



SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT 5: PALOLO VALLEY, ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS, MĀNOA, MŌ'ILĪ'ILĪ, MCCULLY, ALA MOANA, MAKIKI, AND PORTIONS OF KAKA'AKO.



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Aloha!

Hope this September newsletter finds you well and in good spirits. This year, there was a lot of concerns on the increase in real property taxes. While appeals are available for certain reasons, I urge you to make sure you have filed, if you are eligible, for your

Home Exemption - the deadline to file is October 2 (September 30 is a Saturday). You qualify for a home exemption if you own and occupy the property as your principal home, your ownership is recorded at the Bureau of Conveyances, State Department of Land and Natural Resources, in Honolulu on or before the deadline preceding the tax year for which you claim the exemption, your ownership is recorded at the Bureau of Conveyances, State Department of Land and Natural Resources, in Honolulu on or before the deadline preceding the tax year for which you claim the exemption. You can also review the residential valuation process video that our City Real Property Assessment Division has uploaded to their website: <https://www.realpropertyhonolulu.com>. We also continue to have a number of measures relating to real property tax before the Council.

RECREATION AT CITY PARKS

Have you thought about trying your hand at ceramics or weaving? Is your health in a pickle and want to try pickleball? How about stretching your abilities with yoga or tai chi? Feeling like a fish out of water and want to learn how to swim or do water therapy?

The City offers hundreds of classes for children, adults, seniors. To learn more and find a class near you, visit the "Activities" section:

<https://pros10.hnl.info/>



Some of the classes available in District 5 include 'ukulele at Makiki District Park, a walking club and archery at Ala Wai Community Park, Swimming at Makiki Pool, and adult water exercise at McCully District Park Pool.

my committees:

- Zoning (CHAIR)
- Public Infrastructure & Technology (VICE CHAIR)
- Executive Management (VICE CHAIR)
- Budget
- Public Safety
- Planning & the Economy

city legislative highlights:

Reso 23-209: This resolution aims to help with the City's vacancy shortage by urging the Department of Human Resources and the University of Hawaii System to create a general civics program on Oahu.

Reso 23-201: This resolution would urge the Department of Parks and Recreation create a rotation schedule of week-long park closures in order to allow for grass and fields to rest and revitalize and the DPR to conduct aeration, weeding, leveling, grassing, and other rehabilitation work.

Bill 49 (2023): This bill would prohibit shopping carts in public spaces (excluding sidewalks abutting the premises of the owner of the shopping cart or within the parking lot). There is a State [HRS §633-16](#) that prohibits the removal, without proper authorization, of shopping carts from the premises of any business establishment.

Check out [hnl.docs](#) for all bills and resos.

upcoming meetings:

FOR CITY COUNCIL AND A FULL COUNCIL CALENDAR, PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.HONOLULUCITYCOUNCIL.ORG/](https://www.honolulu.citycouncil.org/)

CITY COUNCIL

- September 6 @ 10:00 am
- October 4 @ 10:00 am

ZONING COMMITTEE

- September 13 @ 9:00 am
- October 18 @ 9:00 am

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS

- 1st Wednesday @ 7 pm | NB #7 Mānoa
- 1st Thursday @ 6:30 pm | NB #8 McCully/Mō'ili'ili
- 2nd Wednesday @ 7 pm | NB #6 Pālolo
- 2nd Thursday @ 6 pm | NB #5 Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights
- 3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 pm | NB #4 Kaimukī
- 3rd Thursday @ 6 pm | NB #10 Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus
- 4th Tuesday @ 6:00 pm | NB #11 Ala Moana/Kaka'ako

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Did You Know?

In Makiki, between the freeway and Wilder Avenue, exists Hassinger Street. This block-long street was named for John Hassinger who served as the Chief Clerk of the Department of the Interior for King Kalākaua.



Images from Google StreetView.

Between Pensacola and Victoria Streets lies Wong Ho Lane connecting South Beretania and Young Streets. Wong Ho was a Chinese immigrant who ran a successful business in the area at the turn of the 20th century.



State Rep. Jackson Sayama and CM Say joined residents to clear and clean up Azama Park, a mini park located in the 2300 block of Waiomao Road in Pālolo.



The City Council honored McCully Bicycle & Sporting Goods on August 9, 2023. "McCully Bike" as it is known to old-timers and locals has been owned and run by the Takayesu family since opening 100 years ago. The family was represented by Ali Kessner and Ben Takayesu, grandchildren of founder Giyei Takayesu, and Ben's son, Ryan.



311 is NOT a phone number
Call 911 for emergencies; text 911 if you are unable to call

The Honolulu 311 app & website enable community members to report non-emergency incidents, including:

- streetlights, parking meters, traffic signals
- potholes, sinkholes, manholes, sidewalks
- Satellite City Hall & motor vehicle
- gambling, gang, drug activity
- faded pavement markings
- parks & public restrooms
- missing or faded signs
- sewer, storm drains
- noise
- graffiti
- refuse & bulky item



For detailed info on 311:

<https://www.honolulu.gov/it/default/224-site-dit-cat/34774-honolulu311.html>

For online reporting:

<https://honoluluhi.citysourced.com/default.aspx>



Honolulu Hale served as an unofficial auxiliary drop-off location for O'ahu residents wanting to help our extended 'ohana on Maui. Those unable to wait to drop off goods across the street were assisted by staff members from the City Council, Office of Council Services, City Clerk's Office, and Corporation Counsel. They collected toiletries, clothing, bedding, food, housewares, pet supplies, and more. The items gathered were transported to the headquarters of the United Public Workers who transported the lot to Maui.

