

FROM THE OFFICE OF

SENATOR STANLEY CHANG

East Honolulu Community Newsletter

July 2025



FREE July Events at Your Local Library

The Hawai'i State Public Library System offers free events every month. On July 1, all will celebrate the Year of Our Community Forest from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

‘Āina Haina

5246 Kalani'anaoale Highway

July 9 / 11:00 am – 11:45 am
Performance by taiko master Kenny Endo that blends cultural tradition with innovative artistry!

July 16 / 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Virtual ‘Āina Haina Book Club discussion, bring your own book! Contact the library to register!

Kaimukī

1041 Koko Head Avenue

July 2 / 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
The History of the Sons of Hawai'i, an award-winning documentary about a charismatic band that helped launch the Hawaiian cultural renaissance.

July 9 / 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm
Li'a: The Legacy of a Hawaiian Man, an award-winning documentary that celebrates the music and spirit of Sam Li'a Kalainaina. Suitable for ages 7+.

July 10 / 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Teen Movies Music Mayhem: *Lemonade Mouth*, popcorn and refreshments!

July 13 / 10:30 am – 11:30 am
Join Uncle Tim every Sunday morning for stories, rhymes, songs, bubbles, and small crafts!

July 13 / 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
The Spring Wind Quintet Summer Concert—classical music, popular tunes, and Hawaiian mele!

July 16 / 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Film Screening of *Those Who Came Before: The Musical Journey of Eddie Kamae*, suitable for ages 7+

July 17 / 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Teen Movies Music Mayhem: *Hairspray*, popcorn and refreshments!

July 20 / 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Talk with Jane Marshall Goodsell about the third volume of her beloved “Voices of Hawai'i” anthology.

July 22 / 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Check out Song Jeopardy, and test out your soundtrack knowledge!

July 23 / 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Words, Earth & Aloha: The source of Hawaiian Music, a film honoring the profound role of Hawaiian music.

July 27 / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Grease! Sing-along!
Parental Guidance is suggested.

July 31 / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Teen Movies Music Mayhem: *Step Up 3D*, popcorn and refreshments!

► CALL US

808-586-8420

► EMAIL US

Stanley Chang
Senator, District 9 (D)
senchang@capitol.hawaii.gov

► HANDY CONTACTS

State Pothole Hotline
808-586-7852

City Pothole Hotline
808-768-7777

State Homelessness
gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov
808-586-0193

City Homelessness
complaints@honolulu.gov
808-768-4381

Abandoned Vehicles
808-733-2530

Building Permits
808-768-8000

Poison Control
800-222-1222

Trash Collection
808-768-3200

Street Light Repair
808-768-5300

Domestic Abuse
Hotline
800-799-7233

Public Assistance
Information Line
855-643-1643



Hawai'i State
Public Library System

‘Oihana Hale Waihona Puke Aupuni o ka Moku‘āina o Hawai‘i

Read. Learn. Connect.

Image Credit: Fish Pono



VICTORY FOR OUR REEFS!

We are thrilled to announce that HB 506, supported by Fish Pono, has been signed into law by Governor Green! This important legislation allocates nearly \$5 million to the Department of Land and Natural Resources DOCARE division on O‘ahu. The funding will provide tools like night vision goggles and drones to enforce herbivore fishing regulations. This funding will also combat nighttime poaching and protect critical fish populations that keep our reef healthy.

This law is the result of years of advocacy by Fish Pono and their supporters. It marks a major step toward restoring O‘ahu's overfished reefs. Fish Pono will continue to work with the community and state agencies to promote reef recovery and conservation.

Fish Pono is a community-led organization dedicated to restoring coral reef herbivores (such as the Uhu) and promoting sustainable fishing practices across Hawai‘i. Through advocacy, education, and collaboration with state agencies, Fish Pono works to rebuild a healthy reef ecosystem for generations to come. For more information, visit fishpono.org.

Rising heat, Rising risk

Rising Temperature



Hawaii's rising temperature means we are more susceptible to **heat-related illnesses**.

If left untreated, there can be serious consequences

High-Risk Groups



Keiki



Elderly



Animals



Unsheltered People



Outdoor Workers



Health Conditions

Signs of Illness



Heavy Sweating



Headache & Dizziness



Body Pulses & Cramps



Nausea



Thirst



Irritability



If vomiting or body cramps last over an hour, call 911, it could be a stroke!

Treating Symptoms



Drink lots of water!



Rest in shaded areas



Take a cold shower



Wear wet clothes

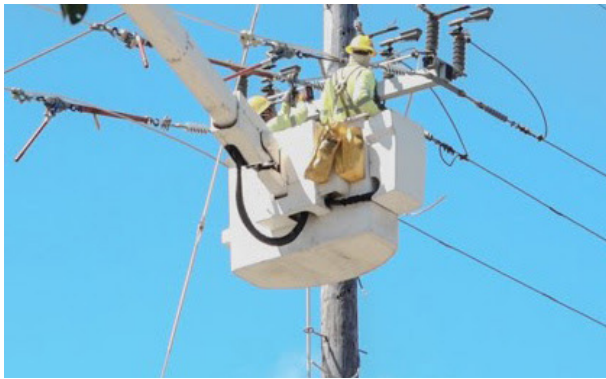


Seek a fan or AC

Image Credit: City and County of Honolulu
Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency

To read more about heat-related illnesses and prevention, please visit the City and County of Honolulu's Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency at resilientoahu.org/keepcooloahu.

