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New Educational Sign unveiled at Kapo'o - Dedication ceremony with representatives from Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea, Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Aquatic Resources "Makai Watch" program, and DLNR Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement. Photo: MPW

# Community Group Partners with State and City To Address Overtourism at Pūpūkea Marine Life Conservation District

If you've been around the North Shore for any length of time, it's hard not to notice the increased traffic and usage of our ever increasingly popular beaches. We went from overtourism to no tourism (lockdown period) and back again to overtourism.

For the next couple of years, the non-profit Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea will be studying the carrying capacity of the Marine Conservation District, originally established in 1983, which extends from the southern end of Waimea Bay to Kalua O Maua (Three Tables) to Kapo'o (tidepools and Sharks Cove) in the north.

"Thanks to the Legislature that passed Act 31, and former Senator Gil Riviere, our organization was awarded the \$280-thousand-dollar contract, and right now we're conducting local surveys, and have hired a technical consulting firm that is looking on the parking, traffic,

septic tanks, and infrastructure, including pathway erosion," said volunteer Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea President Denise Antolini.

"We want to prioritize our local residents who are feeling pushed out, there's a real sense of grieving for what used to be," said Antolini. "Through our survey we'd like to hear more from everyone, we know that some locals avoid the beaches during peak hours, because there's

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so much overcrowding."

At many of the volunteer workdays, most recently at Kapo'o, popularly known as Sharks Cove, the volunteers winced as they observed people stepping on the reefs, with increased tourism and over usage often comes permanent damage, which is why this carry capacity study is so imperative.

"When people are in the water, do fish avoid that area, and do they change their habits? This is called fish avoidance," explained Antolini. "People stepping on live coral reefs, and the coral gets broken, like we're observing now. I think it's due to mostly ignorance, nobody wants to harm the marine life, but nothing teaches them before they get in the water."

A new sign at Kapo'o is replacing the old worn out and barely legible 12-year-old sign. Another new sign will also replace the old worn-out sign at Three Tables, hopefully by the end of the year.

"We want to educate visitors and locals alike to pay attention to coral health, our tide pools, the marine diversity and the human impact," said Antolini, who's group has worked tirelessly with the Department Land and Natural Resources, the City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation and several other state and local agencies to find funding and approval for these educational signs. "A special shout out to the Patagonia Hale'iwa store that gave a generous donation to make the new signs possible."

Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea is hoping through the new signs, which will include a QR code to their website and DLNR's website, they can educate people on pono practices, like how to behave ethically when you're at the ocean, which starts with reef safe sunscreens.

"One day we were out here at Kapo'o and we saw this oily sheen across the shallow part of the tidepools," mentioned a volunteer with a sigh. "We hope with the new signs, at least people will realize what a special place this is and be a better user, so we can protect it."

The new educational signs may not stop all violators, but Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea is hoping it will help to educate those who visit this area to be respectful of this magnificent, but fragile stretch of coastline.

If you would like to participate in the carrying capacity study survey, the QR code will allow you access to share your input. *If you see violations in this Marine Conservation district you're urged to report it at* (808) 643-DLNR or use *the DLNR tip app.* 



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**OFF da Island in Chicago, Illinois** Waialua resident Mary Wood pictured here at Soldiers Field for the Chicago Bears (28) - Denver Broncos (31) game. "Bear down, Chicago Bears!"

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Nexamp and Melink Solar Development are holding a community meeting to share information about Kaukonahua Solar + Sheep Farm, a proposed community-based renewable energy project in Waialua.

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Kaukonahua Solar will generate clean power, build grid resilience, and offer discounted electricity to low- and moderate-income residents. The in-person meeting will address community-based renewable energy, how it works, and the benefits for communities.

Monday, December 18, 2023

🕑 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

🖄 Waialua Elementary School Cafeteria 67-020 Waialua Beach Road, Waialua, HI

To learn more, visit: nexamp.com/kaukonahua-road-solar

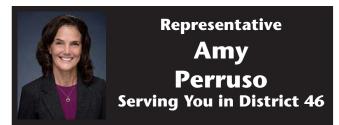
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#### <sup>(</sup>Āina Aloha Economic Futures and the 2024 Legislative Session

In a world facing the urgent crises of climate change, social inequity, economic instability and deeply traumatizing levels of violence, the 'Āina Aloha Economic Futures Declaration offers a beacon of hope. This collaborative work not only calls for change; it demands a reimagining of Hawaii's social fabric, with Native Hawaiian culture and values as guiding stars. It is a comprehensive blueprint for a sustainable, just, and resilient Hawai'i that cherishes its land, water, oceans, skies, and biodiversity not as mere resources but as sacred trusts.

At the heart of this declaration is the understanding that the 'āina is more than land, and that it is to be served with reverence and care. This traditional wisdom, 'ike kūpuna, is not just ancestral knowledge; it is a sophisticated ecological intelligence critical for our survival. In recognizing this, we must also acknowledge the injustices wrought upon 'Ōiwi Hawai'i, whose rights to water and land have been historically trampled. Rectifying these wrongs is not an act of charity; it is a restoration of balance, an imperative for environmental vibrancy and community cohesion.

