



2016 Legislative Interim E-Newsletter **August 2016**

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

REMINDER: To ensure that you are given the opportunity to vote and not have the post-Iselle problems like we had in the 2014 elections, please vote Absentee or Early Walk-In but please VOTE.

Primary Absentee Application Request Deadline: Saturday, August 6, 2016:

<http://elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/AB-Form-English.pdf> complete and mail in

Primary Early Walk-In Voting: Monday, August 1 -11, 2016

- Hours: Monday - Saturday (8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.)
- Walk-in at: County of Hawai'i Aupuni Center
101 Pauahi Street, Suite 1
Hilo, Hawaii 96720



Primary Election Date: Saturday, August 13, 2016

- Polling Hours: 7:00am - 6:00pm
- County of Hawaii District 4 polling locations:
Precinct 1 - Hawaiian Paradise Park Community Center, Makuu Drive
Precinct 2 - Keonepoko Elementary School, Cafeteria, 15-890 Kahakai Blvd
Precinct 3 - Pahoia Community Center, 15-3022 Kauhale Street
Precinct 4 - Pahoia High/Intermediate School, Cafeteria, 15-3038 Pahoia Village Road



Signing of HB2707
At the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) for the signing of the medical marijuana bill HB2707. Pictured: JABSOM Dean, Jerris Hedges; Senator Will Espero; Rep. Dee Morikawa; Governor David Ige; Rep. Della Belatti; Rep. Mark Nakashima and Rep. Joy San Buenaventura.



On June 29, 2016, I attended the Hawaii Foreign Trade Zone 9 (FTZ9) - 50th anniversary celebration at the Homer A. Maxey International Trade Resource Center at Pier 2.



Summer is rapidly coming to a close, and with our keiki going back to school morning traffic will be heavier. Let's be safe. In an effort to make your travel less stressful, make sure you plan your departure from home accordingly.

Below is a list of when our keiki return to school:

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| Public schools | August 1, 2016 |
| Kua O Ka Lā PCS | August 1, 2016 |
| Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u | August 1, 2016 |
| Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science | August 3, 2016 |

POWER 9 - FAMILY FIRST

Did you know? Investing time with family can add up to 6 years to your life. Blue Zones® researchers discovered that the healthiest, happiest centenarians in the world tend to build their lives around their families. Taking care of *their ohana* is their main purpose in life. This lifelong devotion to family pays off. In Sardinia and other Blue Zones, younger generations return the love and care they received from their parents and grandparents.



Once again Blue Zones Project is sponsoring FREE Well-Being demonstrations at the **Pahoa Senior Center, 15-3016 Kauhale Street** (old fire station, next to Pahoa Community Center).

On **Wednesday, August 10**, Master Gardner, Bill Miller will teach you how to start you own potted garden.

August 10, 2016 Event schedule:

- Blue Zones Project Overview: 10:00a.m.
- Garden Demonstration: 10:30a.m.
- Walking & Potluck Moi Information: 11:30a.m.

Then, on **Wednesday, August 24**, attend the "Purpose Workshop". Want to add up to 7 years to your life? Uncover the secret to making your life more meaningful. Do something for yourself.

August 24, 2016 Event schedule:

- Blue Zones Project Overview: 9:30a.m.
- Purpose Workshop: 10:00a.m.
- Walking & Potluck Moi Information: 11:45a.m.

Reserve your spot for either or both events at: <http://info.bluezonesproject.com/pahoa>

Also, join a Walking Moai or a Potluck Moai. The term "moai" (or hui) comes from Okinawa, one of the five original Blue Zones areas. It means "meeting for a common purpose." For more information <https://hawaii.bluezonesproject.com/events/detail/575fab7ae4b098a2cb7ed3b4>

Remember: SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits are underutilized. There are federal SNAP monies allocated for Hawaii that are not being used and there are struggling families not getting nutritious food because they have not applied for SNAP benefits. Local farmers also benefit because they are able to sell more produce for SNAP benefits. If you or you know someone who can benefit from SNAP, apply through: <http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/snap/>



36th Annual Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Cultural Festival

This year's 36th Annual Cultural Festival entitled "*E Ho'omau*" will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2016 and will honor the park's centennial anniversary.

Festival participants will be able to engage in authentic Hawaiian cultural practices and learn how native Hawaiians lived closely to the land as its stewards.

