

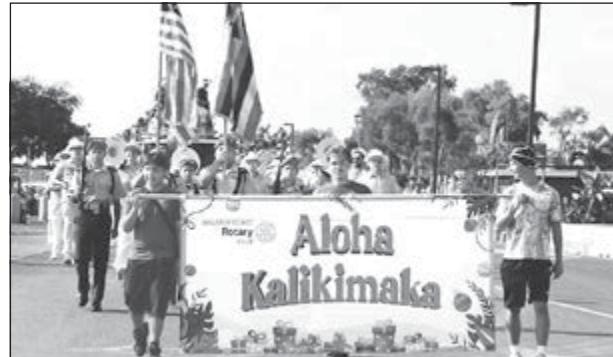
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On December 13, the Wai'anae Coast Community Christmas Parade, presented by the Waianae Coast Rotary Club,



kicked off the 29th annual event with sixty-six entries and over 1,700 participants along Farrington Highway from Wai'anae Boat Harbor to Wai'anae Mall. Over 4,000 parade attendees lined both sides of Farrington Highway to watch this annual event.

This year's theme was "Pa'a Pono 96792," a Wai'anae Coast community theme, created by the Waianae Coast Community Health Center's Kupuna Council led by Kamaki Kanahale. The theme promotes peace, unity and resilience which is also in line with Rotary International's 2025-26 theme of "Unite For Good."

Introduced this year was a reviewing stand outside of Teapresso Bar with

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Wishing Everyone a Happy New Year 2026!

A Heartfelt Mahalo from Christmas on the Avenue



Block Captains and Teams ready to welcome the community to the 2025 Christmas On the Avenue



Keiki volunteering at 'Elepaio's Kupuna Pantry and preparing Poi & Luau Leaf Bags to pass out to 400 Kupuna at this year's event

Submitted by: Shanzlyn Nihipali
Photos courtesy of Christmas On The Avenue

On December 13, Christmas on the Avenue once again brought Nānākuli Valley alive with joy, aloha and 'ohana. Families, neighbors and visitors gathered along Nānākuli Avenue to celebrate the season in the true spirit of community, connection and giving. Thanks to your support, this year's event was a tremendous success and concluded with no major incidents, a testament to the care and unity of our community.

This year, Operation Blue Light Christmas distributed 2,027 gifts to keiki, spreading holiday cheer to families across the coast. In addition, 'Elepaio hosted a Kupuna Pantry, distributing four hundred produce bags to kūpuna, ensuring our elders felt supported and cared for during the holiday season. Supporting it all was an incredible team of over two hundred dedicated volunteers who worked throughout the day and evening to keep the event safe, welcoming and running smoothly.

Christmas on the Avenue 2025 featured eighty



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From the Publisher

By Steve Olbrich

Please visit our Facebook page for updated events that are happening throughout the month here on our Westside



December 1999 marked the first issue of Westside Stories.

Happy New Year from all of us at Westside Stories! May the new year bring prosperity and good health to all!

With this issue, we are celebrating our twenty-ninth year of publishing Westside Stories and thought we'd share a copy of our first newspaper's front page. Things have sure changed quite

a bit from our very humble beginnings and technology has replaced the "old ways" as almost everything is now done digitally. Sad to say that newspapers, especially local, community newspapers, are a dying breed and it's hard to find a printer in Hawai'i that prints newspapers that is affordable. Currently we are being printed on another island and have papers shipped back to O'ahu which adds a few extra days to our normal "turnaround time." Of course, none of this would have been possible without our loyal advertisers and of course all of you — our readers. Mahalo nui loa to you all for your support over the past years as we will continue to strive to publish a quality, community-based newspaper each month with our roots deep here on our Westside.

We were happy to see that the long-awaited improvements for the Wai'anae Police Station finally began on December 8. This major milestone is an effort to bring increased police presence, faster response times and long-overdue public safety resources to our Westside. It has remained largely unused since its 2016 dedication.

THE WESTSIDE WHEN



Publisher Steve Olbrich with State Senator Maile Shimabukuro

Dr. Steven Olbrich, publisher of Westside Stories newspaper, was honored by the Hawai'i State Senate on March 20, 2012. Introduced by Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Dr. Olbrich was congratulate for providing the Westside residents with a monthly community newspaper mailed free of charge to all residents and businesses on the Westside for the past fourteen years and the only independently owned and community based newspapers on the island of O'ahu.

Senator Shimabukuro said, "I am proud to join with my colleagues in the Senate today in congratulating Dr. Steven and Mrs. Janice Olbrich as they celebrate the 14th Anniversary of Westside Stories. We wish them the very best in all their future endeavors."

Congratulations to Waianae Coast Rotary Club for a very successful Community Christmas Parade and Ahupua'a O Nānākuli Homestead for their "Kālikimaka Me Ka Alanui" (Christmas on the Avenue) both held on December 13. It was so nice to see so many of our Westsiders out with family and friends together and how the Pa'a Pono 96792 theme is being celebrated throughout our entire Westside community!

The Hawai'i State Legislature opens on January 21, and it will be interest-

ing to see what direction the Governor and our elected legislators take with the many problems affecting our state. Let's hope they can resolve some of those old issues!

There are many scholarship opportunities available starting in January for those of you with graduating high school seniors who are pursuing higher education. Make sure you have your 'ōpiao check with their school counselor for the latest information and applications.



