



## On the calendar

### December 7

A public hearing will present the proposal from the Liliuokalani Trust for a development permit to renovate the structure where the former Honolulu Club was, to create an education center.

The next HCDA Board meetings will also be held on December 7.

For more information on this public hearing, board meeting or about HCDA visit [dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda](http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda).

### State holidays

Friday, Nov. 11 Veterans Day  
Thursday, Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day  
Monday, Dec. 26 Christmas Observed  
Monday, Jan. 2 New Years Day Observed

### Get featured?

If you want to include an event, know an individual or a business in Kaka'ako, Kalaheo or He'eia that we could feature, or just want more Community Connection, let us know by emailing us at: [dbedt.hcda.contact@hawaii.gov](mailto:dbedt.hcda.contact@hawaii.gov).



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**Kailua Clinic (808) 840-0505**  
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## When Life's Ruff, Unleash The Fun.

### Happy, healthy pet owners

Focus on prevention  
*By Francine Murray*

"We celebrated our 3rd Anniversary on Sept 24<sup>th</sup> in Kaka'ako and opened a new clinic in Kailua," said Matt Malta, the owner of Ali'i Animal Hospital & Resort. "We are a state-of-the-art Animal Hospital and surgery center with a whole health approach to pet care." Services include wellness and preventative care, dental, urgent and emergency care.

Ali'i Animal's primary care is focused on canine and feline health. However, in the hospital, they do treat some small exotic pets such as birds, guinea pigs, rabbits, and chinchillas with limited services.

"We are expanding our resort services with Ali'i Animal Unleashed this month, Hawaii's largest indoor playground, boarding, grooming and dog training facility. Our resort services are only for dogs which include grooming salon, training classes, daycare, and lodging," said Malta. "We are the only pet resort supervised by doctors from our veterinary hospital." Unleashed is a new doggie daycare resort in Kaka'ako that provides quick on-the-spot exams to make sure pets are ready to mingle. It also has a convenient Bark-n-Park entrance on Hopaka Street for quick drop-offs and pick-ups.

Since HCDA is in the planning process of converting the Kolowalu Mauka Park into a dog park, Mr. Malta offered some suggestions for amenities. "We suggest dog watering fountains, poop stations with bags,

and trash bins." He continued, "We have seen compostable bins that make energy to light the parks at night! Dogs can spread infectious diseases at a dog park. We recommend a sign near the entrance that serves as a friendly reminder about being a responsible pet parent and ways to protect their pet."



When going in a shared space, "it's important to make sure your pet is current on flea and heartworm preventatives," Malta said. "Many parasites are persistent in our environment, and it is best to focus on prevention. Be sure to protect your pet by having vaccines and up-to-date testing at least annually, including bordetella and leptospirosis."

In addition to their scheduled appointments, the hospital takes walk-ins for emergency and urgent care 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven-days a week.

After hours, they will refer emergencies to any of the 24-hour emergency specialty centers.



## Support local

### Treasures to be found in the heart of Kaka'ako

"We specialize in vintage aloha shirts," said Lei Batty of DeStash Hawai'i, the native Hawaiian owned and locally operated shop in Kaka'ako. The store features all kinds of local and locally made items from designer fashion to custom home decor.

DeStash Hawai'i is a colorful treat for the eyes with new handmade items like bucket hats, purses and fabric bags, zippered bags, bracelets and art, as well as the vintage treasures in all shapes and sizes - keiki to kupuna.

It's a bit like having a craft fair that's open Tuesday through Saturday, with many one-of-a-kind gift ideas for the holidays like fabric wine bags, perfect for hostess gifts or to take to a BYOB.

As we left Lei reminded us, "Our inventory is changing all the time. Come back again."

We definitely will.



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### Affordable housing walking tour

On October 22, as a part of the celebration of Architecture Month, AIA Honolulu held its first Kaka'ako walking tour.

"It was fantastic to finally have an in-person event, after over 3 years of not having a walking tour during architecture month," said Todd Hassler, the vice president/president elect for the AIA Honolulu Chapter. Pre-Covid19, AIA held regular walking tours of Honolulu and Chinatown.

"The theme this year was celebrating being "better together", which is one of our new strategy planning goals," said Hassler. "Capitalizing on finally being together in person was an opportunity to celebrate our built environment while gaining value, support and camaraderie."

Craig Nakamoto, executive director of HCDA provided, an overview of the district, at the first stop on the tour which was focused on affordable housing.

Second, a docent shared the history of Pow! Wow! Named after the feeling the founder wanted the audience to have as they viewed the temporary art. She said that since then, the Kaka'ako phenomenon has gone global.

Next, we visited 6 affordable housings projects - Ke Kilohana, Nohana Hale, Halekauwila Place, Keauhou Lane, The Flats at Pu'unui, and Six Eighty Ala Moana. "We wanted to include a combination of mixed use buildings and residential buildings to emphasize the importance of diversity in our communities," said Hassler. "The most enjoyable aspect was that several designers and architects of the buildings featured on the tour were the docents and represented their own designs. This provided a unique perspective of how some of the top professionals in the field envisioned the development of Kaka'ako."

"There are many enjoyable aspects of the profession such as exercising creativity, problem solving, exploring building science, having community impact, providing a valuable service and overall diversity," said Hassler, who is also a partner at Peter Vincent Architects. "However, the most rewarding aspect is seeing how my designs impact the end users."

### LBD isn't just a Little Black Dress

It's 1 of 3 new places to dine

LBD - Lounge Bar Deck, a sleek Japanese bar & lounge opened on the ground floor of Waiea, on the corner of Kamakee and Auahu Streets. It features small plates and Japanese cocktails, Japanese whiskey, wine and beer in a beautiful covered open-air outdoor deck area.

The 10,000 sq. ft. former Nobe location has been transformed into three venues - LBD, Jinya Ramen with a variety of soups, noodles and vegan options, and third, Robata Jinya, an izakaya-style restaurant with Japanese tapas and a sushi bar.

1118 Ala Moana Blvd., Ste 100.



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