To embrace 'āina aloha is to commit to an economy that sustains rather than depletes, that regenerates rather than exploits. This means fostering local food production and energy sustainability. It means cultivating a circular economy where economic growth does not ravage the environment but enriches it. This paradigm shift is not just possible; it is necessary. It requires a housing market that prioritizes residents, not investors; an economy that values meaningful work with livable wages; and leadership that prioritizes long-term ecological and social health over short-term profit and power.

The Huliau Action Agenda is not shy in calling for a transformation in tourism, proposing a regenerative model that respects Hawaiian cultural integrity, sustains local communities, and commits to environmental stewardship. Visitors must become participants in this ecosystem, embracing their kuleana to the islands from the moment they arrive.

Yet, 'Āina Aloha vision goes beyond environmental stewardship and cultural respect. It encompasses a society where ho'okipa is genuine and reciprocal, where 'ohana and communities can engage in traditional practices without hindrance, where public spaces are safe and accessible, and where economic systems support a regenerative and zero-waste lifestyle. It envisions a community where healthcare, education, and technology are accessible to all, where transportation is clean and efficient, and where housing is both affordable and sustainable.

This document also rightly calls for leadership that listens, supports, and acts—not for personal gain but for the collective future. Leaders must ensure that kānaka maoli legal and inherent rights are not just acknowledged but fully realized, recognizing that their well-being is inseparable from the health of the islands.

In this spirit, the Huliau Action Agenda challenges us to seek alternative economic paradigms, ones that value the health of our communities and our environment over fiscal metrics. It urges us to foster small agricultural entities, to develop energy and waste policies that empower self-reliance, and to create incentives for businesses that are community-owned and environmentally regenerative.

The 'Āina Aloha declaration is a profound call to action (<u>www.ainaalohafutures.com/</u>). It asks us to look back at the wisdom of those who came before us and to chart a course forward that honors and sustains this wisdom. The world is watching, and it is time for Hawai'i to lead the way as we move into 2024.







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Aloha Neighbors,

I want to first thank the Mayor for releasing our budget ads for the Kahuku pool (\$1.5 million) and the additional lifeguard positions (\$1.3 million). By releasing the funds, the City can begin the planning process for the pool and begin filling the permanent positions in Ocean Safety.

I am excited to share that Bill 46 (2023), which aims to curb youth tobacco use, has passed third reading at Council and was recently signed by the Mayor. Flavored tobacco and nicotine products are particularly attractive to our keiki, with 1 in 3 high school students regularly using electronic cigarettes. In light of this statistic, I co-introduced this measure with Chair Waters, in hopes that this legislation will benefit our youth in North Shore O'ahu as well as across our island. I am grateful for the leadership and advocacy of our youth that helped push Bill 46 over the finish line.

Honolulu City Council Passes Bill 46 (2023)

Fire safety and disaster preparedness is another pressing concern that has become increasingly important for our communities. With the recent Maui wildfire event and the wildfires in Hale'iwa, Mililani, Wahiawa, and elsewhere, it is clear that we have an urgent need for comprehensive emergency preparedness. Therefore, I co-introduced an Emergency Preparedness Legislative Package with several of my colleagues:

1. RES 23-239, co-introduced with Council Chair Waters, would initiate a charter amendment to add certain minimum qualifications for the Director of Emergency Management.

2. RES 23-240, co-introduced with Budget Chair Cordero, requests the City Administration to present annual budgetary recommendations for long-term emergency preparedness.

3. RES 23-241, co-introduced with Public Safety Chair Okimoto, requests the City Administration to establish a working group to provide recommendations on long-term emergency preparedness within the context of residential housing.

This package is not only about responding to disasters; it's about anticipating and planning for them, and ensuring our community's safety and resilience. As we take strides to be proactive, I do want to mahalo our first responders who are already working overtime. Constituents from across our district have reached out about various fire hazards and concerns, and Honolulu Fire Department's Inspection Team have been responsive and diligent in responding to every issue that has been raised.

Bill 47 (2023), co-introduced by Councilmember Radiant Cordero and myself, also passed the full Council. This bill would add manufactured compostables, such as the takeout containers we get from restaurants that say compostable, to the items we can place in our green collection bins for rubbish pickup. By allowing green waste, food waste, and other compostable items to be collected, we can reduce the burden on our landfills and create a more sustainable waste stream.

I always appreciate hearing from you. Please email me at <u>mweyer@honolulu.gov</u> or call our office at 808-768-5002 if you have any concerns or ideas about how to support and uplift our community.



Councilmember Weyer, Mayor, Public Health Advocates and youth from Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii Youth Council



### North Shore Community Supports New First Responder Facilities: Sharks Cove Among Proposed Locations

By Larry McElheny & Denise Antolini Particulary given the rash of wildfires and brush fires recently in Mililani and on the North Shore, the increasingly long distances through congested traffic for residents to reach medical care, and the large numbers of residents and visitors who enjoy the North Shore for recreation and ocean sports, the North Shore desperately needs more emergency and disaster response services located throughout our rural communities.

