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Mayor's State of the City Photo Courtesy of City and County of Honolulu

Mayor Blangiardi Announces a "Transformative" North Shore First Responder Center at Sharks Cove!

To kick off his second four-year Council, the Mayor's cabinet memterm, Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi delivered his fifth State of the City address on Tuesday March 18 with a huge announcement for the North Shore. He declared the City's intent to purchase the parcels across from Sharks Cove for the future North Shore First Responder Center. He described the project as "transformative for our North Shore communities."

The bold announcement sparked loud applause from the crowded auditorium of dignitaries, which included Governor Josh Green, Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke, the entire City

bers, and Senator Brian Schatz. Although rumors had swirled for weeks that the landowner was interested in selling the parcels next to Foodland in a friendly negotiation with the City, the Mayor's dramatic announcement made the dream for a first responder center miles closer to becoming a reality.

Here is the Mayor's statement:

"For decades, our lifegauards have saved countless lives despite being asked to do more with less, especially when it came to facilities. And our commitment to the men and women of Ocean Safety is to upend

that status quo in our second term. So in addition to Ocean Safety's new Windward Operation Center in Kailua, we anticipate spending millions of dollars over the next four years on the planning, design, and construction of improvements to existing Ocean Safety facilities as well as on the construction of new facilities -- including one very special facility on the North Shore.

After countless conversations with community members, public safety officials, and City Council Vice Chair Matt Weyer, we are anouncing toContinued from page 1

night our intent to purchase a highly coveted piece of land across the street from Sharks Cove for the creation of a world-class first responder hub.

Now these plans are subject to a negotiated sales price with the current landowner but this facility will be transformative for our North Shore communities.

The proposed first responder hub would serve as a base of operations for our North Shore lifeguards, and it will feature a brand new ambulance station, dramatically reducing emergency response times.

I want to thank . . . the members of the community who fought so hard to make this happen! I look forward to working with you. I know you thought it would never happen - I look foward to working with you, our Council, and our lifeguards to execute this vision."

Council Vice Chair Matt Weyer commented: "I look forward to working with the Mayor and his team to make this project a reality. With the support of my Council colleagues, acquisition funds would be available in July."

Look forward to updates in the North Shore News.

Mayor Blangiardi Announces 2025 Town Hall Meetings Across O'ahu

Mayor Rick Blangiardi is pleased to announce the City and County of Honolulu's 2025 Town Hall Meetings schedule, continuing the tradition of open dialogue with residents across O'ahu. Now in its third consecutive year, this series of town halls provides an opportunity for the public to engage directly with the Mayor and his leadership team on issues that matter most to their communities.

"These town halls have been an invaluable way to hear directly from our residents and to share the work we are doing to address their concerns," said Mayor Blangiardi. "Transparency and accessibility are key pillars of our administration, and we look forward to meaningful discussions that help shape the future of our city."

Mayor Blangiardi, and directors and deputy directors from more than 25 City departments will attend all meetings. Town Hall Meeting Schedule:

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, April 10	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Hale'iwa Gym
Thursday, April 24	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Mililani High School
Thursday, May 1	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Kahuku High School
Thursday, May 8	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Castle High School
Thursday, May 22	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Radford High School
Thursday, June 5	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Kalani High School

Kahuku's Pedestrian & Bike Path Project is Making Strides Toward a Safer, More Accessible Community!

By Sunny Unga, KCA President

Kahuku Community Association (KCA) is thrilled to announce that Kahuku's ADA Accessible Pedestrian and Bike Path project is on the path toward becoming a reality!

This proposed 1 mile path will connect the northern end of Malaekahana Bike Path and extend it all the way to Pualalea street in Kahuku, creating a safer and more accessible route for our keiki, kupuna, students, and residents with disabilities. Many residents in our community currently rely on a narrow and hazardous informal trail along Kamehameha Highway with no safe alternative, especially for students walking or biking to school or bus stops.

In response to KCA's formal request last year May 21, 2024, DOT Director Ed Sniffen has committed to expedite this project thanks to the strong community support and the urgent need to improve safety. DOT is targeting a bid date in 2026.

To ensure meaningful community engagement and input, DOT will host a community meeting on Wednesday, April 16, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Kahuku High & Intermediate School Cafeteria.

All community members are invited to learn more about the project, share feedback, and be part of shaping this vital improvement for Kahuku. Together, we can create a safer, more connected, and accessible Kahuku for all.

