—have not been adequately maintained to reduce those risks ahead of time.

That is dangerous exposure.

So recovery has to operate on multiple levels at once. There is the immediate work: making sure people have what they need to stay safe during cleanup, monitoring for disease, ensuring access to care, and addressing environmental hazards quickly.

But there is also the deeper work: stabilizing households so that recovery does not become displacement. That means making sure people can repair and return, that support reaches renters as well as homeowners, and that we actively prevent the cascading impacts that push families out.

And beyond that, there is the structural work: investing in the systems that shape how water moves through this community—restoring stream capacity, addressing erosion at its source, strengthening infrastructure, and aligning land use with the realities of our changing climate.

Because public health, housing stability, and environmental management are not separate issues. They are different expressions of the same system.

I want to acknowledge what I am seeing across this community—people showing up for one another in real, tangible ways. That care matters, and it is what holds communities together in moments like this. But it cannot be the only thing holding us together.

We need public, governmental systems that reflect that same level of care—systems that take responsibility for collective safety, anticipate risk, and reduce harm before it reaches people's homes and lives.

Recovery is not just about rebuilding structures. It is also about protecting the conditions that allow a community to remain whole.

Celebrating Lā Honua, Earth Day at Waimea Valley

Each year in April, Earth Day invites communities around the world to pause and reflect on our relationship with the natural world. In Hawai'i nei, that reflection carries deeper meaning, rooted in 'ike kūpuna (ancestral knowledge), and the enduring practice of aloha 'āina. This year, Waimea Valley welcomes the public to gather in celebration of Lā Honua, offering an opportunity to mālama 'āina, care for the land, while strengthening the pilina (relationships) between people, place, and community.

Waimea Valley, on the North Shore of O'ahu, is more than a scenic landscape. For generations of Kānaka 'Ōiwi, it was a place where 'ike was cultivated and practiced, where kāhuna nui carried out specialized work, and where abundant wai nourished thriving systems of lo'i kalo and cultivated māla. The 'āina sustained both people and knowledge. The Valley's rich water resources and fertile lands supported centers of learning, healing, and ceremony. Today, the Valley continues to carry this legacy as a living landscape where 'ike kūpuna, cultural practice, and care for the 'āina remain deeply intertwined.

As Lā Honua approaches on Saturday, April 25th, Waimea Valley invites the community to join us and our sponsor Geotech Solutions. Whether you are a longtime resident or a first-time visitor, your presence and participation help carry forward a legacy of aloha 'āina that has defined the Valley for generations. This celebration serves as a powerful reminder of what is possible when a community comes together in the spirit of aloha, actively stewarding and honoring the environment that supports us all.

Waimea Valley has long served as a gathering place where culture, science, and community intersect. At a time when environmental challenges—from climate change to biodiversity loss—can feel overwhelming, community-based events like Lā Honua offer a hopeful reminder that collective action matters. Every hour of volunteer service contributes to the well-being of the Valley's ecosystems. Every volunteer who learns about the importance of caring for our natural environment and watersheds becomes a potential steward in their own community.

Check-in for Lā Honua begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Visitor Center, with cultural protocol and welcome at 9 a.m.. Volunteers will walk to various worksites throughout the Valley and work until 11:30 a.m. Closed-toe shoes are required. Please bring a refillable water bottle. A free lunch will be provided by our sponsor Geotech Solutions for the first 200 volunteers who register. In addition, our Sustainability Village will feature local organizations and vendors sharing their missions, activities and products along with performances by hālau hula and keynote speakers from the local conservation community. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please contact Malia Evans at mevans@waimeavalley.net.



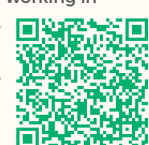
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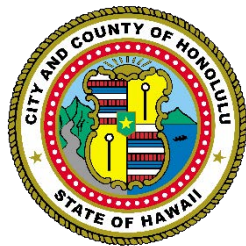
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To our North Shore 'ohana,

Over the past several weeks, we have witnessed the devastating impact of flooding across your neighborhoods. Homes have been damaged, families displaced, and daily life disrupted in ways that are both overwhelming and deeply personal. Please know that you are not facing this alone.

My heart is with every resident who has been affected. I have now seen the strength of this community up close, and I want to express my deepest gratitude for the way you have come together to help one and another. Neighbors helping neighbors, and first responders who put themselves in harm's way to save others, reflect the very best of who we are as an island community. That courage, compassion, and selflessness has been nothing short of heroic, and will not be forgotten!

At the City, our focus is clear. We are bringing every available resource to support you through this. Our emergency response teams and City departments are working around the clock, alongside our State and federal partners, to ensure safety, provide immediate assistance, and begin the path toward recovery. From opening shelters and community assistance centers to helping families access housing, medical care, and essential services, we are committed to being present and responsive every step of the way.

I also want to be clear about our role. This community has already begun its recovery, and government is not here to push anyone out or take over. We are here to stand alongside you, to support you, and to provide the resources you need to rebuild. This recovery will be driven by the people of the North Shore, and we will work in partnership with you every step of the way.

We are coordinating closely with our partners at the State and across the community to expand support and ensure no one is left behind. Recovery will take time, but we will be with you every step of the way. As your Mayor, that is my promise to you.

The North Shore has always been defined by its beauty, resilience, heart, and especially its people. In moments like this, that spirit shines even brighter.

We will get through this together.

