

FROM THE OFFICE OF
SENATOR STANLEY CHANG
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Image Credit: 'Aina Haina School

Funding the Improvement of 'Aina Haina Elementary School's Parking Lot

As a nurturing environment for young minds and a vital neighborhood gathering place, 'Aina Haina Elementary School is one of the pillars of the 'Aina Haina community. Founded in 1951, the school has been educating over 460 kindergarten to fifth grade students every year for the past 70 years. The school is certified by the International Baccalaureate Organization, meaning that it provides its students with the very best educational curriculum emphasizing "inquiry, rigor and a consistent set of world class standards."

In order to continue supporting 'Aina Haina Elementary's mission of educating our keiki, Senator Stanley Chang recently secured \$1,000,000 in infrastructure funds for essential improvements to the school's parking lot. According to the school's Principal Brendan Burns, the money will go toward redoing the school's mauka parking lot adjacent to 'Aina Haina Shopping Center. Doing so will create

"a developed, landscaped, fenced and gated area providing convenient and safe parking for the families who drop off [and] pick up the school's youngest students," Burns highlighted.

Principal Burns further emphasized that a new parking lot is necessary for the protection of the school's children and the prevention of traffic along West Hind Drive. Burns stated that the new parking lot "will provide safe, convenient parking for large school-wide or grade level functions during and after school, so that any potential impact to the community is minimized." In particular, Burns explained that a new parking lot will benefit the school's youngest keiki by guaranteeing "seamless and safe access from the parking lot [to] the early education area of [the] Preschool, Kindergarten, cafeteria and playground."

This capital improvement project will allow 'Aina Haina Elementary School to continue serving the needs of 'Aina Haina's children and the neighborhood as a whole. As Governor Josh Green adds, "Projects such as these... contribute to building a better home for our kūpuna, keiki, and all the residents of Hawai'i."

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808-733-2530

Building Permits
808-768-8000

Trash Collection
808-768-3200

Street Light Repair
808-768-5300

MOVING FORWARD

Nā 'Anae Holo Mural Project

Fish murals have been popping up along Kalaniana'ole Highway the past few months thanks to Hawai'i mural artist Ran Noveck. Noveck and **Maunaloa.net** teamed up to create murals along the highway starting at Kāhala



and going into Maunaloa to represent and honor the 'anae (mullet) who would holo (travel) from Pu'uloa (Pearl Harbor) to Loko I'a o Maunaloa (Maunaloa Fishpond) along Southern East O'ahu's coastline, and the 'anae who fed our ancestors in Hawai'i. The murals will be thematically the same sharing the amazing story of the 'anae holo. And the murals also tie our communities together through the story of the 'anae hole that touched all the waters in East O'ahu.

There is NO Cost for those who agree to have a mural painted on their wall along Kalaniana'ole Highway. In addition, Noveck will monitor the murals; if any graffiti "tagging" takes place over them, he will repair the murals. Noveck is a well-respected mural artist in Hawai'i. Graffiti artists respect mural artists, and it is the hope of Maunaloa.net and Noveck that when these murals are created along Kalaniana'ole Highway it will help stop the on-going "tagging" on private property.

If you would like to have the Nā 'Anae Holo Mural on your wall along Kalaniana'ole Highway, please email maunaloa.net@gmail.com.

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DOWNLOAD THE APP: SPEAK NOW HIDEO

Speak Now HIDEO is a quick and easy bully reporting app that allows students to instantly send details about incidents on HIDEO campuses, transportation and sponsored-activities. Be an upstander!



To find out more, check out:
www.speaknowhideo.com

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Report Bullying at Schools

The Speak Now HIDEO app provides another avenue for students to report bullying incidents on campus—digitally and anonymously, if they choose—to appropriate school personnel. The app was made available to our middle schools on January 31, 2019, as a first phase, high schools in September 2019, and elementary schools on March 1, 2022. Speak Now HIDEO can be downloaded from the App Store (Apple devices) or Google Play (Android devices). Students can continue to safely report bullying incidents in person to a trusted adult. Visit the Department of Education's page for more details: hawaiipublicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/AntiBullyingWork/Pages/Speak-Now-HIDEO.aspx.

YOUR CONCERNS



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Prepare For Hurricane Season

The Central Pacific hurricane season has started and runs through November 30. In an event of an emergency, there are a number of things your family can do to be safe and ready. Below are some storm season safety tips:

1. Gather emergency supplies, such as a battery-powered radio, flashlights, lanterns and batteries. Be prepared to monitor communications over emergency broadcast radio stations. For a complete list, see: honolulu.gov/dem/preparedness/build-kit.html.
2. Store enough water, non-perishable food, medicine and personal hygiene supplies for your family members and pets to last at least 14 days.
3. Prepare a list of emergency contacts including phone numbers for insurance agents, vendors, physicians, or any other important individuals.
4. Turn off and unplug all unnecessary electric appliances and equipment during a storm or a power outage. When power comes back and is stable, plug in the equipment one at a time.
5. Consider having a backup generator if you are dependent on an electrically powered life support system. Or, make plans to go to an alternate location where electricity will be available. Be prepared to take your medical equipment and medications with you.
6. Shut off your electricity at the main breaker or switch if you need to evacuate.
7. If you see a downed power line, assume it is energized and dangerous. Stay away from downed power lines—at least 30 feet or more (at least two car lengths).