Some good news! City agencies and community leaders are joining together to support new and upgraded ambulance and lifeguard facilities on the North Shore. With your support and help from our community and elected officials – the Mayor, the City Council, and State Legislature – we can make this dream for more and better first responder facilities a reality. The momentum has already started.

At the September 26, 2023 meeting of the North Shore Neighborhood Board, Dr. Jim Ireland, Director of Honolulu Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department, provided a brief written update on the lack of ambulance services on the North Shore (through the Mayor's representative Matt Gonser). For the Sunset/ Pūpūkea area, the nearest ambulance stations are 20-45 minutes away – in Kahuku, Waialua, and Wahaiwa. Every minute counts in a medical emergency. More coverage is desperately needed to complement the front-line emergency services provided by our valiant Honolulu Fire Department stations.

Also at the Neighborhood Board meeting, Chief John Titchen of the Honolulu Ocean Safety and Lifeguard Services Division (Ocean Safety) provided an inperson presentation, handout, and answered questions about the vital services provided by the North Shore lifeguards and the urgent need for better facilities. As Chief Titched pointed out, our amazing City Lifeguards are the primary responders on the beaches and in the nearshore waters (out to 1 mile) for O'ahu, covering 227 miles of coastline. Ocean Safety handles 3,000 rescues annually, 1.4 million preventative actions, 40 drownings, and 100 CPR cases. With 287 water safety officers, 42 towers, 8 rescue ski teams, 8 mobile units (trucks), Ocean Safety has only one permanent facility on O'ahu (in the fomer Hau'ula Fire Station).

Did you know that the North Shore Ocean Safety District is geographically huge? It runs from the Kāne'ohe side of the Mōkapu Peninsula around Kahuku Point all the way to Ka'ena Point! The North Shore locations have seen a 33-40% increase since 2013 in attendance, preventative actions, and rescues. As Chief Tichen showed through photos, of particular urgency is the relocation of the "Rock Piles" lifeguard base station, located in a dilapidated beach house condemned years ago by the City, functioning as a base

station for this vast district only through the grit and determination of our amazing North Shore Lifeguards.

The City's discussions with the community about a new joint first responder location for ambulance and lifeguards started back in March when Dr. Ireland and Chief Titchen initiated discussion with the Sunset Beach Community Association (SBCA) at the March 18, 2023 meeting about possible locations in the Sunset/Pūpūkea area. SBCA passed a motion 22-0 to ask our Councilmember Matt Weyer to initiate discussions to acquire and locate this new center on the property across from Sharks Cove, the site of a proposed 34,500 sf commercial tourist mall. The services could include a new lifeguard station and space for EMS and other first responders (such as police and DOCARE), and low-impact goverment services and spaces that directly serve the local community's medical, safety, and disaster response needs.

Based on the SBCA's prior support, the Neighborhood Board passed a motion noting that our community "deeply appreciate[s] the service of these fine men and women and wish them to have the best facilities to serve our North Shore community and our island," and recognizing the urgent need and desire:

1. For HESD to establish a new ambulance station between Hale'iwa and Kahuku, and;

2. For Ocean Safety to:

a. retain and enhance all current Ocean Safety facilities between Hale'iwa and Kahuku;

b. to relocate as soon as possible from the inadequate and unsafe Ocean Safety "office" at Rock Piles; and,

c. create a modern Ocean Safety Center on the North Shore, ideally in proximity to the existing Fire Station such as the location across from Shark's Cove.

The Neighborhood Board concluded that it:

1. Strongly supports a new North Shore ambulance station;

2. Strongly supports new North Shore Ocean Safety stations;

3. Encourages the City to engage the North Shore community in the planning and site selection of these stations that should also have space for other first responder, resilience, and disaster services;

4. Requests Councilmember Weyer in collaboration with the City Council, the Mayor, HESD, and Ocean Safety, and other City departments, to immediately initiate the process for planning and appraisal of priority locations for North Shore HESD and Ocean Safety; and,

5. Requests a report back to the North Shore Neighborhood Board on progress by December 31, 2023.

These two strong endorsements by the North Shore community should inspire the Mayor, City Council, and potential partners to urgently continue the community engagement and planning process for EMS and Ocean Safety state-of-the-art "hub and satellite" facilities that serve the entire North Shore and provide compatible open space for disaster resilience services when needed.

#### Why Is Sharks Cove an Ideal Location?

The parcels across from Sharks Cove currently owned by a private developer Hanapohaku LLC are ideally located for a first responder center: with the Pūpūkea Fire Station across the street, a cluster of co-located emergency services at this central point between Hale'iwa and Kahuku would put ambulances at mid-point to our two nearest hospitals and give the lifeguards a strategic location mid-point to its North Shore towers with a full view of the ocean.

The current owner, Hanapohaku LLC, has a different vision, however, for this property. The development company is proposing to build the largest-ever commercial "Rare North Shore Oahu Retail development and destination center" on the North Shore – 34,500 square feet (larger than the Hale'iwa Store Lots built by Kamehameha Schools). In our view, the project is designed to attract and profit primarily from tourism even though the site is zoned "B-1 Neighborhood Commercial," that is, it must "serve the daily retail and other business needs of the surrounding population." The Save Sharks Cove Alliance is continuing efforts to ensure the law is followed and enforce a 2021 settlement agreement that followed a lawsuit challenging the Special Management Area (SMA) permit for this project.