Date: Wednesday, April 16 Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Kahuku High & Intermediate School Cafeteria





HALE'IWA MOBILITY HUB **COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1**

TUESDAY, APRIL 15 | 6PM - 8PM Waialua Elementary School

The O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization and the City and County of Honolulu are studying the feasibility of developing a mobility hub in Hale'iwa Town to provide improved transit and multimodal transportation options for the North Shore community.

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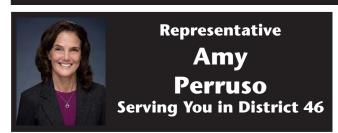


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Aloha friends and neighbors!

As the dust settles on the 2025 legislative session, the real work is just beginning. While some may look to summer as a time to rest, the Hawai'i State Legislature is gearing up for three special sessions—each one critical to protecting our people and 'aina from the economic chaos unleashed by the new federal administration.

Trump's 2025 federal budget overhaul is nothing short of an attack on working people. With \$3.5 billion in cuts to Hawai'i's \$4.6 billion in federal funding, we are staring down the dismantling of Medicaid, SNAP, public education, and other essential programs that form the foundation of our everyday lives. This is not theoretical. It is real—and the pain will be felt most acutely in places like Wahiawā and Waialua.

We must meet this moment with bold action. That's why, even before the gavel comes down on the regular session, lawmakers, community leaders, and organizers are convening on April 9, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Waiwai Collective for a critical event:

"Our Kuleana: Fighting for Hawai'i's Future."

RSVP here: tinyurl.com/Kuleana2025

This is more than a talk story. It's a call to action. We'll dive deep into the progressive revenue solutions Hawai'i needs now—reforms that can generate over \$900 million annually by asking the ultra-wealthy and large corporations to finally pay their fair share.

We'll also strategize how to build cross-sector power to demand better from our government and break free from a 130-year-old model of dependency and extraction. Since the time of the Overthrow, Hawaii's economy has been built around the interests of a few, while our working families and our environment bear the brunt. April 9 is about reclaiming that future.

And we're bringing this conversation home. In May, we'll be hosting a Wahiawā-Waialua Town Hall to share updates on our special session priorities and hear directly from our neighbors about what matters most in these uncertain times. Stay tuned for the date, time, and location—because your voice will help shape the path forward.

Here's what we're fighting for:

A New Top Income Tax Bracket (HB 928) on households earning more than \$1.9 million, to protect schools, healthcare, and kupuna care.

Ending tax breaks for big corporations and closing offshore loopholes through Worldwide Combined Reporting (HB 759).

Reforming the capital gains tax, the conveyance tax, and corporate income tax so that the wealthy contribute, not extract.

Removing GET exemptions and corporate tax credits that serve private interests, not the public good.

This is our kuleana. In the face of federal abandonment, we have everything we need to care for one another and for this land—we just need the political will to build it.

Let's rise to this challenge together. I hope to see you on April 9, and again in May for our town hall.

We can build a Hawai'i where public money serves public needs, where local people thrive, and where the 'āina is protected for future generations. But it's going to take all of us.



Aloha, Waialua Complex is looking to hire you at one of our four (4) fine, fun, areas:

- o Waialua District Park, 67-180 Goodale Ave, Waialua, HI 96791, 808-768-6673
- o Summer Fun @ Waialua District Park
- Waialua District Park Pool, 67-180 Goodale Ave, Waialua, HI 96791, 808-637-6061 Hale'iwa Ali'i Beach Park, 66-167 Haleiwa Rd, Haleiwa, HI 96712, 808-768-6837
- Summer Fun/Ocean Fun @ Hale'iwa Surf Center
- Sunset Beach Recreation Center, 59-540 Kam. Hwy., Haleiwa, HI 96712, 808-768-6838 o Summer Fun @ Sunset Beach Elem. School, 59-360 Kam. Hwy., Haleiwa, HI 96712

We are looking to fill Summer Fun work positions:

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- Summer Recreation Aide (Non-College Student, minimum 2 years' experience working with children)
- Summer Swim Aide (Lifeguard at Waialua District Park Pool or Hale'iwa Surf Center)

Summer Fun positions will be responsible for 1 SF group of up to 25 kids, ages 6-12:

- Summer work hours: M-F. 8am 4pm (excluding holidays)
- Contract dates: May 21 August 2, 2025
- Summer Fun dates: June 9 July 25, 2025

- Recreation Aide (Office work, may also teach seasonal classes)
- Attendant Service (Office work)
- Program Aide Swim (Lifeguard at Waialua District Park Pool or Hale'iwa Surf Center)

Anyone interested, please contact, or stop by the office, to fill out an application, Mahalo:

Waialua District Park: 808-768-6673

Zachary Brown, RD / Geronimo Madarang, RD Recreation Director / Recreation Director

Hale'iwa Surf Center: 808-768-6837

Recreation Specialist

Waialua District Park Pool: 808-637-6061

Sunset Beach Rec. Center: 808-768-6838

William Sharp, RD Recreation Director

SEE YOU THIS THURSDAY!