With aloha,

Mayor Rick Blangiardi



Ask the Doctor

Nash Witten, MD

Flood Waters & Disease

Leptospirosis

Mongoose, mice, rats, and pigs can serve as reservoirs for this spirochete, which is passed into the environment in their urine. It causes symptomatic infections in humans, dogs, cattle, and pigs. Once in the environment, especially in wet soil, it can live up to 20 months! Transmission occurs when small cuts or abrasions come into contact with contaminated soil, such as floodwaters. Incubation takes 2 to 20 days before symptoms begin, with acute illness usually lasting 7 days. In Hawaii, leptospirosis is most associated with fever (98% of patients), muscle aches (88% of patients), headache (87% of patients), nausea (68% of patients), and vomiting (59% of patients). It is important to seek medical consultation for your symptoms and to make sure you tell your medical provider about your exposure to floodwaters and mud!

Cesspool & Septic Tank Overflow

Unfortunately, the North Shore primarily relies on backyard cesspools and septic tank leach fields for wastewater management, and when it floods, these systems become overwhelmed, discharging into the floodwaters. During the flood event, as well as the cleanup, we will continue to come into contact with these bacteria/viruses, which leaves a very low threshold for seeking medical care if any wounds look infected (e.g., red, painful), you develop systemic symptoms (e.g., fever, chills), or just don't feel right.

Drinking Contaminated Water or Eating Spoiled Food

If you drink contaminated water or inadvertently eat spoiled food, it's possible to develop acute gastroenteritis with symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting. These symptoms are typically self-resolving without intervention; however, if you have medical issues or are at the extremes of ages (keiki and kupuna), then evaluation by a medical provider is warranted. Vomitus or diarrhea with black or bright red blood is also always recommended for medical evaluation.

Strongyliodes

Strongyliodes is not endemic to Hawaii, meaning it does not live and reproduce here and therefore is not an expected risk with exposure to floodwaters.

Loss of Chronic Disease Medications

In reality, the biggest issue after a flood like we recently had is that people with chronic medical conditions lose their medications and need emergent refills. All primary care offices have to have an on-call provider system; it's required by health insurance companies. In Hawaii, most offices use Physician Exchange (808) 524-2575.

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.



Spotlight on Sunset: Strong Schools, Strong Community

Big Mahalo!

By Eliza Elkington, Principal

In the wake of recent storms and the resulting boil water advisory, Sunset Beach Elementary School extends its deepest gratitude to the many individuals and organizations who supported our campus community.

While we were fortunate that our school sustained no physical damage, the challenges of limited access to safe drinking water required swift and generous support. We sincerely thank the National Guard and the Board of Water Supply for providing clean, safe drinking water on campus. Their presence earlier this week not only ensured our students' safety, but also brought a sense of reassurance for our students and staff. They especially appreciated interacting with National Guard members as they helped fill water bottles throughout the day on Tuesday and Wednesday.

We are also incredibly grateful for the kindness shown to our staff. Through the thoughtful efforts of PreK teacher Karrie Smith's mother, Maryann White, who lives on the mainland, SBES staff members were treated to yummy sandwiches and cookies from Ted's Bakery on Wednesday. This generous gesture lifted our spirits and reminded us of the strength of our extended school 'ohana- even from far away!

Additional thanks go to the Lāhui Foundation and the Windward District Office for their generous donation of bottled water, and to the Hawaii Foodservice Alliance for providing hand sanitizer, cleaning wipes, and extra water bottles. These supplies were critical for the health and safety of our students and staff.

To everyone who supported our school and students in any way, we extend a heartfelt mahalo. We are truly grateful for our incredible community!

We recognize that many families continue to recover from the impacts of flooding. Please know that we are keeping all of you in our thoughts. We are grateful that the boil water advisory has been lifted for all of North Shore, and we hope that attending school can provide a sense of stability and care for our students and staff.

If your family is in need of support, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our school counselor, Ms. Robin Linn, is available to connect families with resources at Robin.Linn@k12.hi.us.



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Kona Low Recovery

I send my heart and aloha out to everyone impacted by the recent flooding. In visiting with many of you since the storm and hearing your experiences, it is clear there were government missteps and delays in response that require accountability. In the immediate, however, I have also been grateful to see the outpouring of love from the community and from around O'ahu.

The various hubs within the district—including those supported by the Lāhui Foundation, Hale'iwa Distilling Company, and the Ko'olau Resilience Hub Network—continue to provide essential needs, while the Community Assistance Center at Waialua District Park works to bring resources directly into the community. If you find the resource center lacking, please let me know so we can adjust or add services as needed. We are also supporting direct outreach to ensure services reach everyone and that you have an opportunity to speak with someone in person.

Please Report Residential Storm Damage

I know there are many forms, but I ask that everyone impacted complete a damage assessment report at honolulu.gov/homedamage. Please take clear photos, note the height of the waterline, and indicate whether your property has a septic system, as these details can help determine whether damage is classified as "Minor" or "Major" under FEMA guidelines. Each household should submit one report. Individuals living with roommates are encouraged to complete their own.

Storm Debris Cleanup

City crews have been deployed to the North Shore and are conducting debris pickup operations in impacted areas. The materials are being collected at the temporary debris storage and reduction site at Patsy T. Mink Central O'ahu Regional Park (CORP). City disaster debris management contractors are sorting and disposing of this material.

To ensure efficient removal and proper disposal, all debris must be separated into designated piles:

- Green waste: tree branches, logs, and vegetation. Cut to eight-foot lengths for smaller pieces, or two-foot lengths for logs and branches greater than nine inches in diameter.
- Appliances/white goods: refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, air conditioners, and water heaters.

- Mud and rocks: placed in a separate pile.
- Mixed storm-related waste: any remaining debris not listed above should be separated accordingly.

Residents may also transport storm debris to City convenience centers and the Kawaiioa Transfer Station in Hale'iwa. Both are open seven days per week, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please note that green waste must be taken to Kawaiioa.