On November 1, 2023, unfortunately, the developer secured City Council approval for a third extension to obtain development permits for this major commercial development. We are proud that our City Councilmember Matt Weyer voted "No" on this unwarranted extension, which over 130 people wrote testimony to oppose.

Which proposed vision for this property - directly across from the Pūpūkea Marine Life Conservation District - better serves the needs of our community? What do you think? We hope the residents of the North Shore community will make their voices heard as the Mayor and City Council look at these alternative futures for supporting a resilient North Shore!

You can add your support by signing the petition on the Save Sharks Cove Alliance web page (<u>https://savesharkscovealliance.org/</u>) at this link: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9FMGMBP</u>.

Mahalo!





Dear Doctor, "How can I be better prepared for a natural disaster like the fire in Lahaina?"

Along with some of the other providers within the Queen's Health System, I have gone to Lahaina, Maui, to assist with medical and behavioral health care after the fire there. In talking with numerous survivors at the hotels and in the clinic, several "I wish I had" themes have surfaced:

**1. Have a list of "critical" information in your wallet or cell phone.** Many Lahaina fire survivors escaped with only the clothes on their backs and a cell phone. People's reliance on the internet for information was lost without cell reception. Create a note tab on your phone or have a piece of paper in your wallet with significant numbers, contacts, and your medication list. Although cell phones are great, they are useless without the ability to charge them after a disaster. The "old school" written list of medications and emergency contacts in the wallet still works!

**2. Have a pre-determined family evacuation plan.** HIEMA and other disaster relief organizations recommend having an evacuation plan for different scenarios: fire, hurricanes, tsunamis, etc. Patients repeatedly told me how they wished their family knew to go to X's house outside their home community in case of a disaster and communication lines went down. That way, eventually, all of your family members will make their way to that place after a disaster, even if your family cannot communicate during/after the disaster itself.

**3. Get to know your neighbors.** As time has gone on, many of our neighborhoods have unfamiliar new faces. Organize a potluck and get to know who lives around you. Figure out what neighbors may need help with transportation/evacuating and where their family members can be found. I have heard numerous stories about "young" neighbors purposely seeing out "older" neighbors to help them evacuate during the fire.

**4. Get involved with local disaster preparation.** Work with our neighborhood board and your neighbors to develop an improved disaster response plan. Our North Shore Neighborhood Board has a Health and Emergency Preparedness Committee that is always looking for more volunteers to assist in disaster preparation!

There is a ton of work to be done after a disaster, and by working on the items above, our community can be better prepared for possible disasters in the future. Preparation starts at home!

Dr. Nash Witten is a Board Certified Family Medicine physician at the Queen's Health Care Centers Hale'iwa, located at 66-125 Kamehameha Hwy., Haleiwa, HI 96712. The clinic is accepting new patients, call 808-691-8501 to schedule an appointment. Submit questions to the doctors at nsnaskthedoctor@gmail.com.



North Shore Chamber of Commerce News

#### HALEIWA CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL

The 2nd Annual Haleiwa Christmas Tree Lighting Festival will take place on Saturday, December 2nd, at the North Shore Marketplace. The event is free to the public.

Bring the ohana for family fun and to see the Haleiwa Town Christmas Tree light up once again to mark the start of the holiday season! Keiki can enjoy face painting, (paper) snowball fights, tasty snacks, pictures with Santa, and more! Adults can check out our food vendors, listen to lovely Christmas carols sung by members of the North Shore Christian Fellowship, and more.

#### HALEIWA CHRISTMAS PARADE

The North Shore Chamber of Commerce is excited to share in the holiday season with you at our Haleiwa Christmas Parade this year on Friday, December 8th starting at 6pm! The Parade will take its usual route, starting at Weed Circle and concluding at Haleiwa Beach Park. We encourage you to bring chairs and a mat and line the streets to enjoy this beloved Haleiwa holiday tradition.

Parade applications will be accepted until November 17th. Contact Erica Lehmkuhl, Parade Coordinator, at (808) 723-0953 or Daysia Basilio-Chun, Administrative Assistant, at (808) 637-4558 or info@gonorthshore.org.

#### MELE KALIKIMAKA - ANNUAL CHAMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year the North Shore Chamber of Commerce will be honoring Denise Antolini, president of Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea. We will also be announcing the winners of our Annual Community Awards. This year's theme is "Happy Hawaiian Holidays".

The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 16th, at Waimea Valley's Pikake Pavilion with festivities to start at 6pm. Christmas Party tables and individual seats are still available for sale, with dinner covered in your cost. Tables and seats can be purchased online at www.gonorthshore.org, or requested at and returned to our Chamber office.

Festivities include our award ceremony, ugly sweater contest, silent and live auction, and more! We hope to see you there in your best aloha Christmas attire to celebrate the holiday season.

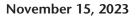
To request the table form, donate to our Silent and Live Auction, or request information, please contact the Chamber office at (808) 637-4558 or info@gonorthshore.org. Our office hours are 10am-4pm every weekday.