Last month's question was, "With all the recent homeless sweeps, has anyone thought of putting a semi-permanent village in the old Wai'anae base yard area? That would make a great "campsite" and allow easy access to food, medical, drug rehabilitation and mental health services and is on a bus line. There is also water service there so a

bathhouse could be set up for folks to shower and do laundry. Any thoughts?"

Based on our research, that property mentioned belongs to Department of Hawaiian Homelands. The soil is considered "toxic" from the many years it was used as the City & County's base yard and would require extensive work

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who contributed to their community newspaper and we invite everyone to do the same.

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Youth Shine at the 2nd Annual 'Ōpio Mākeke 96792



Vashti Kaaha'aina, Ishen Kaialau-Isala, JannaNeriah Hagemoc-DelaCruz, Shaylee Nagasako, Darren Nagasako, Hulali Shott, Kekaulike Mikes

Submitted by Kumu Michelle Pieper

The 2nd Annual 'Ōpio Mākeke 96792 was a powerful celebration of youth entrepreneurship, cultural pride and community unity on the Wai'anae Coast. Organized entirely by local youth, this year's event featured twenty-eight booths, forty-two youth vendors, and nearly three hundred community members who came out to support the next generation of Westside leaders.

Young entrepreneurs showcased handmade products ranging from jewelry and clothing to baked goods, art pieces, and sustainable creations — each reflecting the creativity, resilience and talent of 96792's youth. The event also welcomed special guests Senator Samantha DeCorte, Representative Darius Kila, and Representative Chris Muraoka, who attended to witness firsthand the innovation and leadership emerging from the community.

Despite an unexpected challenge with the event's open mic programming, the youth quickly adapted, demonstrating impressive problem-solving and teamwork to keep the event flowing.

Community partners such as Kamehameha Schools' KS Kaiāulu program, Wai'anae Hawaiian Civic Club and Patino Designs played key roles in supporting the mākeke's success.

This year's event also supported the newly launched Sua Stevens Foundation, honoring the legacy of one of Hānai Kaiaulu's late founding pillars. Youth vendors generously donated raffle items, with proceeds funding surf lessons, canoe paddling registrations and native tree planting projects for Westside youth.

The 'Ōpio Mākeke continues to uplift the community by offering a safe, youth-driven platform where keiki can grow their businesses, develop financial literacy, and strengthen their cultural identity. The success of the second annual event reaffirms the power of youth leadership and the bright future ahead for Nānākuli and the greater Wai'anae Coast.

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A New Year, A New Session, and Our Continued Commitment to West O'ahu

As we welcome a new year, I want to wish our Westside 'ohana a healthy, safe, and hopeful 2026. With the new legislative session set to convene on January 21, this moment brings both reflection and resolve. A new session always comes with new bills, new conversations and new challenges, but our

commitment to this community remains constant.

Serving the people of Mā'ili, Nānākuli, Lualualei, Honokai Hale, Ko Olina, and our broader West O'ahu region has always been about making sure our voices are heard and that our communities receive their fair share of attention, resources, and investment. That does not change with the calendar.

As we head into this session, I know the priorities I hear most often from our community. Affordability continues to impact families at every level, from groceries to utilities to transportation. Housing remains one of our most pressing issues, particularly for local families and Hawaiian homesteaders who

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Rep. Kila with Councilmember Tupola and Nānākuli-Mā'ili Neighborhood Board Chair Agustin celebrating the life of Uncle Black Ho'ohuli at Christmas on the Avenue



Representative
**CHRISTOPHER
Muraoka**

House District 45
Wai'anae, Mākaha
Mākua

Aloha and Happy New Year, West O'ahu!

As we welcome 2026 and prepare for the upcoming Legislative Session, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to our community for your continued trust, engagement and partnership. Your voices guide the work we do at the Capitol, and it is truly an honor to serve you.

Heading into this new session, my commitment remains the same: to advocate strongly for the needs of our Westside families, keiki, kūpuna and small businesses. From public safety and education to housing, infrastructure and health services, we will continue to push for solutions that will uplift our commu-

nity and strengthen our quality of life. Legislative work is most effective when it is grounded in real-life experiences, and that begins with listening.

That is why we will continue hosting our monthly Talk Story sessions. These gatherings provide a space to connect, share mana'o and work together on the issues that matter most to you. I encourage everyone to come out, ask questions, raise concerns and help shape the policies that affect our district.

Please remember that my doors are always open. If you need assistance or would like to meet with my team, I invite you to visit my Wai'anae District Office located at 85-841 Farrington Highway or stop by my Capitol Office in Room 313 during the legislative session. You can also find updates, resources, and event information at www.RepMuraoka.com and by following us on social media.

Mahalo for your continued support. I look forward to another year of working alongside our community partners and residents as we move forward together with unity, purpose and aloha.



Representative Muraoka proudly hosted the first-ever 96792 Exposure Fair at the Ark of Safety Center.

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For more information, visit lualualei-hcc.org/scholarship/

Niele???

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to make it safe for any type of habitation.

Now for this month's niele question, "In last month's issue, there was an article about abandoned/neglected homes and some of the reasons why folks abandon or neglect them. Are there any city or state programs or agencies that can help folks (especially kupuna) with repairs or yard services?"

If you know the answer or want to ask a niele question, e-mail us at wss@hawaii.rr.com and we'll try to feature in an upcoming issue.

Heroes and Helpers



Target staff were there handing out backpacks.