Permitting Information for Emergency Repairs

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) advises that emergency work may proceed without a permit provided that a permit application is submitted on the next working day after work begins, and that the following conditions are met:

- Work does not expand the size, height, or area of the structure
- Repairs do not make the structure less safe than it was prior to the damage
- Materials used are similar to the original construction
- All work complies with applicable City ordinances and building code safety requirements

Beyond emergency repairs, most storm-related work still requires a permit. For more information, visit www.honolulu.gov/dpp/.

Agricultural Disaster Impact Survey

The Hawai'i Farmers Union has partnered with Agricultural Stewardship Hawai'i to document storm impacts on farms following the flooding. Responses will help guide how the Hawai'i Flood Response Fund is distributed. Submissions will help connect farmers with USDA disaster assistance programs, inform how relief funding and on-the-ground support are directed, and strengthen the case for additional recovery resources. To participate, visit report.agstewardshiphawaii.org.



Storm debris cleanup Photo courtesy of City & County of Honolulu



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Lake Wilson's Role in Agriculture and Flood Control

By Boyd Ready

We all understand that for the country to stay 'country,' we need agriculture. To provide food and fiber, our farmers need land, water, capital investment, and labor. For flood control and irrigation, our country side needs a dam, reservoirs, and stream clearing.

Lake Wilson was created by the Waialua Sugar Company with water from the upper reaches of the Kaukonahua Stream, fed by Ko'olau Mountain streams on either side of, what is now Wahiawā town. Around the same time as the construction of the Panama Canal, from 1902 to 1906, thousands of Japanese and Korean laborers, donkeys, wheelbarrows, dynamite, and mining-train tracks excavated 30 horizontal tunnel shafts to add steady, groundwater flows into the streams. They then built a massive earthen dam using a rail trestle over the canyon. They dropped giant rocks and loads of earth from above, compacting it, then topping it off with rip-rap (dry-laid stone used to form a foundation). This reservoir can hold almost 3 billion gallons of water for controlled release.

Ancient Hawaiians had long mastered the art of directing the gravity flow of water. In fact, Waialua's people built a two-mile long stone-lined ditch by hand, reputed to be the longest ancient Hawaiian water ditch. It brought water from Kaukonahua Stream, near Mt. Ka'ala, down to kuleana farm plots in what is now Waialua town. The early Waialua Sugar operations used that same ditch until replacing it later with 'Pump 1,' above Waialua town, for a more reliable groundwater flow.

Hawaiians in Waialua also used the freshwater, spring-fed and mountain stream-fed wetlands for taro fields that supplied a population of 8,000 with the sacred, staple food: poi. Combined with sweet potato, nearshore fisheries, breadfruit, pig, dog, and chicken, and the famous Loko Ea and other aquaculture ponds, Waialua was 'āina momona, a fat land, well-watered and so, waiwai, wealthy.

Waialua suffered a huge population loss in the 1800s which overwhelmed traditional Hawaiian agriculture. The population fell from 8,000 to a low of 1,200 due to epidemics and emigration. As it rebounded, kalo fields in our low, spring-fed wetlands on the makai side of Hale'iwa, transitioned to rice production, primarily by Chinese immigrants. Waialua was O'ahu's third largest rice producer in the 1870s.

Later, when Japanese immigrants preferred imported California rice, the wetlands transitioned to lotus, or 'hasu' plantings, a staple in the Japanese diet. Many of these

areas are not farmed today perhaps due to the hard, manual labor needed for this kind of farming. However, there are some farmers who grow kalo profitably in these same wetlands today. But our vast uplands between Wahiawā and Hale'iwa need reliable water from Lake Wilson flowing by gravity.

By comparison, our Board of Water (BWS) provides Waialua and Haleiwa almost 3 million gallons per day for domestic and agricultural use. BWS potable water costs too much for many crops because of the electricity it takes to pump the water from the ground. The Waialua Sugar Co.'s water system provided over 60 million gallons per day mostly from the Ko'olau watershed, the 30 hand-dug collection tunnels and Lake Wilson, therefore not needing electricity for pumping.

Lake Wilson's earthen dam was upgraded with an enlarged spillway for safety in 1921 and is the largest freshwater reservoir in the State. Its five outlet valves were repaired, but the state is now requiring an even larger spillway to meet current dam-safety standards. As of this writing, the Hawai'i Land Board approved acquiring the reservoir. The State will now start the process of acquiring Lake Wilson/Wahiawā Reservoir from Dole Food Company and Sustainable Hawai'i to upgrade it to modern standards. The North Shore needs Lake Wilson for its low-cost, gravity-fed water and flood-control features. With Lake Wilson we can support our farmers and agriculture growers to help with food security and to "keep the country country."



Tunnel Maintenance: UH Oral History Project

North Shore Rising

By Melissa Anguay

Flood waters are rising
Most are still sleeping
Yet there is no warning
Electricity isn't working
Sirens are not sounding
Hearts crazily beating
Little ones awaken crying
Residents keep on calling
People begin swimming

Flood waters are terrifying
Our family means everything
Holding them and praying
Thankfully no babies drowning
No time to grab another thing
Homes, cars submerging
Farms are disappearing
Emergency vehicles not crossing
Roads to get in and out closing
Kama'aina are yelling
Precious souls are waiting
The shelter isn't opening
It's time to start fighting
On the roof, we are surviving

Aloha is rising
Homegrown neighbors helping
Pitch dark but we're hoping
Surfboards are coming
Kayaks are floating
Backhoes, bulldozers rescuing
Local hero's do all this evacuating

Flood waters no longer rising
We are grieving
Too late now for alarming
Finally safe places are opening