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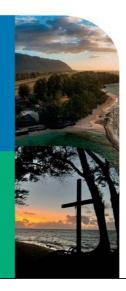
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Saturday, April 12

Kōkua General Store Community Dye Bath 10am - 1pm

Friday, April 18

Farm Fun Day & PFH Mural Art Walk 10am - 1pm

Saturday, April 26

3Rs School Recycling Drive at Moanalua Elementary School 9am - 11am

Saturday, April 26

Kōkua Learning Farm Earth Day Community Workday 9am - 11:30am

Saturday, April 26

Kōkua General Store Fabric Lei Making

10am - 1pm





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Vice Chair Matt Weyer

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Aloha North Shore Community,

This past month, we had the privilege of recognizing Going Green for over two decades of service to the community. The organization started in 2004 at Hale'iwa Harbor and Kaimuki High School. Through its free, one-stop recycling events, Going Green has helped keep our communities clean and sustainable, diverting thousands of pounds of e-waste, HI-5 beverage containers, clothing, eyewear, and more from our landfills. As they enter their 21st year, we extend our deepest gratitude to the volunteers and partners who make these efforts possible.

Community Updates:

The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) conducted a street lighting analysis at the intersection of Waialua Beach Road and Goodale Avenue. The study confirmed the need for additional lighting, and a work order was issued to the Department of Facility Maintenance. Our office confirmed that the new light post had been installed and is working.

Mahalo to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for completing directional arrows at the Shark's Cove parking lot on February 19, 2025. Additional improvements, including parking stalls and loading zones, were also completed last month to enhance safety and accessibility. We appreciate the community's patience during this process.

We'd also like to extend a big mahalo to the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) for co-hosting an informational meeting on the Kawailoa Transfer Station's capacity. As a result of ongoing discussions, ENV has announced that starting April 6. 2025, new green waste drop-off hours will take effect at the Kawailoa Transfer Station, with Sunday operations running from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Residential users are still encouraged to dispose of green waste at Hawaiian Earth Recycling Products free of charge, Monday through Saturday, to support composting efforts and to reduce landfill waste. We appreciate the community's engagement in these conversations and their commitment to responsible waste management. Additionally, I am pleased to share that the Kawailoa Transfer Station is now testing a program that accepts electronic waste (e-waste) through a newly introduced bin at the site. E-waste includes items such as computers, monitors, laptops, tablets/e-readers, printers, and televisions.

Legislative Updates:

Bill 61 (2024), which establishes a clear standard for HPD to identify and cite individuals performing wheelies on public streets using electric bicycles, mopeds, or motorcycles, has passed its third and final reading and is now heading to the Mayor's desk for his signature.

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Process:

The City Council is currently in the critical phase of reviewing the Mayor's proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget. Over the next few months, the Council will thoroughly examine the administration's budget package, including both the Executive Operating and Capital Budgets. The review process includes budget briefings with department directors, as well as a special budget meeting on March 31st to discuss proposed additions to the FY26 budget. A second reading at the full Council will take place on April 16th, providing further opportunities for public testimony.

Our proposed amendments for the North Shore Ocean Safety Station and Ambulance Unit, also known as the "First Responders Center," were adopted at the Council's most recent Budget Committee meeting. We appreciate the Mayor's efforts in negotiating the sale of the parcel and look forward to seeing the project materialize.

Our amendments preventing the use of City funds for a landfill above a significant aquifer were also adopted by the Budget Committee. Please continue to follow the budget process, and for more information on how to testify or tune in to these hearings, please visit www.honolulucitycouncil.org. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 768-5002 or mweyer@honolulu.gov. Mahalo for your continued engagement and collaboration!



