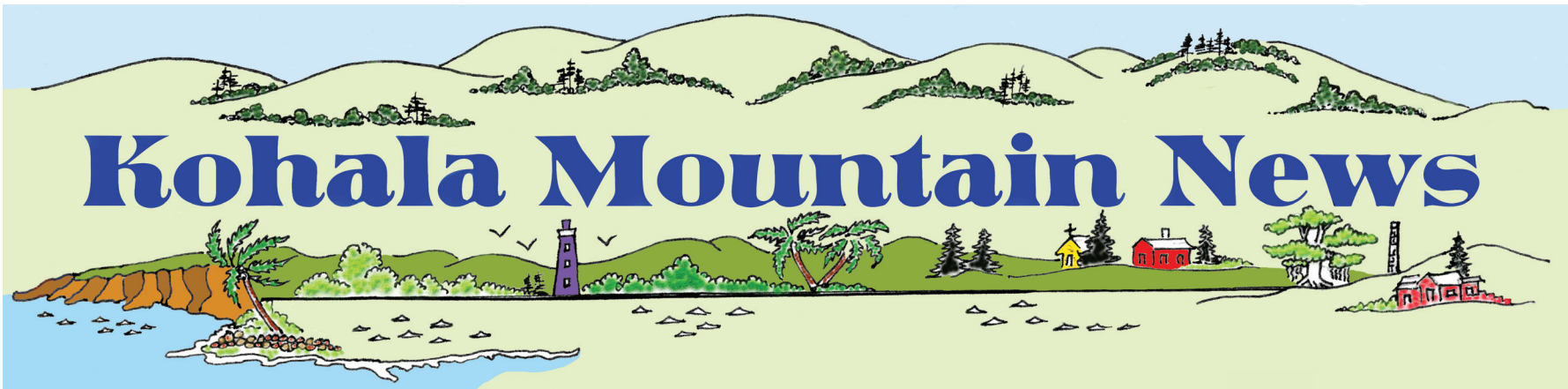




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NK CERT Needs Your Support



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Some of the NKCERT members.

By April Lee
Your local North Kohala Community Emergency Response Team (NKCERT) is a volunteer organization trained by Civil Defense to prepare for and respond to emergencies when our police and fire department may be overwhelmed. In 2006 when the earthquake

struck, we were completely cut off from the usual forms of communication. Since then, we have been aiding civil defense and community organizations with first aid, emergency shelter support and preparedness education. Our 24 North Kohala local

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Spotlight on Giving Back to Kohala



Jack Salvador at his 60th birthday party.

Story and photo by Randee Golden
There are many volunteers in North Kohala who support community in various ways. Some work at the Heritage Center, others organize or perform at community events, some coach sports teams, and others volunteer to keep St. Augustine's Thrift Store open, to

mention only a few ways Kohala folks give back. And then there are others who give back in a special way, yet few people know about them and what they do. Jack Salvador is one of these people. This third generation Kohala

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Kōkua Kohala Project: Grant Award Strengthens Kohala Food Production and Distribution

North Kohala families facing food insecurity will soon have greater access to locally grown food, thanks to a \$30,000 'Umeke 'Ai Pono Grant from the Hawai'i Good Food Alliance, a nonprofit supporting local farming and food access statewide. The grant was recently awarded to Kohala Food Hub for the Kōkua Kohala Project, in partnership with St. Augustine's Food Pantry. The Pantry currently distributes about 65 bags of food every Friday at 4:00 p.m. at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church (54-3801 Akoni Pule Hwy in Kapa'au). Each bag consists mostly of non-perishable items provided by the Food Basket in Kona, and fresh produce donated by local farmers is a much-appreciated addition when it is available. This grant

will enable Kohala Food Hub to purchase additional locally grown produce and protein for distribution through St. Augustine's Food Pantry to those experiencing food insecurity in North Kohala. Kohala Food Hub has been offering free fresh locally grown food distributions to community members in North Kohala since shortly after its inception in 2019. They expanded to serve the Waimea community starting in 2025, in partnership with St. James' Episcopal Church, and to serve the Honoka'a community in partnership with Honoka'a Hongwanji in 2026. They served the Kaukau for Keiki summer program in North Kohala this summer for the fifth consecutive year, in partnership with Vibrant Hawai'i and The