Aloha still rising
Friends begin organizing
Community hearts dedicating
Hawai'i continues blessing
Kind strangers arriving
Muddy volunteers cleaning
Many with shovels hugging
Animals, we're still searching
Many keep on donating
Someone needs our cooking
Pupukea Foodland reopening
Needs are changing
Others need us, keep remembering
The world is watching

ALOHA IS STAYING
We are not dividing
Together is healing
North Shore how amazing
Waialua legendarily inspiring
Shaka to you smiling
We keep on building
No matter how challenging
A miracle to be breathing
Aloha is our way of living
So keep encouraging
'Ohana keep serving
Warrior keep learning
Beloved keep forgiving
E ke akua keep guiding
Mahalo to all for pouring
So much appreciating
Kokua is thriving
Love is overflowing
Yes, aloha truly is staying
Aloha spirit is forever shining



March 2026 - Kona Low storm flooding Photos Courtesy of City and County of Honolulu



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Ku pa'a i ka lokahi
Standing firm in unity

Some time has passed since the second Kona Low storm hit our shores. Through all of the devastation, the Waiālua community stays resilient in times of struggle. We at Loko ea want to mahalo the families and community members for their quick response to offering aid in every sense of the word to keep people safe before, during, and after the storm. All the hands who have come to the moku of Waialua have done so much to share the load of kuleana burdening so many families who have lost everything to this terrible flood. To all who have lent a hand and donated resources, Mahalo. Loko ea has shown her own resiliency as we returned shortly after the flooding to see her walls still standing, her gates firm and intact, and the springs slowly replenishing the pond with clean water, draining the aftermath of runoff in less than two days. We are extremely fortunate to see this loko i'a and the 'āina around it hold steady, opening ourselves as a Loko ea 'ohana to support the relief efforts for our kaiāulu.

Summer 2026

Nā Pili Wai Summer Program for K to Grade 5



Join us this summer for the 6th year of Nā Pili Wai! Keiki who have completed K-G5 are welcome to apply. Through mele and mo'olelo, keiki will engage in place-based learning, getting to mālama 'āina in our indigenous food system. Visit lokoea.org to learn more!

Week 1: June 9-12 – grades K-2

Week 2: June 22-27 – grades 3-5

Week 3: July 6-11 – grades K-2

Week 4: July 21-25 – grades 3-5

Holomua Internship Program

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To all our Waialua young leaders and beyond. If you have ever wanted to learn more about loko i'a management, we encourage college level individuals to apply for our upcoming Holomua summer internship program! This internship is designed to train members in native Hawaiian values through hard work, resiliency, and adaptability through the many facets of 'āina based-learning.

Visit lokoea.org Holomua internship page for more info



Strength in the Flood

By Kezia Burgoyne

Exactly six days ago, I wanted to cry. I had just finished a delicious dinner and was standing in the most famous plaza in Florence, Italy in front of...the duomo. An absolutely stunning palace of colored marble. In front of the building stood three men belting their hearts into the open air. They sang, "The Prayer,"—a song about hope, humanity, and trust in God. My heart swelled with the beauty of humanity.

My mom leaned towards me.

"The North Shore is flooding."

"What?!? I thought that was last week."

"No, now it's worse. The sirens went off in the early morning and the whole town is flooded. Grandma says that the water is almost up to her lanai, even over the stairs. If the water gets any higher, the dam will break."

Oh no.

I remember the last time the North Shore flooded, about five years ago. I remember the surprise, the shock of the water rising beneath my car as I drove through it. Thankfully, I live in a house outside of the flood zone, but I remember the churning mud, the are-you-okay calls to friends, stories of missing pets and devastated businesses.

I also remember the work. We set up the recovery center at the church in Waialua. For weeks, we scooped mud, delivered food, spread the word in the media, and received an overwhelming amount of donations from the community.

This time around, my friends are suffering again and I am not here to help. It hurts. But every time I open social media I am overwhelmed with gratitude. Here's why: I am seeing the people who have lost everything, give everything. Surf and Salsa—where I worked serving tacos not two months ago—is giving away food, despite having lost everything.

We all take turns in suffering. If it is not our turn for an emergency, it is our responsibility to help those who need it. I am amazed at the North Shore community's willingness and ability to serve each other in such a crisis.

I started this column because I know that the stories of the North Shore community are powerful. I hope that we can both celebrate our differences as well as allow our stories to unite us on a human level. We don't have to wait for a disaster to connect with each other. If you are interested in sharing a story from your life, please submit it 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.



NORTH SHORE REAL ESTATE TRENDS

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

Choose a GNR (Good Neighborhood Realtor)

When choosing a Realtor, don't just go with your cousin's friend from the other side of the island! Choose a Good Neighborhood Realtor that specializes in the specific area you are looking for.

I have listed and sold thousands of homes out here on the North Shore (some as many as four times) and I like to say, "I'm a North Shore Specialist!" From all my experience, choosing a Good Neighborhood Realtor is one of the most important steps in finding the right home!

Let's give the abbreviation "GNR" for "Good Neighborhood Realtor" and I'll use it as follows:

- A GNR knows what you should really be looking at after just a few simple questions (i.e. You will not waste a lot of time and effort in finding the right home).
- A GNR will know "where" you should buy when you explain just a few preferences (i.e. What type of sports you like to do, what type of surf you like to be in, how important an ocean or sunset view is to you, do you like to grow your own food or take walks on the beach, etc).
- A GNR knows the weather patterns of each area (i.e. Upper Pupukea has more rain and is better for 'farming' than lower Pupukea which is dryer and sometimes 9 degrees warmer).
- A GNR knows every beach area and what they are like (i.e. One area might be good for swimming, another might be more prone to huge waves and yet another might be more likely to experience sand erosion).
- A GNR would know the different condos and what's happening at each one (i.e. One might have an Assessment coming up for a new roof, another is well managed with a low Maintenance Fee).
- A GNR would know the different neighborhoods and the different conditions that might affect that area (i.e. Good trade wind flow, history of flooding or even the different neighborhood settings).
- A GNR knows their communities (i.e. If there are properties coming to the market in the near future and point out historical sales in that neighborhood).
- A GNR would even have the best "CONTACTS" (i.e. Surveyors, Home Inspectors, Lenders, Roofers, and Termite Inspectors).