On December 20, Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District Eight Community Policing Team and the Weed and Seed Program along with sponsors including Target Store Kapolei, Starbucks, Chick-fil-A and the Waianae Coast Rotary Club held their annual Heroes & Helpers event at Target Kapolei.

This annual event is where selected students, chosen by their teachers from their respective schools for being positive role models and an inspiration to others, are awarded gift cards and invited to shop for Christmas gifts. Twenty students from the Westside were among them.

Starting off the event, HPD's officer Pagan led a huddle with HPD Officers and other "Heroes" ahead of the event, followed by a group photo, a warm welcome to keiki participants as well as a thank you to their parents for "teaching them and bringing them to the event to celebrate." Then came a blessing by



HPD's Interim Chief Rade Vanic helps out.

Pastor Allen Cardines, Jr. and the arrival of Santa. After pairing up with a police officer or first responder chaperone and a photo op with Santa and his elves, the 'teams' set out to shop for gifts up to \$100 per participant. Although the shopping funds were earmarked for just the recipients, many keiki were shopping for their 'ohana, with one keiki in particular "checking his list" to be sure he purchased presents for his siblings (a five-year-old and one-year-old), while another keiki used a portion of his gift to buy a dozen red roses for his mom.

The magic of Christmas was definitely for children of all ages as several HPD officers were looking nostalgically at toys that maybe reminded them of Christmases past. One officer tried on an alligator mask, which we suspect he may have purchased for himself?

Mahalo to all those involved.



All present and accounted for during the Pre-event officer huddle



Rep. Chris Muraoka and Rep. Darius Kila were on there to lend a helping hand where needed.

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Ke Ala Ho‘i — Returning Ancestral Plants Back to Our People



Ka Hui Māla keiki help kumu Kekai setting up their plant sale booth after school

Submitted by Kumu Kekai Young

The keiki of Ka Hui Māla, the Garden Club at Ke Kula Kaiapuni ‘O Nānākuli did it again! At their annual ho‘olaule‘a fundraiser, these keiki sold ancestral “canoe plants” in hopes of healing their people, culture and community.

Such plants included kō (sugarcane), kalo (taro), niu (coconut), mai‘a (banana), ‘uala (sweet potato), ‘olena (turmeric), ‘awapuhi (shampoo ginger) and more. These plants are considered “Canoe Plants” as they were brought to Hawai‘i by the early Polynesian settlers on their voyaging canoes. The ancient



Ka Hui Māla kaikamahine hold up freshly harvested kalo to be prepared for sale

Polynesians saw value in these plants because they had various uses such as food, medicine and tools thus the reason why they carried such cuttings and seeds on their canoes as they searched for new island homes, such as one here in Hawai‘i nei.

Today, these plants are seldom seen throughout Hawai‘i and especially here in the Wai‘anae Moku (district). They are often replaced with ornamental



Ka Hui Māla parent discussed their sales strategy with Ka Hui Māla keiki, Kawai trees, grass and or introduced ground-cover often causing a disconnect between the people of Hawai‘i and the plants from Hawai‘i. A mākua (parent) of a haumāna in Ka Hui Māla, Khara Jabola-Carolus expresses that, “the disconnect from [ancestral] plants leaves us dependent on corporate food systems, severed from our ‘ohana, our grandparents’ practices and their knowledge.” She adds, “I have seen my keiki care for [these plants] as if they were living people. I am proud of them, and I know my grandmother would be too.”

The keiki of Ka Hui Māla foresee a future full of hope where these invaluable plants would be grown in every



Kumu Kekai's son Kawai oversees the booth, inviting customers to come.

household and moku, where all people would be familiar with the names, the uses and mo‘olelo (stories) of these precious plants and to ween off our reliance on outside resources for things that our ancestors had readily available, in their own homes and communities, and where the people of Hawai‘i can access medicine, food and tools right from their very own yard.

The keiki would like to extend their gratitude to all who came out to support their movement of Ke Ala Ho‘i and look forward to next year’s ho‘olaule‘a. In the meantime, they will continue their kuleana (responsibility) of advocating, protecting and educating their people about ancestral canoe plants, because their job is not pau (finish) yet. Nope, not pau yet!



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Nānākuli Fire Captain Calleon Awarded HFD and C&C's Employee of the Year



Mayor Rick Blangiardi and City Employee of the Year, HFD Fire Captain Kevin Calleon (center with leis), help topped the holiday tree at Honolulu Hale.

Submitted by Anela Alvaro

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) Captain Kevin Calleon was awarded the HFD's "Employee of the Year" as well as awarded City & County of Honolulu's "City Employee of the Year" by Mayor Rick Bangiardi.

Captain Calleon was born and raised in Nānākuli, is a 1999 graduate from Nānākuli High & Intermediate

School and proudly serves as captain at Nānākuli Fire Station #28. He was recognized for his outstanding leadership in expanding HFD's occupational Health and Safety programs and led the first statewide peer support group, a network that connects fire departments across the state, offering essential peer support.

Congratulations, Captain Calleon!

Rep. Kila

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are waiting, planning and hoping. Traffic safety and infrastructure, especially along Farrington Highway and our neighborhood roadways, remain a daily concern. Hawaiian issues, including our rights, culture and responsibilities to place, continue to require care, respect and action.

These priorities will guide my work in this session. Just as important is hearing from you about the issues that may not always make headlines. Whether you are dealing with something complex or something simple, something personal or something systemic, I want to hear it.