Kohala Resilience Hub, and served 200 families across North and South Kohala with free local produce and protein boxes through an Act 310 legislation grant award from February through June 2026. **Increasing Access to Nutritious Food** Weekly distribution of grant-funded food through this new initiative will begin on Friday, August 14 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and will continue through Friday, October 16. Distributions will be on a first-come, first-served basis. During this period, St. Augustine's Food Pantry will partner with Kohala Food Hub to distribute about 85 bags of fresh local food each week. This will supplement the approximately 65 bags of shelf-

stable food St. Augustine's Food Pantry currently distributes weekly, substantially increasing access to healthy, nutritious food. **Providing Community Meals** St. Augustine's Food Pantry will also use funds from the 'Umeke 'Ai Pono grant to prepare and serve monthly community meals at St. Augustine's Walker Hall in August, September and October. The meals will feature locally grown produce and protein purchased by Kohala Food Hub. Additional details on community meal dates and times will be posted on information boards throughout the community. Watch for fliers coming soon. St. Augustine's Food Pantry volunteers hope these three monthly meals will pro-

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See Inside
Look for familiar faces in photos from the 100-year celebration of Kohala High School. PLUS, read part 2 of the five-part series on Movie Theaters in Kohala.

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Jack, from Page 1

Native is a 1978 graduate of Kohala High. You may know him from his work at Bamboo Restaurant and Gift Shop for many years. Jack returned home in 2009 after living away for close to 20 years.

You may also know him as a hula dancer with Na Kupuna O Kohala. As a member of the hula halau, for years Jack has helped his kumu with high school May Day Celebrations, working on costumes and kahili, utilizing his talent in sewing and fabric arts. It was in 2024 when he was encouraged by another volunteer kupuna to make the 100 year Centennial May Day special. His creative mind started to roll...

In 2025 he presented his vision to honor the cowboy by creating a paniolo theme for the Centennial May Day. All involved agreed to the idea and allowed Jack to develop his vision, with hula selected to fit this very appropriate theme.

Not only did this talented person design and sew the skirts, vests and sashes for the island princes and princesses, Jack also made the princesses' hair pieces and ordered and fitted all their hats. He even sewed black and gold palaka outfits for a few of the halau alaka'i and the singer for the band.

Jack also designed the High School May Day stage at the Hisaoka Gym, working with parents who gathered and set up the decorative greenery. Everything was beautiful.

Not only did he create a lot, he also got it funded! Palaka fabric is expensive, so Jack sent a donation request letter to Kohala merchants

early in the year, and the response from five or six businesses paid for most of the material. Mahalo to these community members. Jack funded the balance as well as snacks for kids during fittings and practice.

The story of how Jack learned to sew is another example of community support.

During the summer before his senior year, Jack decided to create some clothes using a Singer sewing machine his dad bought for his sisters, which sat untouched. He decided to sew a shirt, so he went to Nakahara Drygoods Store where Mrs. Delores Bartelome helped him select a pattern, fabric and thread, and became his encouraging mentor. "She really pushed me," Jack said. Another informal sewing teacher was Mrs. Kimura, who owned the Kimura Fabric Store in Kainaliu, where he would buy wedding fabric. The rest of his learning to sew was self taught and fueled by his "go for it" attitude. He has since sewn holoku [a type of traditional dress], wedding dresses, clothes for the keiki and seniors that Kumu Hula Kauai Nakamura teaches, and even clothing for a whole bridal party.

When asked if he will continue to work on May Days to come, he stated, "It's not 100 percent yet, but they can count on me." Plenty of his younger family members are still in school, and so this talented son of Kohala will most likely be helping again next year, and for years to come. Thank you, Jack, for giving so much to the kids and community. Your time, talents, and energy are greatly appreciated!

