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1959 - Six-year-old Dodie Bacon Brown holding a newspaper proclaiming "Statehood!" This famous picture was taken by her father George Brown. Wikipedia/ Public Domain

Hawaii Attains Statehood

Haleiwa Waialua Historical Society

By Boyd Ready

On August 21, 1959, after a postwar push for equal rights and representation, Hawaii became America's 50th state. In the 1940s Hawaii's Big Five status quo was interrupted. It wasn't the wartime need to put food crops into cane fields, or to cut down good cane just for artillery fields-of-fire. The end of martial law meant the In-

ternational Longshoreman and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) was free to strike. A crippling three month 1946 sugar strike, plus a tsunami, idled the plantations and interrupted Dillingham's railroad hauling business. Labor negotiations ensued, then the 1949 dock strike shut down the territory for six months. The Big Five's lock on

governors and judges suddenly meant little. As a territory Hawaii's sugar exports to US were limited, and got no subsidy. Huge popular support for Statehood (95% in 1940 plebiscite) became a full court press by Big Five's Hawaii Statehood Commission and the ILWU social movement.

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But the US faced a nuclear armed Russia, and millions of Chinese soldiers in Korea. The notorious Federal convictions of communists Jack Hall and other ILWU leaders, known as the 'Hawaii Seven,' stoked fears in the US Congress. And powerful Southern Democrats were wary of Hawaii supporting civil rights. So, in the 1950s Congress repeatedly blocked Hawaii statehood in committee.

Hawaii's Japanese-American war veterans' proven patriotism softened anti-Asian prejudice. Business interests sought US investments and planned for more tourism. Most residents, including many Native Hawaiians, saw statehood as the end of second-class territorial status. The wave of patriotism after the success of WWII, and the ability to vote for US President, attracted support.

Popular 1930s community police leader John A. Burns, elected delegate to Congress in 1956, had built a coalition of citizen Japanese, Filipinos, Native Hawaiians, and the ILWU. This multi-ethnic alliance, though politically opposed to the Republican Big Five, joined Republicans: delegate Joseph Farrington, his widow and delegate, Betty Farrington, part Hawaiian Governor Samuel King, and next Governor William Quinn to advance the cause. Door-to-door canvassing by this united front, with relentless publicity by the Hawaii Statehood Commission, pushed residents to register and vote 'Yes' on statehood. Momentum increased in 1958 when the Hawaii Seven's convictions were overturned.

A partisan deadlock in Congress still stood in the way. Democrats favored admitting Alaska first. Republicans preferred Hawaii alone. Delegate Burns worked with Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson and House Speaker Sam Rayburn on the "Alaska First" strategy. Alaska entered the Union in January 1959. Then President Eisenhower signed Republican-backed Hawaii's Admission Act in March, awaiting expected confirmation by Hawaii.

The June referendum passed 132,773 to 7,971. Alaska, initially seen as Democratic-leaning, later trended Republican. Hawaii, after electing America's first ever Asian Senator, Republican Hiram Fong, eventually reliably elected two Democratic senators, altering the chamber's balance.

In American law Hawaii had long been in a special status, confirmed in the Supreme Court 1904 Insular Cases, as an incorporated part of the United States. The United Nations had listed it with non-self-governing possessions in 1946. The 1959 vote reflected broad support across ethnic lines. Native Hawaiians, then about 20% of the population, voted yes, in hopes of equal rights and national representation, though some opposed it. The electorate for the referendum included the military. Critics later noted that Native Hawaiians were a minority in their own islands. And

the referendum ballot offered no option for independence. But the US, a dominant UN Security Council member, submitted Hawaii's overwhelming majority referendum vote to the UN and it was not challenged. Statehood triggered an immediate economic boom that set Hawaii apart from other Pacific island nations. The arrival of commercial jet service just days after admission sparked a tourism explosion. Visitor numbers surged from 171,000 in 1958 to 1.7 million by 1970, with revenue climbing from \$109 million in 1959 to \$1 billion by 1974. Plantations declined but the economy diversified into services, construction, and light industry. Hawaii achieved one of the highest per capita incomes in the U.S. (around \$64,000 by recent measures), far outpacing post-colonial British Fiji (~\$6,100), German Samoa (~\$4,500), independent Tonga (~\$4,400), French Tahiti (~\$21,700), and US military territory Guam (~\$37,800).

Unlike its Pacific-island neighbors who rely on expatriate remittances and foreign aid, or French-subsidized Tahiti, Hawaii benefited from full integration into the U.S. economy. Today, most view statehood as a success of inclusion and democracy. Questions linger about the plebiscite's conformity to later UN decolonization standards and the exclusion of an independence option. For the substantial majority in 1959, it simply meant full and equal citizenship in their world-war victorious and prospering nation. To contact the Historical Society:

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What Waialua's Flood Response Can Teach Us About Hurricane Season

As Hawai'i enters another hurricane season that forecasters expect could be particularly active, many residents are stocking up on emergency supplies, reviewing evacuation plans, and paying closer attention to weather forecasts.

Those are all important steps. But after witnessing our community's response to the back-to-back Kona Low storms this spring, I believe one of the most important lessons about disaster preparedness has less to do with what we store in our homes and more to do with the relationships we build before disaster strikes.

When severe flooding hit Waialua, Mokulē'ia, and other parts of the North Shore, the first response did not come from a government agency. It came from neighbors.

People checked on kūpuna. Farmers helped clear roads. Families shared information, supplies, and labor. Community organizations opened distribution hubs. Volunteers coordinated assistance for residents who were isolated by floodwaters. Information moved through text messages, phone calls, and personal networks long before official systems were fully operational.

What became clear during those difficult weeks was that resilience is not simply about infrastructure. It is about relationships.

In many ways, the Waialua response reflected something deeply rooted in Hawai'i's history: the understanding that our well-being is connected to the well-being of the people around us.

As we prepare for hurricane season, I think there is an opportunity to strengthen what we might call a modern practice of neighborism—a deliberate effort to build the kinds of neighborhood relationships that make communities more resilient during emergencies.

Neighborism starts with knowing who lives around you.

Do you know which households have kūpuna living alone? Which families have young children? Which neighbors rely on medical equipment that requires electricity? Which residents might have difficulty evacuating without assistance?

