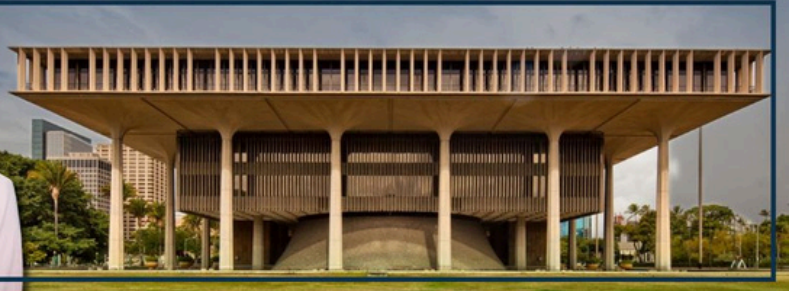


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## MOANALUA GARDENS COMMUNITY REPORT

### Aloha Neighbors & Friends!

The past month of the legislative session has been filled with bill hearings and informational briefings. Beyond legislative commitments, addressing community concerns remains a top priority. The legislative crossover is coming up on March 8th, where bills from the Senate crossover to the House of Representatives. This will give the public another opportunity to testify on bills before final decision making. You can submit testimony at [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov). The Legislative session is progressing, and bills are advancing!

**Mahalo,**

## Women's History Month

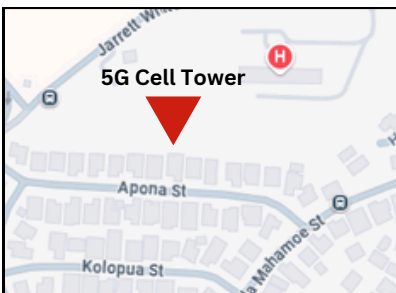


### Hawai'i Fest Raises Community Concerns

The 2025 Hawai'i Fest, held on February 15 and 16, raised many community concerns regarding noise disruption, park closure and event management. I, along with Councilmember Radiant Cordero and MGCA Chair Bryan Ito, are working to address concerns and further negative impacts on the community. Moanalua Gardens, the venue for Hawai'i Fest, is privately owned by Damien Estate and any permits for events on their grounds, if required, fall under the City & County. Both the City and State are looking into citing the promoter if any laws or permits were violated or not obtained. For State-related permits, I checked with the State Department of Transportation, and they did not issue any permits for parking on State roads. Also, Moanalua Elementary denied a request for a permit from the organizers to utilize the school's recreation grounds for parking. However, Moanalua Middle did issue a permit and I am looking further into this. According to Councilmember Radiant Cordero, the City did not issue a permit for the use of the City park or given any permission to close it off. We will keep the community apprised of our findings and actions.

### 5G Cell Tower in Moanalua Area

I share concerns regarding a 5G cellular tower that has been erected directly behind residence homes on Apona Street. My office was not informed or made aware of this 60ft tower being built. Upon research, the cellular tower is part of a federal government project to boost connectivity for service members and families at Helemano Military Reservation. I have reached out to the Army and Representative Ed Case's office for their assistance in this matter and am waiting for a response. You can help by sharing your concerns with Rep. Case's office.



### Congratulations to the Moanalua Wahine Wrestling Team

Moanalua's wahine wrestling team has secured their fourth consecutive Texaco/HHSAA Girls Wrestling State Championship title. This incredible four-peat showcases their grit, determination, and heart, reaffirming year after year why they are the best in Hawai'i. A huge thank you to every wrestler, coach, and supporter who made this historic victory possible.



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**March 4, 2025**

# Community Events and Updates

## Moanalua Athletics Booster Club's E-Waste Recycling Event

**Where:** MoHs Parking Lot (Fire Station)  
**When:** March 15 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
**Contact:** (808) 282-7031

Have household e-waste? Recycle your e-waste responsibly while supporting the community!

In collaboration with E-Opala Electrical Recycling, Battery Bill has organized an e-waste recycling event with proceeds going to support the Moanalua Athletics Booster Club. This is a free event, so come stop by and drop off your old technological devices and batteries.



## Preschool Storytime



**When:** Thursdays from 9:30 am to 10:30 am  
**Where:** Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library  
**Contact:** 808 831-6831

Stories, songs, and crafts are open to all preschoolers weekly at the Salt Lake-Moanalua public library. The activities are best suited for 2 – 5 year olds.

All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver.

## Mele & Mo'olelo: Hawaiian Lap Steel Guitar with Danny K. Kila

**When:** Saturdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
**Where:** Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library  
**Contact:** 808 831-6831

Enjoy the sounds of old Hawai'i with this hands-on experience. Danny K Kila, Hawaiian Lap Steel Guitar player & teacher, will be in the library's central atrium sharing melodies and stories. Stop by and give it a try. Extra guitar available for patron use, but feel free to bring yours!



## 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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