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members serve an 11-square-mile area. To work effectively during emergencies, our team relies on radios to coordinate our activities. We have "walkie-talkie" radios, but their range is limited to under two miles. Communicating across Kohala requires a centrally located repeater, antenna and power source. In a disaster, CERT teams will be assigned in many incidents to search and rescue, medical-ops, damage assessment, logistics and more. To be effective, we need communication with the Emergency Operations Center and with each other.

We are seeking funding assis-

tance from the community to purchase a repeater set-up, estimated to cost \$2,800. You can receive a huge Mahalo and tax deduction by making a check out to the North Kohala Community Resource Center, or NKCRC. All donations of \$10 or more are gratefully accepted. Please write North Kohala CERT on the memo line. Drop off at NKCRC, 55-3933 Akoni Pule Hwy, or mail to P.O. Box 519, Hawi, HI 96719.

If you have any questions or would like to attend the outstanding training and join NKCERT, please contact April Lee at 808-989-5995. Mahalo nui from your North Kohala Community Emergency Response Team.

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vide the momentum to continue community meals beyond October.

Mahalo to Volunteers and Donors

While this grant will certainly provide a significant boost to local food production and distribution in North Kohala, it is the people of this community who provide the determination and power to address the persistent problem of food insecurity in our community.

St. Augustine's Food Pantry runs entirely on volunteer efforts. Its weekly food distribution is made possible by members of this community who pick up food in Kona, pack and distribute groceries, write grants, raise funds, complete reports, manage the accounting, and all other aspects of operations.

Kohala Food Hub's free food programs would also not be possible without the incredible community members who volunteer their time week after week.

In 2025 alone, more than 100 unique volunteers lovingly portioned local produce and packed free food boxes, supporting the distribution of over 75,000 pounds of fresh local food at no charge.

In addition, the pantry receives donations from many local community members and gifts of food from local farmers and families. Without their generosity, access to food would dwindle. Partnership with Kohala Food Hub, with its

corps of dedicated staff and volunteers, makes the addition of fresh local produce and proteins possible during the 10-week period from August 14 through October 16.

For the upcoming community meals, Chef Dakota Fitzner will donate his time to plan and prepare the community meals, and members of Uke Jam will join other local musicians to provide live entertainment. Volunteers will be on hand to assist with cooking, serving and packaging meals for delivery to those unable to attend in person.

The need is real and ongoing. Mahalo to all who are helping ensure that everyone in our North Kohala community has equal access to nourishing food.

Here's how you can volunteer your time:

- St. Augustine's Food Pantry: please contact Tim Lewallen at foodpantry@staugustineskohala.com or sign up at bit.ly/volunteer-kohalafoodpantry.
- Kohala Food Hub: please contact travis@kohalafoodhub.com or call/text (808) 896-5636.

To make a tax-deductible donation:

- St. Augustine's Food Pantry: please visit bit.ly/sta-food-pantry or send a check to P.O. Box 220, Kapa'au, HI 96755.
- Kohala Food Hub: please visit kohalafoodhub.com or send a check to P.O. Box 531, Hawi, HI 96719.

NKCDP Advisory Group Agenda

Date: Monday, Aug 3, 2026, **Time:** 4:30 p.m. **Place:** Senior Center (behind the statue)

- AGENDA**
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**
- Kohala residents are encouraged to attend and voice their opinion on issues. They may even recommend actions and suggest subjects not presently addressed.
- SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS** (Please see adjacent NKCDP Meeting Notes for information on issues currently being addressed.)
- Affordable Housing** - Housing needs for families in Kohala.
 - Agriculture** - The future of agriculture in our area.
 - Community Access** - Ways for Kohala residents to have more mauka and makai access.
 - Growth Management** - Zoning, permits, and variance requests and how they affect us.
 - Health and Wellness** - Kohala health care infrastructure and emergency response.
 - Parks, Roads, View Planes and Erosion Control** - Infrastructure problems and projects.
 - Utilities** - Utility and waste stream issues.
- COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE** - Councilman, District 9
- NEW BUSINESS**
- PUBLIC INPUT AND AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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NKCDP AG July Meeting Notes