Just as important, do you know the strengths that exist within your neighborhood?

Who has medical training? Who owns equipment that could help clear debris? Who has experience with emergency communications? Who knows local streams, drainage systems, and evacuation routes? Who can help translate information for neighbors who speak other languages?

During the Kona Low floods, these local forms of

knowledge often proved just as valuable as formal emergency plans.

One lesson that emerged from our community response efforts was the value of neighborhood communication networks. In Upper Wahiawā, residents have begun organizing micro-neighborhood phone trees in which small groups of households commit to checking on one another during emergencies. The concept is simple: if communications become limited or power is disrupted, information can still move from family to family through trusted local contacts.

Every neighborhood in Hawai'i could benefit from developing something similar.

A phone tree requires no special equipment. Neighbors simply exchange contact information and establish a plan for checking on one another before, during, and after a major weather event. Small groups of eight to twelve households can create a communication network that remains functional even when broader systems are strained.

The process of creating those networks often produces an additional benefit: people begin learning about one another's needs and capabilities before a crisis occurs.

The reality is that climate change is increasing the likelihood of extreme weather events across the Pacific. Hurricanes, severe storms, flooding, and other climate-related emergencies may become more common in the years ahead. While we must continue investing in flood control infrastructure, emergency management systems, and climate adaptation projects, we should also recognize that some of our most effective resilience strategies cost very little. They involve conversations, relationship-cultivation, and rebuilding the habit of looking out for one another.

The people of Waialua demonstrated this spring that strong communities do not wait passively for help. They organize, communicate, share resources, and respond collectively.

As hurricane season approaches, I encourage everyone to prepare emergency kits, secure important documents, and review evacuation plans. But I also encourage something equally important: knock on a neighbor's door. Exchange phone numbers. Learn who might need help. Share what skills and resources you can offer.

Because if the Kona Low floods taught us anything, it is that our greatest source of resilience is not found in a warehouse or an emergency shelter.

It is found in the relationships we build with one another long before the storm arrives.

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Notice: The July 29 issue will be canceled


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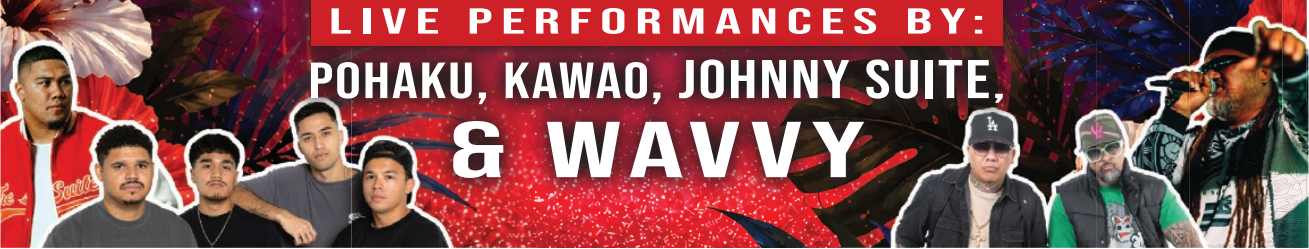
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The Sun has Set for a North Shore Icon...

Ron Yoshikawa (81) of Pupukea passed away on May 5, 2026. Ron and his brother Mike are the proprietors of the auto shop Pupukea Service at Shark's Cove.

Born on Moloka'i on December 14, 1944, Ron and his family moved to Pupukea in 1947 when his father established Pupukea Service. After his service in the Air Force as a veteran of the Vietnam War, Ron returned home to Oahu to run the shop with his brother. After 50 years Ron retired in 2016 after a stroke while Mike carried on with the business.

Ron has 4 children – Lisa, Lance, Charmaine & Esther and 4 Grandchildren – Andrew, Nyla, Gabe & Tristan. Ron had a great sense of humor and loved to socialize with his customers. If you were picking up your car, you knew you had to budget an extra 20 minutes to talk story. Ron was loved and he will be missed by his family and the North Shore community.

A Memorial Service was held on Friday June 19th at Mililani Memorial Park.

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North Shore Outdoor Circle News

Weed Circle Update

By Vera S. Williams

President, North Shore Outdoor Circle

Last year, the North Shore Outdoor Circle received a Grant-in-Aid to redo the broken irrigation system at Weed Circle. We met with Jeff and Eli Dorr of Dorr to Paradise to plan the project which was to begin first week of March.

But then the rains came. The flooding that the North Shore experienced in March was unexpected and devastating.

The Otake Camp area was one of the hardest hit areas. Dredging the Kaukonahua Stream was a priority to prevent further devastation. The Department of Transportation (DOT) decided to put the dredged mud in Weed Circle. It was nearby. It was undeveloped. It was handy. However, it was heartbreaking to watch the landscaping efforts of our NSOC predecessors being destroyed.

In response to concerns from the NSOC and the North Shore Chamber of Commerce, state officials assured that Weed Circle would be restored.

In May, the North Shore Outdoor Circle began asking the DOT for a specific timeline to remove the mud. By this point in time many tree trunks were buried in the mud, and we were concerned for their survival.

DOT acknowledged our concerns, and informed us that at the beginning of June, the mud at the Circle would be removed as soon as possible.

As of June 18, work has begun to save and protect the trees buried in the mud, and the DOT has agreed to follow The Outdoor Circle recommendations. With these actions, we hope the trees will have a chance to survive.

1. They will carefully remove the mud from around the affected trees.
2. They will spray the leaves and trunks of all the trees to clean remaining debris.
3. Any remaining soil will be tested to insure the safety of anyone working within Weed Circle in the future.

We are also hopeful that soon we can begin work to repair the irrigation system and, with public support, perhaps even re-landscape the area.

Please let us know if you have questions, or concerns. Please consider joining North Shore Outdoor Circle. We are a small but mighty organization, working to help keep the North Shore - Clean, Green, and Beautiful. [The Outdoor Circle](#)



Weed Circle Photos NSOC



Truck leaving Weed Circle with mud



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Waialua Community Association News

Dole and Waialua Community Association Announce Transition of Puuiki Park to Community Stewardship

May 11, 2026 - Dole Food Company Hawai'i and the Waialua Community Association (WCA) today announced the gifting of historic Puuiki Park, a 9.5-acre oceanside property, to the WCA for ongoing community use and stewardship.

