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(L) Amy Hodel, Sea Haven and (R) Sara Phelan, Aloha Boba Co at their newly renovated businesses Photo @banzaibetty

Inspired by the North Shore: Two New Businesses Bring Intention to Hale'iwa Town

In a town known for its laid-back surf culture, local businesses, and strong sense of community, longtime friends Amy Hodel and Sara Phelan are beginning exciting new chapters in Hale'iwa Town. Each is bringing their own business within newly renovated spaces in the heart of the North Shore, inspired by the flavors of the island, healthy lifestyles, and thoughtful living.

For Sara Phelan, Aloha Boba Co, is about creating thoughtfully crafted espresso and boba drinks made with only the finest ingredients.

Inspired by her college aged kids

love for coffee and boba, opening a boba shop was more than simply bringing boba to Hale'iwa. She wanted to create a space where all ages could hang out and enjoy house-made drinks.

The result- real ingredients and aloha in every cup.

For Amy, Sea Haven, is the culmination of years of experience in the retail world and growing her brand of beach inspired, carefully curated home decor, Amy is an expert in making spaces beautiful.

Crafted with intention, and inspired by nature, Sea Haven was born from a love of the ocean and timeless artistry of Bali. Each piece

is hand-selected to bring the serenity, beauty and spirit of the sea into your everyday life.

At Sea Haven, her collections tell a story of craftsmanship, culture and a connection to the sea.

As community members of the North Shore, let's remember the importance of supporting our local businesses, restaurants, and farmers markets. Reconnect with long-standing local businesses and take the time to discover and support new ones. Together, we can help preserve the North Shore's unique character while strengthening our community's economic well-being.

A Fond Aloha at Waialua Library

By Penny Nakamura

Walking into the Waialua Library may feel a little different now as Library Manager, Timothy Littlejohn, who greeted everyone with a big smile and aloha, will no longer be sitting at his desk.

After 35 years of “above- and -beyond” service to the Hawaii Library system, Timothy Littlejohn is stepping down at the North Shore’s smallest library.

Littlejohn says it may be the smallest library, but it’s a library with the biggest heart.

“When there was a budget shortfall, and no money for books, the ‘Friends of the Waialua Library,’ 600 members strong, along with the North Shore Neighborhood Board took the lead to provide new books for us,” said Littlejohn. “There were also churches, musicians and several other children’s organization that gave generously as well.”

Wearing a crocheted crown, made by a local patron, and sporting several lei, Littlejohn was recently celebrated at his retirement party at Waialua Library, and true to form the humble librarian didn’t want to talk about himself, but about all the patrons, who he considers friends.

“In my time here, I’ve seen several patrons become very successful: champion surfers, a nuclear engineer, a Navy Admiral, politicians, ministers, doctors, nurses, lawyers, and successful business owners, and they’ve all passed through our humble one room library,” said Littlejohn looking around the children’s section, where some of these successful patrons have come in as toddlers for story time.

Littlejohn says he could never have imagined how his own life story, would unfold when he left the island for the University of Idaho as a music major.

“I played classical guitar and I wanted to see and live in a place that had snow,” explained Littlejohn with a laugh. “I graduated with a music degree, but I soon realized, while I can play guitar, there are other guitarists far more talented.”

Littlejohn decided to then go into social work in Hawaii, but after a year, he confessed he burned out, and that’s when he always remembered he enjoyed being in the library.

Littlejohn made his way to University of Hawaii and earned a master’s degree in library information science and never looked back.

“My first job as a librarian was with the mobile book library van in Kauai,” said Littlejohn. “Do you remember the Taylor Camp commune, where clothes were optional? I would drive my mobile book library there too.”

Littlejohn laughs at the memory, and pulls out a book from the stacks titled, “Taylor Camp,” to verify his memories of the commune.

After Kauai he spent a couple of years at differ-

ent libraries, including Mililani, before Waialua was fortunate enough to have him for more than three decades.

“It’s no wonder Waialua Library was named the best little rural library in 1997, it’s because of librarians like Tim,” said Hawaii State Librarian, Stacey Aldrich. “Tim is brilliant and passionate, while always being kind and calm. Tim talks to everyone—it’s part of his energy and space. He’s amazing.”

Littlejohn says he decided to retire now, as his two elderly aunties who live in the Bay Area, are experiencing more serious health issues, and he wants to be more available to ensure they have good quality care.

Friends of the Waialua Library President, Connie Durant, who planned the retirement party says Littlejohn treated everyone with dignity, whether it was a celebrity or someone who had found themselves houseless.

“Tim has been the heart of our community’s small rural library, always supporting and promoting education, literacy, and lifelong learning,” said Durant. “He leaves a legacy of kindness, compassion, and genuine connection that made every resident and visitor feel welcome. Our community will surely miss him.”



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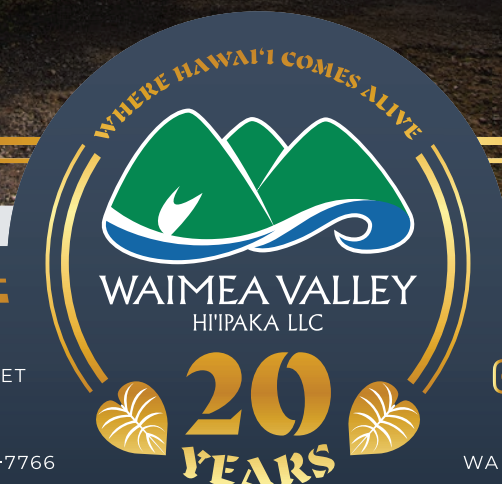
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Every week, as I knock on doors across Wahiawā, Whitmore Village, Waialua, and Mokulē'ia, I hear many of the same concerns.