By Lynda Wallach

The report from the **Affordable Housing Group** (AH) was the first item on the agenda at the July 6 meeting of the North Kohala Community Development Plan Advisory Group (NKCDP AG). Jack Hoyt explained that the Kohala Community Land Trust (KCLT), which works closely with AH, is a nonprofit governed by the community that is working to keep housing stock in Kohala out of the market economy through deed restrictions and other mechanisms. Anyone who is 18 or older who is a resident of North Kohala can join; decisions are made by the members, not the board. Beth Robinson will be serving as Interim Executive Director to plan and budget for the coming year. The KCLT is going to be holding three workshops, two for existing homeowners and one to provide information to prospective buyers on how to prepare for purchasing a home. Attendance has been disappointing at previous workshops like this, which are able to provide those who hope to purchase a home with a lot of valuable information. Hoyt said it is surprising how little prospective buyers know about the process.

Mike Kier, the developer of the container home on display at the bottom of Kynnersley Road, has an open house every Sunday after-

noon. The homes are built from used refrigeration containers, and the estimated cost is between \$60,000 and \$90,000, closer to \$85,000 for a model similar to the one he has on display. The cost is for the finished container, which have been pre-approved. It does not include the cost of obtaining a building permit, building a foundation, hiring a licensed electrician and plumber, or installing some type of wastewater treatment system.

Annalene Williams of the **Agriculture group** said the purpose of the regional food summit that was held on June 22 at the Hub Barn was to share the County's draft Five-Year Agri-Food and Community Food Security Plan. The plan, the first since 2010, was developed in partnership with the Hamakua Institute and the Food Basket and covers all nine districts of Hawaii Island. Information on the guiding principles of the plan, its core components and individual issue briefs can be found at canva.link/planindex. This is also where you can provide feedback. The plan is expected to be ready for the Island-Wide Food Summit on August 14-15.

The group heard a progress update from the Hawi-based Kohala Food Hub. It became an autonomous 501(c)(3) in 2024 and in 2025 reached the following milestones: the number of pounds of local food

distributed has more than doubled year after year; \$734,000 has been paid directly to producers; more than 750 families have received food at no cost; there has been a 125 percent revenue growth and a 160 percent increase in SNAP spending. The Food Hub is supported by more than 100 volunteers. It sources from approximately 200 producers island-wide and offers more than 500 local products through its weekly online market. It was the first food hub in the state to accept SNAP EBT online, with Double Up Food Bucks discounts that offer 50 percent off local produce available to EBT customers across 10 North Hawai'i pickup locations. It is a Kohala success story of which the community can be very proud.

The reports from **Community Access and Growth Management** both included news about Pololū: Na Ala Hele has received funds for trail restoration, and the legislature has budgeted \$1 million in Capital Improvement Funds (CIP) to start improvements at the lookout. The status of the Old Coast Guard Road has not changed. Toni Withington is trying to get David Tarnas and Tim Richards to convince the State to resurface it so the County might be willing to take it over. Currently it is the responsibility of the Federal government, since it was used to access the Coast Guard Sta-

tion. Ho'ola has received a \$325,000 grant-in-aid to design and improve the old Coast Guard facility. Withington and Amoo Ching are trying to get easement access from the red cinder road to access the building.

John Winter of the Utilities group said the old electrical line, the only one that services North Kohala, may be brought offline for maintenance for up to eight hours at a time, thus highlighting the need for a backup system to provide electricity to the area. The micro grid project is one proposed solution. HECO is apparently looking again at running a redundant line that will parallel the highway west toward Upolu and then up and parallel to the present line along Kohala Mountain Road but at a distance that would prevent them both from going down together by a falling tree.