Councilmembers joined dedicated Going Green volunteers to honor and recognize their efforts in promoting sustainability and responsible recycling. Led by longtime Volunteer Coordinator Rene Mansho, the team—including Nikolas Nikolaidis from T&N Computer Recycling Services, Darryl Otaguro from Menehune Water, Jay Morford and Enilee (Enna) Anulao from Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, and Lori Inouye-Yamashita and Jim Yamashita from the Hawai'i Lions—has been instrumental in keeping our communities clean and green.



January 2025 Oahu Real Estate Report



Oahu single-family home median sales price: \$1,120,000 North Shore single-family home median sales price: \$2,350,000



Oahu Condominium median sales price: \$539,500 North Shore Condominium median sales price: \$450,000



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North Shore Chamber of Commerce News

The North Shore Chamber of Commerce is calling on community-minded individuals to join our Board of Directors—a unique opportunity to shape the future of our organization while having fun and expanding your professional network. Serving on the board not only allows you to contribute to the community's economic growth but also enables you to forge lasting relationships with local business leaders, innovators, and dedicated community influencers.

As a board member, you will play a pivotal role in guiding the Chamber's strategic direction, raising funds to support our mission, and organizing community events that bring our community together. Your involvement will be key in ensuring that the Chamber continues to serve as a valuable resource for local businesses and residents alike. You will be expected to participate in policy review, strategic planning, and other standard duties that keep our initiatives moving forward.

Board membership is both a fun and fulfilling experience. Imagine being part of a team that not only works hard to improve our community but also enjoys every step of the journey together. Every meeting is an opportunity to share innovative ideas, learn new skills, and build meaningful connections with peers who share your passion for community development. With each event and strategic discussion, you'll see firsthand how your contributions make a real difference in our community.

Key details for potential board members include a term length of two years, and eligibility is reserved for current members of the Chamber of Commerce. Board meetings are held once a month on the second Tuesday at 8:00 AM in the Chamber building and via Zoom, providing a regular platform for discussion, decision-making, and collaboration. Board elections are scheduled for April 15, 2025, during our General Membership meeting, making this the perfect time to step forward and make your mark.

If you have a spirit of collaboration, a passion for community development, and the drive to make a meaningful impact, we encourage you to apply for a position on the Board of Directors. This role not only offers the satisfaction of contributing to local initiatives and economic growth, but it also presents excellent networking opportunities that can propel your career forward. By engaging in leadership and strategic planning, you'll develop skills that are beneficial both professionally and personally.

To learn more about the board position and to discuss how you can help steer our organization towards a bright future, please call us at 808-637-4558. We are happy to set up a meeting with one of our current board members to answer any questions you might have about the responsibilities and rewards of board service.

Applications for board membership are available at our office, or you can email us at director@gonorthshore. org.

Joining the North Shore Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors means joining a team that is committed to making our community a better place. It's an opportunity to combine fun, professional growth, and community service all in one role. Your ideas and energy are exactly what we need to drive our initiatives forward and ensure that our Chamber remains a dynamic force for positive change. Embrace this chance to contribute, connect, and lead as you help build a resilient, thriving future for our community.

We need your help to continue our mission of community service and economic growth. Step up, get involved, and be the change our community deserves. Join us on the North Shore Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and make a lasting impact today.

General Membership Meeting & Board Elections

Join us for breakfast at Haleiwa Joe's to vote for new board members, stay informed about community news, and network with North Shore business community members.

Members and guests welcome!

Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 8am

Breakfast: \$10 members/ \$15 non-members

Location: Haleiwa Joe's Restaurant 66-011

Kam Hwy, Haleiwa



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WANTED FOR THE NORTH SHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The North Shore Chamber of Commerce is on the hunt for an Executive Director who can ignite our mission to support local businesses and further enhance our vibrant historical community.

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If you have the executive skills and personality we are looking for, we would love to review your resume. A fully detailed job description can be found on the North Shore Chamber of Commerce website.

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Lāniakea Highway Realignment Moves Forward with New Conditions for Managed Makai Parking Lot

By Denise Antolini

In November 2024, the State Department of Transportation (DOT) Lāniakea highway began the long-awaited realignment project to ease traffic congestion and improve public safety. Budgeted at \$19.5 million and led by contractor Goodfellow Brothers, the project will relocate 1,100 feet of Kamehameha Highway approximately 80-100 feet mauka, construct a new bridge, and install related highway improvements. DOT expects the project to be completed in Spring 2026. For general information on the full project, go to: https://www.laniakeabridge.com/



State DOT project contractor Goodfellow Brothers drilling a "test Shaft" Photo: Betty Depolito

As DOT shifts the highway and traffic flow mauka, away from the eroding shoreline, the current parking area will be relocated to the makai side of the new highway to eliminate the traffic and safety problems caused by pedestrians crossing the highway to access the beach.

