



On the calendar

May 3

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.

Know someone?

If you want to include an event, know an individual or a business in Kaka'ako, Kalaeloa 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.

Kaka'ako Makai and Kewalo Basin

"For 15 years I have wanted a market on a pier," said Pamela Boyar, Managing Director of Farmlovers Farmers' Markets. "Finally got it."

It's not like Seattle's famous Pike's Market, or San Francisco's Pier 39 – the popular Bay to Play, that touts great waterfront seafood restaurants, shopping and attractions, but the Diamond Head side of Kaka'ako Makai, where it meets the waters of Kewalo Basin have so much potential.

The beautiful waterfront area is now the new home of the very popular Kaka'ako Farmers' Market on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. The Market is on the former Fisherman's Wharf site at Hakuone and across Kamake'e Street, in the surface parking area of the AAFES Building, at 919 Ala Moana Boulevard.

The Market boasts that at the new location, you can listen to live music while watching the boats sail in and out of the harbor.

The weekly event features food, apparel, health and beauty products, plants, crafts, games and entertainment.

"I have been doing markets since 1994," said Boyer. "My life is dedicated to farmers and providing a community where customers can find health and well-being at the markets. The setting of the market is so beautiful which only enhances our mission."

To help people visiting this area keep themselves safe, HCDA recently put up a chain-link fence around the pier that connects to an existing fence around the next parcel.

The older portion of the pier is almost 100 years old, built in 1924 to support the tuna packing operations that used to be in the Kewalo Basin. In 1968, the deck was extended, this newer section is over 50 years old and has essentially reached the end of its useful life.

Repairs were made on the older portion in the 80s, but there are no records or visible evidence of repairs to the newer, 50-year-old portion. Deterioration has increased significantly and is visibly apparent from the surface, not just underwater. Access is now restricted over the entire deck, that was recently fenced in.

The need for repairs has now become critical, and is pending the approval of funding, estimated at about \$25,000,000.

Upon completion, the loading dock would be available to fully service vessels in Kewalo Basin and pedestrians could once again use the deck, connecting to the nearby areas because the temporary fencing will be removed.

The potential in beautiful Kaka'ako Makai and Kewalo Basin is exciting. The pier improvement will spur economic growth, support small businesses, and increase job opportunities.



Auahi Street Improvements

Under construction now on Auahi Street, between Kamake'e Street and Ward Avenue, is a transformation. New widened and elevated sidewalks and monkeypod canopy tree-lined paths, dedicated bike lanes and native landscaped planters all designed to create an inviting streetscape and pedestrian experience.

"Providing public amenities for residents and visitors of Ward Village is one of the most important elements of our master plan," said Ka'iulani Sodaro, Senior Vice President of Planning and Development of Howard Hughes Corporation. "These neighborhood infrastructure improvements will not only enhance walking, biking and driving through Ward Village, but will also offer open-air retreat for moments of conversation, relaxation and recreation."

Beginning at the Ward Entertainment Center, new monkey pod tree-lined and elevated sidewalks, landscaped art installations, and a variety of new retail and restaurants will complement the soon to expand Victoria Ward Park. The park, expanding makai and mauka, dedicates over three acres of recreational lawn, new playground areas and gathering places for the community's enjoyment.

The transformation along Auahi Street is occurring in phases and will continue through 2025.

Named "Best-Planned Community in the United States" by Architectural Digest, Ward Village's vision for a connected community honors the legacy of Victoria Ward, whose estate was a central gathering place for community members to celebrate their connection to and the culture of O'ahu.



Images of Auahi Street before and after courtesy: Ward Village

Topping Off and Giving Back

Ward Village recently celebrated the topping off of Victoria Place by giving back



Courtesy: Ward Village

In recognition of the contributing construction trades and individuals who made this achievement possible, Ward Village donated to the General Contractors Association of Hawaii - Construction Leadership Council and Pacific Resource Partnership - Executive Leadership Series Program. These donations follow Ward Village's tradition of raising a building's final structural beam with a "topping off and giving back" gift to support workforce training career opportunities and growth for local residents.