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## NORTH SHORE, HAWAI'I 2023 DECEMBER 8–20, 2023 VANSPIPEMASTERS.COM

Vans, the original action sports brand, is proud to present the Vans Pipe Masters, December 8 - 20, 2023 on the North Shore of Oahu.

Last year's inaugural event saw Balaram Stack (USA) and Molly Picklum (Australia) take the respective wins, with Balaram declaring afterwards that Pipeline, "gave me something that I don't know if I'll top for the rest of my career." The return of the specialty event will see the world's best tuberiders face off in surfing's Colosseum. With 40 men and 20 women, hand-picked by Vans, taking to the Pipeline this December in the latest installment of the enduring love affair between Vans and the North Shore of Oahu.

"I've got a photo of my dad wearing Vans Classics on the North Shore that he got for winning the contest in '66, so Vans and surf contests in Hawaii go way back," says Vans Surf lifer Nathan Fletcher. "My memories of coming to Hawaii as a kid are of Steve Van Doren at Pipe and Triple Crown, flipping burgers in a checkered apron. It's cool to see that legacy continue with the Pipe Masters."

Vans remains committed to giving back to the North Shore community wherever possible, incorporating the art of local artist Solomon Robert Nui Enos into the event rollout, and supporting grassroots Hawaiian organizations like Na Kama Kai, Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii, and North Shore Community Land Trust.

Half (30) of the invitees into the Vans Pipe Masters are Hawaii residents and Native Hawaiians, continuing the legacy of Hawaii surfers performing on the world stage at their hallmark wave.

Furthermore, Vans proudly offers equal prize money for men and women. International surfers like Noa Deane, Harry Bryant, Taichi Wakita, Mikey February, Sierra Kerr, locals Barron Mamiya, Maluhia Kinimaka, Kaulana Apo, and Moana Jones-Wong, and global superstars like the brothers Florence have equal opportunity to compete for the \$420,000 prize purse and lift the hallowed Vans Pipe Masters trophy.

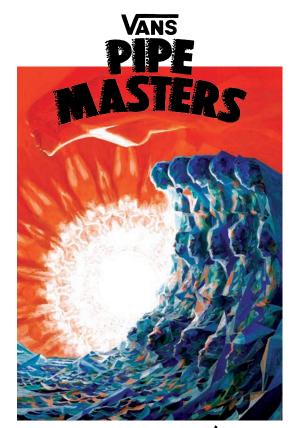
"Trophies aren't everything, but certain trophies

ignite memories of certain stories and that's my proudest one," said Molly Picklum, reflecting on lifting last year's prize.

The Vans Pipe Masters features an innovative leaderboard format, where competitors surf three rounds in search of their top three highest-scored rides. The top four male and top four female surfers advance to the finals for a shot at taking home the hallowed trophy.

As a brand rooted in youth culture, Vans understands our responsibility to protect the environment in which surfing comes to life for future generations. As part of this responsibility, Vans will partner once again with Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii for the event's on-site waste diversion program. Having partnered with Vans for over 8 years, Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i supports Vans' objective of increasing environmental and social responsibility in our events. From this partnership, the 2022 Vans Pipe Masters successfully diverted 814 lbs, or 79% of all waste generated onsite, from being sent to landfills or incineration.

For more information about Vans Pipe Masters and how to watch this year's contest, visit vanspipemasters.com.



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Surfer: 2022 Vans Pipe Masters Men's Champion Balaram Stack Photo: Vans/JimmieCane



*Surfer: Makaha's Puamakamae Desoto taking a Backdoor drop enroute to the final of the 2022 Vans Pipe Masters Photo: Vans/JimmiCane* 

### Hale'iwa Surf Shop a Community Hub

By Noah Grodzin & Rain Magyar Partners Rain Magyar and surfboard manufacturer Steve Matthews from 3rd Stone opened the Hale'iwa Surf Shop a few years ago. The shop is located across from Hale'iwa Ali'i beach park in the original Dr. Miyasaki doctors office which was hand built in 1937, by the doctor himself. The surf shop offers both new and used surfboards, beach rentals, one of a kind tees, and locally made gifts. In the front yard sits a foosball and ping pong table. Kind of like the old Hale'iwa surf center, anyone is welcome to stop by to play a game.

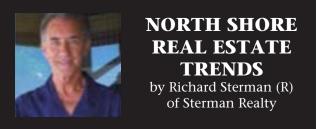
Rain first visited the North Shore as a child, he recalls meeting Marvin Foster, and felt an inspiration to become a surfer like Mr. Foster. Rain said he'll never forget the bit of advice Marvin told him, to never turn your back to the ocean. In 1990 fresh out of high School, Rain moved to the North Shore from San Diego. While living on the North Shore he supported himself by working at the old Hale'iwa Pizza Hut, working with the local aunties he learned the ways of North Shore country living. He said "the 90's on the North Shore was like the Wild West. You had to have respect for the Hawaiian ways." After a few years in town Rain eventually returned to Hale'iwa to settle down and raise a family.

