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LILIHA-PUUNUI-'ĀLEWA COMMUNITY REPORT

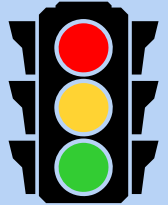
Aloha Neighbors & Friends!

With a month left before the legislative session ends on May 2, House and Senate bills are moving through key votes as legislators are preparing for conference. The pace is picking up as we head into the final stretch. We also take time to reflect and celebrate this season of hope and renewal. Wishing you and your family a joyful Easter!

Mahalo,

Honolulu Red-Light Cameras to Enforce Speeding Fines from April 29

1. Vineyard Boulevard and Pālama Street
2. Vineyard Boulevard and Liliha Street
3. Vineyard Boulevard and Nu'uuanu Street
4. Vineyard Boulevard and Pali Highway
5. North School Street and Pali Highway
6. North School Street and Likelike Highway
7. Ward Avenue and South King Street
8. Kapi'olani Boulevard and Kamake'e Street
9. South Beretania Street and Pi'ikoi Street
10. McCully Street and Algaroba Street



April is Medicaid Awareness Month



From keiki to kūpuna, Medicaid and QUEST provide essential coverage for a wide range of people in our community—including working adults, pregnant individuals, people with disabilities, veterans, and those needing mental health and substance use support.

These programs are not just safety nets, they're lifelines that promote health equity, protect our most vulnerable, and ensure that no one has to choose between getting care and putting food on the table.

This Medicaid Awareness Month, let's recognize the vital role Medicaid/QUEST plays in keeping Hawai'i healthy, and protect and strengthen these programs for generations to come.

Where to Report Tree Trimming and Vegetation Issues

Overgrown trees, especially those leaning on electrical wires, greatly increases the risk of island fires. It is important to be proactive and report any overgrown vegetation to Hawaiian Electric.

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC WEBSITE

Visit www.hawaiianelectric.com/ ►
Safety & Outages ► Tree Trimming
Safety ► Request a Trimming
Inspection

CONTACT HECO DIRECTLY

Send reports to
TrimRequest@hawaiianelectric.com
or contact (808) 543-7836

FACEBOOK

You can reach out via Facebook,
at Hawaiian Electric, and your
inquiries will be routed to the
proper area



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Community Events and Updates

W.R. Farrington High School Rummage Sale

When: April 19 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Where: Farrington High School Cafeteria
Contact: 808 305-5000

Shop for a variety of secondhand treasures at bargain prices. Farrington High School is holding a rummage sale to raise funds to support school programs and activities, all resources that benefit students, teachers, and the wider school community.



The Nisei Veterans Legacy Presents
The World Premiere Of



Shikata Ga Nai: Film Screening & Meet the Cast

When: April 26 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Where: Liliha Public Library
Contact: 808 587-7577

Shikata Ga Nai is an independent film about Tats, a WWII veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, who quietly struggles with a long-held secret from his time in battle. Set in 1999, the story explores the emotional toll on aging veterans who, like many in real life, never shared their wartime experiences with family. A special showing at Liliha Public Library will include a Q&A with some cast and crew, sponsored by the Nisei Veterans Legacy.

Draw Your Own Manga Character

When: May 3 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Where: Liliha Public Library
Contact: 808 587-7577

Learn the basics of creating original characters, including human anatomy, costume design, and dynamic posing for comic book covers. This character design workshop is open to students in grades 6-12. RSVP is required in person or by phone. The workshop is led by Brady Evans, a Honolulu-based illustrator and comic book artist with over 15 years of freelance experience across various media.



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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