



On the calendar

On August 4

The Authority approved VA ALOHA, LLC's request for a Development Permit to construct a new Department of Veterans Affairs Multi-Specialty Outpatient Clinic, in Kalaeloa. The proposed Project consists of a forty-foot-high building that will provide space for doctors of different specialties, support staff, and equipment to serve veterans.

September 1

Presentation hearing for Kalaeloa Home Lands Solar, LLC, which is proposing to build a photovoltaic electrical solar farm on a parcel of land owned by the State of Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, in Kalaeloa. A Request for Major Variances hearing will be on September 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and the Decision-Making Hearing on November 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

September 1

The next HCDA Board meetings will be held.

For more information on the public hearings, board meetings or about HCDA visit dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda.

Heeia Volunteer

Volunteer workdays in Heeia have started up again.

Kakoo Oiwi now offers different types of workdays free for the public to attend.

- Loi Kalo Taro Farming
- Restoration of native habitats
- Puulani Agroforestry Initiative
- Field cropping for diversity

For more information visit <https://kakooiwi.org/communityworkdays>.

Know someone?

If you want to include an event, know an individual or a business in Kakaako, Kalaeloa or Heeia that we could feature, or just want more Community Connection, let us know by emailing us at: dbedt.hcda.contact@hawaii.gov.



"Affordable family fun," said Bev Brennan and Linda Painter of their business goal. Since opening in March 2009, the owners have shared the joy of bowling with their patrons at the Barbers Point Bowling Center. Where fun happens.

The 16-lane center serves Oahu's west side for league and non-league play. After being open and closed because of the pandemic last year and implementing safety protocols, "we are open for business," said Linda.

Linda acknowledges the assistance of their landlord, Hunt Companies, for working with Bev and Linda through the pandemic.

The Center hosts several leagues, including senior leagues, and an instructional league for youth ages 4 to 20. Open lanes are also available.

Compared to the cost of a family of four going to a movie and buying snacks, bowling at the Center is more affordable, fun, and has delicious food.

It has been said, "choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life". For Bev and Linda, the love of bowling started in their childhood. Linda grew up in Panama City Beach Florida and Flatrock, Michigan and Bev in Richmond, Virginia, each in a family of bowlers. Growing up in Florida, while Linda's mother was pregnant with Linda's sister, Linda's mother was asked to sub on a bowling team. After agreeing to

sub, the joke in the family was that Linda's father couldn't get his wife out of the bowling alley. After Linda's family relocated to Michigan, Linda's mother got a job at a local 32-lane bowling center and organized the bowling leagues. Bev grew up in bowling as a junior bowler; Bev's mother was a bowling coach. In the Navy, Bev made the Navy bowling team. For Linda and Bev, this is a job they love, and it shows.

Perhaps it's the skill, camaraderie, or good fun, bowling has a way of strengthening friendships. When Linda and Bev met at a national bowling tournament, Bev had been contemplating retiring from the Navy, having served most of her 30-year Navy career stationed in Hawaii. Linda moved to Hawaii in 1992, and later the two of them partnered to start a Subway business in Kalaeloa before opening the Center.

Bowling and eating go together. If you get hungry while bowling at the Center, visit the Prop Stop Snack Shop. Under Chef Jocelyn "Jocey" Robello, the snack shop is "cooking food locals love to eat," says Jocey. Her career path did not start in cooking but her passion for cooking and her family's food truck business led her to cooking.

"I love to cook!" said Jocey. "Try the seafood chowder and beef stew".

See you at the lanes.



"What is your favorite place in Kakaako to have after work drinks?"



"Hana Koa Brewing." -Adrian



"Asahi Grill." -Alan, owner of Ikaika Fitness Factory, and Annette



"Honolulu Beerworks." -Allen

"Streetscape" generally refers to the natural and built fabric of the street. It is the design quality of the street and its visual effect. The concept recognizes that a street is a public place where people congregate and engage in various activities. In this feature, we take to the streets of our communities to interview people.

Micro Units Rise on Small Parking Lot in Honolulu

Nohona Hale creates an island paradise for lower income residents

By Christine Serlin

Developers EAH Housing and Bronx Pro Group have transformed a small surface parking lot into an island paradise for low-income residents in the heart of Kaka'ako in Honolulu.

The 16-story Nohona Hale features 111 studio apartments with their own private lanais for residents earning between 30% and 60% of the area median income.

The 9,660-square-foot site is leased from the Hawaii Community Development Authority, which had a vision of an affordable housing project that is green, promotes multimodal transit, and has micro-units to maximize the density of the underutilized parking lot.

"Nohona Hale began as a very tall order for a very tiny site. Through its design, amenities, and unique location, Nohona Hale fulfills the goals it set out to accomplish—a 111-micro-unit development that fulfills the principles of smart growth, transit-oriented development, affordability, and sustainability," according to executives from EAH Housing and Bronx Pro Group.

Located in a thriving arts community near transit, retail, and jobs, the development provides critical affordable housing for the residents in an area that is being gentrified with new market-rate high-rise apartments. Amenities include bicycle, moped, and surfboard storage; community gardens; a lounge area; a fitness room; and on-site laundry facilities.

"Nohona Hale's success is due to the cooperation and the willingness of many different agencies and organizations to work together to create and support affordable housing," according to the project developers. "Nohona Hale should serve as a reminder to all of us that we need to continue to redefine and reimagine what affordable housing is and how public and private partnerships can work together to meet the great need that remains."

The \$52.7 million development, which opened in February 2020, also boasts green features, including solar photovoltaic panels, solar thermal water heating, LED lighting, and low-flow water fixtures.

**This article first appeared in the July/August issue of Affordable Housing Finance, www.housingfinance.com. The project was nominated for the Reader's Choice awards. Subscribers can vote for the winners online through August 20. The winners will be announced November 15-17, in Chicago.*



Photo courtesy of Carson Schultz

Senior Living in Kakaako

Independence and great location

Long waitlists are a thing of the past. Apartments for seniors are now available!

HCDA and HHFDC have collaborated in the past to develop three senior rental properties in Kakaako – Honuakaha, Na Lei Hulu Kupuna and Pohulani.

Currently, all of these conveniently located residences have apartments available for rent. Sixty-two years or older, income and other eligibility requirements apply.

A place you can call home, Honuakaha is ideally located within walking distance of Downtown Honolulu and Chinatown, at 545 Queen Street.

Partially furnished studio apartments, include utilities and air conditioning - all for \$960 per month. For more information call 522-7919, or select Honuakaha at www.locationsrentals.com/affordable-rentals.

Na Lei Hulu Kupuna at 610 Cooke Street, across from Mother Waldron Park, is a 75-unit senior affordable

rental apartment building. The project was constructed under LIHTC (Low Income Housing Tax Credits). State Rental Assistance is available. Furnished units currently available have been recently renovated. Rent is \$916. For more information call Mark Development Inc. at 593-1009, or visit www.mdihawaii.com/nalei.

Pohulani was recently refurbished and has beautiful views. It's comfort and convenience in one, located at 626 Coral Street, along the bus line on Queen Street. Utilities are included in the rent - \$1,350 for studios and \$1,450 for one-bedroom units. For more information call 744-6582, or visit www.pohulani.com.