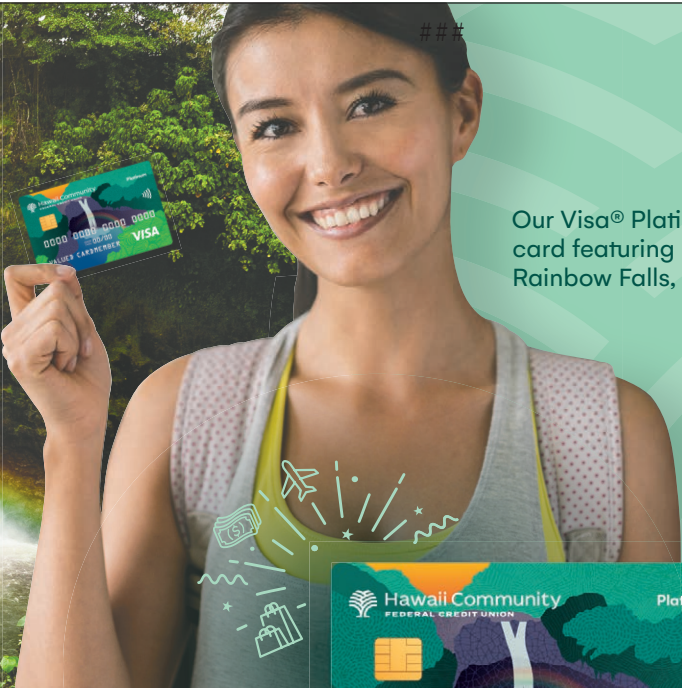
The Department of Transportation (DOT) will resurface Beers Road, even though the new water line has not yet been installed.

The Kohala Resilience Fair, a joint project of Hawaiian Electric, Civil Defense and Kohala Resilience Hub, is scheduled for August 29 at Kamehameha Park.

The dates, times and places of the subcommittee meetings can be found in the calendar section of this paper. The next NKCDP Advisory Group meeting will be held on Monday, August 3, at 4:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Please consider attending, your input is welcome.



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North Kohala Public Library August 2026 News and Programs

By Leilani Silver

Mahalo to all the families that joined the North Kohala Public Library's summer reading challenge and attended the fun activities in June and July. As we head into a new school year, remember the library is here to help support your reading and learning endeavors. We have program offerings for all ages. The Hawaii State Public Library System's mission is to inspire curiosity and create opportunities for all to read, learn and connect.

Did you know? North Kohala Public Library is participating in the 2027 Big Island Heluhelu Quiz Bowl. We are recruiting fourth through seventh graders in any school: public, private or homeschooled. Find out more information at our first meeting on Friday, August 14 at 3:00 p.m.

Chinese Medicine Tools to Help Slow Aging with Ila Jhaveri: August 3 at 3:00 p.m. All participants will walk away with useful and highly effective tips on using food-as-therapy, acupressure, and other lifestyle tools as well as info on acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine.

Chess Club: August 3 at 5:00 p.m. Both beginners and veteran players are welcome to challenge others in this classic strategy game. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Preschool Storytime: August 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 10:00 a.m. We gather to sing songs, read a few simple stories, then make a craft or do an activity every Wednesday. Great fun for 2- to 5-year-olds and their parents or caregivers.

Lego Club: August 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 2:00-3:30 p.m. Join us every Wednesday for some imaginative fun as we build cool creations out of Legos. Creations will be displayed at the library.

Crafting Club: August 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 2:00-3:30 p.m. Join us every Wednesday for some crafting fun. We will cut, paste and make cool craft creations. All supplies are provided.

After-school Board Games: August 6 at 3:00 p.m. Join us on the first Thursday of every month for an afternoon of board games. Play one of the games provided by the library or feel free to bring your own to share.

