#### Hawai'i Community Development Authority November 2023

# **Community Connection**



### On the calendar

#### Dec 4 at 5 p.m.

A community meeting and open house will be held in Hilo to discuss a study to re-envision the Waiākea Peninsula. To register to attend, or for more information visit <u>https://dbedt.</u> <u>hawaii.gov/hcda/waiakea-peninsula/</u>.

#### Dec 6 at 9 a.m.

The Decision-Making Hearing will be held on the proposed amendments and compilation of the Kaka'ako Makai Area Rules, HRS Chapter 15-23. For more information visit https://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/ kakaako-makai-area-rule-amendments/.

#### Dec 6

The next HCDA Board meetings will be held following the public hearing. For more information about HCDA, the public hearings or board meetings visit <u>https://dbedt.hawaii.</u> gov/hcda/.

### Love Southern Food? Check Out 'Southern Love'

Cozy Kaka'ako Restaurant brings the aloha, Southern Style *By Armaine Tomacder* 

Southern cuisine is known for its hearty comfort and rich Cajun flavors, and if that's something you're craving, you'll want to check out Southern Love on Queen Street, in the center of Kaka'ako.

Owners Kory and Elle opened this charming restaurant in July 2023 after a persisting passion and a serendipitous opportunity, allowing their family to share their home recipes that they've been perfecting for years. With Elle's keiki planted on her hip and Kory plating the dishes in the back while sharing glimpses of their journey, you'd be charmed and reminded of the times you've sat around talking story at your cousin's kitchen table.

Southern Love prides themselves in preparing the dishes the authentic way – whether its their crispy Catfish Po'Boy sandwiches with their house remoulade or their 30-minute Grits & Shrimp sprinkled with Slap-Ya-Mama seasoning, pair it with their homemade sweet tea and you're bound to fall in love.

If you're interested in catering your small office party or just looking for a satisfying bite to eat, check out Southern Love at their location, 753 Queen Street, Honolulu, HI 96813, or visit their Instagram page, @southernlovehawaii.







### Kolowalu Dog Park construction began

The HCDA is happy to announce construction activities have officially launched. The temporary construction fence went up on November 20 and construction crews have begun work on the highly anticipated Kolowalu Dog Park.

A common occurrence in Hawai'i, many supplies and materials are not available locally and we are dependent on sourcing from overseas. Receipt of some supplies is still pending. However, until the final items arrive, the innovative crew is using locally sourced items to get as much as they can done efficiently, while adding a unique local flare to this special place with local stone treatments and features.

The Park is expected to be complete in the spring of 2024.



### Crazy for Tech, Engineering, or Defense

### The Annual Tech Job Fair is December 21

If you are tech savvy, an engineer, or interested in a defense job, join us at the fair. Meet with leading technology employers at the 2023 Annual HTDC Holiday Tech Job Fair for job opportunities, internships and apprenticeships.

Sharpen your resume with this great tip – bring your resume as is, and join us for a free resume evaluation with one-on-one help from HR professionals.

Get a professional headshot taken.

If you're home for the holidays, find out the latest happenings in Hawai'i's innovation ecosystem and grow your connections with the innovation community. Meet with companies looking for skilled workers like yourself.

Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) is a dynamic state agency responsible for diversifying Hawai'i's economy by developing a flourishing technology industry that provides quality, high-paying jobs for Hawai'i residents. HTDC aims to accelerate the growth of Hawai'i's technology industry by providing capital, building infrastructure and developing talent to foster innovation and diversify Hawai'i's economy. HTDC is attached to the state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

To learn more about HTDC visit https://www.htdc.org.

### **Red Flags** What are these new warnings?

On November 5, it was the first time many of us had heard of a Red Flag Warning in Hawai'i, as the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency announced that the State was preparing for an increased risk of wildfires, due to low humidity and rising winds, that could cause wildfires to start, spread quickly, and behave unpredictable.

"With drought conditions in place statewide, we're one bad spark away from a new wildfire, so we and our partners are on alert," said HI-EMA Administrator James Barros in a press release. "The first responders and the counties are the front line of defense and we're here to support them if they need it.

"The people of Hawai'i have seen how quickly a wildfire can spread and the devastation it can bring – Maui is still coping with the consequences," Barros continued. "We want to assure everyone that we are keeping close watch, but we need your help to reduce risk."

For more information on wildfire safety, visit the Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization at https://www.hawaiiwildfire.org/ fire-resource-library-blog/rsg-yourpersonal-wildland-fire-action-guide.



#### Photos courtesy of, and for more information visit <u>https://www.usfa.fema.gov/.</u>

### 22ND ANNUAL ()htdc Holiday Tech Job Fair Ø ENGINEERING OTECH ODEFENSE

Thursday, Dec. 21 4:00pm-8:00pm Hawaiʻi Convention Center 1801 Kalākaua Ave, Honolulu, HI 96815 FREE ADMISSION

## To reduce the chance of wildfires the public can:

- Remove dry brush from around structures.
- Clear debris from gutters, where an ember could land.
- Do not throw cigarette butts from vehicles.

• Do not park on vegetation – a vehicle exhaust system can be hot enough to ignite it.

• Avoid outdoor burning or any activity that causes embers or sparks. That can include use of power tools or dragging chains from a trailer or other moving vehicle.