This year's festival will include a "BioBlitz", a fun, hands-on opportunity to observe and document the biodiversity that thrives in the lava flows of Kilauea volcano. To sign up for the BioBlitz click on <http://www.fhvnp.org/bioblitz/>

BioBlitz runs from 7am-1pm and the Cultural Festival is from 10am-3pm.

Entrance and all events for that day are free. For more information call 985-6000 or click on: <http://akamaievents.com/component/ohanah/cultural-festival-a-bioblitz?Itemid=0>

HANDS-ON TRAININGS, WORKDAYS, WORKSHOPS & MEETINGS

Albizia Training and Workday: Hawaiian Paradise Park, **Saturday, August 20 from 9a.m.** at HPP Community Center



Please wear/bring: long pants, long sleeved shirts, sturdy, closed-toe shoes and water. The little fire ants may be in the area so it is recommended that you also bring a hat and towel or cloth to protect your neck and collar line. Hatchets, hardhats, and gloves will be provided, although if you have your own it would be useful for them to bring on this day. Please email your attendance so that they can make sure to have enough equipment: biisc@hawaii.edu

You can also visit their website at <http://www.biisc.org/> for more information.

Ainaloa Community (ongoing, weekday & weekend events) - contact Judy at haneypaws@aol.com

Little Fire Ants (LFA):

Hawaiian Shores/Hawaiian Beaches Community meeting on **Saturday, August 6 from 9:00a.m.** at Hawaiian Shores Community Center; and

Leilani Estates Demonstration/Training Day on **Monday, August 22 from 9:00a.m.** at Lelani Estates Community Center.

For more information or if your community would like to set up a meeting contact Franny Brewer at fbrewer@hawaii.edu or call her at 933-3340.

For more information click on <http://www.biisc.org/>



Remaining BON DANCES in east Hawaii:

Kurtistown Jodo Mission: 8 p.m. - August 6; Kuaaina Road, Kurtistown. Call 966-9777 for more information

Hilo Higashi Hongwanji Mission: 7 p.m. - Aug. 13; 216 Mohouli St. , Hilo. Call 935-8968 for more information.

Life Care Center of Hilo: 6 p.m. - Aug. 19; 944 West Kawaiiani St., Hilo. Call 959-9151 for more information.

Pahoa Kaikan: 7:30 p.m. - Aug. 27; Pahoa Village Road, Pahoa; service at 6:30 p.m. Call 966-9981 for more information.

June 1 - November 30 is HURRICANE SEASON; what can we do to be prepared? Below are just a few preparation tips when a hurricane or tropical storm threatens:

- Tune in to your local radio/television station to find out if there is an evacuation order and for shelter locations nearest you.
- Review your Emergency Plan- escape routes in your home, meeting location, emergency phone numbers, and your Emergency Kit (items in your kit should include 7 days of food, water and medications, battery or solar powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries, plastic bags and ties for waste, whistle, matches, blankets and tarps, personal hygiene items, and a first aid kit).
- Keep important documents such as your passport or driver's license, banking and credit card information, insurance information, healthcare directives, copy of property titles/deeds, prescriptions and dosages, list of family and important numbers, etc. in a sealed plastic bag.
- Store and secure outdoor lawn furniture and other loose, lightweight objects, such as garbage cans and garden tools that might be blown away by high winds, and become flying debris.
- Boats should be moored securely, or moved to a designated safe area well before the storm arrives.
- Windows should be boarded up.
- Make sure you have gas in your car and some cash on hand.

For more information, click on the link <http://www.scd.hawaii.gov/>

EVACUATION CENTERS - PUNA DISTRICT

Keaau Elementary
Keaau Middle
Keaau High

Keonepoko Elementary
Mountain View Elementary

Pahoa Elementary
Pahoa High and Intermediate

The Pahoa Music & Art Walk will be taking place from 5pm - 10pm on **Saturday, August 13** at Pahoa Village. Featuring local artists, live music, and lots of fun!! This event is scheduled to occur for the rest of the year on the second Saturday of each month.



UPDATE on Highway 130

- Shower Drive intersection traffic light construction begins 2016
- Fixing Southside of shoulder conversion between Shower and Kea'au will be completed in 2017
- Highway 130 4-lane expansion project construction begins 2019 with design starting this year [*The priority on this project has moved up*]

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