Crystal Alchemy Singing Bowl Soundbath: August 10 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Join Leilani Silver for a unique immersive experience of being "bathed" in the vibrations of eight 432 Hz Crystal Alchemy Singing Bowls made from 99.9 percent clear quartz. The tremendously powerful high frequencies instantly reduce stress and tension and create a relaxed and meditative state that supports healing and regenera-

tion. Participants are encouraged to bring a yoga mat and water.

Adult Book Club: August 11 at 11:00 a.m. Join us for a discussion of the critically acclaimed graphic memoir "Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?" by New Yorker cartoonist Roz Chast. The book is available to pick up at the library.

Heluhelu Quiz Bowl Meeting: August 14 at 3:00 p.m. Learn more about the Heluhelu Quiz Bowl and become a part of the team. Snacks provided. Program is for fourth to seventh graders of any school: public, private or homeschooled.

Pokémon Trading Card Game: August 25 at 3:00 p.m. Interested in the Pokémon Trading Card Game, but don't know how to play? Join us to play your first Pokémon card game and learn all about using the Battle Academy board game, generously provided by the Friends of the North Kohala Library. Already know how to play? Bring your deck and challenge other experienced players or come talk about deck building and card collecting.

Children's Book vs. Movie Club: August 27 from 3-5 p.m. This month's selection is "Peter Pan" by Jim Barrie. Read the book and/or come watch the movie. Short discussion will follow. Popcorn provided! Program is for ages 7-12. The book is available to pick up at the

library or for digital download from librarieshawaii.org.

Teen Book Club: August 28 from 2:45-5:00 p.m. This month's selection is "The Scorch Trials" (The Maze Runner series book 2) by James Dashner. Read the book and/or come watch the movie. Short discussion will follow. Popcorn provided! Program is for ages 13 and up. The book is available to pick up at the library or for digital download from librarieshawaii.org.

Teen/Adult Board Games: August 31st, at 5:15 p.m. Calling teens and adults! Come for a fun night of board games! Play one of the games provided or feel free to bring your own to share!

All programs are subject to change. If you require an auxiliary aid or accommodation due to a disability, please contact the library at least seven days before the program date.

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When someone is living with a serious illness, life can quickly become overwhelming - not only for patients, but for the family members caring for them.

That is why Hawaii'i Care Choices is honored to welcome Dr. Melanie Payanal to serve patients and families across North Hawaii'i through palliative care. Born and raised on O'ahu, and a graduate of Kamehameha and University of Hawaii'i, Dr. Payanal's path into medicine was anything but traditional.

Before becoming a physician, she worked as an archaeologist and physical anthropologist, including time at the Smithsonian Institution helping repatriate Native American and Native Hawaiian remains. Today, as a Family Medicine physician, her passion is helping people living with serious illness feel more comfortable, supported, informed, and in control of their quality of life. Palliative care is about helping people continue to live as fully and meaningfully as possible."



For Dr. Payanal, palliative medicine is far more than a profession. "It's not just a job," she says. "It gives meaning to my life."

Dr. Payanal explains. "It's about dignity, independence, educating people on their choices, while supporting the people who love and care for them." For many families, palliative care may still feel unfamiliar or even intimidating. Dr. Payanal hopes to change that understanding by helping patients realize they do not have to struggle alone.

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Letters

Signs on Roads and Poles

Dear Editor:

North Kohala and Hawai'i are beautiful, partly because this place has some protections. No billboards or signs are legal to post along our roads and on our poles. This is the law. I would like to say to all who have put up signs: please take your signs down. When a few start post-

ing them, then many feel it is the way to advertise. It is not. So the excavation, pizza, and handyman signs need to be removed and not replaced.

We do have other ways to advertise. Word of mouth is the best way to gain new business in our small district. You can also share in Kohala

Mountain News, our community bulletin boards, and through sites that advertise for Kohala and share information, like North Kohala Community Bulletin on Facebook. Please malama this place, as it is precious. No signs polluting our environment, please. Thanks for caring. —Rande Golden

Hawai'i State House of Representatives Update

From the Desk of District 8 Representative David Tarnas



Photo courtesy of David Tarnas
Representative David Tarnas speaks for North Kohala as a member of the Hawai'i State House of Representatives.

