



2019 Legislative E-Newsletter

February 2019

****Disaster Recovery Bill-Kilauea Eruption****

House Bill 1180 is scheduled to be heard by the House Finance Committee on Thursday, Feb. 21st at 12:30pm.

Testimony can be submitted via the Hawaii State Legislature website:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=1180&year=2019

For a video tutorial on how to submit testimony online, please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zaAxSb2ErjQ>

Save the Date

Lava Disaster Update

Date: 02/23/2019

Place: Pahoia Community Center

Time: 1:00—3:00pm

It has been nearly one year since the 2018 Lava Flow that has tragically affected our district, however, I am still committed to recovery efforts and hope you will join me on February 23rd, for the 2019 Lava Update! The purpose of this meeting will be to inform the public of upcoming recovery plans and the future of Puna. Panel members will discuss topics related to recovery and the future of our community. In addition to updates on Kilauea Lava Recovery efforts, we will also be presenting certificates honoring Ikaika Marzo, Pu'uhonua o Puna, and other organizations who helped the Puna community in our time of need.



House Bill 1180 Relating to Natural Disasters

I am pleased to announce that on February 1st, my lava disaster bill (HB1180) was moved forward by a simultaneous four committee hearing. It is unheard of to have a simultaneous 4-committee bill fast tracked but we never waived in our commitment and in the end we were able to accomplish our goal. The next committee referral will be the House Committee on Finance, where chair Luke has already stated her intent to fast-track the bill. In its current form, this bill will provide \$60 million directly to Hawaii county (this does not count the millions of dollars already given to HDoT to repair hwy 11 and Hwy 130) in addition to the \$14-22mil that was already given to the county, \$20 million for a boat ramp (moving separately thru CIP process), and 75% matching FEMA money. One of potentially largest state relief bills for disaster recovery. #PunaRecovery



Of the \$60 million total, \$20 million would be set aside in a state grant and \$40 million would be designated for a state loan with an expected payback from the federal government. Spending the funds would be subject to the Hawai'i County Council approval. The state has already provided \$22 million in emergency funds for Big Island disaster relief, bringing the total package to \$82 million.



Hawai'i County Council member Ashley L. Kierkiewicz said Big Island residents have "oceans of gratitude" for the support they have been given today.

"Rep. San Buenaventura really helped to usher in this bill and we are very grateful to House and Senate leadership and the money committees for really seeing that this was important," Kierkiewicz said. "Not just to Big Island or the Puna community, but for everyone in Hawai'i. We are all in this together. We were embraced as part of the family."

Live at the Legislature

Ep—20; 01/28/2019

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Congratulations!
Officer Daniel Tam (Puna Officer)
Police Officer of the Year

Congratulations to Officer Daniel Tam for being named the Aloha Exchange Club’s 2018 Policer Officer of the Year award! This award is a testament to your selfless service to the community and a fine reflection of the Hawaii County Police Department

Positions are open for this year’s round of Summer internships and 12-month fellowships with portfolio companies. Four Opportunities in Hawaii, one in either Hawaii or California, and five in California.

Submit your resume and cover letter to hello@elementalexcelerator.com before March 8.

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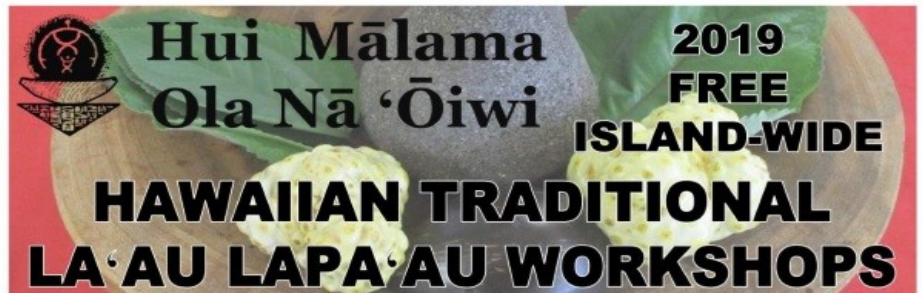
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La’au Lapa’au Workshops

The Hui Mālama Ola Nā ‘Ōiwi La’au Lapa’au workshops will be in full swing starting next month with the first one scheduled for March 9! The theme of this year’s workshops, Ho’omana Ke Ola Na Kanaka ‘Ōiwi translates to “empowering the health of the Hawaiian people”. This is the goal of Po’okela Ikaika Dombrigues who leads the workshops. In this day and age, many people experience illnesses that stem from stress, depression, lifestyle choices, and even cultural conflict. Po’okela Ikaika shares, “These la’au lapa’au workshops are about empowering the people to take care of their mind, body, and spirit.” The workshops are also meant to remind people of the resources we can find in our own backyard instead of relying solely on foreign import for sustenance. There are a total of five workshops that will be offered throughout the island of Hawai’i. Want to learn about the different plants that were used in traditional Hawaiian healing? Join us for any of the upcoming La’au Lapa’au workshops across the island!