There are so many factors that go into the making of a Good Neighborhood Realtor ... but most of all, that Realtor will actually become a "Good Neighbor" of yours and will welcome you into his or her community!

Richard D Sterman (Realtor) has been helping North Shore Buyers & Sellers for over 45 years! Owner & Principal Broker of Sterman Realty, Richard oversees the largest full-service real estate company on the North Shore with over 30 professional Realtors. Call (808) 638-8600, email Richard@Sterman.com or go to www.Sterman.com



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GET OUT THE HAWAIIAN FLAGS!

Maybe this is something to look forward to after the North Shore devastation! The 2026 Championship Tour season kicks off April 1 at one of the tour's most iconic locations, Bells Beach. It's every surfer's dream to ring the bell, so who will it be this year? Who are we rooting for? Barron Mamiya hails from the North Shore and we have Haleiwa queen Bettylou Sakura Johnson going for a title. Mamiya sits in 11th place going into it, a nice sweet spot on a tour that has changed. This season there will be no cut off in the middle where half of the surfers don't surf the remaining events of the tour. Yippie, the tour ends at Pipeline, again! Pretty sure we fans are all happy about that. Johnson sits in 5th place going in and won 2 events last season, no easy task. The powers that be also upped the amount of women that are on the WCT, World Championship Tour, to 24. Still not equal to the men. I don't know what to think about that. They still don't know what equality is. No wonder the Olympic powers that be snubbed them and took more surfers from the ISA than the WSL. The Olympics have equal men to woman and have been running events with teams from countries around the world. That's equality! But I'm getting off the point. We should also be rooting for our other

Hawaiian surfers. Eli Hanneman, Gabriela Bryan and Seth Moniz all have a chance of clinching a World Champion title. So go Hawaii, represent, because the North Shore needs our spirits lifted after our storms!

NEW TOWER OF POWER

Everybody has seen it. People going way out on the rocks at Shark's Cove to get a better photo! We have had lots of accidents there, oh yes we needed a lifeguard tower at Sharks Cove, a marine life conservation district and National Marine Sanctuary. Finally the City and County of Honolulu's Safety Department installed one at Pupukea Beach Park. The area is a draw for tourists and locals alike. It's rock formations, perfect safe swimming area, great diving and the abundant marine life pulls everyone there to enjoy. The location is perfect, kind of midway on the seven mile miracle we call the North Shore. Definitely perfect for our safety department to better monitor our area. The area is also a safe haven for wildlife and hope is the tower there will insure no one does any funny business at the site! It is a protected area where no fishing is permitted and or specimen removal of any kind. Lots of other rules too! Big mahalo to our lifeguards and the City for our new tower!



Lifeguard Tower at Shark's Cove Photo: @banzaibetty

Congratulations Swimmers!



North Shore swimmers with their hardware haul Taj DesRoches, Rowan Fremming, Matteo Cua and Tyde DesRoches swim for Aloha Aquatics Association at the 2026 Swimming Age Group State Championships

The 2026 Hawaiian Swimming Short Course Yards Age Group 14 yrs and under Championships were held at the K. Mark Takai Veteran Memorial Aquatic Center on February 26 - March 1. Over three-hundred swimmers from all over the Hawaiian islands representing twenty-one clubs came together to compete for state swimming superiority to mark the end of the short course season. Four North Shore swimmers from Aloha Aquatics Association: Andrew Rowan Fremming (Haleiwa-13), Tyde DesRoches (Pupukea-12), Taj DesRoches (Pupukea-12) and Matteo Cua (Haleiwa-11) met the qualifying time standards established by Hawaiian Swimming, the Local Swim Committee for USA Swimming to compete in their respective events and these North Shore boys did not disappoint. All four swimmers advanced from the preliminary sessions to compete in the finals as the Top 10 Swimmers in the state for these events. Rowan, Matteo and Tyde each earned regional times to compete in the Southwest Age Group Regional championships in Clovis, CA March 27-30. Matteo closed out the event with a state championship title in the 400 Individual Medley.

Congratulations Swimmers! They are all avid surfers and products of the North Shore Lifeguard Association Junior Guards summer program, more importantly amazing young humans representing your North Shore. If you see these boys around, give them their well-earned praise (buy them a congratulations shave ice or let them go on a wave in the line-up) for a great championship showing and a phenomenal

short course season.

If your child is interested in swimming with Aloha Aquatics or your business would like to sponsor the team please email: president@alohaaquatics.org
Aloha Aquatics is a nonprofit 501c3 Swim Club.

Meet the Swimmers

-How did you get into competitive swimming? How old were you?

Matteo: I started swimming at the beach by my house when I was a baby. I always liked the water. I joined a swim club when I was 4 yrs old and started to compete in meets when I was 6 yrs old.

Rowen: I was great in the water. I was about 8 yrs old.

Taj: I got into competitive swimming at age 8. I wanted to start competitive swimming to help me get faster and do better at the drills for the Jr Lifeguard program.

Tyde: I started competitive swimming by watching older kids do it at Jr. Lifeguards and that inspired me to swim more competitively and try out for a club team. I was 8 years old.

-Favorite stroke?

Matteo: Butterfly

Rowen: Butterfly

Taj: Butterfly

Tyde: Backstroke

-What is your biggest accomplishment in swimming?

