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LILIHA-PUUNUI-'ĀLEWA COMMUNITY REPORT



Aloha Neighbors & Friends!



Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and peaceful Christmas. May this season bring warmth, happiness, and hope for the coming year. Thank you for being a cherished part of our community. Mele Kalikimaka and Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

Mahalo,



**Exciting News: Farrington High School
Launches First-Ever High School
Phlebotomy Pathway Program**

Set to begin in the spring semester, this groundbreaking program is a part of the school's Health Academy and offers students a unique opportunity to earn their national certification in phlebotomy.

Upon completing the program, students will be honored in a special "white coat ceremony" to celebrate their achievements and new professional credentials.

**Senator Kim is honored with National
Foundation of Women Legislators (NFWL)
Dean McManus Spirit of NFWL Award**



"Being awarded the Spirit of NFWL Award is a great honor and I am humbled by this recognition."



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Community Updates



"I had a lot of fun at last year's party, I'm looking forward to this year's!"

Avian Flu on Oahu

Avian influenza (H5N1) was confirmed in backyard birds on O'ahu on November 15, 2024, and in a wild duck on the North Shore. Wild birds like ducks and geese can carry the virus without showing symptoms, but it can be deadly to poultry such as chickens.

Safety Precautions:

- Do not touch dead birds without gloves.
- Wash hands thoroughly afterward.
- Report multiple dead or sick birds to the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture:
 - Business hours: 808-483-7100
 - After hours: 808-837-8092



Avoid Holiday Scams

Holiday scams can be costly to victims and result in identity theft or financial losses. Be vigilant about any unsolicited emails, text messages, or phone calls you receive.

Consumers who believe they have been a victim of a holiday shopping scam can file a complaint with the Office of Consumer Protection at (808) 587-4272 or <https://cca.hawaii.gov/ocp/consumer-complaint/>.

You can help protect yourself from becoming a victim by reporting holiday scams.

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Upcoming Events at Liliha Public Library



Puppetry @ the Library

When: **December 7 at 10:00 am - 10:30 am**

Contact: 808 587-7577

UHM's TYA (theatre for young audiences) program will be performing at Liliha Public Library! This one-time-only show provides fun for all audiences, so bring the whole family and get ready for a magical journey into the world of puppetry.



Santa Claus Story Time

When: **December 12 at 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm**

Contact: 808 587-7577

Santa Claus will be spreading joy through an enchanting 30-minute story session, sharing beloved holiday tales, and taking photos with keiki and their families. Use your own camera to capture the special moment with Santa.



Women's Clothing Swap

When: **December 12 at 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

Bring your preloved clothing, shoes, and accessories to swap with other members of the community!

We ask that all items be washed/cleaned, and in general good shape. All leftover items will be donated to the Salvation Army.

This clothing swap is for adult women's clothing, but we are not limiting participants to women only. All are welcome.

Support your local library



Over the past year, I've used my community report to highlight and promote local library events. As a legislator with a strong focus on education, I recognize that libraries provide essential resources for both students and the broader community.

Libraries are much more than just a place for books; they are vibrant hubs for community engagement. From hosting bonsai shows to offering space for meetup groups, libraries foster connections and bring people together in meaningful ways.

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