Families wonder whether they will ever be able to afford a home. Parents worry about rising grocery bills, childcare, and healthcare costs. Young people ask whether they will be able to build a future here or whether they will have to leave Hawai'i to do so. Farmers talk about water, aging infrastructure, and the future of agriculture. Neighbors ask about safer sidewalks, flooding, public safety, and the future of our schools.

What strikes me is not that people have stopped caring. It is that many have begun to wonder whether government is still capable of responding.

That is why the recent federal corruption indictments have resonated so deeply. Regardless of how those cases are ultimately resolved, they have caused many people to ask a larger question: Who is government really working for?

That is an uncomfortable question. But it is also an important one.

Too often we think of democracy as something that happens every two or four years on Election Day. In reality, democracy is something we practice every day. It is how we decide where public resources go, which communities receive investments, and whose voices are heard. Politics is simply the way a community decides how to care for one another. In Hawai'i, we have long understood this through the idea of kuleana—that each of us shares a responsibility for the well-being of our community, and that our futures are bound together.

Every budget tells a story about what we value. Every public investment reflects a choice. Will we invest in affordable housing? In public schools? In healthcare? In flood protection? In agriculture? In safer streets? These are not merely financial decisions. They are expressions of our shared priorities.

That is why corruption matters.

The opposite of corruption is not simply honesty. It is democratic accountability. It is the confidence that public decisions are made because they serve the public—not because someone has greater wealth, greater access, or louder political influence.

This past legislative session, the Legislature made progress toward that goal. We expanded automatic voter registration, strengthened public financing of campaigns, and reaffirmed that corporations created under Hawai'i law do not possess an inherent right to spend money influencing elections. These were important steps toward making our democracy more representative of the people it serves. But our work is not finished.

One of the most important reforms that failed this session would prohibit state contractors from making campaign contributions while they are seeking or performing government contracts. Members of the bipartisan Good Government Caucus have called for a special session to consider that reform because public confidence in government is difficult to rebuild once it has been lost.

At the same time, the recent election reminded us of another challenge. The emergence of well-funded independent expenditure committees capable of spending millions of dollars in legislative races has highlighted just how unequal political influence can become. The issue is not any one organization or any one election. It is whether we are comfortable with a political system in which ordinary citizens can never hope to match the influence of organizations able to spend unlimited sums shaping public debate. None of this means democracy is broken.

It means democracy requires us.

The antidote to concentrated political power is not simply another law. It is organized community power. I have seen what that looks like. I have seen neighbors come together after floods to protect one another before government arrived. I have seen parents and teachers organize to improve our schools. I have watched residents advocate for safer pedestrian crossings, better healthcare, stronger agricultural infrastructure, and more resilient communities. Every improvement we enjoy today exists because ordinary people decided that showing up mattered.

That spirit of laulima—working together for the common good—has always been one of Hawai'i's greatest strengths. It reminds us that government is strongest not when it acts alone, but when it works in partnership with informed, organized, and engaged communities.

That is the lesson I hope we take from this moment. The recent scandals should certainly lead to accountability wherever wrongdoing occurred. But they should also remind us that democracy cannot be something we watch from the sidelines. It depends on citizens who vote, testify, attend community meetings, volunteer, organize, ask difficult questions, and insist that government reflect the values of the communities it serves.

Good government is not simply about preventing corruption. It is about ensuring that power remains accountable to the people. For me, the measure of a healthy economy is not how much wealth accumulates at the very top. It is whether working families can remain in Hawai'i, whether young people can build a future here, whether our kūpuna can age with dignity, and whether every child has the opportunity to thrive.

Those are economic questions. But they are also democratic ones. Our district has always been at its best when neighbors come together to solve problems—not because someone else will do it, but because we understand that our future belongs to all of us. That is kuleana in action.

The lesson of this moment is not that democracy has failed. It is that democracy requires us, and that if we want a Hawai'i that works for ordinary people, then ordinary people have to help shape it.



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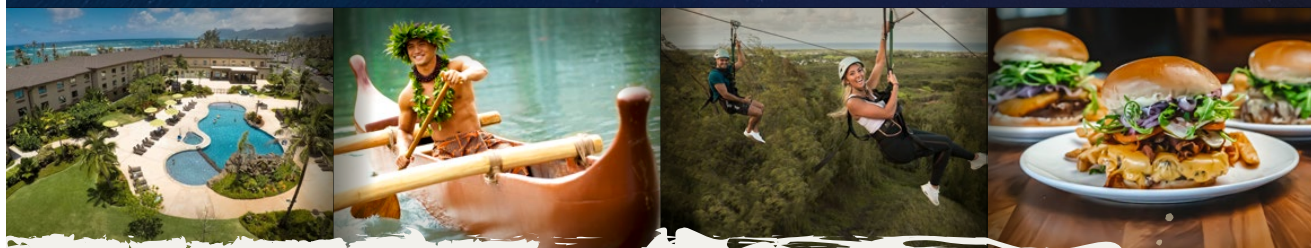
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Aloha North Shore Neighbors,

I'm pleased to share the latest updates on major projects across the North Shore, recent action at the City Council, and community milestones.

Update on the Office of Economic Revitalization

While I'm proud of the investments secured for the North Shore in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget, I'm deeply disappointed in the Council's decision to cut positions and funding from the Office of Economic Revitalization (OER). OER will cease operations on August 14. The Honolulu Film Office will continue with its current three full-time employees, while six of OER's 24 employees will transition to other City departments.