As a company-owned asset, long reserved for Dole employees and retirees of Dole and Waialua Sugar Company, Puuiki Park will now be owned and managed by the WCA, expanding access while preserving its legacy as a gathering place for recreation and connection. The beautifully scenic shoreline park includes pavilions, sports fields, camping areas, and a historic baseball diamond currently used by Waialua Little League, the oldest chartered Little League in Hawai'i.

This transition in ownership reflects the ongoing partnership and shared commitment between the organizations to maintaining Puuiki Park as a public space for the Waialua community while continuing to welcome Dole employees and retirees.

"At its heart, this is about sharing what has always been a special place," said Dan Nellis, General Manager of Dole Hawai'i. "In Hawai'i, there's a deep tradition of caring for the land and passing it forward for the benefit of the community. We're proud to continue that legacy, seeing Puuiki Park under the stewardship of the Waialua Community Association."

"We are deeply honored to accept the stewardship of Pu'uiki Beach Park on behalf of our community," said Manu Anana, President of the Waialua Community Association. "For generations, places like this have brought people together, and that has always been at the heart of the Waialua Community Association's mission. We look forward to caring for this space, expanding access, and keeping it a place where families, keiki, and kūpuna can connect for years to come."

Dole and the WCA look forward to ensuring the park remains a vibrant, well-cared-for resource that supports recreation, community connection, and the enduring heritage of Waialua.



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Aloha North Shore Neighbors,

As summer begins, I would like to share updates on projects across the North Shore, highlight community concerns that have been addressed, and recognize outstanding organizations and individuals making a difference in District 2.

Investing in the North Shore

The Honolulu City Council completed its review of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget. While the budget is still undergoing final administrative review, several important investments benefiting the North Shore were included to improve infrastructure, public safety, and community resilience.

Major projects in the FY27 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget include:

- \$1.5 million for a Wailele Stream Flood Control Study in Lā'ie
- \$1.5 million for a Kaiaka Bay Watershed Flood Control Study
- \$800,000 to design flood control improvements for Kahalu'u Lagoon
- \$2 million for planning and design of a Hau'ula Resilience Hub
- \$250,000 for Kahuku Ambulance Facility improvements
- \$5.3 million for the Kahuku District Park Swimming Pool and Recreation Center
- \$250,000 to design a replacement fire station for Waialua
- \$13 million for wastewater infrastructure planning and upgrades in Kahuku, Lā'ie, Pa'ala'a Kai, Wahiawā, and Whitmore Village
- \$800,000 for planning and design of a canoe hālau at Hale'iwa Beach Park
- \$3 million for resilient emergency shelters capable of withstanding Category 5 hurricanes
- \$16 million for planning and designing a resilience hub for each Council district where resilience hubs are not currently planned.

The Executive Operating budget includes funding for kūpuna nutrition programs, stream maintenance planning, community policing, flood mitigation technology, and traffic safety improvements near schools. These investments are intended to address both immediate community needs and future challenges. The City Council will convene a Special Council Meeting to discuss the Mayor's proposed vetoes to the Fiscal Year 2027 budget. During this meeting, Councilmembers will review any items returned by the Administration and consider whether to accept or override the Mayor's vetoes.

Pūpūkea Beach Park Light Repairs

My office continues to work with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to address repairs to the basketball court lights at Pūpūkea Beach Park. Residents reported that the lights are not functioning, which limits access during evening hours. DPR submitted a work order to the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) in February, and my office is following up on a repair timeline. Mahalo to the community for your patience while this issue is being addressed.

Addressing Overgrown Vegetation in Waialua

Following concerns raised by Waialua residents, the overgrown vegetation at the intersection of Waialua Beach Road and Goodale Avenue has been trimmed to improve visibility and safety. Residents reported that tall grass along the road and bike path was creating hazards for keiki riding bikes. Mahalo to DPR for their collaboration in addressing this issue.

City Relocates Recycling Carts from Waialua Corporation Yard

The Department of Environmental Services (ENV) has relocated the blue recycling carts previously located at the Waialua Corporation Yard to the Kawaiolo Transfer Station. Consolidating recycling services at a staffed facility will help reduce contamination and illegal dumping while maintaining convenient recycling access for our community. For questions, please contact ENV's Refuse Division at (808) 768-3200.

Supporting Our Agricultural Community

I was honored to join Pacific Gateway Center (PGC), Kamehameha Schools, and community partners for the blessing of PGC's new farm in Hale'iwa. The site will support diversified crop production, hands-on agricultural training, and pathways for small-scale farm operations to thrive.

Mahalo to PGC, Executive Director Matt Johnson, the PGC Board of Directors, Kamehameha Schools, GoFarm Hawai'i, Feed the Hunger Fund, Hawai'i Good Food Alliance, Ag Stewardship Hawai'i, and the many partners who helped bring this vision to life.

Aloha in Action

I attended the Honolulu Fire Department's (HFD) Commendation Ceremony, where several residents and firefighters representing District 2 were recognized for their extroverted acts of bravery and service. Among those honored were Jimmy Thompson and off-duty firefighter James Rosenfeld, who risked their own safety to rescue two visitors caught in dangerous surf conditions at Ke Iki Beach. Facing challenging ocean conditions, their quick thinking, courage, and teamwork helped save two lives. Mahalo to our first responders for going above and beyond every day and thank you to our community heroes for your quick thinking in a moment of crisis.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at (808) 768-5002. Mahalo for your continued support and engagement.



The Office of Economic Revitalization team joins Councilmember Matt Weyer, Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, and Rep. Jill Tokuda at the Pacific Gateway Center Hale'iwa Farm blessing, marking a milestone for agriculture on the North Shore. Photo City & County of Honolulu



North Shore Chamber of Commerce News

Mahalo to Our 4th of July Sponsors

The North Shore Chamber of Commerce extends its deepest mahalo to the sponsors whose generous contributions make the Hale'iwa 4th of July celebration possible.