The surf shop participates in beach cleanups and is also an educational stop for anyone just passing through. Rain and Steve want the shop to be a hub for the local keiki to get excited about surfing or a place to ask for advice or talk story. Surfboards are available for the local keiki to sign out and go for a surf. Also, donated used surfboards are given to any young local inspired surfer who may need a board to ride.

The Hale'iwa Surf Shop is more than just a surf shop, with all the historic magazines and the Hale'iwa Surfing Championship plaque gives it a feel of a North Shore Surf Hall of Fame. One thing Rain would want people to know about the surf shop is their pursuit to celebrate the past, present, and future of Hawaii surfing!



Hale'iwa Surf Shop



#### "FINALLY - a Drop in Interest Rates"

After a "less hawkish" Federal Reserve meeting where rates remained unchanged, the 10 year treasuries dropped this week enough to cause mortgage rates to also drop - from a year high of 8% back below 7.5%.

With inflation cooling, unemployment inching up and fears of a recession starting to creep back into the markets - I expect this 'Trend' of lower interest rates to continue. December 13th is the next Fed meeting and this downward pressure on rates could continue.

What does this mean for you? Well - if you're looking to buy, it could mean a lower mortgage payment and this could be the right time to "make that move!"

If you already own a home and want to sell to buy up - but don't want to give up your low interest rate loan ... There are ways to make this work. Just give me a call for a free consultation and you can go back to your neighborhood Realtor and see if my suggestions will work.

Also - don't give up if you are renting. Buying a home in this market might be easier than you think and note the benefits:

-Once you own, there's nobody waiting to raise your rent.

-Even if the monthly payment is a bit high right now - you get to deduct all the interest and then, when rates do come down (as I'm suggesting they will) you can always Re-Fi at a lower rate!

-There is a reason for the old saying, "Don't keep paying your landlord's mortgage!"

-And you'll also have 'Pride of Ownership', build equity over the years and build your family wealth.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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# BANZAI NORTH SHORE WIRELESS

#### WAIALUA AQUATIC TEAM WINS RIBBONS

Thirteen north shore boys and girls ages 7-16 competed at the Department of Parks and Recreation city-wide swim meet on Saturday, November 4th at the Palolo pool. The Waialua Aquatic Team (WAT) started practicing twice per week at the Waialua pool in June and for most of the swimmers, this was their first swimming competition ever. There were eleven teams from around the island with over 100 swimmers total in attendance. The city-wide meets take place in April and November. The Waialua team entered 15 of the 31 individual events and won 10 ribbons. Congratulations to all, coaches and swimmers! Here are the Waialua Aquatic Team ribbon winners: Lincoln Barels 6th place 50yd freestyle 12/u

Evanita Beins 2nd place 25yd freestyle 10/u

Delilah Berko 1st place 25yd kick and 3rd place 25yd freestyle 8/u

Jacob Cashman 1st place 50yd freestyle 17/u

Oona Murphy 2nd place 25yd kick and 4th place 25yd freestyle 8/u

Gordy Sells 3rd place 25yd kick and 5th place 25yd freestyle 8/u

Naia Thornburg-Homcy 6th place 25yd freestyle 10/u

#### HALEIWA'S SHION CRAWFORD WINS WSL SUNSET

Shion Crawford claimed the World Surf League (WSL) victory at The Hawaiian Islands Present the Sunset Pro, a Hawaii/Tahiti Nui Qualifying Series (QS) 1,000. Four-to-six foot waves provided moments of magic throughout finals day that witnessed local surfer Crawford capitalize on opportunities. "It feels really good and I'm just super stoked, kind of speechless right now," said Crawford..."Our bracket was pretty stacked and I just needed to do my surfing." Crawford did not lose a single heat and said his confidence level was sparked enough to win the next event. Haleiwa Beach Park will be the venue starting November 26th through December 7th. Congrats to Maui's Nora Liotta who took out the women's division. These surfers are hoping to qualify to surf in the newly created "Challenger" series to get on the big world tour. More information www.worldsurfleague. <u>com</u> .

#### **NORTH SHORE SURF SCHEDULE**

Surfing on the North shore has changed since the "Triple Crown" went away due to schedule changes and ownership changes. A company owned the name

Pipeline (Pipeline International) (https://pipelinegear. com) and Vans owned the name "Pipeline Masters" so now Vans is doing the Pipe Masters (https://pipemasters. vans.com/) (December 8-20, 2023) which is not on the regular World Surf League Tour. The WSL is running two qualifying, WQS, 1000 point events now, the Sunset Pro and Haleiwa Pro. These events do not have equal men to women in them but the Vans Pipe Masters does. Haleiwa starts November 26th. 2023 for the 2024 season and then the WSL World Tour or WCT tour starts for 2024 at Pipeline. The WSL World Tour is what decides the "world champion" for that tour. The International Surfing Association and World Surf League hui in together to run events that determine the Olympic qualifiers. The 2024 summer Olympic event is a French event and will be run in Tahiti at Teahupo'o, French Polynesia, in July. Yes it's confusing! Hope I got it all right. Check the sites for information and good luck to all our pro surfers as they navigate and try to be champions in an ever changing playing field. For schedule of all the events go to the City site. https://www.honolulu.gov/ parks/program/182-site-dpr-cat/21046-north-shore-shorewater-event-information.html FYI the rules are changing for producers in January so that will change things to come!