We must put people over politics. I opposed the budget cuts because I saw firsthand how critical OER was to our residents, including helping our District 2 community recover from the Kona Low storms. As affordability and cost-of-living challenges worsen, local families, small businesses, and farmers are fighting to get by. Our work is not done until every 'ohana can afford a home, our small businesses can thrive, and our communities are safe.

Mahalo to the OER team for their dedicated service and tireless work supporting flood victims, small businesses, farmers, and residents.

Protecting Hawai'i's Marine Resources

The City Council adopted two resolutions urging permanent protections against the commercial aquarium harvest in our marine waters. Resolution 26-160, which I co-introduced with Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, urges the State Legislature to permanently prohibit the commercial harvest of aquatic life from Hawai'i's marine waters for aquarium purposes. The resolution supports lasting protections for Hawai'i's coral reefs and native marine species as the State considers resuming commercial aquarium collection permits. Meanwhile, Resolution 26-159, co-introduced by Council Chair Tommy Waters and Floor Leader Esther Kia'aina, urges the State Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) to direct the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) to adopt administrative rules that would prohibit the commercial harvest of aquatic life from Hawai'i's marine waters.

Preserving Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila

The Council adopted Resolution 26-134, which approves the use of the City's Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund to acquire a conservation easement over Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila in Kahuku. Working alongside the

Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), the Trust for Public Land, and the North Shore Community Land Trust, this effort will help preserve native habitats, cultural sites, and traditional fishponds while supporting community stewardship and educational opportunities. Mahalo to our community partners for making this possible.

Mt. Ka'ala Gondola Project Update

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has determined that the proposed gondola project on Mt. Ka'ala is not permitted because it is not accessory to agricultural use. This follows recent legislation prohibiting private passenger ropeways, including gondolas, throughout Hawai'i. Mahalo to House Majority Leader Representative Sean Quinlan for introducing this bill. These wins reflect years of advocacy from residents, cultural practitioners, environmental organizations, and community members who raised their voices to protect this special place.

Kahuku Golf Course Cleanup

In response to community concerns, the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM), and the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) conducted a Stored Property Ordinance (SPO) operation at Kahuku Golf Course and Beach. Crews removed approximately 1.25 tons of trash and issued a Storage and Disposal Notice. Three individuals were cited for trespassing and offered outreach services. Mahalo to our City partners for working together to keep this area safe.

Celebrating 75 Years of Matsumoto Shave Ice

It was an honor to welcome Stanely, Noriko, and Remy Matsumoto to Honolulu Hale and present them with an Honorary Certificate celebrating Matsumoto Shave Ice's 75th anniversary. Since opening in Hale'iwa in 1951 and serving its first shave ice in 1956, Matsumoto Shave Ice has become one of Hawai'i's most beloved family businesses. For generations, it has welcomed kama'aina and visitors while remaining rooted in family, community, and aloha. Congratulations to the Matsumoto 'ohana, and mahalo for 75 amazing years!



Councilmember Matt Weyer presents an Honorary Certificate to Matsumoto Shave Ice on July 8, 2026, in recognition of the iconic North Shore business's 75th anniversary.

News from Waialua High & Intermediate School

Aloha, North Shore Community!

My name is Neal Okamoto, and I am honored to introduce myself as the new Principal of Waialua High and Intermediate School. Although I am new to the principal role, Waialua is certainly not a new place for me. For the past 11 years, I have had the privilege of serving as a Vice Principal at our school.



I am truly fortunate to have this opportunity because Waialua High and Intermediate is such a special place. We have amazing teachers, a strong and supportive community, and most importantly, incredible students. It is an honor to continue serving our school and the North Shore community in this new role.

I am also grateful to have a wonderful administrative team supporting me. Our Vice Principals, Danette Holdren and Nicole Arceneaux, will continue to help lead our school and support our students, staff, and families. Ms. Holdren serves as the Vice Principal for our high school, while Mrs. Arceneaux serves as the Vice Principal for our middle school.

Our school motto this year is "Imua Waialua—to charge forward with strength, courage, and unity." This motto represents the spirit of our school and our commitment to moving forward together. We want to build on the many great things already happening at Waialua while continuing to grow and find new ways to support our students and community.

As we begin this school year, I look forward to working alongside our students, families, staff, and community partners. Together, we can make this another successful and memorable year for Waialua High and Intermediate School.

Aloha North Shore 'Ohana

My name is Nicole Arceneaux. As I head into my second year as Vice Principal, I'm thrilled to continue serving the Waialua community. Originally from Utah (Go Utes!), where I earned my Master's in Education from the University of Utah, I've spent the last 22 years in Hawaii - including 8



years at Mililani Middle, 14 years at Mililani High, and 10 years coaching intermediate x-country and track.

Returning to middle school has been an absolute joy. It's a vibrant, chaotic adventure in self-discovery where no two days are ever the same – growth spurts happen overnight, hoodies are worn in 85-degree weather, chromebooks are perpetually at 1% battery, backpacks weigh 50 lbs, a little daily drama, and life revolves first and foremost around SNACKS!

As we begin this next school year, my goal remains the same: to be a present and accessible leader, build strong partnerships with our families, support our students every day, and maybe land a kendama trick along the way. I'm truly honored to serve a community that makes Waialua feel like one big family!

Aloha North Shore Family and Friends!