We are especially grateful to Waimea Valley; City & County of Honolulu; McDonald's of Hale'iwa; Kenui Kitchen; The Ritz-Carlton O'ahu, Turtle Bay; KT Protection; Rocket Mortgage; Hawaiian Electric; North Shore Law Offices; North Shore Surf Girls; Seaside Realty; AES Hawai'i; Hale'iwa Town Center; Tony Auto Plex; Army National Guard; and Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation.

The Chamber also thanks its board members, staff, volunteers, community partners, vendors, public safety teams, entertainers, and local organizations who contribute their time, resources, and aloha to help make the Hale'iwa 4th of July safe, welcoming, and memorable.

North Shore Chamber Announces New Leadership

The North Shore Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome Carol Philips as its new President, Virginia Wallace as Executive Director, and Marsha Taylor as Chamber Outreach Coordinator. Working with the Chamber's Board of Directors, they bring experience in community service, organizational leadership, education, business operations, and a shared commitment to supporting the North Shore.

Carol has lived on the North Shore for most of her life and brings decades of advocacy, public service, small business experience, and community involvement to her new role. She is the owner of North Shore Surf Girls in Hale'iwa and has served more than 17 years on the North Shore Neighborhood Board and eight years on the State Commission on the Status of Women. She has long advocated for local families, small businesses, and equity in community life.

Virginia Wallace brings more than 20 years of experience in finance, operations, planning, analytics, executive support, and organizational management. As Executive Director, she will help strengthen Chamber programs, support local businesses & farmers, improve access to business services, and expand opportunities that contribute to the North Shore's vitality.

Marsha Taylor, Chamber Outreach Coordinator, is a longtime educator and community leader with more than three decades of experience in teaching and civic engagement. As a Waialua High School teacher, she developed culinary and food science programs that emphasized healthy living, sustainability, and environmental stewardship. Her community leadership includes service as President of the Hale'iwa Arts Festival and

Waialua Festival Foundation, as well as board service with culinary and education-focused organizations. In her Chamber role, she will help strengthen community connections and support outreach rooted in education, culture, and local values.

The Chamber is supported by a Board of Directors with experience in nonprofit leadership, finance, law, real estate, hospitality, public safety, engineering, and community service.

Past President, Mike Biechler serves as Vice President. As the owner of North Shore Law Offices, he contributes legal experience, small business knowledge, and a background in community planning and environmental issues.

Darrell Whitaker serves as Treasurer. He is also the Executive Director of Camp Mokulē'ia, where his work includes program development, partnerships, youth engagement, and stewardship of an important North Shore gathering place.

Will Schoettle serves as Secretary. He owns and manages Hale'iwa Town Center and brings experience in real estate, entrepreneurship, finance, and business innovation.

Marcia Murphy is an Executive Loan Officer with Rocket Mortgage and plays an active role in Chamber events.

Additional board members include Lamont Brown of Maya's and The Fixx; Dave Fuga of KT Protection Services and Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club; Erica Lehmkuhl of Seaside Realty; Thomas Naylor of Kenui Kitchen and Open Kitchen O'ahu; attorney Mike Sweetman; coastal engineer Robert Walker; and Bill Ward of The Corcoran Group.

Together, the Chamber's leadership and Board of Directors are focused on strengthening local businesses, supporting residents, preserving the North Shore's unique character, and promoting the historic, cultural, civic, and economic welfare of the community.



North Shore Chamber of Commerce Board Members - Carol Philips, Mike Biechler, Will Schoettle, Erica Lehmkuhl, Bill Ward, Darrell Whitaker and Marcia Murphy



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The closest pharmacy to the North Shore that accepts expired and unused medications is Longs Drugs Wahiawa (925 California Ave.) during pharmacy hours; however, it does not accept aerosols, inhalers, illicit drugs, syringes, or chemotherapy waste. Longs Drugs Mililani Mauka (95-1077 Aina-mauka Dr.) also accepts similar types of expired and unused medications during pharmacy hours.

The State of Hawai'i has a statewide medication drop box program; however, on O'ahu, the only location is in Honolulu at the State Narcotics Enforcement Division (3375 Koapaka St #D-100). This drop box does not accept aerosols, inhalers, or syringes.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration hosts twice-a-year prescription drug take-back programs across the country, with Hawai'i's most recent event taking place on April 25, 2026. These drive-thru events are free, anonymous, and accept expired and unused medications. This program requests that medications be kept in their original containers and also accepts aerosols and inhalers. Popup locations are publicized a few weeks prior to the events.

If you need to dispose of a medication and are unable to make it to one of the above locations, it is recommended to mix the medication with dirt or used coffee grounds, place it in a sealed plastic bag, and dispose of it in household trash. It is NOT recommended to flush medications down the toilet!

For medical sharps (e.g., insulin needles), you can place them into a rigid screw-top plastic container in the household trash.

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.

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written by us.

It Feels Like Family

By the Iniguez family

We come from California, but our son, Frank Adam, lives here. He is one of the voices performing for Mariachi Hawaii International, which is why we are visiting the island as a family. One of the things that we like most about the North Shore is the people. Oh, the people are amazing. They're friendly, cool, and welcoming, like family! Everywhere we go, whether it is a restaurant or the beach, the people are just wonderful.

The secret to visiting the North Shore is a good attitude. If you're kind to people, people are very nice here. It comes back to you. Everyone here is super kind. Also, don't have an itinerary. We have found the best spots like that. Just do one thing, and think, where to now? Ask around, go with the flow, and someone will share a little hidden gem. Eventually, you actually experience the island. Wake up when you wake up and go to sleep when you're tired. That's our vibe in life.

For those who call the North Shore their home, thank you, thank you for being so welcoming. Although we love the rich greenery of the mountains, it is the water that connects us to the island, because we just come from two sides of the same ocean. It makes us so happy. It feels like home.

Don't be a stranger! I interviewed this lovely family after meeting them at Ali'i beach park. Everyone has a story to tell! ***When have you found beauty in meeting a stranger on the North Shore?*** Submit your story to Kezia at shorebreak-books@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 :)

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20th Anniversary Highlights of Waimea Valley Botanical Garden

By Josephine Hoh, Botanical Manager, Waimea Valley, O'ahu's North Shore



As Waimea Valley Botanical Garden celebrates 20 years under the stewardship of Hi'ipaka LLC, we reflect with gratitude on the many staff members, volunteers, cultural practitioners, partners, and supporters whose dedication has helped preserve and enhance one of Hawai'i's most treasured botanical and cultural landscapes.

