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LILIHA PUUNUI 'ĀLEWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD COMMUNITY REPORT

2024 Complex Area Teacher of the Year

The Hawaii State Dept. of Education (HIDOE) recognized 16 teachers of the year representing complex areas and Public Charter Schools at an awards ceremony on October 3, 2023 at Washington Place. At the event, Jackie Freitas of Leilehua High School was named the state's top teaching award. Freitas will represent Hawaii in the National Teacher of the Year program. A national winner will be named in the spring. Good luck, Jackie, representing the 808!



At the awards ceremony, there were two Senate District 14 Complex Area Teachers of the Year who were among the instructors being recognized.

Aloha and congratulations go out to:

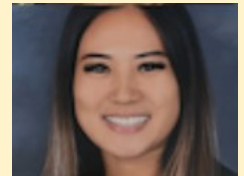
Norman Ray Sales

Norman is the Farrington-Kaiser-Kalani Complex Area 2024 Teacher of the Year. He is from Farrington High School where he is the School Strategic Planner and Academy Coach.



Marina Higa

Marina is the Aiea-Moanalua-Radford Complex Area 2024 Teacher of the Year. She is from Shafter Elementary School where she focuses on Special Education.



Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Released

Governor Josh Green has released funding for the following CIP:

Name: Maluhia -Upgrade Fire Doors

Amount Released: \$24,879.00

Description: The project involves design and construction to inspect approximately 291 fire doors and correct doors that are not properly labeled at the Hala Drive facility.



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Hawaii Medication Take Back Program

Oahu residents can bring their unused or expired prescription drug/medication for safe disposal at the “Take Back Day” on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

One of the sites to make a drop off on Oahu include the Hawaii State Capitol located on 415 S. Beretania Street. DEA’s National Prescription Drug Take Back Day reflects DEA’s commitment to Americans’ safety and health, encouraging the public to remove unneeded medications from their homes as a measure of preventing medication misuse and opioid addiction from ever starting. Visit <https://www.dea.gov/takebackday>



The Hawaii State Attorney General’s office has filed a lawsuit on behalf of the state seeking penalties, damages, disgorgement of profits, and injunctive relief against “the Big Three” pharmacy benefit managers CVS Caremark, Express Scripts, and OptumRx. The PBMs collectively manage prescription drug benefits for hundreds of thousands of Hawaii residents.

The complaint alleges that the PBM defendants engaged in unfair methods of competition and unfair and deceptive acts and practices in violation of Hawaii law.



Feral Chickens?

The City and County of Honolulu is now working with **Sandwich Isle Pest Solutions** to fund a portion of the cost to private property owners to catch and dispose of feral chickens

More info at: 808 456 7716 or sandwichisle.com

State Roadwork Update

H1 Westbound Closed!

from the Kapi'olani Interchange to the Miller Street Pedestrian Overpass

Started Oct. 1, 2023 - March 2024
Sunday - Friday Nights (except holidays)
From 8:30 pm to 4:30 am

EPA Approves Pre-Defueling Report at JTF - Red Hill

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approved the Joint Task Force-Red Hill (JTF-RH) Defueling Preparedness Report which outlines how safe defueling will be conducted at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Once the EPA and Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) provide approval, the JTF-RH must begin defueling operations within 15 days. The JTF-RH is planning to begin defueling on Monday, October 16, 2023.

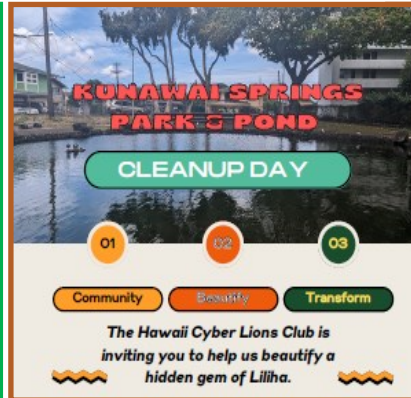
During defueling, EPA will be onsite and on-call for the duration of the operation to provide technical assistance and monitor for any anomalies in the defueling process. Defueling the main tanks will involve removing the 104 million gallons of fuel stored in the facility through gravity draining, using pipelines that run through three miles of tunnels to a pier located at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The fuel will then be loaded onto tanker ships, and shipped to other fuel storage facilities. This process will take approximately three months to complete. For more information about EPA's approval of the Defueling Preparedness Report visit:

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-approves-joint-task-force-red-hill-pre-defueling-preparedness-report>



Open House at University of Hawaii at Mānoa

The public is invited to tour the UH campus including the William S. Richardson School of Law and John A. Burns School of Medicine in Kakaako as part of the "Discover UH Mānoa" event to be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Free parking is available. To register for a tour, visit www.discovermanoa.org



Clean Up Day in Liliha

Sat., Oct. 14, 2023
8am - 10am
645 Kunawai Lane
To volunteer contact:
cnaauaoo808@gmail.com



Lanakila Multi-Purpose Center Event

The last *Show and Sell* event for 2023 will be held at Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center (LMPC) on Wed., October 18, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. Many cool gift items including holiday decorations, food, clothing and more will be available for sale. Also, LMPSC seeks volunteers to help with vegetable and fruit seedings that need to be potted, which will be sold at the event. If you have items to donate, you can do so by October 12. Call (808) 847-1322.

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Happy Halloween

Spooktacular happenings at Liliha Public Library will be held on Tuesday October 10, 2023 from 10 am-11:00am.

Turn trash to art by using recycled materials to design your own basket that you can use to collect candy on Halloween. Materials to design and decorate your baskets will be provided. Visit <https://www.librarieshawaii.org/event/upcycling-and-candy-basket-making/> or call (808) 587-7577



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