Since DOT unveiled the plans for the major project last year, however, questions began to arise in the community about whether DOT would ensure adequate beach parking access for residents and visitors, lifeguards, and ADA access in the relocated "makai parking lot." One version of DOT's plans called for informal, unmanaged shoulder parking for 50-60 vehicles without any controlled ingress, egress, or barriers, which could lead to the same severe vehicle congestion and safety problems that has plagued the area for years.

To ensure a coherent parking plan, in May 2023, the Sunset Beach Community Association, the North Shore Chamber of Commerce, and the North Shore Neighborhood Board requested that, as part of the realignment project, that DOT design (but not necessarily manage or operate) a makai parking lot with a single ingress and egress, and a minimum of 50 parking spaces (including spaces for First Responder/Lifeguards and ADA access).

In response to these community concerns, in June 2024, Councilmember Matt Weyer and the City Council inserted a condition in the DOT's Special Management Area (SMA) permit that:

E. The applicant shall plan and design a parking lot that includes parking for a minimum of 50 vehicles and managed ingress and egress, and that is located on the makai side of Kamehameha Highway in the expanded shoreline area that will be created by relocating the highway further mauka to improve recreational access, traffic along the highway, and pedestrian safety and to protect the area from any further development that may obstruct views of the ocean from the coastal highway.



Lāniakea Mauka Parking Lot as of May 2023 showing City owned 3-acre parcel in fenced greener area

This May 2023 photo shows the existing parking lot, with a controlled ingress and egress, and about 50 spaces. This same area will be "flipped" and become the "makai parking lot" once the highway is relocated mauka.

The issue of DOT's lack of progress on designing the new makai parking area arose again recently when DOT applied to the State Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) for a Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) because 1.46 acres of the makai/shoreline area falls under state jurisdiction as "conservation lands."

A shoreline survey in 2023, which can be seen in the red/certified shoreline line below, shows how far inland the high wash of the waves is in this area, a sight familiar to residents who often see surf top the highway during the large winter swells and sand covering the highway.



At the BLNR's March 14, 2025 meeting, board members expressed concerns about DOT's lack of follow through on the makai parking lot "condition E." BLNR then decided to impose several new conditions on DOT

to ensure that condition is met and that conservation lands are properly used and managed in the future:

Condition 27. The permittee shall provide a detailed plan and design of the makai parking lot showing the system for managed ingress and egress to the Board, [Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands - OCCL], elected area officials, and the community by April 15, 2025;

Condition 28. The permittee shall make presentations to the Sunset Beach Community Association and North Shore Neighborhood Board regarding the project and the makai parking lot by July 15, 2025. The permittee shall include and submit evidence of this public review and feedback on long-term management options in its six-month update to the Board;

Condition 29. The permittee shall convene a Lāniakea Makai Working Group consisting of the Department of Land and Natural Resources – Land Division, OCCL, and [Division of Forestry and Wildlife], City County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation, City and County of Honolulu Department of Land Management, elected area officials, and community members (including but not limited to the Sunset Beach Community Association and North Shore Neighborhood Board) by September 15, 2025, to finalize management authority and plans for the future managed makai parking lot;

Condition 30. The permittee shall provide evidence to the Board via OCCL within six months, no later than September 15, 2025, regarding and demonstrating adherence to conditions 27 through 29.

To assist DOT in a successful completion of this project and the makai parking lot, the community should watch for notices of future SBCA and Neighborhood Board meetings and provide input on the Lāniakea Makai Parking Lot and to the future Working Group.

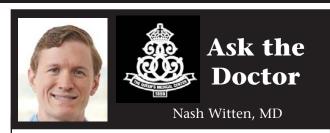
For more information, go to the DOT/Goodfellow Brothers' webpage dedicated to the project with monthly updates. https://www.laniakeabridge.com/ The 24-hour hotline number is: (808) 649-1836.

North Shore

Neighborhood Board Meetings #27 Next Meeting: April 22, 2025

4th Tuesday of Every Month - 7pm at Waialua Elementary School Cafeteria 67-020 Waialua Beach Rd.