Aloha. As the 2026 legislative session began, the House Majority Caucus identified key priorities for the session: expanding affordable housing, supporting Native Hawaiian families, protecting essential social services, addressing workforce shortages, responsibly strengthening the state's revenue base, and diversifying our economy. This month and next month, I'll provide a summary of the bills and appropriations that address these priorities.

Building More Housing for Local Residents

HB1800 CD1 appropriates \$250 million for the Rental Housing Revolving Fund, Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and for programs to address Homelessness, Kupuna Housing, and Supportive Housing.

HB1740 CD1 expands exemptions from state and local regulations for housing projects that include perpetual deed restrictions prioritizing Hawaii residents, while removing duplicative ownership and screening requirements that slow transactions and limit housing mobility.

SB3219 CD1 proposes constitutional amendments to allow counties to issue resilient infrastructure for shelter and equity bonds for specific public works, public improvements, or other actions necessary for housing and community development. These bonds will help fund the needed infrastructure to build more housing.

SB2252 CD1 increases the amount of pre-tax income that a couple can set aside in an individual housing account from \$10,000 to \$40,000 to help save for a down payment.

HB1737 CD1 clarifies the allowable uses within agricultural districts with respect to farm dwellings and farm employee housing.

HB1920 CD1 clarifies that, for tax credits issued after July 1, 2026, a partner or member that is a partnership or limited liability company that has been allocated a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit may either further allocate the credit or transfer, sell, or assign all or a portion of the credit to any taxpayer. The bill also extends the sunset date of Act 129, SLH 2016, relating to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, until December 31, 2032.

HB1741 CD1 deems a county inclusionary mandate as a form of development exaction and treats the mandate as a housing affordability impact fee. Provides parameters for a county's adoption or amendment of an inclusionary mandate for residential or mixed-use development.

HB1710 CD1 authorizes the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) to conduct a phased review of a proposed project on private property under certain circumstances. Amends the process and deadlines by which SHPD must provide written concurrence or non-concurrence for proposed projects on private property or certain projects that require state or county approval for entitlement for use, after which concurrence may be assumed, and the project may move to the next step in the compliance process. Amends the conditions under which a proposed project on an existing privately owned single-family detached dwelling unit or townhouse that is over fifty years old shall be subject to sections 6E-42, HRS.

Supporting Native Hawaiians

SB903 CD1 appropriates \$55 million to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to be expended solely for Native Hawaiian programs and services with critical, short-term funding needs in the areas of education, health, economic development and community-based initiatives. Amends the membership and responsibilities of the Public Land Trust Working Group established under Act 226, SLH 2022. Requires the Working Group to submit three interim reports and a final report on 10/1/2028 that includes proposed legislation.

HB2309 CD1 amends the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, to include siblings' children as qualifying relatives of lessees for the purposes of lease transfer and lease successorship, in the same manner currently allowed

for spouses, children, grandchildren, and siblings.

HB2104 CD1 extends the time to fill vacancies that occur during an Island Burial Council member's term. Provides per diem compensation in the form of a stipend for Island Burial Council members. Revises the Island Burial Councils' quorum for business to be a majority of the appointed council members.

Preserving the Social Safety Net

HB1519 CD1 requires the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to obtain a federal waiver and establish a program by January 2028 to enable inmates to apply for SNAP benefits when they are near release so that hunger does not contribute to recidivism.

HB2310 CD1 appropriates \$16.5 million in response to the recent elimination of enhanced federal advance premium tax credits for people enrolled in plans in the federally facilitated health insurance marketplace, so that federal subsidies can still be leveraged and insurance can remain affordable for residents whose income is 250 percent of the poverty line or below. The bill also appropriates over \$14.2 million to cover the amounts the Department of Human Services already paid for the response to the federal shutdown, specifically \$11.8 million for the Hawaii Emergency Food Assistance Program (\$250 that was added to SNAP EBT cards), \$2 million to the Hawaii Food Bank for purchase and distribution of food, and \$441,000 to Aloha United Way for 211 call center support.