Local surfer Shion Crawford wins the World Surf League (WSL) at The Hawaiian Islands Present the Sunset Pro and Maui's Nora Liotta wins the women's division. Congratulations! Photo: WSL

### Shaping Our Future Healthcare Heroes: Inspiring Experiences from Kahuku High School Health Learning Center Students

By Erika Allred

Kahuku Medical Center has long been a beacon of healthcare excellence, and now it's igniting the flames of passion in the hearts of Kahuku High School students looking to embark on their medical careers. As part of Kahuku High School's Health Learning Center, these capstone students have been job shadowing in the different departments at Kahuku Medical Center. Through this transformative job shadowing experience these aspiring healthcare professionals have discovered the diversity and compassion that define the medical field. Here, they share their insights and gratitude for this invaluable opportunity.

Maya Maki: Paving the Path to Pre-Med Excellence Maya Maki, an aspiring pre-med student, shares her excitement: "Getting the experience to look into future careers that interest me is really amazing. Having the chance to talk and work with medical professionals at Kahuku Medical Center gives me support and reassurance for my next steps in pre-med. I feel very fortunate to get an early introduction into multiple fields in the hospital, it gives me an upper hand in finding my true passions."

Leiana Dewey: Expanding Horizons in Healthcare Leiana Dewey knew she wanted to pursue a career in healthcare, but Kahuku Medical Center broadened her perspective: "I have always known I wanted to pursue a career in health care, and Kahuku Medical Center has helped to expand my knowledge of different fields and where specifically I can make the biggest impact. I now have interests in Physical therapy and general nursing that I wouldn't have considered if not for this opportunity."

Elena Vaka: Gaining Invaluable Experience Elena Vaka's gratitude shines through as she reflects on her experience: "I am really grateful for the opportunity to be able to job shadow at Kahuku Medical Center. I have been able to shadow in several different departments and be able to see what each department does. These experiences will be able to help me for my future in the medical field."

Mayette Pahulu: A Vision for the Future Mayette Pahulu is drawn to a future as a travel nurse and shares her enthusiasm: "I really enjoy gaining some first-hand experience in the healthcare field. I was able to watch a young patient receive sutures after a fall and was very intrigued throughout the whole process. I want to be able to make my community a safer and healthier place."

Kahiwalani Kahalepuna: Making a Positive Impact Kahiwalani Kahalepuna emphasizes the rewarding aspect of healthcare: "Job shadowing in the medical field is an amazing experience. It feels great to be part of a community that helps others and makes a positive impact on people's lives. I am very grateful to be a part of this experience."

Cream Jiteak: A Comprehensive Understanding Cream Jiteak gained insights into the hospital's operations: "So far during our job shadowing at Kahuku Medical Center, I have gained a comprehensive understanding of how the hospital works, this including both the patient care and the business aspect. This experience has allowed me to explore my options in the healthcare industry and broaden my perspective on different jobs and responsibilities in the field."

Mercel Joaquin: Impacting the Community Mercel Joaquin highlights the importance of social services in healthcare: "I was able to create schedules for patients after recovery, talked to their insurance companies, and confirmed their next place of residency. Another thing I found interesting about social services was that they took care of a couple of homeless patients who had no home or shelter to go back to after recovery."

Josey Mouritsen: A Deepened Appreciation for Healthcare Josey Mouritsen shares her gratitude: "I've had the chance to observe and learn directly from healthcare professionals in action, every experience I've gained has been eye-opening and deepened my appreciation for the medical field and the professionals that work within the hospital."

Leones Dewane: A Community That Cares Leones Dewane expresses his appreciation for Kahuku Medical Center's mission: "Kahuku Medical Center's mission is to provide quality healthcare and promote wellness in our community in a professional, caring, culturally sensitive, and financially responsible manner. I wouldn't hesitate to say that our community deeply cares for us as they give us this wonderful opportunity."

These students' testimonials underscore the profound impact of job shadowing at Kahuku Medical Center, igniting their passion for healthcare and inspiring them to make a positive difference in their community. This experience is not only shaping their careers but also strengthening the healthcare workforce of tomorrow.



Kahuku High School Health Learning Students

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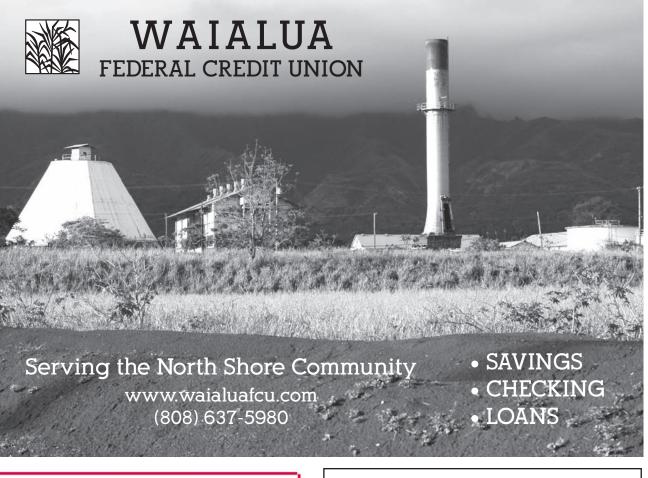
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Gymnastics presentation 6:00 p - 6:45 pTake a free picture with Santa 6:45 p - 7:45 pFree craft make and take activities 6:45 p - 8:00 pVolunteers are needed.