Presented by Po’okela Ikaika Dombrigues

“Ho’omana Ke Ola Na Kanaka ‘Ōiwi”

**HO’OPONOPONO • LA’AU LAPA’AU
LOMILOMI HA HA • LA’AU KAHEA**

HILO - Saturday, March 9, 2019
Aunty Sally’s Luau Hale • 9am - 3pm

WAIMEA - Saturday, April 6, 2019
Waimea Park Community Center • 10am - 3pm

KONA - Saturday, May 4, 2019
Old Kona Airport Special Events Pavilion • 10am - 3pm



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Health Resources & Services Administration

KA’Ū - Saturday, June 1, 2019
Ka’ū District Gym • 10am - 3pm

PUNA - Saturday, July 13, 2019
Pahoa Gym Patio Area • 9am - 3pm

Light refreshments provided. Please bring your lunch.

What's Happening Around Hawai'i Island?

Diabetes Support Group

Tuesday, February 5
5:30pm-7:00pm
Hui Mālama Office

Tuesday, February 19
1:00pm-2:30pm
Hui Mālama Office

Cancer Support Group

Tuesdays, February 12 & 26
5:30pm-7:00pm
Hui Mālama Office

Exercise & Fitness

Basic Stretch & Strengthening in Hilo

Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:30am-11:30am
Malia Puka O Kalani Church Gym in Keaukaha

Zumba

Fridays, February 8 & 22
10:00am-11:00am
Hui Mālama Office

Mondays & Wednesdays
5:30pm-6:30pm
Malia Puka O Kalani Church Gym

Therapeutic Yoga

Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:00pm-6:00pm
Malia Puka O Kalani Church Gym

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES



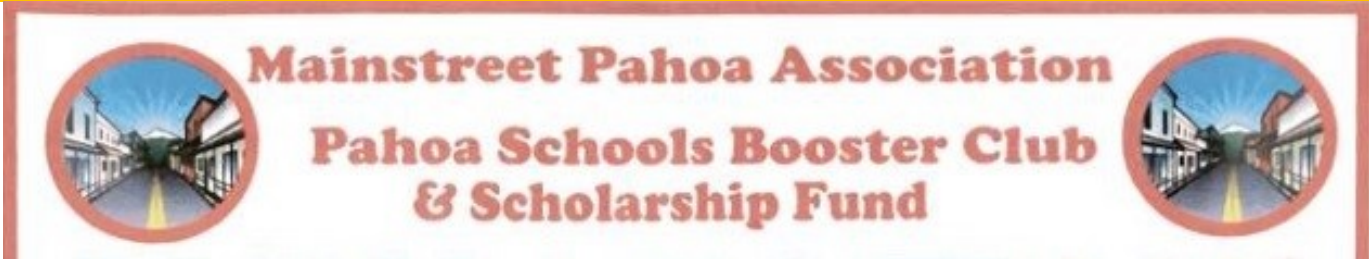
Hui Mālama
Ola Nā 'Ōiwi

	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
HILO			
DIABETES MANAGEMENT	Wed 2/13 - 2/27		
HEALTHY HĀPAI	Mon 2/11 - 3/18		
HEALTHY AT ANY SIZE	Thurs 1/31 - 3/7		
PUNA			
DIABETES MANAGEMENT	Wed 2/6 - 2/20		
HYPERTENSION		Wed 3/6 - 3/20	
KA'Ū			
DIABETES MANAGEMENT	Mon 2/4 - 2/25		
HYPERTENSION			Mon 4/8 - 4/22
KONA			
DIABETES MANAGEMENT		Tues 3/5 - 3/19	
HEALTHY AT ANY SIZE			Wed 4/3 - 5/1
HYPERTENSION			Tues 4/9 - 4/23
NORTH HAWAI'I			
DIABETES MANAGEMENT		Mon 3/4 - 3/18	
HYPERTENSION			Mon 4/8 - 4/22

Schedule subject to change. To sign-up, please call or visit us online today!

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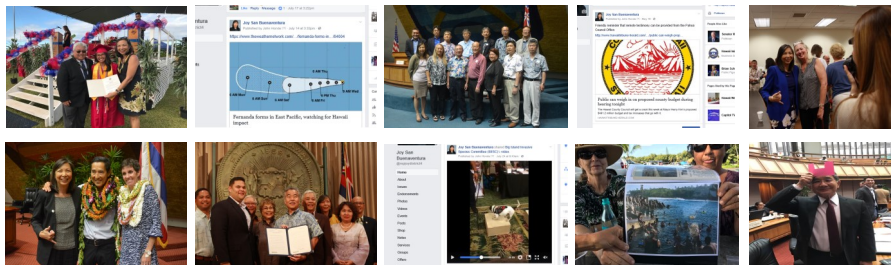
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PO Box 1189
Pahoa, HI 96778

(Please be sure to write the check out to:
Mainstreet Pahoa Association)



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