



MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT 5: KAIMUKI, PALOLO VALLEY, ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS, MANOA, MOILIILI, MCCULLY, AND PORTIONS OF ALA MOANA, KAKAAKO, AND MAKIKI



Aloha!

The focus of this month's newsletter is the enormous challenge of finding a real solution to solving our homelessness problem. Homelessness is an issue that heavily affects District 5, and my staff and I have been working with the City and County of Honolulu administration to find ways to address this with a holistic approach with long-term solution goals. I was able to visit two different types of shelters and meet some of their staff and residents. These two successful programs provide transitional shelter for our neighbors living on our sidewalks and in our parks, and more importantly hope that they will have a brighter tomorrow.

"The Shelter" is a successful faith-based project in Kahaluu consisting of dome structures for homeless women with children, as well as the services needed to provide hope for a brighter tomorrow.

"Hale Maui'ola" is a low barrier stabilization and navigation center on Sand Island where homeless individuals and couples live for 60 to 90 days in converted shipping containers, and are transitioned to either treatment or permanent housing. "Hale Maui'ola" translates to House of Healing.

In order to begin to solving the many issues of homelessness, we need to take a comprehensive and holistic approach. There is a need for varied community housing to address those with mental illness and/or drug addiction; street and park encampments need more professional staff and facilities; affordable housing options are needed; and more '24/7' intake centers like HONU are needed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

FOR CITY COUNCIL AND A FULL COUNCIL CALENDAR, PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE: WWW.HONOLULUCITYCOUNCIL.COM

CITY COUNCIL

- May 5 @ 10:00 am
- June 2 @ 10:00 am

BUDGET COMMITTEE

- May 19 @ 9:00 am
- June 16 @ 9:00 am

ANNUAL BUDGET

- May 11 @ 9:00 am
Special CD2 Budget Mtg

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS

1ST WEDNESDAY @ 7 PM NB #7 MANOA	2ND WEDNESDAY @ 7 PM NB #6 PALOLO	3RD WEDNESDAY @ 6:30 PM NB #4 KAIMUKI	4TH TUESDAY @ 6:30 PM NB #11 ALA MOANA/ KAKAAKO
1ST THURSDAY @ 6:30 PM NB #8 MCCULLY/MOILIILI	2ND THURSDAY @ 6 PM NB #5 DIAMOND HEAD/ KAPAHULU/ ST. LOUIS HGTS.	3RD THURSDAY @ 6 PM NB #10 MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTULUS	

Online voting for Neighborhood Board elections will be available from Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:45 a.m. HST to Friday, May 21, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. HST. Uncontested races will not appear on the ballot. Board election information was mailed out in late April with candidate and voting information. The 2021 Neighborhood Board Election will be held online. The website will be activated during the voting period which begins on April 26, 2021 and concludes on May 21, 2021.

If you are unable to vote online, you can request a paper ballot by calling the Ballot Request Hotline at 768-3705 no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 11, 2021 with your full name, birthdate, and residential address. Returned ballots must be postmarked by May 21, 2021 and received by the NCO no later than May 28, 2021.

If you do not have your PIN or 9-digit passcode, call the Elections Hotline at 768-3770, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

GOOD NEWS CORNER!

Assistance League of Hawaii celebrates Its 50th Anniversary



Assistance League of Hawaii is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that puts caring and commitment into action through philanthropic programs in the State of Hawaii. Member volunteers are dedicated to ongoing support

and a long-term presence in the community through hands-on involvement and innovative philanthropic programs.

Attempting to meet previously underserved needs, Assistance League of Hawaii supports six philanthropic programs. These programs provide services to every age range in the community.

The Assistance League of Hawaii Thrift Shop is our main source of funding. The shop is staffed and managed entirely by our member volunteers.

Congratulations on your 50th anniversary, and mahalo for your tireless work in service of the community and wishes the organization the very best for continued success throughout 2021 and beyond.