Regular meeting agenda found at: www.honolulu.gov/nco To view previous meetings go to: olelo.org/olelonet



Dear Doctor, "Should I drink electrolyte-containing drinks when I exercise?"

I've seen them, too - the boxes of electrolyte powders with tasty flavors near the checkout line at most grocery stores. If you do plan to do an endurance athletic event or strenuous wilderness activity, the general rule for hydration is to "drink for thirst." That means drinking water when you're thirsty, not necessarily drinking "x" number of ounces every "x" minutes or some other arbitrary rule. If you schedule water drinking during an event, you run the risk of overhydrating and a condition called "exercisedinduced hyponatremia." This can even occur with electrolyte-containing drinks due to the amount of water in them. . .go figure! Studies have shown that electrolyte-containing water, when drunk out of thirst, actually has no effect on blood sodium levels. Other studies support the idea that the amount of liquid ingested, not the amount of electrolytes in the liquid, affects your blood sodium level. Generally, 2 liters a day of water is recommended for most people with normal kidney and heart function, with additional water recommended when exercising or in a hot environment.

Another important consideration regarding these over-the-counter electrolyte powders is who plans to use them. One popular brand says to "seek medical consultation" before consuming their product, which is very important if you are taking prescribed medications or have kidney issues. The electrolyte potassium can build up in patients with kidney issues and cause potentially deadly heart rhythm issues. The electrolyte sodium causes fluid retention, especially in patients with heart failure, and can lead to hospitalizations for a heart failure exacerbation. So, like most vitamins/supplements, especially if you have medical problems, it's best to consult your physician before taking it to ensure it won't cause adverse health effects.

Dr. Nash Witten is a Board-Certified Family Medicine physician at Queen's Health Care Centers Hale'iwa and Mililani. The clinics are accepting new patients. Call 808-691-8501 to schedule an appointment. Submit questions to the doctors at nsnaskthedoctor@gmail.com.



NORTH SHORE REAL ESTATE TRENDS

by Richard Sterman (R) of Sterman Realty & Director of Shoreline Preservation Coalition

Invest in Real Estate or Stocks?

Some of you may have heard this story, however, when I was a bus-boy at the Kuilima Hotel (early 70's) I was lucky enough to receive \$17,500 from an old California car accident I was in (lucky I'm alive and I can still surf!) I didn't know what to do with 'all that money', so I took an E.F. Hutton night course up in Wahiawa on "Investing". The whole presentation was about Stocks, however, for about a minute, the Stock Broker says, "And Real Estate - it's probably the safest investment you can make!"

So, the next day I went out and bought the Sunday Advertiser, looked up North Shore Real Estate, found a vacant lot in Pupukea and bought it for just \$45,000!

NOTE: Just \$6,000 down with an Agreement of Sale at 9.5% for the balance, I had \$10,000 left over to build my house; after buying a color TV for my parents and one for myself.

OK, although color TV's are still around that same \$500, I know an acre up there is a lot more now and homes seem to be beyond reach of most first time home buyers, however, I promise - there are ways to get it done!

My friend's son came to talk to me years ago about moving to the mainland because he couldn't afford owning a home here on the North Shore, especially with a new and growing family (he now has 3 kids). I told him that he could do it... just to start small and he could work his way up.

We found a small house in Haleiwa where the owners had to move right away. They had just purchased the home with no down payment and a low interest rate. I was able to arrange for a sale leaving the existing loan in place and all my friend's son needed to do was make the Seller's monthly payment. He was able to build an ohana unit below, rent it out and eventually rented out the main part of the house ... all for a 'positive cash flow' - giving him extra income. He went on to buy two other homes and is doing great without moving away from Hawaii.

The Point

- -Stocks are fun, however, you can surely lose some, or all, of your investment during bad times.
- -Real Estate might be a little more work, however, it almost always retains "value" and rents will almost always go up to cover the carrying costs.
- -I would recommend anyone looking to invest, to buy their own home first.

BTW, as opposed to stocks and nearly any other 'investment' (even Bitcoin) ... Real Estate will let you:

- -Buy with little, or no, down payment.
- -Borrow on the investment at the lowest rates possible (30 year fixed or adjustable rate mortgages).
- -Build equity just by fixing a place up.
- -Once there's a profit, write off the top \$250,000 of Capital Gains (or \$500,000 if married) after living at the house for just 2 years.

Then - you can do it again!

Invest in Real Estate, it's still "The safest investment you can make!"

