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**‘ŌLELO COMMUNITY MEDIA BROADCASTING
 DATES AND TIMES FOR THE 9/11/2024 ‘AIEA-PEARL
 CITY COMMUNITY TOWN HALL MEETING**

Monday, 9/23/2024 at 6:00 PM on ‘Ōlelo 49
 Thursday, 9/26/2024 at 2:00 PM on ‘Ōlelo 49
 Sunday, 9/29/2024 at 10:00 PM on ‘Ōlelo 49
 Tuesday, 10/1/2024 at 8:00 AM on ‘Ōlelo 49

To view the ‘Aiea-Pearl City Town Hall presentations, please visit
tinyurl.com/09-11-24-APC-Town-Hall.

**SAVE THE DATE: HONOLULU POLICE
 DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT & CAREER FAIR**

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) will be having their Recruitment & Career Fair on September 20, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ka Makana Ali‘i. The goal of this event is to educate the public on new hiring programs, the application processes, benefits and incentives, and provide on-site application opportunities. This event will include several divisions within the HPD to include the Specialized Services Division, Traffic Division, Major Events Division and others. They will have static displays of some of their vehicles and equipment in the parking lot as well as setting up information booths of various divisions inside of the mall. There will be live entertainment sponsored by our Police Activities League’s Hula Halau, and a Keiki ID booth on site.

SAVE THE DATE

**PEARL HARBOR BIKE
 PATH CLEANUP**

OCTOBER 19, 2024 | 8:00AM - 10:30AM

LOCATION SITES:

- Aiea Bay State Rec Area
- Aiea Kai Way
- Best Buy
- Neal Blaisdell Park
- Puuloa Springs
- Lehua Ave (East)
- Lehua Ave (West)
- Middle Loch (Waipahu High School)
- Waipahu Depot Street
- Pupuole Mini Park
- Pupuole Street

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 09/20/24**
 4:00 p.m. - Honolulu Police Department Recruitment & Career Fair at Ka Makana Ali‘i
- 09/23/24**
 6:00 p.m. - Planning & the Economy Committee Special Meeting at Kawanānakoā Middle School Cafeteria
- 09/24/24**
 9:00 a.m. - Budget Committee
 1:00 p.m. - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs Committee
 2:30 p.m. - Transportation Committee
- 09/25/24**
 9:00 a.m. - Zoning Committee
 1:00 p.m. - Parks, Enterprise Services & Culture & the Arts Committee
 2:30 p.m. - Housing, Sustainability & Health Committee
- 09/26/24**
 9:00 a.m. - Planning & the Economy Committee
 1:00 p.m. - Public Safety Committee
 2:30 p.m. - Public Infrastructure & Technology Committee
- 09/27/24**
 5:00 p.m. - Community Meeting: Safe Routes to School Update at Susannah Wesley Community Center
- 09/28/24**
 7:30 a.m. - [2024 Hawai‘i Small Business Fair](#) at Leeward Community College

10/09/24
 10:00 a.m. - City Council Meeting

To view the 2024 City Council Calendar, please visit honolulu.citycouncil.org.

HELPFUL LINKS

Watch Council Meetings Live on ‘Ōlelo 54 or on honolulu.citycouncil.org

View Bills/Resolutions at hnl.doc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/

Submit Your Testimony Online at hnl.doc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/testimony

UPDATES ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Reroofing Project to 'Aiea District Park's Gymnasium

As part of the Capital Improvement Projects, the City has begun its reroofing project to 'Aiea District Park's gymnasium, whose roof was last renovated in 1998. The City thanks the community for their understanding while the gymnasium is closed during the renovations. This project is expected to be completed and the facility to reopen for public use in Spring 2025.

Kalauao Springs Bridge Encampment Cleared

Mahalo to the State Department of Transportation (DOT) – Highways Division for assisting in clearing the homeless encampment under the Kalauao Springs bridge. On August 7, DOT did a field check to confirm that the area has been cleared. The State Homeless Coordinator and his team have also checked the area, and will add this to their weekly checks, addressing any issues that may arise. In addition, HPD officers will continue to monitor and take the appropriate enforcement action when violations are observed. Community members are encouraged to call 911 to report suspicious or illegal activity as this would result in the most expeditious response.