It is an honor and a privilege to return home to serve as the High School Vice Principal of Waialua High and Intermediate School. Raised in Waialua, my educational roots run deep in our local schools, having attended both Waialua and Haleiwa Elementary Schools before graduating as a proud alumna of Waialua High and Intermediate.



As a lifelong member of the Bulldog 'ohana, I am thrilled to work alongside Principal Mr. Okamoto as he begins his leadership journey, and to partner with Vice Principal Mrs. Arceneaux. Together, our focus is steadfast: to uplift our educators, support our students, and serve the families who make this community so special.

After earning a Master's in Education from the University of Phoenix, I began my career in education in 2006 at WHIS and served in different leadership capacities over the last 17 years. Two years ago, I took on a new leadership opportunity as a Temporarily Assigned Vice Principal at Wheeler Elementary School, an experience that further deepened my commitment to instructional leadership and campus safety.

Now, returning to Waialua High and Intermediate, I bring a renewed dedication to addressing the dynamic needs of our students, nurturing strong partnerships with parents and guardians, and partnering with our community. My door is always open to anyone who needs assistance and support. I am available and ready to assist our school family in any way I can as we build upon the rich tradition of excellence that defines Waialua.

Aloha!

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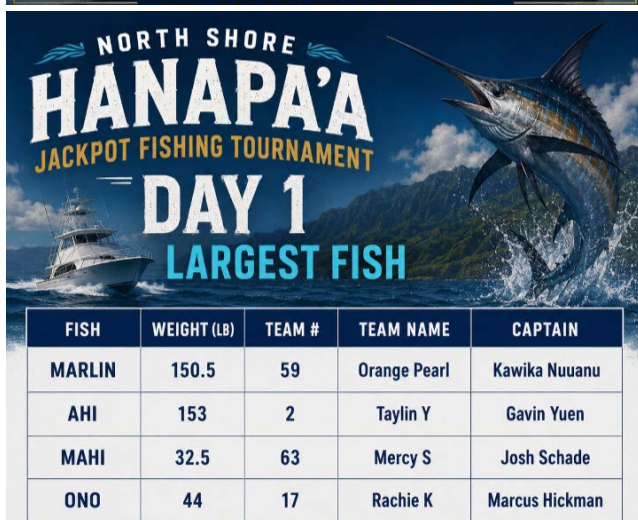
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Nateya - 1st Place Photos Hanna Gibo Photography



**NORTH SHORE
HANAPA'A
JACKPOT FISHING TOURNAMENT
DAY 1
LARGEST FISH**

FISH	WEIGHT (LB)	TEAM #	TEAM NAME	CAPTAIN
MARLIN	150.5	59	Orange Pearl	Kawika Nuuanu
AHI	153	2	Taylin Y	Gavin Yuen
MAHI	32.5	63	Mercy S	Josh Schade
ONO	44	17	Rachie K	Marcus Hickman



O Ke Kai - 2nd Place



**DAY 2
LARGEST FISH**

FISH	WEIGHT (LB)	TEAM #	TEAM NAME	CAPTAIN
MARLIN	513	49	Eve Ann	Branden Chun
AHI	139.5	14	Auwana	Jerold McNulty
MAHI	36	36	Pamela Pearl	Chris Freed
ONO	35.5	17	Rachie K	Marcus Hickman



Taylin Y - 3rd Place



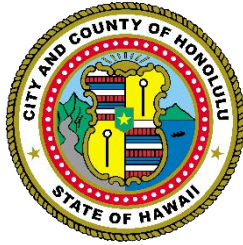
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August 7, 2026

Sent Via Email

Ms Kathleen Pahinui, Chair
North Shore Neighborhood Board

Dear Chair Pahinui:

Given the recent discourse surrounding the City's acquisition of property at Shark's Cove for the creation of a first responder center, I want to reiterate to the North Shore Neighborhood Board our current position and approach.

Nearly a year and a half ago, in March 2025, I announced the City's plans to build a world-class first responder hub at Shark's Cove. Our lifeguards are the best watermen and women in the world, willing to rush into any situation and take on any wave to keep others safe — but for decades, these brave lifeguards have been asked to do more with less, especially when it came to facilities. Our lifeguards deserve better, and this new state-of-the-art facility at Shark's Cove will serve as the Honolulu Ocean Safety Department's base of operations for the entire North Shore.

At this time, the City is totally and completely committed to acquiring this property and moving forward with the development of this facility, and we expect to finalize this transaction soon. Our Ocean Safety team is preparing to move into the space as quickly as possible once the transaction is complete, immediately enhancing operational capabilities on the North Shore as we head into the winter months.

To make this possible, the City is using tax-exempt bonds — a financing tool that allows us to borrow money at a lower cost, which saves taxpayers money but comes with a strict condition attached: the property must be used for a public purpose, not for private commercial gain. Federal law is clear: after this transaction closes, the City cannot continue to allow commercial vendors or businesses operating on the parcel.

The City has engaged a relocation consultant to help businesses on the property move their operations to new locations. The consultant, who has met individually with occupants, will continue to work with each of them through the transition.

Sincerely,
Mayor Rick Blangiardi



North Shore residents testify at City hearing against the gondola project, January 2026

State and City Actions Stop Ka'ala Gondola Project

By Racquel Achiu

Fantastic news for opponents of the controversial gondola project proposed by Kamananui Ranch on Mt. Ka'ala arrived on Friday, June 26, 2026 when Governor Green signed Act 172, which immediately banned "aerial ropeways" throughout Hawai'i nei.

The same day, the City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) issued its lengthy and detailed formal Reconsideration of the 2019 CUP permit for the Kamananui agriculture and "agribusiness" operations, specifically revoking approval of the proposed gondola, and imposing clear conditions on any continued agricultural and tourism components.