Matteo: Qualifying for Western Zones Age group championships in Sacramento, CA and swimming for Team Hawaii.

Rowen: I won the Waikiki Roughwater Swim 11-12 yr old division.

Taj: Making a Northwest Regional time in the 200 Fly.

Tyde: Getting a Northwest Regional time in the 200 backstroke and Southwest Regional time in the 50 backstroke.

-What are your swimming goals?

Matteo: To get to the Olympics.

Rowen: To swim in college.

Taj: My goal is to make regional and zones times and to become more efficient and faster in my strokes.

Tyde: To make more Regional times and to get Zone times.

-What advice do you have for kids interested in swimming competitively?

Matteo: Anything is possible!

Rowen: Try many distances rather than just sprints.

Taj: If you work hard and practice hard, you'll get to where you want to be.

Tyde: If you want to do better, you have to go to practice more. Consistency is key.

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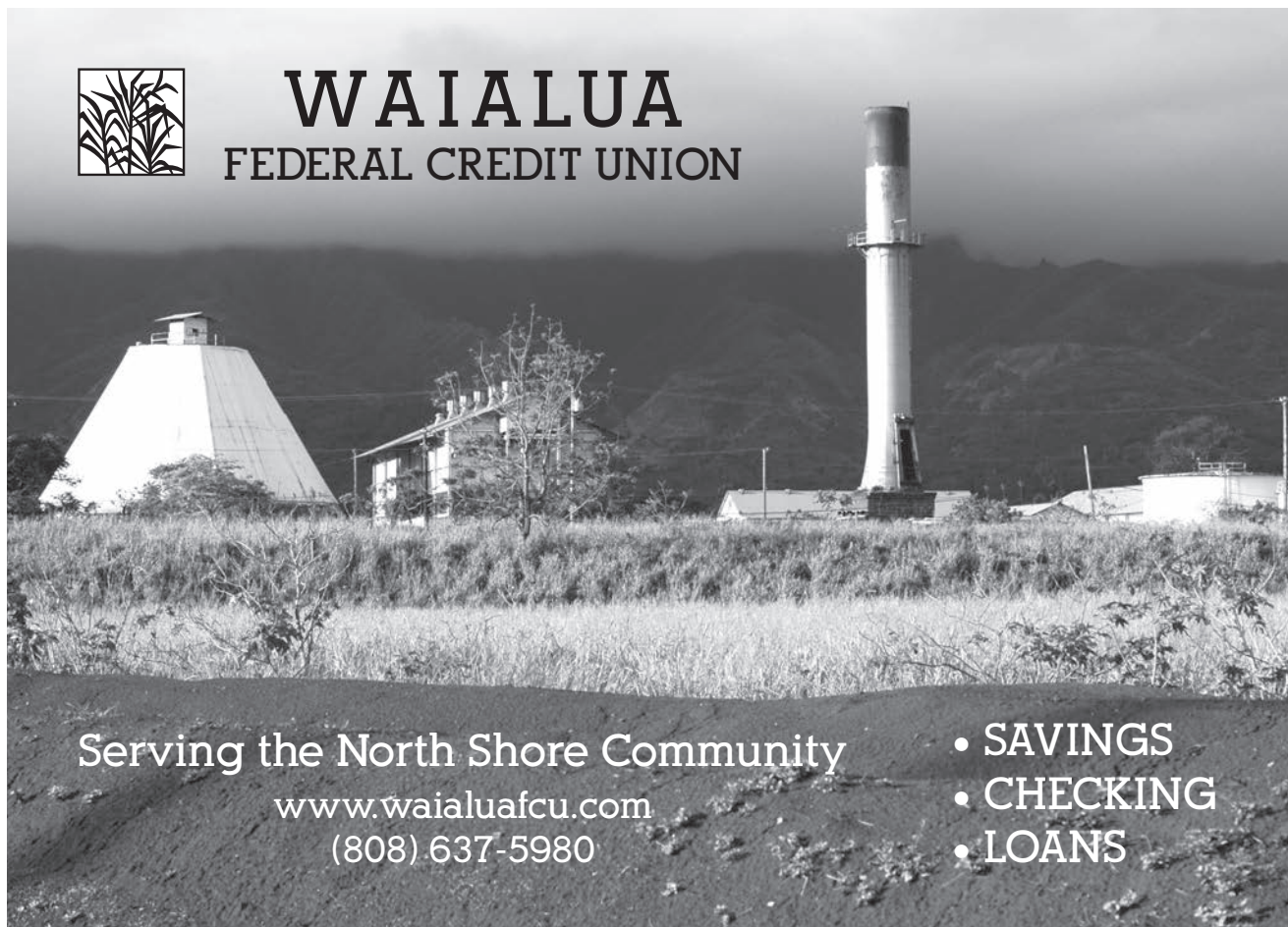


Off da Island in Antarctica - To celebrate her 80th birthday, retired Waialua High School social studies teacher, Mary Chun, and her son, Asa Chun, 2003 Waialua grad, took an expedition ship to Antarctica. Happy Birthday and Best Wishes Mary!



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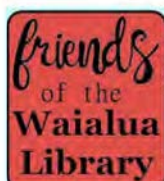


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 Title: "The Correspondent" by:
 Virginia Evans (rescheduled
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Thursday, Apr 9, 9:30 -11am
 Topic: "The Most Important
 Characteristics of a Friend"

Family Story &/or Craft Time
 Saturdays, 10am

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Next Book Sale
 Saturday, May 16, 9am-12pm

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Neighborhood Board Meetings #27

Next Meeting: April 28, 2026

4th Tuesday of Every Month - 7pm
 at Waialua Elementary School Cafeteria
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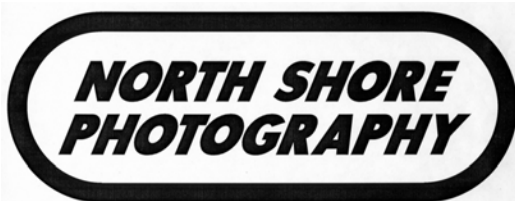
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April 2026

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most up-to-date information.