The foundation of today's botanical garden was established in 1972 with the creation of the Waimea Arboretum and Botanical Garden during the Waimea Falls Park era. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs acquired the Valley in 2006, and created Hi'ipaka LLC in 2008, stewardship of the Valley entered a new chapter. While honoring the vision and accomplishments of those who came before us, Hi'ipaka expanded the focus of the gardens to include both botanical excellence and conservation, emphasizing the protection of native Hawaiian ecosystems through both in-situ conservation, the restoration and protection of plants within their natural habitat and ex-situ conservation, which includes propagation, cultivation, education, and the safeguarding of rare plants outside their native environments.

Today, Waimea Valley Botanical Garden & Arboretum stands as a living collection of more than 4,000 accessioned plants, representing Hawai'i and tropical regions around the world. These plants thrive within the Valley's unique rainforest environment and demonstrate the remarkable diversity of island ecosystems. Approximately one-quarter of the plants in our collections are considered vulnerable, rare, threatened, or endangered, making Waimea an important center for plant conservation and education.

Awards and Recognition

The accomplishments of Waimea Valley's botanical team have been recognized through several prestigious awards and distinctions.

In 2019, Waimea Valley received the Gold Leaf Award from the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (WCISA) for its contributions to Arbor Day Hawai'i and its commitment to community education and urban forestry.

Waimea Valley also earned recognition from ArbNet, the international arboretum accreditation program, as a Level III Arboretum, acknowledging the significance of its living collections, management practices, conservation efforts, and educational programming.

Most recently, readers of Hawai'i Magazine voted Waimea Valley the Best Botanical Garden on O'ahu in both the 2025 and 2026 Readers' Choice Awards, reflecting the appreciation and support of residents and visitors alike.

Expanding Conservation Efforts

One of the most significant achievements of the past twenty years has been the expansion of the Native Hawaiian Forest Restoration Project.

What began as a modest 15-acre fenced restoration area has grown dramatically into approximately 100 acres of protected native forest, made possible through partnerships and cost-share funding provided through the Forest Stewardship Program.

Over the past two decades, more than 100,000 native

Hawaiian plants have been propagated and planted within the Valley. Many of these plants originated from seeds and cuttings collected within Waimea's own mesic forest. After careful propagation and cultivation in the Valley's greenhouse, the young plants were reintroduced into restoration areas where they continue to strengthen and expand native forest ecosystems.

These restoration efforts have improved habitat quality, increased native biodiversity, reduced invasive species impacts, and contributed to the long-term preservation of Waimea Valley's natural and cultural resources.

Ten New Gardens Created During the Last Twenty Years

One of the most visible accomplishments of the botanical department has been the creation of ten new gardens and educational spaces that enhance the visitor experience while preserving cultural knowledge and botanical diversity.

Dye and Harvesting Garden (2009)

The Dye and Harvesting Garden was established as a small ethnobotanical garden to support Waimea Valley's artisans and cultural practitioners.

The concept originated from a practical need: providing a sustainable source of plants used in traditional Hawaiian arts and crafts. Plants grown in this garden are harvested for natural dye production, weaving materials, and various ethnobotanical uses associated with educational programs and cultural demonstrations.

Though modest in size, the garden serves as an important reminder of the many ways plants have supported Hawaiian communities for generations.

Auntie Coco's Lei Garden (2015)

In 2015, the former lei garden was relocated to a sunnier and more accessible area, allowing visitors to better appreciate the beauty and fragrance of plants traditionally used for lei making.

The garden was dedicated to beloved staff member Coco Leong, who worked at Waimea Valley for more than a decade. Through her music, cultural knowledge, and warm spirit, Coco touched the lives of countless visitors and coworkers.

Today, Auntie Coco's Lei Garden continues to celebrate her legacy while providing materials for cultural programs and inspiring visitors with colorful blooms throughout the year.

The Waterfall Garden (2017)

The Waterfall Garden has undergone one of the most dramatic transformations among Waimea's gardens.

Following extensive rainfall and a landslide in 2017, much of the original garden was destroyed. Restoration efforts included the installation of a rockfall mitigation fence and a complete redesign of the landscape.

The result is a beautiful garden that complements one of Hawai'i's most iconic waterfalls. Among its botanical treasures is *Costus vinosus*, an unusual copper-colored species originating from the private collection of Roberto Burle Marx, the renowned Brazilian landscape architect, artist, and naturalist whose influence on tropical landscape design continues worldwide.

History of Hibiscus Hybridization in Hawai'i Garden (2018)

The History of Hibiscus Hybridization in Hawai'i Garden tells an important story about one of Hawai'i's most beloved

flowers.

The exhibit explores how true hibiscus species from Australia, Fiji, Africa, the Mascarene Islands, and Hawai'i were hybridized to create many of the colorful varieties we know today. Historical records indicate that hybridization efforts were already underway before 1909.

In 1913, Bulletin 29 published the best 230 hibiscus selections from more than 1,000 hybrids developed at the Hawai'i Agricultural Experiment Station. By that time, over 100,000 hibiscus cuttings had been distributed throughout Hawai'i and abroad. As these plants spread throughout tropical regions worldwide, hibiscus became strongly associated with Hawai'i.

The first person often credited with hibiscus hybridization in Hawai'i was Archibald Cleghorn, husband of Princess Miriam Likelike and father of Princess Ka'iulani. Numerous plantation-era horticulturists later continued hybridization efforts, helping establish Hawai'i as a global center for hibiscus breeding.

In 2018, the garden was dedicated to the late Keith Woolliams, who served as director of Waimea Arboretum and Botanical Garden for nearly two decades. His enthusiasm for hibiscus and the Malvaceae family helped shape many of the collections visitors enjoy today.

Pu'ukua Agroforestry Garden (2018–Present)

The three-acre Pu'ukua property was acquired in 2018 to support cultural education and preserve an important cultural site.

The acquisition was made possible through partnerships involving the North Shore Community Land Trust, Trust for Public Land, City and County of Honolulu Clean Water and Natural Lands Program, and the State of Hawai'i Legacy Land Conservation Program.