Combined, these State and City actions, which were overwhelmingly supported by the North Shore community, the North Shore Neighborhood Board, and seven other neighborhood boards across O'ahu, stop the Mt. Ka'ala gondola project dead in its tracks

Big mahalos to Representative Sean Quinlan who authored House Bill 1881, Honolulu DPP Director Dawn Apuna and staff, Governor Josh Green, the Legislature, Mayor Rick Blangiardi, Councilmember Matt Weyer and the Honolulu City Council, the Kupa'a Ka'ala Alliance, the many neighborhood boards who stood with us, and the countless residents from the North Shore, West Side, and all over O'ahu who stood together against this ill-advised project. Imua Ka'ala!

Expanded Green Waste Collection

In response to requests from North Shore residents, the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) has expanded green waste collection at the Kawaiiloa Transfer Station to both Thursdays and Sundays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. ENV also plans to evaluate future upgrades that could allow the facility to accept inert materials, including concrete, drywall, and glass.



Carving Skin: Mana of the Blood

By Ty Passos

I was born in '84 and raised right here on the North Shore: Emerson Road, right next to Queen Lilioukalani Church. I have three kids. My daughter just got done with seventh grade and my son is going to be in sixth.

I'm Hawaiian, Japanese, Portuguese: a product of the sugar plantation. For generations, my ancestors fished in the same spots, and now I take my kids. Not many people can do that.

You've gotta love the North Shore, with it's good and bad, you know? Sometimes when you are surfing or paddling, you have the best day and the next day you get beat up by the water. Even if everything went wrong yesterday, when you go out today, you gotta love it. The ocean gives life and gives death, and that's the whole beauty of it.

I was a plumber until the dad of a good friend called me up, one day and said, "You wanna talk story?" He had had a dream of me tattooing, carving skin. That was the beginning of my inspiration, my destiny.

If it wasn't for those original Polynesian tattoo artists who created designs over a thousand years ago, I wouldn't have a job. I want to be a person that will make sure traditional tattooing will never become extinct. Traditionally, you don't just go and get a tattoo. You don't pick something off the wall. You've got to sit down and talk story. You go for something that your ancestors have already chosen. You need the connections, because this deals with the Mana of the blood.

My grandpa would say, you're not only carving and shaping things. They are also shaping you. When I die and people see my bones, I want them to be like, "Oh, this guy was a tattoo artist." Maybe I'll be up in a museum 2,000 years from now. Exactly: Hawaiian tattoo artist.

We all have roots! I met Ty at Pau Tattoo in Haleiwa, where he creates as a tattoo artist. The tattoos he has chosen for himself represent his ancestors' voyages and culture. How have your ancestors shaped you? Submit your story 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:)

Talking Story with Choon James

Fun Facts

The 2026 Hawaii Primary Election has come and gone. Corporate Media or candidates may use descriptions like "landslide" or "big mandate" or "overwhelming majority". Based on the dismal statistics, there was no such action. Apathy won the day.

The population of Hawaii is about 1.4 million.
The TOTAL VOTERS REGISTRATION was 846,543.00
The TOTAL MAIL TURNOUT was 274,093 which was only 32.4%

In-Person TURNOUT was 6,349 which was 0.7% ONLY 32.4% voted.

A whopping 67.6% of Registered Voters did not participate.

What happened?

More fun facts:

Governor GREEN, Josh 183,872 has 21.7% of the Total Voters Registration.

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What happened? Feeling frustrated? Seeing dark money control politics? Struggling with rising costs of living? Property Taxes irritating you? Seeing runaway projects approved without public knowledge? Did the Office of Elections provide confusing information? Didn't get our ballot? We don't like any of the candidates? Inconvenient to vote in person at Honolulu Hale or Kapolei Hale?

Have no regrets. The General Elections is coming up in November 3rd, 2026. REGISTER TO VOTE if you're a citizen. Do it for your family and their future!

Believe in the power of one! The incumbent House District 43 Representative won by one (1) vote. She had 841 votes. Her running candidate had 840 votes!

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."

—Edward Everett Hale

Tiki's Stupas

By Penny Nakamura

Once you see Tiki Hironaka's art, you won't be able to resist the simple wonder of how he stacks rocks into such breathtaking beauty.

It's not unusual for people passing by to ask him, if he uses glue or rebar to keep it together. He does not. Hironaka says it's just concentration, balance and harmony.

Each ahu (cairn), which many locals refer to as "Tiki's stupas," is a simple creation that mesmerizes everyone who sees it at Pupukea beach.

"For me, every stupa is a pule (prayer). See that tall one? It's for my 90-year-old Hawaiian mom, who's in old folks home now," said Hironaka, waving his hand over a dozen artful rock creations he's been carefully creating for hours. "This one is a pule for the children in Iran, and this one is a pule for the children in Gaza, they all have special meanings."

Hironaka, 65, is introspective and earnest, as he explains why he creates this temporary public art on top of the large black lava boulder, steps from the ocean's lapping waves.

"I feel the mana (spirit) that comes from the aina(land) and the kai (ocean) when I build these," said Hironaka looking out towards the sea, who admits he's made mistakes in life, and has suffered hardships. "I feel this is my kuleana (responsibility) to show my ho'omaika'i (gratitude) for this life."

Hironaka has been building ahu since he was a child, and while he realizes his ahu are only temporary-- able to tumble down by the winds or the waves at any time—he also appreciates that he can always rebuild different ones, with no two ahu ever being the same.