SAT
4/11
1-3pm



**Battle of the Books
Competition**

TUE
4/14
5-7pm



**Beginner Line
Dancing**

TUE
4/21
5-6pm



**Family Craft Night:
Puffy Paint**

TUE
4/28
5-7pm



**Literacy Night:
Games & Activities**

Mention National Library Week during April 19th - 25th for a chance at a prize!

**Mahalo to all the Battle of the Books participants,
coaches, schools, volunteers, and sponsors.**

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

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Thursdays 9:30am-1pm
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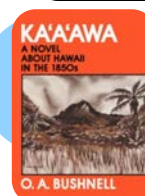
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April 2nd and 16th
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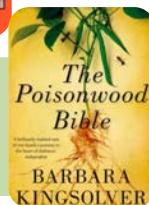
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2nd + 4th Thurs
April 9th and 23rd
at 10am

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Friday
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To learn more, visit koka.org or email heleipiko@koka.org.

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Flood insurance is separate from homeowners insurance and generally not required unless the property is in a designated high-risk flood zone. As we saw with the last storm, however, flooding can occur outside these areas. This is why all homeowners and renters are strongly encouraged to consider flood coverage.

A standard flood insurance policy normally helps cover physical damage caused by rising water, such as damage to the structure of the home (including foundation, walls, electrical and plumbing systems) and certain essential contents like appliances and personal belongings. However, coverage is subject to policy limits and exclusions, so items like landscaping, temporary housing costs and some high-value personal property may be limited or not covered.

For those who have experienced flood damage but do not carry flood insurance, individuals may look to federal disaster assistance programs, if a disaster declaration is made, or explore available local relief resources. More information on flood insurance is available at <https://www.floodsmart.gov/>.

To help residents navigate the claims process, the Hawai'i Insurance Division has developed a Post-Disaster Insurance Claims Guide and instructional video on how to file an insurance claim. Consumers may also contact the Hawai'i Insurance Division at 1-844-808-DCCA (3222) or visit <http://cca.hawaii.gov/ins> for additional claim-filing tips, disaster recovery resources and assistance with insurance-related concerns.

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 for info: 808-489-5426

The Purple Van
 Food distribution program
 delivers food boxes
 weekly. Volunteers wanted.
 808-638-9627

**"What to do if Immigration
Comes to Your Workplace"**
 nilc.org/knowyourrights
-The Legal Clinic
 808-777-7071
**-UH Refugee & Immigration
Law Clinic**
 808-956-4092
**-Understanding
Immigration
Enforcement Documents**
 www.beluminus.org/warrants

**North Shore Serenity
Al-Anon Family Group**
 meets 6:30 pm Wednesdays at
 St. Michael's Church,
 Outreach Room, 67-340 Haona
 St, Waialua. Participants may
 also attend virtually via Zoom
 ID 84783266578 Password
 809980.

Open to anyone who believes
 his or her life may have been
 affected by someone else's
 drinking.
 Additional information avail-
 able at www.al-anon.org; or by
 calling 808-546-5647

**North Shore Service Center
4th Wednesday
Every Month
10am - 12:30pm
at the WCA
(Hale'iwa Gym)
Wednesday, April 22**
 Please Join Us!
 All are welcome!
 Assistance in housing,
 medical, dental and fellowship
 by: North Shore Food Bank,
 Ko'olauloa Health Center, Ke
 Ola Mamo, U.S. Vets, and
 Dept of Health- Public Health
 Nurses, Keiki O Ka 'Aina, SNAP
 and more...
 To join us as a provider or for
 more information call
 Linda 808.780.8037

Residents are encouraged to
 stay informed by signing up for
HNL Alert for updates on
 City services and resources.
 Visit hnlalert.gov or text
 "HNLALERT" to 888-777
 to receive alerts.

**Coconut Rhinoceros
Beetle response:**
 for info visit hdoa.hawaii.gov/pi/main/crb/
 email: BeetleBustersHi@gmail.com
 phone: (808)643-7378
 call or text: (808)678-5244

**Hawai'i Statewide Marine
Animal Stranding,
Entanglement, and
Reporting Hotline**
*Includes stranded/injured sea
turtles, monk seals, dolphins,
and whales.*
Phone: (888) 256-9840

**Haleiwa Town Center
Office Space for Lease**
 Convenient location near
 Stonefish, Jorge's, Longs,
 Bank of Hawaii, and
 American Savings Bank.
 808-637-8000

HISTORICAL TOURS
 Walking tours of historic
 Haleiwa and Waialua Town
 by local historian
 \$20 by appointment
 808-342-8557
info@waialuahistoricalscociety.org

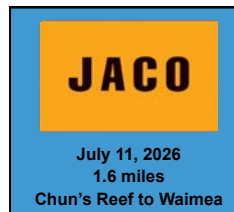
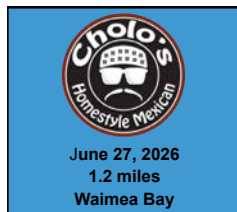
**Community Assistance Center at
Waialua District Park** to assist resi-
 dents impacted by the recent Kona Low
 storm flooding.