HOW CAN I HELP KEEP MY NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE?

WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

A Neighborhood Watch is neighbors helping neighbors. They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors. Members meet their neighbors, learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activity that raises their suspicions to the police.

HOW SHOULD I REPORT INCIDENTS?

- Call 9-1-1
- Give your name and address
- Explain what happened
- Briefly describe the suspect: sex and race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, distinctive characteristics such as a beard, mustache, scars, or accent.
- Describe the vehicle if one was involved: color, make, model, year, license plate, and special features such as stickers.

HALE MAULI'OLA SAND ISLAND TRANSITIONAL SHELTER

The Hale Mauiola Navigation Center, Sand Island, Honolulu, was developed to provide temporary housing to homeless individuals and couples for a transitional period of 60 – 90 days. This is a housing navigation center, comprised of small single and double residences made out of converted shipping containers. This facility provides temporary housing for couples as well as individuals with cars or pets, as they await permanent housing.

This shelter provides warm water hygiene, food and safe sleeping areas along with case managed social services to move homeless individuals and couples into suitable low income housing, and find employment and financial stability. This transition phase prepares individuals to work towards more permanent housing and healthy communities. The City contracts the Institute of Human Services (IHS), to provide 24/7 site management and logistics.

Along with the tent-shaded duplexes, beds and nearby bathrooms, warm water showers, and daily meals, the shelter also provides residents with on-site opportunities for growth. This includes working in the on-site garden and various weekly activities. While staying at the shelter, residents seek employment or attend job training during the day. Behavioral requirements for the shelter include no contraband, gambling, abusive and threatening behavior and sharing house common areas.



THE SHELTER KANEHOE, HAWAII

THE SHELTER is actively dedicated to being part of the solution to end homelessness in Hawaii for single mothers and their children.

Since December 8, 2018, THE SHELTER has helped over 26 families through a collaborative and supportive environment. They have assisted mothers in gaining full-time employment as well as transition into permanent housing. The peaceful dome structures located in Kaneohe house families in a drug and alcohol free environment. This, along with the faith-based support, provides families safety and peace with which to create a strong foundation through ohana-valued community living.

With a sense of regained self-confidence, these women live each day with hope as they embark on a journey to self-sustainability.

HONU PROGRAM (HOMELESS OUTREACH AND NAVIGATION FOR UNSHELTERED PERSONS)

HONU is a mobile facility that has the capacity to serve between 60-100 individuals at one location. The HONU is operated by the City & County of Honolulu Department of Community Services in partnership with the [Honolulu Police Department](#). The goal of the program is to provide 24/7 short-term shelter services, and navigation to connect homeless individuals and families to longer-term shelter and other housing options. HONU also provides a critical tool for law enforcement officers to divert homeless individuals from citation and arrest, and provide the option of short-term shelter *and* services.

Each HONU site includes beds and hygiene facilities, as well as the access to one meal per day. HONU also provides a space for social service partner organizations to provide on-site services, including assistance with identification, housing navigation, as well as legal and medical services.



HELP IN THE COMMUNITY: WAIOLI KITCHEN



Ross Anderson manages the historic Waioli Kitchen & Bakery under the Salvation Army Homes ownership. This popular Manoa Café hires several employees who are residents of The Shelter, the transitional Dome housing in Kaneohe for women and children.

WHO TO CALL WHEN TO CALL

Police (911)

WHEN: You see crimes like violence, fighting, drug dealing or using, gang activity, or vandalism

Ambulance (911)

WHEN: You see someone who is unresponsive or incoherent, seems to be disoriented, or is severely injured

Dept of Facilities Maintenance (808-768-3343)

WHEN: A public sidewalk or property passage is being blocked by a person or encampment, and/or when there are environmental hazards or poor health conditions on the property

IHS Outreach Team (808-447-2883)

WHEN: You see a homeless person who may need help, might be presenting signs of mental illness, or might be responsive to intake