Good governance starts with listening. My door remains open, and my office is here to help navigate concerns, connect you with resources, and advocate where we can. You can reach my office at (808) 586-9480 or by email at repkila@capitol.hawaii.gov From my 'ohana and our office, wishing you all a Happy New Year!

Wai'anae Community Christmas Parade

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Loa'a Pinē from Scrappy Podcast who kept things exciting as well as a float contest encouraging all to embrace the Pa'a Pono 96792 theme. Winners were: Best Overall Float—Leeward Roofing and General Contractors; Most Creative Design — Senator Samantha DeCorte and Best Keiki Float and People's Choice Award — Ark of Safety Christian Fellowship. Voting for the People's Choice Award was done through Waianae Coast Rotary Club's Instagram account.

Next year's parade is already set for December 5, 2026. Look for new and exciting changes which will include changing the parade to nighttime!

Editor's Note — There were so many great photos that we are unable to feature in this month's issue due to space limitations. Look for a collage of photos on our website at www.wsshawaii.com

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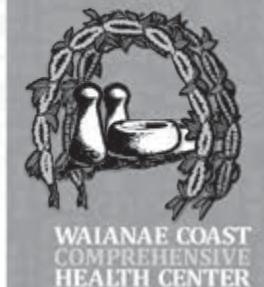
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WCCHC HONORS 70 EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

On Tuesday, December 16, the WCCHC 'ohana gathered at the Dining Pavilion to honor the dedication and service of our incredible team members at the 2025 Annual Employee Service Awards Ceremony. The event celebrated the exceptional contributions of employees who have reached significant milestones in their careers, recognizing employees for every five years of

employment. Their work has been critical during our 53 years serving West Oahu.

The ceremony recognized the skills and dedication our staff members bring to WCCHC every day. From our five-year employees to Lisa Manoi, who has been with us for forty years, each person honored embodies the mission of WCCHC and our shared commitment to providing compassionate, quality care.



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MAHALO TO DR. STEPHEN BRADLEY: HONORING HIS SERVICE AS OUTGOING CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER



We are honored to celebrate Dr. Stephen Bradley, Outgoing Chief Medical Officer, whose three decades of service have deeply shaped the heart and mission of our health center. On December 16, WCCHC held a special blessing and building dedication ceremony at the Dining Pavilion entrance. Together with our Board of

Directors, leadership, and staff, we proudly dedicated the Malama Ola/Dining Pavilion Building in his honor, Kahalemalamaolakinoamekahauoli (House of Health and Happiness), a reflection of the compassion and care he has brought to our community.

Dr. Bradley joined WCCHC in 1994 and has served as Chief Medical Officer since 2011. As an Adult Medicine provider, his unwavering commitment to patient-centered care has guided innovative approaches to health and wellness while remaining deeply rooted in the Waianae community. Beyond the clinic, he is widely respected for his long-standing service as the volunteer "team doc" for the Waianae High School Football

Team—a role he has proudly fulfilled for more than 25 years.

Within WCCHC, Dr. Bradley is especially recognized for his lasting contributions. He established Hawai'i's first Integrative Weight Management Program and played a critical role in developing Hawai'i's first Community Health Center-based Family Medicine Residency Program. Equally impactful has been his mentorship of hundreds of providers, residents, students, and future physicians—many of whom continue to serve communities across Hawai'i today.

While Dr. Bradley will be transitioning from his role as Chief Medical Officer at the end of this year, he will continue to care for patients at

WCCHC and expand the Integrative Weight Management Program.

Dedicating this building in Dr. Bradley's honor reflects the meaningful legacy he has built through decades of compassionate care, mentorship, innovation, and unwavering service to the West Oahu community.



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KAMAKI KANAHELE HONORED AS GRAND MARSHAL OF THE WAI'ANAE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARADE



On December 13th, WCCHC proudly participated in the 29th Annual Wai'anae Coast Community's Christmas Parade. This year's parade theme, Pa'a Pono 96792, highlighted the unity, resilience, and strength of the Wai'anae Coast. We were honored to have our very own Kamaki Kanahele, Traditional Healer & Director of the Dr. Agnes Kalanikahoa Cope Center for Traditional Native Hawaiian Healing serve as this year's Grand Marshal.

Following the parade, WCCHC hosted the Ho'olaule'a Resource Fair at Wai'anae Mall. Several departments hosted resource tables, offered keiki activities, and shared valuable health information with families. Santa Claus made a special appearance at the resource fair, bringing smiles and holiday cheer to keiki and 'ohana. A heartfelt mahalo to everyone who helped make this day a success, from volunteers to attendees.

WCCHC CELEBRATES FIRST CNA+ TO LPN BRIDGE PROGRAM GRADUATES

On December 18, WCCHC celebrated a major workforce development milestone with the graduation of the first cohort of the Certified Nurse Aide (CNA+) to Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Bridge Program. Four WCCHC employees—Madison Fry, Jasmine Kealoha-Perdomo, Harmony-Alleen Louis-Soares, and Lahela-Keao-Oka-Lani Pimental, all currently serving as Medical Assistants—earned their Certificates of Achievement

in Practical Nursing during a ceremony held at the WCCHC Dining Pavilion. The graduates were joined by colleagues, board members, leadership, and their ohana to mark this meaningful achievement.

The CNA+ to LPN Bridge Program is a 12-month hybrid program designed to support Certified Nurse Aides or equivalent healthcare professionals, such as Medical Assistants, in advancing their nursing education while continuing to

work. The program combines online coursework, in-person labs, and clinical training at selected employer sites, with stipends provided during the training period. This initiative is offered through a collaborative partnership with the University of Hawaii Maui College, Ohana Pacific Health, Pacific Skilled Healthcare, and Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, with the Healthcare Association of Hawaii serving as the sponsoring organization.