- Waialua District Park
- Address: 67-180 Goodale Ave, Waialua, HI 96791
- Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m
- Honolulu Emergency Services Department (HESD) will provide basic medical assessments and care, assistance with replacing lost prescriptions, and treatment for minor illnesses and injuries.
- Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) will provide information and support for emergency permitting needs.
- Department of Housing and Land Management (DHLM) will assist residents by providing information on available housing options in City properties.
- Department of Customer Services (CSD) will assist with the replacement of lost driver's licenses and state IDs, and provide information about registration fees for damaged or destroyed vehicles.
- Department of Community Services (DCS) will offer kupa resources and handbooks, down payment and rental assistance, and other home support services.
- The Board of Water Supply (BWS) will provide information on billing in impacted areas.
- The Office of Economic Revitalization (OER) will offer assistance for businesses and farmers, along with language access support.
- The Hawai'i State Department of Health, Vital Records office will assist residents in replacing lost documents, including birth, marriage, and death certificates.
- The Hawai'i State Department of Health, Environmental Health will answer questions and provide information about safe clean up.

2026

Race Application

NORTH SHORE SWIM SERIES



Early Entry Fee for all 4 Races Ends June 5th, 2026. All Races Start at 9:00am.

FEE: \$75.00 per event by postmark date. Mail in entries must be postmarked by dates below.

EARLY ENTRY for all 4 races is \$240.00 postmarked by June 5, 2026.

LATE ENTRIES: \$90.00 for Day of Race sign up or after deadline. No transfer of entry without permission of race director. No refunds.

ON-LINE ENTRY: Active.com (North Shore Swim Series).

MAIL IN ENTRIES: Checks made out to 'Waikiki Swim Club'. Mail to: Linda Moran 94-463 Alapine Street, Waipahu HI 96797-4515

T-SHIRTS: Available for early entry. No guarantee of t-shirt for late entry or day of race entries.

DIVISIONS & AWARDS: Top 3 men & women, 10 & under, 11-12, 13-14 15-19 & 5-year age groups thereafter (20-24, 25-29 etc).

SWIM CAPS ARE MANDATORY: Swim Caps must be worn during the duration of each race and are provided to registered swimmers at the first race they attend. You may use your own 'bright cap'. We supply (1) cap for the series as long as our supply lasts.

SWIMSUITS: Men - jammers or briefs (waist to knee). Women - one or two piece suits, shoulders to knees, but they must not cover the shoulder. No Triathlon suits or suits that contain neoprene (floatation).

TIME LIMITS: Time limits will be posted before race day for each swim but if you are not making sufficient progress or are endangering yourself or other swimmers then Water Patrol has the right to pull you from the race. This is a 'DNF'.

EQUIPMENT: Swim goggles, mask type goggles, dive masks and snorkels are allowed. No fins, hand paddles or full-face snorkel masks. Swim buoys are ok; no personal escort allowed.

RULES & MAPS: NorthShoreSwimSeries.com

RESULTS: Posted on-line at: TimeLineHawaii.com, NorthShoreSwimSeries.com and WaikikiSwimClub.org

AGGRESSION WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. No pulling, grabbing, kicking, dunking or swimming over another competitor. This is a DQ & may result in banishment from other events.

ASSISTANCE: If a swimmer receives assistance they are considered a D.Q. & will not be given a finish time. Information: 808-741-6075.



EARLY ENTRY For all 4 races! Postmarked by June 5, 2026 \$240 ☐	ALOHA SALADS Summer Sprint Enter by June 5, 2026 \$75 ☐	CHOLO'S Waimea Bay Swim Enter by June 19, 2026 \$75 ☐	JACO Chun's to Waimea Enter by July 3, 2026 \$75 ☐	NORTH SHORE SOAP FACTORY North Shore Challenge Enter by July 17, 2026 \$75 ☐	T-Shirt Size 	Total enclosed Checks payable to Waikiki Swim Club \$	DAY OF RACE or AFTER Deadline \$90 ☐
LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		SEX	AGE	D.O.B.	
PHONE		EMAIL					
EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER				CITY		STATE (OR COUNTRY)	

SIGNATURE (Parent Signature if under 18)

DATE

Release Statement: I AGREE to comply with the rules, regulations, and event instructions of the 2026 North Shore Swim Series. I know that competing in an ocean swim race is hazardous; I am aware of and assume all risks with participating in this event. I understand that competing in the North Shore Swim Series could result with injury or death. I understand & release the North Shore Swim Series, JJ Enterprises, LLC, co-sponsors, sponsors & personnel of the North Shore Swim Series in the case that I catch any virus, variant of virus, including 'COVID 19' or its variants, illness or malady after participating in any of the events. I understand that I must abide by the rules of the North Shore Swim Series, obey water safety personnel, race officials and ocean safety officials of the State of Hawaii, City & County of Honolulu and the United States of America. In consideration of this application being accepted, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against JJ Enterprises, LLC, race officials, volunteers, sponsors, Aloha Salads, Cholo's Home Style, North Shore Soap Factory, JACO Rehab, BioAstin, HiDrate Electrolytes, Surf N Sea, Oceanhead Solar, Kokua Suncare, Waikiki Swim Club, Water Patrol Inc, Triple Rush Clothing, North Shore Lifeguard Association, The City & County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii & the United States of America resulting from my involvement in this event. I agree not to transfer my entry or let another individual swim using my name/timing chip. Doing so may result in being banned from future North Shore Swim Series events. I agree to the use of my name, image or reproduction thereof for broadcast, telecast, web, Internet, websites, advertisements, films, or videotapes, or reproduction thereof. I understand that the North Shore Swim Series race officials reserve the right to refuse service to anyone, for any reason, and transfers of entries are forbidden without approval of race officials. I understand that there are No Refunds, including no refunds due to pandemic related issues or similar circumstances, illnesses or recent injuries, or cancellation due to weather or surf conditions.