As the sun starts to set, several more tourists stop to take photos of his many ahu, and he says he hopes they take the mana and goodwill it represents with them wherever they go.



Tiki's Stupas Photo P. Nakamura



Ask the Doctor

Nash Witten, MD

Dear Doctor, "Why is everyone getting hand, foot, and mouth disease?"

Hand, foot, and mouth (HFM) disease is a highly contagious viral infection primarily caused by coxsackievirus and enterovirus. Spread through fecal-oral, oral-oral, respiratory, and blister fluid contact, it mostly affects children under 10, particularly those under five. Outbreaks peak from late spring through early fall, explaining the recent surge in our community!

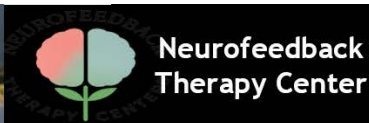
Patients are most infectious during the first week but can shed the virus in stool for up to 8 weeks. Symptoms emerge 3–6 days post-exposure, beginning with a low-grade fever, painful mouth ulcers, and a classic rash of small red spots (2–6 mm) on the hands and soles that turn into fluid-filled vesicles before blistering. These ulcers typically resolve within 7–10 days, though some patients may later lose fingernails or toenails.

No specific treatment exists, so care focuses on symptom relief and hydration. To manage fever and pain, acetaminophen and ibuprofen are recommended. Preventing dehydration in children is our primary concern; because eating and drinking are painful, cooled beverages and foods (like breast milk or ice cream) are preferred over warm options.

Prevention is vital, as 51–84% of household contacts contract the virus. Although catching it grants immunity to that specific virus, exposure to the other strain can cause reinfection. Regular handwashing—especially after diaper changes, toileting, and before eating—along with disinfecting toys and surfaces, is essential. Studies show excluding children from childcare is generally unnecessary unless staff cannot safely manage transmission risks.

I have seen numerous HFM cases this summer, even among adults who are unsure where they contracted it. To protect yourself, always wash your hands, particularly before eating or drinking.

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.

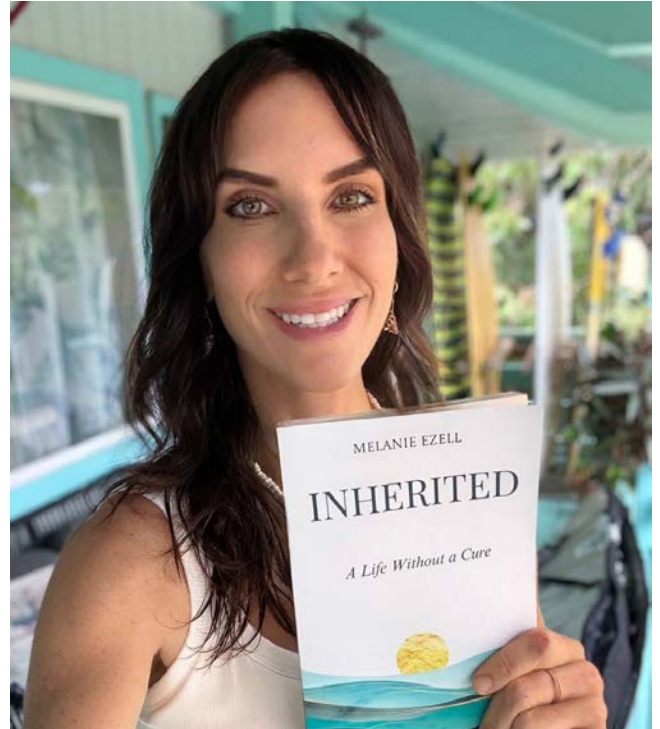


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SURFING IN THE OLYMPICS CONTROVERSIAL STILL

The Summer Olympics are coming up fast. The city of angles, Los Angeles, is the host for 2028 and not only has there been changes in qualifications but also changes of who can compete. Of course the IOC keeps equality in the rules but now they have decided that Russia is back in. They announced some lifted sanctions on Russia, stating, "We wanted to ensure all athletes have the possibility to compete at the Olympic Games and not be held responsible for their government's actions," while still supporting Ukraine and condemning Russia's aggression. The IOC, the governing body also changed how surfers qualify for the competition at Trestles, California. The main change allows more World Surf League surfers in the draw, increasing the number from five to eight. This change followed complaints from many surfers that WSL surfers are the best in the world and deserved more spots. This means that seven not ten will qualify from the results of the World Surfing Games run by the International Surfing Association. I suppose the IOC was worried that some top surfers would boycott the Games. As the events approach, we are grateful that surfing remains an Olympic sport, even though things can always change!



Melanie Ezell, a North Shore big-wave surfer. The book, "Inherited: A Life Without a Cure" Photos Courtesy of Melanie

KEEPING ALIVE WITH OVARIAN CANCER

Ovarian cancer has no known cause, awareness and early detection are vital. Melanie Ezell experienced this scare firsthand a while back when she had to undergo a life-changing surgery to remove her ovaries. Risk factors include family history, inherited gene mutations, older age, menopause after 52, never giving birth, and pelvic radiation exposure. Scary stuff. Right now, one of our own is facing this battle, and she has written an incredible must read book. Melanie Ezell, a North Shore big-wave surfer fights back against her diagnosis with relentless consistency. The book, "Inherited: A Life Without a Cure," offers a great look at a warrior of surfing and a warrior for her health and her son, the love of her life. Melanie should be celebrated for battling her inherited cancer gene and her gumption to ride the biggest waves on the North Shore. You can find the book on Amazon and you'll find her riding giant waves this season!