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2026 CHUCK WOTHKE

HEALTH CAREER SCHOLARSHIP



Chuck Wothke was one of the original founders of the Health Center over 50 years ago and a longtime WCCHC board member until he passed away in 2005. Chuck was a firm believer in education and advocated for health care and training opportunities for Leeward community residents.

Well over 125 college-bound residents have benefits from the Chuck Wothke scholarship award that offers financial support to students pursuing secondary education in health career programs in Hawaii and on the mainland.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 3, 2026 or delivered in person by 4:30pm on April 3, 2026.

For an application, visit: wcchc.com/Scholarships

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Hau'oli Makahiki Hou

Happy New Year from the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center Board of Directors & Staff

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ALL CLINICS & DEPARTMENTS CLOSED:
January 1, 2026

Martin Luther King Jr. Day:
Monday, January 19

CLOSING EARLY AT 3 PM

Waianae Hongwanji Mission Ends 122 Years of Serving the Community



Photo shared by Stevan Hanabusa

It was a memorable but sad day on November 9 as Waianae Hongwanji Mission conducted their closing ceremony for invited guests ending 122 years of serving the community. Memories were shared by many from stories of Japanese school lessons to karaoke nights with Japanese songs, the many celebrations of church holidays and cultural events and of course the annual

Bon Dance including the classes held prior to the event.

In 1879, Herman Wideman began the Waianae Sugar Company and hired Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese and Hawaiian laborers with the majority being Japanese. They felt a place of worship was necessary and in 1901 Reverend Josho Yempuku of the Waipahu Hongwanji met with the residents of the Waianae Plantation to plan for a tem-

ple. In 1903, Reverend Eun Miyamoto, resident minister of Waipahu Hongwanji and concurrent minister to Waianae Hongwanji, helped with groundbreaking of the temple. All materials and labor were donated by Frederick Meyer, manager of the Waianae Sugar Company. Moritaro Yamasaki, first president of Waianae Hongwanji, donated \$300 to purchase first temple bell which was used until 1968.

In 1968, Masanori Matsuda noticed the temple bell was missing and it was located in a salvage yard. It was returned with a slight crack and loaned to Mililani Hongwanji. Minosuke Hanabusa donated the present bell.

In July 1904 the temple, including the altar and trimmings, was dedicated by Reverend Shoji Asaeda, resident minister of Waialua Hongwanji and concurrent minister to Waianae Hongwanji.

With the closing of the Waianae Sugar Plantation many families left Waianae, but the remaining church members opted to purchase the 2-acre land on which the temple was located from Capital Investment Company for \$10,000.

In February 1960, it was decided that a new temple would be built. Isao Hanabusa placed collateral at First Hawaiian Bank in Wai'anae for a \$90,000. loan. The loan was paid off by ten-year pledges from the members and \$60,000 was deposited to Manoa Finance to

earn interest which was used to finance the current hall.

In December 1966, Reverend Keiseki Yamasato was assigned as the eighth resident minister and helped with the dedication of the new temple and the 65th Anniversary. He served for eleven years before being assigned to Lanai and Reverend Shinsho Fuji became the resident minister and helped celebrate the 75th Anniversary in 1979.

In September 1980, an arsonist burnt the old social hall/classroom building which was once used as the temple. The building and contents were a total loss, and the present hall was dedicated in 1988 along with the 85th Anniversary. Since 1980, the Waianae Hongwanji has been without a resident minister and has shared concurrent ministers with Waipahu Hongwanji. They were: Reverend Kenyo Ohara who served from 1981-1989; Reverend Ryoso Toshima who served from 1989-2002; Reverend Toyokazu Hagio who served from 2002-2007; Reverend Jay Okamoto who served from 2008-2016 and Reverend Jeffrey Soga who served from 2017 to present.

The Westside community will truly miss the Waianae Hongwanji and its members for embracing our community in their activities with our multicultural background — especially the annual Bon Dance.

Christmas on the Avenue

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plus local vendors which created a vibrant marketplace that showcased local entrepreneurs, artists and food vendors. Also showcased were a wide range of community resource partners, including the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Hawaiian Council, 'Elepaio, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, U.S. Renal Care, the Nānākuli Homestead Legacy Booth and the Mālama Learning Center, which generously provided free plants to attendees.

Entertainment filled the avenue with music, hula, and celebration across two live stages, featuring performances by the Kamehameha Schools Kapālama Choir, Hālau Hula 'o Ku'upua'ili-manoheiake'alaolaua'eomakana, Ryze, Frequent Feelin', Sons of Yeshua, Te Matahi, Ashley Simpson, Allen Poki & Friends, Jonathan Kaina, Hui Pū and a show-stopping performance by the

electrifying Kapena.

A heartfelt mahalo goes out to our sponsors whose generosity makes this event possible year after year (See Mahalo ad on page 5)

The planning committee for Kalikimaka Ma Ke Alanui 2025 extends our deepest aloha and mahalo to you — our community, volunteers, sponsors, vendors, entertainers and partners — who came together to make this year's celebration truly unforgettable.

Most importantly, mahalo nui loa to the Nānākuli community for showing up with aloha, patience, and pride. You are the reason Christmas on the Avenue continues to grow as a celebration of who we are and what we stand for.