Since then, Pu'ukua has evolved into a unique agroforestry learning landscape. A learning hale has already been constructed, and future plans include a trellis for lei plants, hands-on educational planting beds, and a sustainability area focused on vermicomposting and regenerative practices.

The site integrates medicinal plants, lei plants, native Hawaiian forest species, fruit trees, and traditional agricultural crops into a unified agroforestry design. A dedicated area is also being developed for Waimea Valley's extensive kalo collection.

Waimea currently maintains approximately 70 varieties of kalo, many of which will be shared with the community during the Kalo and 'Awa Festival on September 12, 2026.

Fruit Loop (2020)

The Fruit Loop was developed as an extension of Waimea's popular Fruit and Nut Garden.

The area contains an expanding collection of tropical fruit trees donated by plant collectors and enthusiasts from across Hawai'i. Visitors can discover a wide range of edible species while also learning about unusual plants with cultural and historical significance.

Among the notable specimens is the kepel fruit (*Stelecho- carpus burahol*), a member of the custard apple family traditionally associated with Indonesian royalty, where it was reportedly used as a deodorant, perfume, and contraceptive.

The area also preserves previously established specimens such as the pineapple-scented magnolia (*Magnolia liliifera*) and the endangered native Hawaiian tree mehamehame (*Flueggea neowawraea*).

Kahalenani Garden (2021)

The Kahalenani Garden was created at the request of Auntie Nami in memory of her late husband, Herman Kahale-

nani Kama, Jr., whose lineage traces back to the priestly line of Hewahewa.

Located midway along the path to the waterfall, this colorful garden showcases an array of exceptional ornamental plants, each with its own story.

Among its highlights is a sunset-orange hibiscus hybrid created by local hybridizer Jill Coryell and named "David Orr" in honor of Waimea Valley's longtime Botanical Collections Specialist.

Because of its beauty and diversity, staff often refer to this area as the "Showcase Garden."

Aunty Betty's Garden (2022)

Aunty Betty Jenkins was a dedicated supporter of Waimea Valley and a strong advocate for preserving public access to the Valley during a critical period in its history.

When concerns arose regarding possible privatization in the early 2000s, Aunty Betty was among those who rallied community support for keeping Waimea accessible to all.

Dedicated in her honor, Aunty Betty's Garden is located near the Visitor Center beneath a majestic monkeypod tree. Featuring orchids, aroids, begonias, and ferns surrounding a gentle waterfall, the garden reflects both the peacefulness and strength that characterized Aunty Betty's life and legacy.

Succulent Pergola (2024)

The Succulent Pergola emerged from a simple but innovative idea.

Waimea's succulent collection, much of it donated by members of Hawai'i's cactus and succulent community, was previously dispersed throughout the gardens. One staff member proposed bringing the collection together beneath a pergola where plants could be more easily monitored and maintained.

The result is an attractive display that has quickly become a favorite photo location for visitors and families.

Special appreciation goes to Elissa Yellin and the Cactus and Succulent Society of Hawai'i for their generous plant donations and support.

Hill Walkway Renovation (2026)

The most recent addition to Waimea's garden improvements is the renovation of the Hill Walkway.

This challenging site presented unique landscaping difficulties because of varying light conditions and steep terrain. Through careful planning and plant selection, the pathway has been transformed into a colorful and welcoming experience for visitors traveling toward the waterfall.

Plantings include begonias, belladonna lilies, SunPatiens, iresine, coleus, nasturtiums, ferns, amaryllis, and many other species that contribute seasonal color and texture.

Looking Ahead

Twenty years of stewardship have brought remarkable growth to Waimea Valley Botanical Garden & Arboretum. From restoring native forests and conserving rare plants to creating new educational gardens and strengthening cultural connections, the work of countless staff members, volunteers, donors, and community partners has helped shape the Valley into what it is today.

As we celebrate this milestone anniversary, we also look forward to the future, continuing to protect Hawai'i's unique botanical heritage, expand conservation efforts, support cultural education, and inspire future generations through the beauty and diversity of the living collections that make Waimea Valley such a special place.

Alicia's Experimental Art Camp Inspires Creativity on O'ahu's North Shore

This summer, young artists will have the opportunity to explore imagination and self-expression at Alicia's Art Experience on O'ahu's North Shore. Inspired by Pablo Picasso's quote, "Every child is an artist," longtime North Shore resident Alicia Esche has created a unique hands-on art experience designed to nurture confidence, curiosity, and creative thinking in children.

With more than 20 years of experience working with children and art, Esche combines painting, drawing, collage, and mixed-media projects with lessons that connect art to science, history, mathematics, and nature. Her goal is to help students discover how creativity can be found in every subject and aspect of life.

The camp will be held at Esche's private studio in Pupukea. Three week-long sessions will be offered: June 29–July 3 for mixed ages (grades 3–8), July 6–10 for grades 3–5, and July 13–17 for grades 6–8. Flexible placement options and discounts are available for siblings and friends.

Participants will sketch, paint, create recycled art, conduct artistic experiments, learn about influential artists, and explore the natural world around them to develop artistic skills while building curiosity and confidence.

In addition to teaching art, Esche is an artist, jewelry designer, and founder of Paint Pā'ina. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, a Graphic Arts Certificate, and has extensive experience teaching art and digital design to students of all ages.

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The World Surf League is powering onward. They recently held their annual event at Ala Moana Bowls, the third in the region's WQS tour. The surfers want to qualify for the Challenger series, the B tour lets call it. One before the Championship tour. The contest was all time with perfect 4 to 8 foot surf for three days straight at the Local Motion Surf Into summer event. When Bowls is good it is barreling through and has two take off sections depending on wave heights. The surfers were tube hunting and they found them! North Shore stand out Finn McGill pulled into a perfect wave with a perfect tube and did a perfect snap and got a perfect ten point ride. He ended up in second for the event behind Maui's Jackson Bunch. The Quiksilver rider finished with a 19.50 out of 20, almost a perfect heat, its was insane to watch. Bunch pulled two airs in the final also, fun stuff! He aims to please! Bunch who's home break is Ho'okipa, is on a major roll. He won three in a row, two in Tahiti and now his fourth QS victory. The women were ripping also! Moana Jones Wong, probably the best women surfer on the North side, found her share of tubes, two of them in the final. She finished second overall with Bowls local surfer Vaihitimoana Inso taking the title, two years in a row. Crazy good. She along with Wong also won in Tahiti and now she leads the QS series along with Bunch. You can go to the World Surf League web site for more info and videos. Congrats to all the surfers, it was a pleasure to watch!