No Violations Observed on 'Ilie'e and Ka'amilo Streets

Following complaints of illegal parking and illegal U-turns in the area of 'Ilie'e and Ka'amilo Streets, HPD District 3 ('Aiea/Pearl City/Waipahu) officers conducted enforcement in the area and did not observe any parking or moving violations at those times. Officers found that the traffic in the area was light, and their presence may have helped to deter violations. With 'Aiea High School back in session, officers will continue to monitor the area and take appropriate enforcement action when violations are observed.

Repainting of Pavement Markings on 'Aiea Heights Drive at Moanalua Road

The Department of Facility Maintenance's Division of Road Maintenance initiated Service Request No. 57926 for the repainting of pavement markings (arrow and lane markings) on 'Aiea Heights Drive at Moanalua Road nearest to the Shell gas station.

"No Left Turn" Signage out of Pearlridge Center's Driveway onto Kaonohi Street Not Warranted

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) investigated a constituent's request for a "No Left Turn" sign out of Pearlridge Center by Anna Miller's Restaurant heading makai onto Kaonohi Street. The constituent and Pearlridge Center's management has been notified that DTS does not recommend restricting left turns out of Pearlridge Center's driveway based on its investigation.

Ulune Street and Kaimakani Street Traffic Signal Sensors Replaced

Councilmember was informed that on Friday, September 6, 2024, a Navy contractor installed new loop detectors to replace the damaged sensors at the intersection of Ulune Street and Kaimakani Street. The sensors were affected by a Navy construction project in the roadway, creating traffic congestion at this intersection.

Play Apparatus at 'Aiea District Park



Councilmember Cordero is happy to report that the 'Aiea District Park play apparatus has been repaired, with the slide being fixed earlier this year. Mahalo to the residents and Senator Brandon Elefante for bringing it to our attention, and to Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for their efforts to improve our park and its facilities!

Reporting Fallen Tree Leaves in Private Yards

There was a concern raised last month regarding fallen tree leaves creating trash in residents' yards. If the leaves are coming from City street trees or park trees that need pruning, please contact the DPR, Division of Urban Forestry (DUF) directly at (808) 971-7151 and leave a voicemail or email duf@honolulu.gov. If the leaves are falling into your property from neighboring trees on private property, generally speaking, this is a private matter to be addressed by the parties involved.

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL CALLS FOR WEEKLY NAVY TESTING AS RED HILL CONTAMINATION RISKS ESCALATE

CITY COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE: HONOLULU, HAWAII – In the interest of ensuring public health and safety, the Honolulu City Council will hear [Resolution 24-216](#) on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, calling for the U.S. Navy and Department of Defense to immediately implement weekly testing of all 36 of the Navy Red Hill monitoring wells and drinking water wells for all chemical contaminants. Through [Resolution 24-216](#), the Council calls for real-time transparency to monitor the aquifer under Red Hill so the Board of Water Supply can proactively plan and take further action to protect the residents of O‘ahu.

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) detected polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) at its closed ‘Aiea Wells in water samples collected in May and June 2024. PAHs, a class of chemicals that occur naturally in coal and petroleum products like crude oil and gasoline, are known to cause cancer, respiratory issues, and other health effects. The types of PAHs detected at the BWS ‘Aiea Wells were also detected at the Navy’s monitoring well NMW24 in samples collected in June 2024, indicating a contaminant plume may be migrating west of the Red Hill Fuel Facility.

According to the Navy’s own Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam (JBPHH) Safe Waters [website](#), “Samplers are able to draw from the well using a slow flow pump to collect samples each week,” but it only reports biweekly or twice a month. This limits the county's ability to understand, plan, and respond to the contamination of O‘ahu’s fresh water supply.

[Resolution 24-216](#) calls for the immediate implementation of weekly testing of all Navy Red Hill monitoring wells and drinking water wells, installation of additional monitoring wells in the west and northwest direction beyond the Red Hill Fuel Facility, and sending the unredacted laboratory reports to the Honolulu Board of Water Supply and the public.

“The U.S. Navy’s slow and inadequate response to reporting the aquifer contamination following the initial and devastating fuel leak into our water supply at Red Hill was unacceptable. We must fully understand if fuel and other contaminants from the Red Hill facility are making their way to our other water sources. Real-time monitoring and reporting are crucial to understanding the underground situation and protecting public health. The Board of Water Supply is making efforts but needs access to the Navy’s well data immediately. This testing and the resulting data are non-negotiable for us at this point.” - Honolulu Council Chair Tommy Waters.