As we reflect on the success of 2025, we look forward to continuing this legacy of service, unity, and aloha for generations to come. Mele Kalikimaka a me Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! Visit us at: www.nanakulichristmas.com

ClimbHI Hosts Nānākuli-Wai'anae Expo Fair



Submitted by Jennifer Sudick

Hawai'i workforce development non-profit ClimbHI partnered with some of the Westside's schools, businesses and organizations to host the first-ever Nānākuli-Wai'anae Exposure Fair on December 3 at the Ark of Safety Community Center. This event was presented by ClimbHI, Hui Huliau and Rep. Chris Muraoka, with support from Ark of Safety Christian Fellowship, HPM Building Supply, Ho'omana I Na Po'okela and Papahana o Kaiona. Participating businesses and organizations also included Hawaiian Electric, T&C Surf Designs, AES Hawai'i, Naval STEM and Kamehameha Schools.

Nearly three hundred students attended from Wai'anae Intermediate School, Wai'anae High School, Nanakuli High & Intermediate School, Leihoku Elementary and Kamaile Academy where they were treated to a series of five-minute sessions in a "speed-dat-

ing" style which provided businesses, organizations and students dedicated time to connect and helped students uncover opportunities and career paths that lead to economic self-sufficiency here in our islands.

Exposure Fairs are a public-private effort followed throughout the year with additional relationship-building opportunities such as ClimbHI Leadership Exploration Inspiration (LEI) and the ClimbHI Service Excellence Certificate, as well as events through ClimbHI's Bridge portal and a ClimbHI Hiring Blitz closer to graduation.

ClimbHI was founded in 2009 and seeks to inspire students to finish high school and proceed to post-secondary education or employment by exposing them to future career paths and the steps necessary to achieve those goals. For more information on their various programs, visit climbhi.org



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"What's Up" on the Westside

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JANUARY 2026 Calendar of Events

January 1
New Years Day!

January 6
Public schools resume

January 9
5 to 8 pm — Safe & Sound Westside Career and Community Fair at Wai'anae High School

January 19
Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday

January 21
6 pm — Book Club (in person) at Wai'anae Public Library — "James" by Percival Everett.

VISIT THE WALL THAT HEALS!

January 14 - 19

UH West 'Oahu Great Lawn
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24hrs/day until 2pm January 19th

See flyer on page 12 for more information

CLUBS, COMMUNITY GROUPS AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

AARP Chapter 4936 of Wai'anae
9:30 am on the first Friday of each month at the Wai'anae Community Center (*Satellite City Hall*). Call Patrick Maher at 808-545-6003.

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4 to 5 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Wai'anae District Park. For more information, contact Flo Pell at 808-696-2776.

Aikido
Daily classes, morning, afternoon and evening for children, teens and adults. Call 808.202.6171 or 808.462-1118.

B&G Club Hawai'i — Wai'anae Clubhouse
Afterschool programs for youth & teens Grades 2nd thru 12th. Register at: membership.bgch.com or call 808-696-2754.

La Kōkua Kā'ala Farm
9 am to 12 noon on the 2nd Saturday of each month to mālama 'āina, 'ōi and weeding. All are welcomed! Call 808.696.4954 or check our website www.kaalafarm.org

Lualualei Hawaiian Civic Club
3rd Thursday of every month at 6 pm and held both in-person and virtually via zoom at KS

Learning Center in Mā'ili. For more information, Email: lualualeihcc808@gmail.com or visit our Instagram: [@lualualeihcc808](https://www.instagram.com/lualualeihcc808) or Facebook: Lualualei Hawaiian Civic Club

Wai'anae Coast Neighborhood Board #24
6:30 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Wai'anae Public Library. For more information, contact Neighborhood Commission Office at 808-768-3710 or visit honolulu.gov/nco

Waianae Coast Rotary Club
12 noon on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at "Beach House by 604" (PARC) Piliula Army Rec. Center (*Rest Camp*). For more information, contact: waianaeastrotary.org or Craig Alvarado at craig@bhhshawaii.com

Wai'anae Farmer's Market
Mākeke 'Iki 9am to 12 Noon every Tuesday at WCCHC Main Campus.
Mākeke Wai'anae 8 am to 12 noon every Saturday at Wai'anae Mall. Formore information call 808-697-3709.

Wai'anae Hawaiian Civic Club
6 to 8pm on the 2nd Tuesdays of each month. Come learn about our culture and civic kuleana. Contact waianaehawaiiancivicclub.org for more information.

Women of Wai'anae
For more information visit womenofwaianae.org or call Karen Young at 808-388-8828. Focus is on fundraisers for non-traditional college scholarships.



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Women of Wai'anae 2026 Scholarships Applications Now Available



Florence Ward, Mary Ellen Apostol, Bette Van-Manen and Karen Young

Submitted by Bette VanManen

The Women of Wai'anae (WOW) Scholarship program will once again be accepting scholarship applications beginning January 15 on their website at womenofwaianae.org. Applications will also be available at the Wai'anae Public Library and at Leeward Community College – Wai'anae Moku.

This program was founded in 1997 to provide scholarships to non-traditional students on the Wai'anae coast for students of all genders who are twenty-five years of age or older and have lived in the Wai'anae Coast area for at least ten years and are pursuing undergraduate,

graduate or trade school education.