For more information, please call 638-7213





# Waimea Valley's Entrepreneurship Program Celebrates Year One Businesses

By Pelly Shaw

The name of the program is Kūkulu I Ka Waiwai, which translates to Building Wealth. Its intention is to increase the number of locally owned businesses, aligned with values that support inner wealth while creating outer wealth. In the Hawaiian worldview, wealth, or waiwai, means to be "rich" in many ways, like having good relationships and connection to 'āina.

"It's always been my dream to own a kava business," said Ava Taesali, owner of Kava Queen. "The business program helped me with vendor opportunities to grow my sales," she said.

Ava has been able to take Kava Queen full-time, transitioning from a six-day workweek to setting her own schedule. "To me," said Ava, "wealth is time, and just being able to live, to go to the beach, or explore the mountains, and have enough money to do that."

Kūkulu I Ka Waiwai emphasizes self-sufficiency and Hawaiian cultural values.

Beekeeper, Katie Metzger, said that the program helped her move forward with clear intention. "Kuleana resonates with me. We're all here to actualize our potential, to make the experience of living on this planet better for everyone," she said. Katie owns Hānai Hives and helps people in the community get into beekeeping.

"A big vision of this project," said Business Incubator Manager, Kristien Alquero, "is to help kama'āina design their waiwai life through their businesses. We're asking people to define what success means to them."

To Charzelle Flynn, a home-schooling parent, success means contributing to her family and having control over her time and lifestyle. Charzelle is the founder of Flow Tahitian Dance, offering classes at Waimea Valley every Monday.

"Being in the program helped me transform what was just an idea in my head into reality. It set me up with the tools I needed to make my ideas manifest," she said.

Kristien said, "A highlight for me is seeing people declare what they want to create in the world and then witnessing them turn their inspired ideas into reality."

"It has been a pleasure to see everyone's progress over the last year," said Waimea Valley Executive Director, Richard Pezzulo. "We are looking forward to meeting another group of motivated individuals and supporting their start-ups."

Waimea Valley is accepting applicants for cohort two, beginning January 10, 2024. Applications are due on November 19. Participants can look forward to guidance on how to launch and manage a business, with a community of other passionate entrepreneurs.

Apply & learn more here: waimeavalley.net/business.

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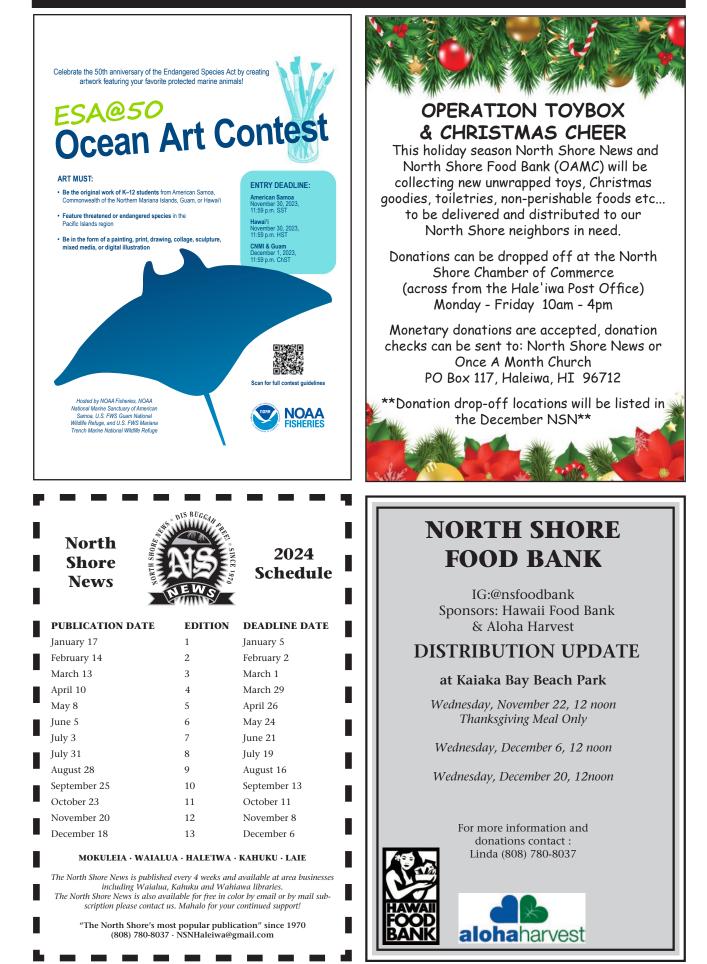
### Turtle Bay Foundation 10th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Mahalo nui loa to our sponsors, golfers, and everyone who participated in the 10th Annual

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