“The Board of Water Supply takes the protection of our precious wai very seriously. We cannot stand by and not insist that the Navy step forward and start weekly testing for TPH and PFAS chemicals. This must be done by an independent third-party contractor. This is our only water source, and it is our kuleana to keep it safe for future generations.” - Honolulu Board of Water Supply Manager & Chief Engineer Ernie Lau.

For updates on the Red Hill Fuel Spill issue, please click on the banner below.

A banner featuring a scenic view of a coastline with mountains and a bay. The text "RED HILL UPDATES" is overlaid in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters with a slight shadow effect.A red rectangular button with the text "VIEW NOW" in white, sans-serif capital letters.

Courtesy: Board of Water Supply, City and County of Honolulu

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill 44 (2024) – Relating to Traffic Safety – Establishing a new speed limit of 20 mph

This bill establishes a new speed limit of 20 mph on City streets within 1,000 feet of schools and on streets that do not currently have established speed limits. Currently, the City only has 15 and 25 mph speed designations. This initiative follows the Legislature's enactment of [Act 180](#), which removed the need for engineering studies to set speed limits near schools. This bill passed First Reading on September 4, 2024, and has been referred to the Transportation Committee for further deliberation.



Bill 52 (2024) – Relating to Electric Bicycles

This bill seeks to increase bike rider, pedestrian, and motorist safety by establishing regulations for the use of electric bicycles, also known as e-bikes. If passed, this bill would create a 3-class system, similar to what is established in 41 other States. The classes categorize e-bikes based on maximum speed, the amount of assistance provided to riders, and where they are allowed to be ridden. This bill passed First Reading on September 4, 2024, and has been referred to the Transportation Committee for further deliberation.

Bill 51 (2024) – Relating to Adaptive Reuse

Intended to comply with [Act 37](#), the State law enacted this past legislative session, this bill would allow for adaptive reuse in Honolulu with provisions to ensure the health and safety for residents living in converted residential units. Act 37 notes that in order to increase its housing supply, Hawai'i should allow mixed commercial and residential uses as a quick and cost-effective way to meet the demand for housing. Bill 51 proposes to amend our City ordinances to require converted residential units to meet certain criteria such as adequate ventilation, evacuation plans, and emergency power systems. This bill passed First Reading on September 4, 2024, and has been referred to the Housing, Sustainability and Health Committee for further deliberation.

Resolution 24-148 – Relating to Development Standards for Apartment and Apartment Mixed-Use Districts

In an effort to address the need for affordable housing on O'ahu, this resolution begins the process to propose changes to existing regulations for the Apartment and Apartment Mixed-Use zoning districts. The intent is to allow for increased density on Apartment and Apartment Mixed-Use lots in order to relieve development pressures in single family zoned neighborhoods/lots. If passed, this would go to the Department of Planning and Permitting and the Planning Commission for processing. This resolution has been referred to the Zoning Committee.

Resolution 24-216 – Urging the Navy and Department of Defense to Implement Weekly Testing of all Navy Red Hill Monitoring Wells and Drinking Water Wells

See press release included in this report for details. This resolution was adopted by the Council at its meeting on September 4, 2024.

COMMUNITY MEETING FOR THE PRIMARY URBAN CENTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Primary Urban Center Development Plan (PUC DP), which covers five City Council Districts (Districts 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8) and nearly 20 neighborhood boards, serves as a policy guide for the establishment of more detailed zoning maps, regulations, and community-oriented plans that direct public policy, investment, and decision-making related to development in the Primary Urban Center, that extends from Kāhala to Pearl City. The PUC DP is undergoing its periodic review and a draft document has been submitted by the Department of Planning and Permitting to the City Council for its approval, via [Bill 24 \(2024\)](#).

As part of its review process, the Council's Committee on Planning and the Economy (P&E) held a series of special committee meetings in the various related Council Districts to receive public input on the plan. The final meeting will be on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at Kawanakoa Middle School Cafeteria. This meeting is for the Council District 6 area that includes: portions of Kaka'ako, Downtown Honolulu, Chinatown, Punchbowl, Papakōlea, Pauoa Valley, Nu'uuanu, Iwilei, Liliha, 'Ālewa Heights, Kalihi, and Kalihi Valley. To view the meeting live or watch previous meetings, visit honolulucitycouncil.org or subscribe to the Council's YouTube at youtube.com/@honolulucitycouncil. Following this district meeting, Bill 24 (2024) will be scheduled for action by the P&E Committee. The community is encouraged to reach out to their Councilmember to work on amendments.