OUR OCEAN MONITORS REMOVED?

In a not so great plan our current administration made a move to shut down the Ocean Observations Initiative which is massive organized buoy system that have high tech sensors in the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean areas. The plan was basically to save money! The Ocean Observatories Initiative costs quite a bit, about 386.42 million to build and requires between 44 million to 50 million annually to upkeep. It's worth it for sure. The system scientifically warns us of tsunamis, weather, earthquakes, ocean warming, current evaluation and more. Pulling out about 900 of these buoys would be a bad move! Bipartisan backlash against the removal plan caused it to be scrapped. The Senate voted unanimously to block the dismantling. Clear heads prevailed. Not so for the removal of restrictions for fishing in our pristine North Hawaiian Islands sanctuary. Trump signed an executive order to open the area to fishing in order

to "lower the cost off seafood". These areas around the world are great for "spillover" results where big fish move out of the areas to find resources and therefore more fish are catchable! Never mind the cultural value and the other endangered wildlife these areas protect. These moves are being challenged in court by environmental organizations. It is going to be awhile, maybe three years. In the meantime our near shore Waimea buoy is back in action. It sits just about 4 miles off Waimea Bay! It transmits data every half hour and is taken care of by the Office of Navel Research, ONR. Predictions are for a super El Niño year so we will need that info! EL Ninos mean big surf in our area and lots of rain in other locations. It will be a historic weather year so stay tuned to it!



Finn McGill "10" ride Photos @banzaibetty



Jackson Bunch "Air"

North Shore Farmers Weather the Storms

By Penny Nakamura

Tan Luangsiyokotaha, a second-generation farmer at Fields of Aloha can still smile after devastating crop losses and destroyed farming equipment that flooded their North Shore farms, when two Kona-low storms hit the area not once, but twice in March.

"We work farm fields in Waialua, Kahuku and Kunia, and the 10 acres in Waialua was a complete and total loss," said Luangsiyokotaha, 42, who has worked in their family farm business since she was a young teen. "I've never seen anything like it before—the water was coming in so fast, there was no time—we lost a tractor and even our car. And our land in Kahuku had never flooded like that either."

Luangsiyokotaha helps a customer at Waialua Farmer's Market on a recent Saturday morning to select vegetables that were freshly harvested on the farm.

"We are coming back, but it took some time to dry out the fields," said Luangsiyokotaha with a sigh. "We used to bring our produce to six different farmers market each week on island, now we are down to only 3 farmers' market. We are losing about \$10,000 each month in lost produce sales."

Because it's a family farm, Luangsiyokotaha says they're surviving, but the family members who are working the farm are not taking a salary, she says everything is going back into the farm; replanting and paying the bills.

Lewaterra Farm owner Eddie Oroyan, who farms on six acres in Mokuleia also sells at Waialua Farmers Market and runs a sixty member CSA, growing everything from Bok Choy to exotic purple broccoli and cauliflower is making ends meet this growing season, but it's difficult.

"The first Kona-low storm got everything soaked, the ground was saturated, so by the time the second Kona-low came in the water had nowhere to go. On our farm there were places where the water was eight to nine feet deep," said Oroyan, closing his eyes. "First Kona-low storm we lost a lot, but we could come back, but by the second Kona-low, it was about saving our lives, we had only about 40 minutes to get out."

But Oroyan isn't hanging up his pitchfork any time soon, he knows that all farmers are at the mercy of the weather, and he's back at it, growing more produce to feed the community. On Saturday he sold out on his exotic purple cauliflower and the Bok choy. A good sign.

Resilience seems to be the word that best describes the North Shore farmers who still bring what produce they have managed to grow since the spring Kona-low storms to Waialua Farmers Market.

"The farmers are coming back from the floods, but they're all very eco-conscience, so they were all

very conscientious about the water quality for their crops, so it took a little longer to start planting and growing," said Waialua Farmer's Market Director, Jennifer Garcia-Guzman. "It's been tough on our farmers here, we've advised them to apply for the state's Agricultural Relief, which is for \$1500."

All the farmers we spoke to at Waialua Farmers Market says they've yet to see a dime from the state relief program and their farms are not eligible for FEMA funds.

Honi-Honi Farm owner Zane Demello considers himself lucky as his farm was mostly spared as he was near Sunset Beach mauka side.

"It's sad some of our farmers lost everything, and a couple of them have not yet returned to the market," said Demello, looking around at the Saturday shoppers. "We are finding our visitor numbers have dropped off from last year, but we are building momentum. We are the only vendor owned farmers market on the island, it's a real famers market that's hyper local, we are in this community, we farm here, and we create a friendly space for our local farmers, all are welcome."

Mohala Farms owner, Mark Hamamoto who's been farming for twenty years on the North Shore says even though the farm lost all their leafy green vegetables, they are already harvesting new crops and while they've lost a lot of revenue from lost market wholesale accounts to restaurants, he can still see the positives.

"So many people came to donate and lend a hand from town and beyond, they really have the desire to support local farmers who grow food," said Hamamoto. "Waialua Farmers Market is also going to start accepting EBT cards, which means people who maybe felt they couldn't afford our produce can now buy and get twice as much of vegetables and fruits that are locally grown."

Garcia-Guzman says the EBT program should be up and running by late summer, and by then she hopes the Waialua Farmers Market will be in full swing again, with more farmers bringing their harvests.



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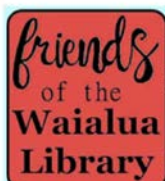
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application for the City &
County of Honolulu.