Richard Sterman has been serving North Shore's real estate needs for over 40 years. He is the owner and Principal Broker of Sterman Realty, the largest Full-Service real estate company on the North Shore. You can contact Richard by emailing Richard@Sterman.com, going to www.Sterman.com or just calling 808.638.8600.





You are Invited to the Inaugural Opening! of the

Waialua Heritage Center Exhibit

Saturday, April 26th 1:00 to 4:00pm

Waialua Sugar Co. Office Building 67-202 Kupahu Street, Waialua

For more information, call the Historical Society: 808-342-8557 or visit:

www.WaialuaHistoricalSociety.org

The New Waialua Historical Exhibit has been a three-year work in progress. Nine Directors, now, and twelve volunteers, concluding three years' work. It began, informally, quietly, with a gradual look-see at an amazing private collection of original documents, maps, drawings, and logbooks. Before long the collection, and many more artifacts and photos have been donated or loaned.

At the 67-202 Kupahu Street site, the Society has renovated one wing of the old Waialua Sugar office building: two beautiful rooms, the manager's office and now the former conference room, for the Exhibit.

What can be seen at the Exhibit opening?

The amazing 1938 composite, aerial color photo of the entire North Shore, An original rice thresher from Chinese growers of the 1800s, beautiful Chinese and Japanese clothing, photo and map displays – the camps, theatres, churches, medical care, the Halstead mill, non-sugar agriculture, the sugar process, managers, ancient Waialua map and a fine array of kumu hula Keith Awai's Hawaiian artifacts, A 70-item illustrated timeline frieze, just below the ceiling, circling the room. The archivists' workstations and available database for the collections, cultural displays of different Waialua ethnic groups.

The event is free. Of course, we hope attendees will join our 200 members as we make 300 soon, just \$20 per year. Many political and local leaders will be at the formal dedication, and you and the community are invited to the Exhibit public hours, 1 to 4 PM.

Mahalo to the community for so much support!

President Antya Miller, Local Historian Boyd Ready, and the rest of the Directors: Julie Patacchia, Margaret Sagaysay, Evelyn Kaneshige, Cy Yamanoha, David Robichaux, George Tanabe, Jr., and Keith Awai, Director Emeritus.

Haleiwa's own Thunderstorm Artis competes on American Idol

By Noah Grodzin

Thunderstorm Artis, a multi-instrumentalist singer songwriter, auditioned to be the next American Idol in front of the all-star judging panel, Luke Bryan, Lionel Richie and Carrie Underwood! Thunderstorm received his "Golden Ticket" performing his original beautiful love song "Don't Let Me Let You Go" and continues on his journey. I had the pleasure of catching up with Thunderstorm by phone courtesy of American Idol.

Aloha Mr. Artis thank you so much for taking the time. This being the 23rd season of American Idol; what is it about American Idol that made you want to be a part of the show?

This is a beautiful opportunity that came to me. I am a firm believer that when a door opens and you feel right about it you should step through it and have faith. I really love the idea of being able to share my original music on the show and I believe that I have something really special to offer and so I felt that this was a perfect avenue and the perfect stage to do that.

Is there one of the judges you're looking forward to meeting and spending time with?

I mean the judges are all really really amazing. Personally, I am a huge fan of Lionel Richie I've been listening to his music since as long as I can remember and then there's a lot of things that Carrie does in her music that I'm really drawn too, so I'm looking forward to spending a lot more time with her and also, especially Luke as well. I'm looking forward to digging into Lionel and his overall knowledge for music.

Why are you so passionate about music and songwriting?

Music really saved my life. It became a form of therapy for me, when I was young I realized my therapy could be therapy for others. I believe in trying to create a special message, and to me it's not really about getting rich or being famous, it's about trying to spread a message. Hopefully if one person hears my music and it changes their life then that's a good thing.

How has your family contributed to your career?

Family has been a huge role and motivation behind everything I do in my career. My oldest brother Manny took me under his wing when I first started out and also performing in my family band has also been a great contribution to my career. I know that when I'm on-stage whether on American Idol or any other stage I'm a representation of my family.

What's one thing you want people to know about you?

I want people to know that what you see on stage or on TV is the same person that you see on the street. I strive for authenticity; I also know that I carry the weight of my community and my family on my shoulders. I feel that when I make a difference through my music this world becomes something better. Yeah, I'm just so excited, I'm stoked to be here, I'm stoked to be doing this!