This year WOW has a special scholarship available for any qualified applicant planning on studying music as a major or minor — **The Florence Ward**

Music Scholarship. Florence Ward is 104 years old, a resident of Mākaha and a longtime member of WOW and received her college degree in music. She can play the cello and piano and was a music teacher for many years.

In 2025, WOW awarded seventeen scholarships worth \$46,500 — so don't delay and be sure to get your application filled out and entered before this year's the deadline.

HO'OMĀKA'IKA'I

Apply from Jan. 2 to Jan. 31, 2026

Our weeklong boarding program on O'ahu provides foundational Hawaiian values and practices through hands-on, community-based learning for keiki entering 6th grade.

KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS SUMMER PROGRAMS

Apply from Jan. 2 to Feb. 15, 2026

Nurture your child's growth beyond the regular school year. Through our summer programs, learners will deepen their 'ike Hawai'i and create community connections, propelling them to reach their full potential.

Learn more and apply at ksbe.edu/legacy

Note: The Ho'omāka'ika'i deadline is earlier than in previous years



Ke Kula 'o Kamehameha

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Kamehameha Schools' admissions policy is to give preference to applicants of Hawaiian ancestry to the extent permitted by law.

MAHALO

To everyone who helped make this year's parade such a great success!

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The Waianae Coast Rotary Club would like to say "Mahalo Nui Loa" to all those who helped celebrate the 29th annual community Christmas Parade on December 13 with the theme "Pa'a Pono 96792" — a Wai'anae Coast Community theme that promotes peace, unity and resilience. It was exciting to see how many of the sixty-six entries and the over 1,700 participants embraced the community theme to celebrate what is good in our community.

Introduced this year was a grandstand outside of Teapresso Bar with Loa'a Pinē from Scrappy Podcast who kept things exciting as well as a float contest encouraging all to embrace the Pa'a Pono 96792 theme. Winners were; Best Overall Float— Leeward Roofing and General Contractors; Most Creative Design — Senator Samantha DeCorte and Best Keiki Float and Peoples Choice Award — Ark of Safety Christian Fellowship.

Exciting news — Next year's parade is already set for December 5, 2026! Look for new and exciting changes which will include changing the parade to nighttime!

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Koa Puna Motorcycle Club

Royal Hawaiian Band

Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center

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Teapresso Bar

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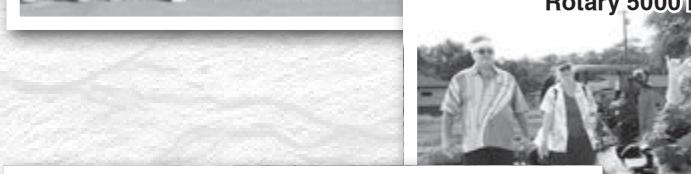
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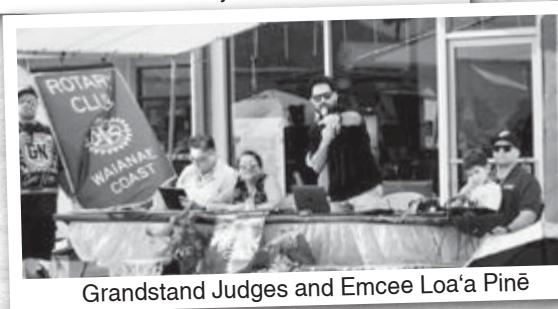
Grand Marshal – Kamaki Kanahele



Rotary 5000 District Governor Nancy Cabral



Rotarians from other clubs joined in the fun!



Best Keiki Float
& People's
Choice Award:
Ark of Safety
Christian Fellowship

Grandstand Judges and Emcee Loa'a Pinē

Waianae Coast Rotary Club Announces Expanded 2026 Scholarship Program

Submitted by Gladys Peraro

The Waianae Coast Rotary Club (WCRC) is proud to announce the opening of its 2026 scholarships, offering expanded financial support for graduating high school seniors who live in or attend school within zip code 96792 and plans to pursue higher education or vocational training full time.

For 2026, the WCRC is increasing its total scholarship awards to \$25,000. In addition to established scholarships, they plan to introduce additional scholarship programs, which are currently being finalized and will be announced on the Club's website at www.waianae.coastrotary.org in the coming months.

The 2026 scholarship offerings include one Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF) scholarship and multiple WCRC detailed below:

Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF) Scholarship

Application Deadline: February 1, 2026

Application materials and instructions are available online at www.hawaiirotaryyouthfoundation.org

- \$5,000 one-year award for a student attending an accredited four-year college or university in Hawai'i or the U.S. continent

- The student selected for the HRYF

award through the WCRC may compete for a one-time \$10,000 scholarship

Waianae Coast Rotary Scholarships

Application Deadline: April 6, 2026

Applications may be requested by email at contact@waianae.coastrotary.org

- \$2,500 one-year award for a student attending an in-state Hawai'i four-year college or university.
- \$2,500 one-year award for a student attending an accredited vocational or trade school, in-state or out-of-state
- \$1,250 one-year award for a student attending an in-state Hawai'i two-year community college.

(Number of scholarships and award amounts may change)

A full-time student is defined as one enrolled in at least twelve credit hours per semester or equivalent. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and legal residents of Hawai'i prior to submitting their applications. The WCRC works closely with local high school and after-school counselors to support students throughout the application process. Students are encouraged to consult their school counselors for guidance.