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor and North Shore Community:

Today, I use this forum to send a message of love, hope, and kindness to my "country friends" of so many years. After 33 years in Oahu, I am moving to Maui, accompanied by the ashes of my beloved wife, Nancy.

Our Hawaii dream began in 1993, moving from California with our children, Matthew and Elizabeth. We spent 10 years in Mililani, where Nancy began her dedicated DOE career. She served as a beloved counselor at Lehua Elementary and Mililani High, retiring in 2011 with the guiding motto: "Those that are hardest to love are in need of love the most."

I spent four years as an outreach counselor (Think Truancy) at Washington Middle School before serving as the school counselor at Sunset Beach Elementary from 1997 to 2012. SBES was a magical, synergistic community of staff, parents, and neighbors. The students gave me a priceless gift—their trust—and I always strove to honor it.

Today, our family continues to thrive. Matthew runs a successful architectural photography business, Maui Lightworks. Elizabeth makes us proud teaching at Waialua High and Intermediate, and my energetic fifth-grade grandson, Max, would rather go fishing than eat.

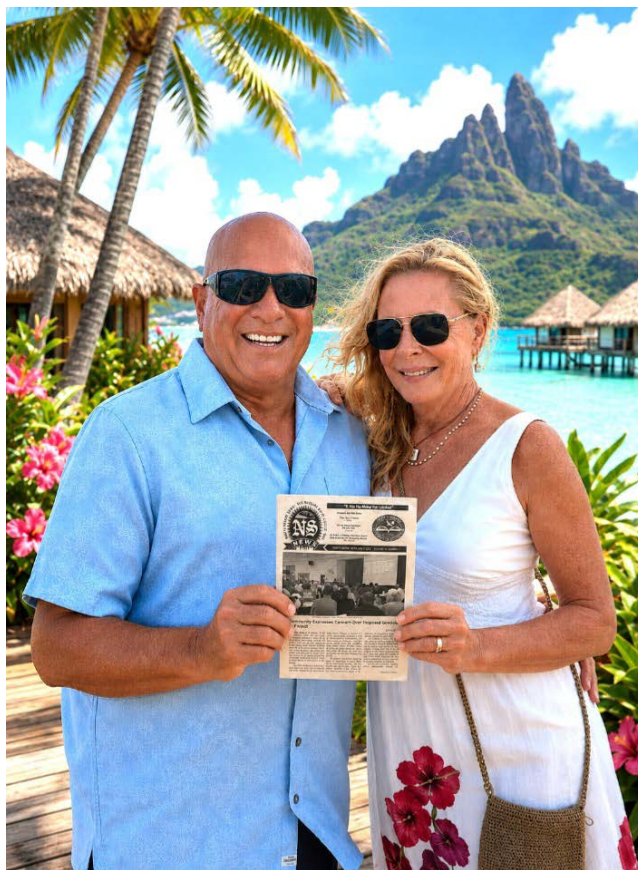
Now, life's next chapter leads me to Kalama Heights in Kihei, Maui. I am excited to join an independent senior living community because I choose not to live alone. Rest assured, I am moving to fully live, embrace new visions, and build on 78 years of incredible good fortune.

How do I thank a community? This is my heartfelt attempt. Mahalo to everyone striving to keep the country "country." While you won't see me around Kaiaka Bay Park or Haleiwa town, I remain profoundly grateful. My blessings are piled high. Please visit, call, or write. "Collect moments, memories, friends... not things."

Aloha, James Frisbee
Frisbeej1948@gmail.com



James with his grandson Max



OFF da Island in Tahiti - Scott and Susan Valle of Hale'iwa celebrating their 40th anniversary. Best Wishes!

YOU'RE INVITED!

North Shore Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting

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OFF da Island in Costa Rica - The Cua family of Hale'iwa went on a family surf trip to Pavones, Costa Rica known as "the longest left in the world." Pura Vida!

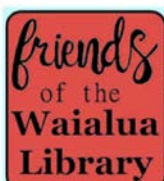
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Tues
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Mural at Hale Hō'ike: Na'auao o Nā Kupuna – Wisdom of the Elders

In Hale Hō'ike, the open sided building just inside the ticket booth entrance into Waimea Valley, hangs a remarkable and profound mural depicting an interpretation of the spiritual essence of this wahi pana we call Waimea Valley.

The artist is Uncle Clem Paishon, a former artisan/practitioner of Waimea Valley. His expertise is Kaha Ki'i – Drawing and Pena Ki'i – Painting.

In 2015 Uncle Clem, was commissioned to create a mural for the Valley - "What 3 important things did our kūpuna teach us?" The answer was the inspiration for the mural titled Na'auao o Nā Kupuna – Wisdom of the Elders.

This beautiful mural depicts the three important "pearls" of wisdom

'Ohana – Family – (shown on the left side of the mural).

This is where life begins, nurtured by kūpuna and mākuā, who are the wisdom keepers and storytellers. A mother is holding a baby wrapped in kalo leaves. Kalo (taro) plant represents Hāloa, the first human born of the kalo plant. Kanaka maoli are descendants of Hāloa.

Hana – Work – (shown in the middle of the mural).

Tools are central for efficient work. Pōhaku or stone was fashioned into many different tools, like the ko'i or adze, used for felling trees to make house posts, canoes, digging tools, etc. Pōhaku were shaped into poi pounders (pohaku ku'i'ai), lamps (poho kukui), and used to construct walls, fishponds, and platforms, among other uses.