What does Hawaii and the North Shore community mean to you?

Aw man, Hawaii and the North Shore community mean so much to me! I grew up right there on the strip in Haleiwa, in the house right there next to the North Shore Marketplace, I spent my entire life on that strip and everyone there has been my biggest support my whole career and life. The North Shore Christian Fellowship Church is where I first started really singing more and the people there really believed in me and pushed me to do a singing competition even when I didn't think I was good enough. Hawaii is, you know, it's my lifeline man, I love coming back to the North Shore, I love coming back and celebrating, I love it... can't wait to come back!

Thank you so much for taking the time. The North Shore and Hawaii will be watching best of luck mahalo!



Thunderstorm Artis Photo courtesy of American Idol

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NEW SURF MUSEUM SIX YEARS IN THE MAKING WITH BIG PLANS

The North Shore has a new surf museum! Of course, there should be. After all this is the surf mecca. The seven mile miracle boasts the best surf breaks, world class surfers and the best surfboard shapers on the planet. Hail to big wave legend surfer Darrick Doerner who has taken on the lead of the project, six years in the making. "This is my passion project that I thought about for a long time" said Doerner at the soft opening of the Hawaii Surfing Museum last month. "It's a great legacy to leave the community and a fantastic place for the keiki to learn and grow." In fact part of the big plan is to have surfboards at the museum for the keiki to try and maybe buy. The museum showcases many Brewer surfboards and houses Dick Brewers shaping room. Brewer was a member of the Dewey Weber surf team back in 1959 while he was going to engineering school. Later he started shaping and in 1969 opened Surfboards Hawaii in Haleiwa. Brewer passed away in May 2022, the building where he shaped is the perfect place to have the museum. The "soft opening" was a joy with plenty of folks attending. Doerner plans to have a much bigger get together featuring Reggae bands, a film festival, boards and t-shirt sales, and of course many more historic displays. Right now some fantastic boards hang in the ceiling rafters, with a giant collection of surfer magazines as old art work adorns the walls including Brewers shaping room which is something to see and reflect on. The community is invited along for the ride with hopes of a long lasting addition to the community. Look for the Hawaii Surfing Museum at the Waialua Sugar Mill.

MORE CROWDED SURF DUE TO TOXIC ALGAE AND FIRES IN LA?

Our environment is precious. Global warming causes lots of crazy circumstances that affect our ocean's dwellers and us of course. We seem to be having a great influx of surfers visiting from Southern California. Well it is spring break but recently I spoke with a couple that just "had to get out of southern California". We feel you surfers. The tragic Lahaina fire is still causing great anxiety for us all. The recent fires in Los Angeles are keeping surfers out of the water due to toxic run off. Also toxic algae is blooming ahead of schedule and seems to be a much larger problem. Apparently according to news organizations there are many sea creatures beached including dolphins,

seals, pelicans and more. The toxic algae blooming gets into food sources and causes lots of disorienting problems, literally causing confusion and death. The water is being studied and tested but it may take months before results are in. Some areas are just plain closed to surfers in southern California. Here our neighbor Surfrider Foundation does test the waters, one hot spot is at the Anahulu bridge and its runoff. Something to think about for sure. You can google Surfrider Foundation for their studies.



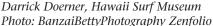
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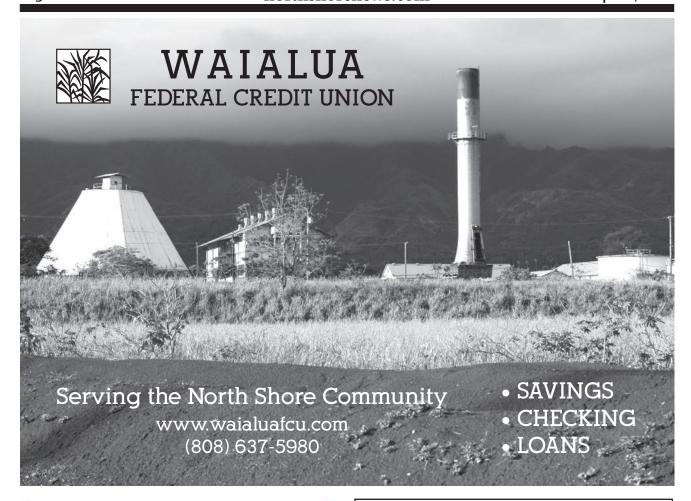
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