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NEWSLETTER

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Aloha neighbors,

Summer has flown by! Last month 313 bills from the 2025 regular session were enrolled to the Governor and became law. Below in this newsletter I share emergency preparedness resources and I hope after events on July 29th we all take a moment to assess our emergency plans. I am already looking ahead to the 2026 Legislative session and welcome your questions, concerns and ideas for continuing to improve our neighborhood, community and quality of life.

REP TAM AT WORK



Above: Rep Tam and participants, Below: Rep Tam making remarks at The Walk for Life: The 34th Honolulu AIDS Walk at Kapi'olani Park.



Sen DeCoite and Rep Tam during a lengthy joint Senate and House Tourism briefing.



Members of the Senate and House with Gov Green and Allison Schaefer for the signing into Law Act 182 (SB1211) drowning prevention measures for retention ponds.

A Friendly Reminder to BE PREPARED



On July 29, 2025, an 8.8-magnitude earthquake rocked off Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula—Hawai'i issued tsunami warnings statewide. No serious damages occurred.

However, this event served as a powerful reminder: preparation matters. Knowing evacuation routes, having a go-bag, and being connected with your 'ohana and community are vital tools when emergencies strike. There are still four months of hurricane season left—as an Island community we are vulnerable and must be vigilant.

I sincerely hope you and your families take this moment to refresh your emergency plan(s), ensure you have adequate provisions and preparations and are connected with your neighbors and community.

HERE ARE SOME RESOURCES TO GET YOU STARTED:

- State of Hawaii, Emergency Management Agency
 - <https://dod.hawaii.gov/hiema/>
- City & County of Honolulu Department of Emergency Management
 - <https://www.honolulu.gov/dem/>
- State of Hawaii, Department of Health Office of Public Health Preparedness
 - <https://health.hawaii.gov/prepare/>

PREPARE A "GO BAG"

Some disasters or emergencies require quick evacuation. This can occur with little warning, and there may not be enough time to take your entire family disaster supply kit with you. A Go Bag should provide enough quick-access supplies to get you through the initial phases of an emergency and evacuation. You should have one bag for each member of your household.

☒ What should I pack in my GO BAG?

Pack only essentials in your Go Bag. Don't overpack. A Go Bag is only effective if you can easily evacuate while carrying it.



☐ Your family may have unique needs, make sure to consider those in your Go Bag planning. This will be different for every household. Some examples are extra batteries for medical devices, pet food, or comfort items for children.

<https://www.honolulu.gov/dem/wp-content/uploads/sites/64/2024/10/Three-Day-Evacuation-Go-Bag-Trifold-4.pdf>



NOISE CAMERA UPDATE

Starting this month, Hawai'i Dept of Transportation (HDOT) will begin installing 10 noise-detecting camera's across O'ahu to target loud mufflers and sound systems. Full installation expected by January 2026.

"No citations will be issued at this time. Data collected... will be provided to the Honolulu Police Dept which can then dispatch units to problem areas."

In 2023 the Legislature passed SB588, which appropriates funds to develop and implement a pilot program for noise detection traffic cameras to address excessive noise in counties with populations over 500,00.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS KALIA ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

- Phase 2 construction with full closure of Kālia Road is expected to continue through August.
- The contractor remains optimistic about completing the project only one month behind the original timeline, with early December 2025 as the new target for completion of all 3 Phases.
- Please note that potential delays may still arise due to weather, unknown utilities or differing site conditions during Phases 2 and 3.



CONDO CORNER

Free Condominium Resources

Are you a condo owner or board member? Do you want to stay informed about condominium matters?

The Real Estate Branch (Branch) has a free condominium email subscription and sends a monthly email with information about legislative updates, the Hawaii Condominium Bulletin, Condorama – a free webinar, and upcoming seminars and webinars. You can sign up at <https://cca.hawaii.gov/reb/subscribe/>.

In addition, you can view all the Branch’s prior subscriber emails at <https://cca.hawaii.gov/reb/prior-direct-emails/>

You can also watch prior Condorama presentations at <https://cca.hawaii.gov/reb/educational-video-seminars/>

Take advantage of these resources to stay up to date on condominium topics.

HOMELESSNESS REDUCED 37% IN WAIKIKI FROM 2022 - 2025

The Safe & Sound initiative in cooperation with the Waikiki Business Improvement District's (WBID) increased investment in outreach and mental health services, Waikiki has led to remarkable reduction in homelessness.

Since September 2022 to June 2025, Waikiki has seen a 37% reduction from 251 to 183 unhoused individuals respectively. In the last 9 months, from October 2024 to June 2025 there has been a 13% reduction of unhoused individuals.

For the past 18 years, the WBID has partnered with University of Hawaii and Dr. Karl Kim of the Dept of Urban and Regional Planning to conduct research on migration patterns of unhoused individuals within Waikiki.

Bi-annually WBID with Dr. Kim and his researchers conduct a Point-in-Time count. This critical initiative gathers data and insights into the situation, aiding in our understanding and shaping effective strategies to address and alleviate the issue. This collaboration underscores the importance of informed, data-driven approaches to the issue which have led to quantifiable, tangible improvements in our community. Evidenced by unprecedented reduction of unhoused individuals in the district.

City Homeless Outreach facility now open at Old Stadium Park

The City and County of Honolulu’s Homeless Outreach and Navigation for Unsheltered Persons (HONU) program is now in operation at Old Stadium Park in the McCully/Mō’ili’ili area to provide its proven and effective homelessness services in urban Honolulu.

HONU was installed at Old Stadium Park on June 2 and started intakes on June 9. The facility is scheduled to stay at that location until the end of September, with an option to extend as necessary. There will be between 40–45 beds on site to assist the houseless population in the area, with shelter options for single males, single females, couples, and families.

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