Report potholes, broken
streetlights, cracked sidewalks,
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HOW TO CONTACT THE NORTH SHORE NEWS

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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Deadline Date - Aug 12, 2026

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Are you leaving Oahu on vacation or business? Do you live on a neighbor island, the mainland or foreign country and subscribe to the NSN? Send us a photo with someone in front of a sign or landmark holding a copy of the NSN or send a photo without the NSN. Email your photo with a caption including names, place of residence and photo location.
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 Wednesday and Friday
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 Donations accepted
 during business hours.
 For info call Ella
 808-778-0086

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 Email ad to:
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FREE PALLETS
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Drug Problem? Call Narcotics Anonymous

808-734-4357
 Meeting 7pm Mondays
 Cottage 2 behind Waialua
 Community Asso.
 66-434 Kam Hwy Haleiwa

North Shore Food Bank
 IG @nsfoodbank

HELP WANTED

Household Help
 Beachfront Estate
 16 hours per week
 808-637-0808

MATSUMOTO SHAVE ICE

Now Hiring!
 Apply in person daily
 10am - 6pm
 808-637-4827

MISCELLANEOUS

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL Registration Now Open 2026-2027 School Year

Ages 2.5 - 6 years
 For information:
 808-637-7772
 info@stmichaelschoolhi.com

HISTORICAL TOURS

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

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BON DANCE Haleiwa Shingon Mission

July 10 & 11
 Service at 6pm
 Bon Dance 6:45pm

BON DANCE Haleiwa Jodo Mission

July 17 & 18
 O-Bon Service 6pm
 Bon Dance 7pm
 July 18 - Toro Nagashi
 Floating Lantern 9pm

RENTAL WANTED

Single, mature female
 seeking Ohana unit for July
 or August. Walking distance
 to beach hopefully.
 \$2300 max.
 Please email
 pattinew25@gmail.com
 or call 480- 549 -6023

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

NEED A ROOM FOR RENT

63 year old employed
 Korean man, non-smoker,
 non-drinker, and quiet
 Please leave a message at:
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Ke Ola Mamo Free Cultural Workshops

hula, oli, 'olelo Hawaii,
 hīmeni, 'ukulele
 Thursdays in Kahuku
 10am - 11:30am
 Classes open to kūpuna 55+
 Call Kumu Gigi
 (808) 722-3305

Ola Ka Mananui Programs

-Free Flood Impact Testing
 -Soil Nutrient Testing, Plant
 Tissue Testing, Plant Disease
 Testing, and Insect Identification
 Deadline July 21, 2026
 808-861-8538 ext 108

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

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KauKau 4 Keiki

Hawaii Foodbank provides
 nutritious meals to children
 during the summer break.

To register go to:
hawaiiifoodbank.org/kaukau
**Waialua United Church
of Christ**

Mondays, 4 to 6pm

Kuilima Farm

Tuesdays, 9 to 11am

**Waialua Community
Association**

Thursdays, 3 to 5pm

Kokololio Beach Park, Hauula
 Thursdays, 9 to 11am

Summer Horse Camp Enrolling Now!

Fun-filled days of riding,
 horse care, grooming, and
 barn activities for all
 experience levels. Safe,
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 young horse lovers!

Ages: [5-16] •
 Dates: [July 20-24, 27-31] •
 [Dillingham Ranch]
 Limited spots available!
Call/Text:
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North Shore Service Center

NOTICE: The NS Service Center
 will be canceled on July 22.
 We will be back on
 Wednesday, August 26.



CELEBRATE PLASTIC FREE JULY AT THE KŌKUA HAWAII FOUNDATION

This month, we celebrate Plastic Free July — a global movement inspiring and encouraging individuals to be part of the solution to plastic pollution. We encourage you to take the pledge to minimize your consumption of single-use plastic by shopping at the Kōkua General Store & 'ĀINA Farm Stand for great alternatives to reduce waste or by participating in an upcoming Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation event. See details below.

**BECOME A
KŌKUA
HAWAII
FOUNDATION
MEMBER!**



Gain access to
year-round store
discounts, Farm
to Table Dinner
presale tickets,
future Kōkua
Community
Center offerings
& more!

**LEARN MORE
ABOUT ALL
UPCOMING
EVENTS**



WEEKLY THEMES, EVENTS & PROMOTIONS

**JULY
1-4**

MAKE A PLASTIC FREE COMMITMENT

- Kickstart your Plastic Free Commitment with our month-long Plastic Free July Stamp Card! **Complete four or more stamps to win a prize.**
- Take an additional 20% off all Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation Reusables in the Kōkua General Store and 'ĀINA Farm Stand

**JULY
5-11**

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

- Visit our Plastic Free July Market on **Saturday, July 11 from 10am-2pm!** Talk story with community partners, learn more about plastic free initiatives, & continue your Plastic Free July commitments.

**JULY
12-18**

REFILL WEEK

- Join our Plastic Free DIY Partner Workshop at the Kōkua General Store on **Saturday, July 18 from 10am-2pm!**
- Take an additional 10% off all bulk refills at the Kōkua General Store
- Receive a \$2 jar deposit when you return any KHF Glass Jar and \$2 off your coffee when you BYOC (Bring Your Own Cup) to the 'ĀINA Farm Stand

**JULY
19-25**

EAT LOCALLY, SAVE GLOBALLY

- Stop by the Plastic Free Gardening Workshop on **Saturday, July 25 from 10am-2pm** in the Backyard Garden!
- Purchase CSA Boxes throughout the week for pick up on **Saturday, July 25 between 10am-2pm** at the 'ĀINA Farm Stand
- Receive 10% off on Gardening Books & planters at the Kōkua General Store
- Receive 10% off seeds and starter plants at the 'ĀINA Farm Stand

**JULY
26-31**

UPCYCLE WITH STYLE

- Turn in your Plastic Free July Stamp Card with four or more stamps by **Saturday, August 1** to receive a prize at the Kōkua General Store, and continue to follow @kokuahawaiifoundation & @kokuageneralstore for tips on how to continue your Plastic Free July Commitments year-round.

**KŌKUA
GENERAL STORE**

HOURS:
TUES - FRI 10AM - 5PM
SATURDAY 10AM - 3PM

**'ĀINA
Farm Stand**

HOURS:
WED - FRI 9AM - 4PM
SATURDAY 8:30AM - 3PM

Join us at our Kōkua Learning Farm Community Workday on August 1 and continue your #plasticfreepledge year-round!

Stay Connected! @kokuahawaiifoundation @kokuacommunitycenter
@kokualearningfarm @kokuageneralstore @ainafarmstand