Image Credit: Department of Emergency Management

BEWARE OF THE LATEST PHONE SCAMS

Reoccurring sheriff impersonator incidents have prompted the Department of Public Safety Sheriff Division to issue additional scam warnings. In recent weeks, several people have had callers, claiming to be deputy sheriffs, tell them that they have outstanding warrants because they failed to appear in court. One scammer even told a woman that she failed to appear at a hearing she was summoned to for her expert testimony. She was instructed to post a “surety bond” to freeze charges against her. She immediately hung up the phone and reported it.

“These scammers are getting very creative in their attempts to steal money. They’re using real deputies’ names and they are spoofing real Sheriff Division phone numbers,” said State Sheriff Mark Hanohano. “We want to remind everyone that Hawai’i sheriffs will not call you about missed court appearances or solicit any form of payment electronically, or by phone. The best thing to do is hang up and report it.”

Hawai’i residents are also advised not to provide credit card numbers, bank account information or other personal information to callers claiming to represent a law enforcement agency.

If you receive a call, text or email matching this scam please alert the Sheriff Division by calling **586-1352**.

Tips to protect yourself:

- Do not communicate with unsolicited e-mail or phone text senders.
- Do not open e-mails, attachments or links sent by text from unknown individuals.
- Never provide personal information of any sort via phone, text or e-mail. Be aware that many e-mails requesting your personal information appear to be legitimate.

IN THE COMMUNITY

2024 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The United States Army Garrison Hawai'i is hosting an Independence Day on Saturday, July 1, 2023 (12-9pm), at Schofield Barracks and invites the public to attend. There will be a parachute demonstration by the USA Army Golden Knights, various musical performances, and a laser and fireworks show. **ADMISSION IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL DOD AND U.S. ID CARD HOLDERS.** Food and beverage will be available for purchase. Come out early to enjoy a variety of activities including inflatable bounce houses, games, costume characters and more. Some activities have a fee to

participate. For more information, visit: hawaii.armymwr.com/calendar/event/69324.

Installation Access and Parking for General Public:

Visitors who do not possess a military ID must enter Schofield through Foote Gate. Traffic control personnel will direct visitors to park on Watts Field, and a shuttle will take them to the event entrance. All vehicle occupants 16 years of age and older must present a valid state or government photo

ID, and the vehicle driver must provide a current driver's license, vehicle registration, proof of insurance and safety check. Coolers, backpacks and bags are subject to inspection. No pets, glass bottles or illegal substances (including marijuana) are allowed.



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TREE CONSERVATION WORK AT DIAMOND HEAD STATE MONUMENT

Join Diamond Head State Monument and Trees for Kaimukī to mālama the trees and other native

plants along the Fort Ruger Pathway, found along the exterior of Diamond Head State Monument. In order to keep these trees and plants happy, volunteers will help apply mulch, remove encroaching plants and tree limbs, and many more! Bring your shoes, long pants, long sleeved shirt, sunscreen, reusable water bottle, and a hat. You will be provided tools, gloves, ice water, and snacks. For more information, visit: kanuhawaii.org/need/diamond-head-state-monument-trees-for-kaimuki.

Event Details:

July 15, 9am-12pm

480 Makapu'u Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96816



Image Credit: Trees for Kaimukī

LOCAL THEATRE PRODUCTION OF DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Join Diamond Head Theatre as they bring to their stage spectacular characters, clever, lavish, costumes, and the unforgettable tunes such as "Home," "Be Our Guest" and "Beauty and the Beast". The play opens on July 21, 2023. For more information, visit diamondheadtheatre.com.

The Diamond Head Theatre is America's third oldest continuously running community theatre and Hawai'i's oldest performing arts center. The nonprofit theatre has been a staple in the District 9 community, fostering creativity and imagination amongst performers of all ages for over 100 years.

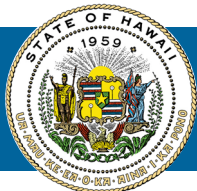


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Visit the Kapi'olani Community College Farmers Market, open Saturdays 7:30 – 11:00am, to browse, taste, and take home the best fruits, vegetables, flowers, top-quality beef, aqua-cultured seafood, baked goods, hand-made pasta, local honey, coffee and so much more!



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