'Ike – Knowledge – (represented on the right side of the mural).

Knowledge is being passed down through talking story; when kūpuna speak, everyone listens. Knowledge is also passed down through "doing". Hands-on learning is another important way the younger generation learns. Questions were asked when kūpuna allowed it. One learns by observation, contemplation, and application, mimicking, and following, under the guidance of kūpuna.

Knowledge about the moon phases are also taught. We fish, farm, marry, have meetings, learn about the environment and ourselves from the moon.

E Komo Mai – come visit Waimea Valley. See and learn who we are.



Hale Ho'ike Mural Photo WV

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Haleiwa First Baptist Church

Join us for Sunday morning
 worship. Begins at 10:45am
 66-415 Haleiwa Rd,
 Haleiwa

Give Aloha

Make a donation to our
 organization at any Foodland
 or Sack N Save checkout,
 through the month of
 September, and Foodland
 plus the Western Union
 Foundation, will make a
 donation to our
 organization too!
 Our organization code is:
78488 for
Once A Month Church
All proceeds go to the
North Shore Food Bank!

North Shore Service Center

4th Wednesday

Every Month

10am- 1pm

at the WCA

Hale'iwa Gym

Wednesday, August 26
Wednesday, Sept 23

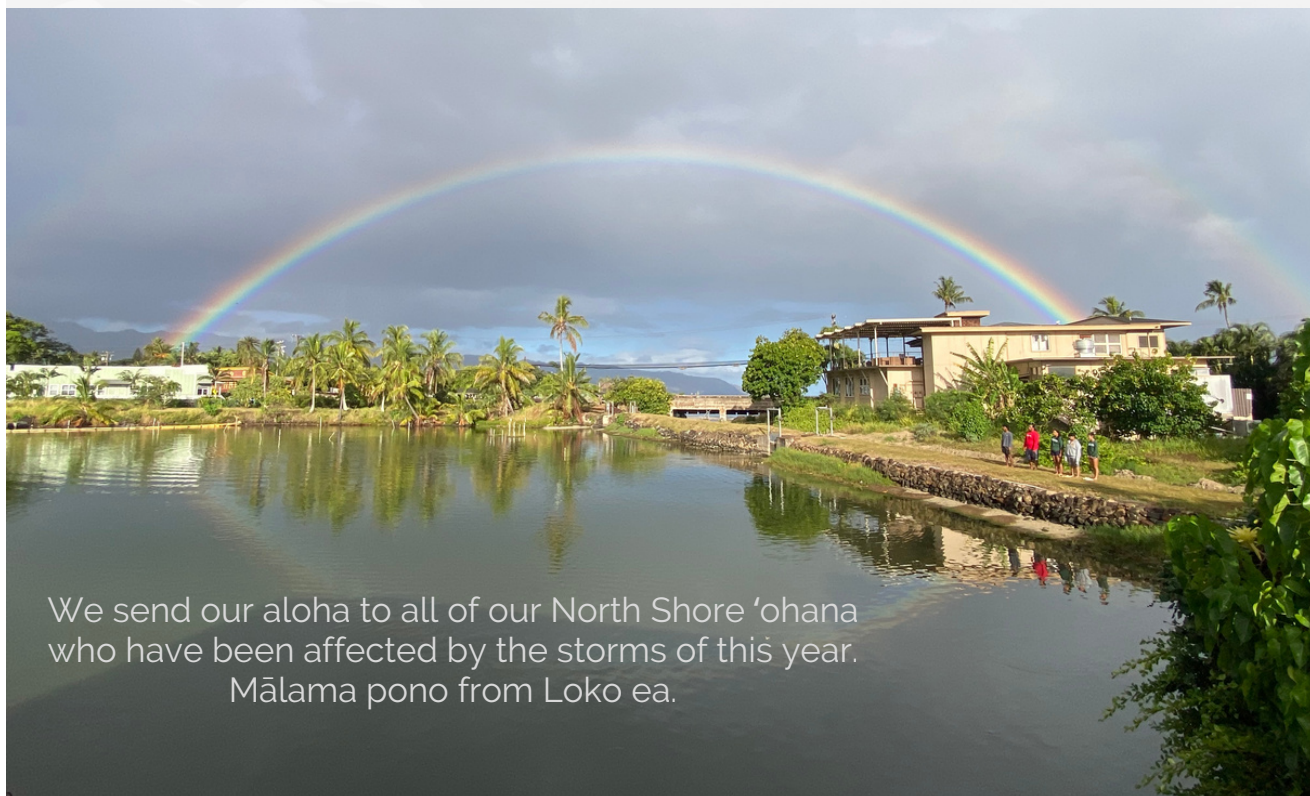
All are Welcome!
 Assistance in housing,
 medical, dental,
 and fellowship
 by: North Shore Food Bank,
 Ko'olauloa Health Center,
 Ke Ola Mamo, U.S. Vets,
 IHS, Keiki O Ka'Aina, SNAP
 and more...

To join us as a provider or
 for more information call
 Linda 808-780-8037



MĀLAMA
LOKO EA FISHPOND

"Even in the midst of the storm, the sun is still shining."



We send our aloha to all of our North Shore 'ohana who have been affected by the storms of this year.
Mālama pono from Loko ea.

SAVE THE DATE!!!



Lā Iēū'oko'a

Hawaiian Independence Day

Saturday, November 21, 2026
Loko Ea Fishpond, Haleiwa

COMMUNITY WORK DAY

Every 3rd Saturday of the month

SEPT 19th, 2026
OCT 17th, 2026
NOV 21st, 2026