Image Credit: Hawaiian Electric



Hawaiian Electric Updates Wildfire Safety Strategy

Hawaiian Electric has presented its updated Wildfire Safety Strategy (WSS), outlining both current safety measures and long-term plans to protect communities from wildfire risks.

Since the devastating August 2023 Maui wildfires, Hawaiian Electric has implemented a series of interim safety actions, many already underway in 2024, to reduce fire risk in high hazard areas. These measures are part of a broader 2025–2027 Wildfire Safety Strategy, which includes community engagement, risk modeling, and compliance efforts.

Some key updates include:

- Power lines will shut off immediately during faults to reduce spark risk.
- Visual inspections before re-energizing lines—may increase outage durations.
- Spotters will be stationed during high-risk weather events like Red Flag Warnings.
- Drones and cameras deployed to enhance real-time monitoring.
- Vegetation management and pole/fire resistance upgrades are still ongoing.

As a last resort during extreme fire weather, Hawaiian Electric may implement Public Safety Power Shutoffs (temporary outages designed to prevent wildfires). These shutoffs would require close coordination with emergency services and affected communities. To strengthen the grid and reduce risk, the company has proposed a \$190 million resilience plan to protect against wildfires, hurricanes, and flooding. The plan is currently awaiting approval and would be funded equally by federal sources and customers.

Image Credit: Hawai'i Public Housing Authority



H Hawai'i
Public
Housing
Authority

Creating a place for our community to call home

HAWAI'I PUBLIC HOUSING APPLICATIONS OPEN!

The Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (HPHA) has announced the notice of multiple Federal Public Housing waiting lists on O'ahu for low-income residents. The waiting list will be open from 8:00 AM on Monday, June 30, 2025, to 4:00 PM on Monday, July 7, 2025. Start your application at hpha.myhousing.com.

Eligibility for each waiting list varies:

- Central O'ahu Elderly and Honolulu Elderly waiting lists: Applicants must be at least 62 years old and/or a person with a disability.
- Honolulu Family waiting list: Open to applicants seeking one or two-bedroom units.
- Leeward O'ahu Family waiting list: Open to applicants seeking one to three-bedroom units.

The HPHA accepts only online pre-applications for its federal public housing program. After submitting a pre-application, you will receive a confirmation number and receipt. The HPHA oversees programs that provide affordable, safe, and sanitary housing for families across the state. Over 45,000 individuals have been housed through the HPHA's efforts, with around 6,400 families currently receiving monthly rental assistance.

To view the eligible housing locations and learn more, visit HPHA at hpha.hawaii.gov/how-to-apply. For questions, contact (808) 832-4679 or hpha@hawaii.gov for more information.

Real Property Taxes Due



Real property taxes are due! The property tax bills will be sent out on **July 20** and are due **August 20**. The treasury accepts three methods of payment: electronic and telephone payment, mail-in checks, and in-person payment.

For electronic check, credit card, or PIN-less debit card, visit honolulu.gov/bfs/property-tax-payments to pay online. To pay via telephone, call **808-825-6819**. A convenience fee will be charged by the service provider.

For mail-in checks, money orders, or official (certified) bank checks, make the check payable to "City and County of Honolulu." Please mail the check to:

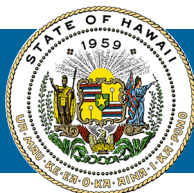
City and County of Honolulu
Real Property Tax Collection
Division of Treasury
P.O. Box 4200
Honolulu, HI 96812-4200

For in-person payment, please visit:

City Hall (Honolulu Hale)
Division of Treasury
530 South King Street, Room 115
Honolulu, HI 96813

This site is open Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 7:50 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. There is also a Curbside Drop Box located outside Honolulu Hale (black/gray box), which is available 24 hours a day. Failure to pay the taxes by the due date will result in a penalty of up to 10%. For each month or fraction thereof, interest will be applied at a rate of 1% and will be applied to all delinquent taxes.

There are also resources for homeowners which can help lower tax costs. Two tax credits are available for homeowners: the Real Property Tax Credit and the Automatic Sprinkler Tax Credit. To apply, ensure you meet all the requirements beforehand. Information can be found for the Real Property Tax Credit at honolulu.gov/bfs/wp-content/uploads/sites/62/2024/07/Real_Property_Tax_Credit_Information_Brochure_2025_-_2026.pdf and for the Automatic Sprinkler Tax Credit honolulu.gov/bfs/wp-content/uploads/sites/62/2024/07/Automatic-Sprinkler-Tax-Credit-Brochure-2025-2026-Final.pdf. Home exemptions may also lower the property tax bill for certain homeowners. To learn more, visit realproperty.honolulu.gov/tax-relief-and-forms/exemptions/home-exemption. For further information and instructions, please visit: honolulu.gov/bfs/treasury-division.



FROM THE OFFICE OF

SENATOR STANLEY CHANG

Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 226
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813