For questions or additional information about the 2026 Waianae Coast Rotary Scholarships, please visit www.waianae-coastrotary.org



(Left) Dictionaries delivered to Leihokū (Center) Rotarian Glen Arakawa (left) and Wai'anae El's Principal Sheldon Konno are all smiles! (Right) L to R: Rotarians Glen Arakawa, Gladys Peraro and Craig Alvarado packed boxes of dictionaries for delivery to schools.

Waianae Coast Rotary Club Delivers Dictionaries to Wai'anae Coast 3rd Grade Students

Submitted by Tanya Brown

In the spirit of literacy and community service, the Waianae Coast Rotary Club continued its beloved annual tradition of distributing dictionaries to every third-grade student along the Wai'anae Coast.

Rotarians personally delivered 960 dictionaries to ten schools in addition to eight other keiki-centered entities including U.S.VETS Wai'anae, both the Wai'anae and Nānākuli public libraries, both the Boys & Girls Club of Wai'anae and Nānākuli, the Wai'anae Boat Harbor (children residing in homeless households), the Hawaii Literacy Program for the Book Mobile and Na Kama Kai after school program. The project is part of Rotary International's

ongoing commitment to literacy, one of its core pillars of service.

"By gifting each student their very own dictionary to encourage reading, writing and a love of learning and for many of these keiki, this is their first book that's truly their own," said a club member. "It's more than just a dictionary—it's a tool to help them dream, learn, and grow and it is hoped that by gifting each student their very own dictionary to encourage reading, writing and a love of learning."

The Waianae Coast Rotary Club thanks school administrators, teachers and volunteers who helped make this year's distribution a success and remains dedicated to empowering local youth through education and service.

Wai'anae Public Library

Hawai'i State Public Library System

January 2026

The library will be closed Thursday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

The library will also be closed on Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Book Club

3rd Wednesdays, Jan 21 @ 6:00

Join us for our **in-person** book club on the 3rd Wednesday of each month! The book that we will be discussing in this meeting is **James** by Percival Everett. We will also begin the process of selecting books for the rest of this year, so bring some interesting titles!

Family Storytime Saturdays @ 10:00

Keiki and their ohana are invited for a fun-filled storytime where we read books, sing and dance, and make crafts. This story-time is aimed at ages 3-5, but all ages are welcome.



Toddler Time Tuesdays @ 9:30

Toddler Time helps keiki learn important pre-reading skills. Keiki ages 0-3 can listen to books being read aloud, sing songs, do fingerplays, participate in flannel board activities, and play with toys. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Get 1-On-1 Tech Help with a **Digital Navigator**. Book your appointment for Monday morning or Saturday afternoon. Call the library for more information.

Wai'anae Public Library is located at 85-625 Farrington Hwy. 96792 808-697-7868
Email: owncirc@librarieshawaii.org

NĀNĀKULI PUBLIC LIBRARY

JANUARY 2026 PROGRAMS



KEIKI STORYTIME
EVERY FRIDAY
11:30AM



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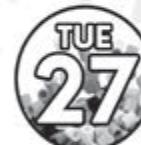
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'OHANA GAME
NIGHT
5PM-7PM



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10AM-11AM



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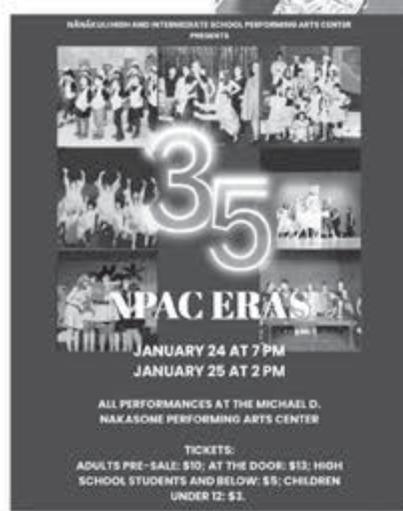
Royal Performance—Parade-goers enjoyed a performance by the Royal Hawaiian Band. The only full-time municipal band in the United States, it performs and marches in over 300 concerts and parades each year.

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Get your tickets for 35: NPAC ERAS

The Nānākuli Performing Arts Center celebrates 35 years of unforgettable productions with **35: NPAC ERAS**, a high-energy showcase featuring songs from NPAC's past, Broadway, and new performances by current students and proud alumni. Join us as we honor NPAC's legacy and future on January 24 at 7 p.m. or January 25 at 2 p.m. at the Michael D. Nakasone Performing Arts Center Auditorium (2355 Waimano Home Rd. in Pearl City). Purchase tickets at the door or online at www.nhispac.com.

Mean Looking—Student actors in NPAC's recent performance of *Mean Girls* took a selfie as part of the performance. Many of them will also perform in **35: NPAC ERAS**.



Wai'anae Christmas Parade

A crowd of thousands lined the sidewalks on December 13th to watch the 29th Annual Wai'anae Christmas Parade as it traveled along Farrington Highway from Wai'anae Boat Harbor to Wai'anae Mall. This year's parade theme was Pa'a Pono 96792. PVT is proud to be among the parade's long-time sponsors.



Beach Balls in Paradise—Leeward Roofing, whose float was judged Best Overall in the parade, handed out beach balls to keiki along the parade route.

Hooks and Ladders—Honolulu Fire Department's Ladder 26 from Wai'anae shared plenty of Christmas spirit.

Happy New Year
from the PVT team

PVT employees and their families gathered at Aulani Resort in December to celebrate the holidays. We hope that 2026 will be good to you.



Happy New Year—Now that Mickey and Minnie Mouse have joined the PVT team, we expect 2026 to be the happiest year ever.

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