SB2866 CD1 provides small subsidies of \$500 or less to people 62 and older who are on a fixed income and cannot afford even "affordable" housing. In the budget, two new positions were established in the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to administer the program, and \$2,270,000 was appropriated to fund the program.

Next month, I will summarize the main bills we passed in the 2026 session that related to expanding workforce development and retention programs, responsibly enhancing tax revenue, and diversifying and strengthening Hawaii's economy.

I am grateful to serve as your State Representative and appreciate your advice and suggestions. Please contact me at reptarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov or 808-586-8510. You can also subscribe to my e-newsletter at linktre.ee/rep.tarnas for more updates. Mahalo!

Future KMN Deadlines

It's important for the Kohala Mountain News to receive ads and news submissions by the following deadlines. Otherwise, submissions may not be accommodated.

August Deadlines

Ads and News: 8/7/26

Calendar: 8/14/26

Distribution: 8/21/26

September Deadlines

Ads and News: 7/11/26

Calendar: 7/18/26

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County Council Update

From the Desk of District 9 Councilmember James Hustace



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Councilmember James Hustace represents North Kohala as part of Hawai'i County Council District 9.

Aloha Kohala!

Mahalo to everyone who joined Representative David Tarnas, Senator Tim Richards, and me for our recent North Kohala Community Conversation. I sincerely appreciate everyone who took the time to attend, ask thoughtful questions, and share your mana'o. We discussed a wide range of topics and issues affecting our community. These conversations are invaluable

and help ensure that the priorities of District 9 are reflected in the work we do serving our communities.

One of the most meaningful efforts I have had the privilege to bring forward this year is Bill 163, establishing the 'Āina Kūpuna Dedication Program. The bill recently received unanimous approval on first reading by the County Council and is scheduled for its second and final reading later this month. I am hopeful this important measure will receive final approval and move forward to provide support.

The purpose of this legislation is to help preserve generational family lands by providing property tax relief for qualifying descendants of longtime Hawai'i Island landowners. As property values continue to rise, many families face increasing financial pressure to keep lands that have been passed down through generations. These properties represent far more than real estate—they embody our history, culture, and family legacy. My hope is that this program will help more local families continue to steward these special places for generations to come.

At Council, we also recently heard Bill 169, which I co-sponsored with Council Member Michelle Galimba. The measure establishes timelines for acquiring properties selected by the Council for preservation through the Public Access,

Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Commission (PONC) process. Properties that are not acquired within those timeframes would be reassessed by the Commission before being considered again. These changes are intended to keep the County's preservation priorities current while improving the transparency and effectiveness of the acquisition process.

Looking ahead, I invite everyone to attend the Kohala Resilience Fair on Saturday, August 29, at Kamehameha Park and Hisaoka Gym. My office is partnering with Hawaiian Electric, Hawai'i County departments, the Kohala Resilience Hub, and many local organizations to offer a day focused on emergency preparedness and community resilience. The event will feature informational booths, panel discussions, keiki activities, food vendors, and prize drawings. Whether you're just getting started with emergency planning or looking to strengthen your family's preparedness, I hope you'll join us for this free community event.

As Obon season continues across Hawai'i, I extend my warmest wishes to everyone gathering with family and friends to celebrate this cherished tradition. As we honor those who came before us, these gatherings continue to bring people of all backgrounds together,

celebrating Hawai'i's rich cultural heritage and the friendships and sense of community that make Kohala such a special place.

I am honored to serve as your Council Member. You are welcome to email me at james.hustace@hawaiicounty.gov, call our Waimea office at (808) 887-6077, or our Hilo office at (808) 961-8564.

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This Rural Hawai'i Pharmacy Was a Lifeline for Seniors. Now It's Gone.

Loss of the Kohala drug store is symbolic of the healthcare access issues affecting remote regions of the state.

By Taylor Nāhuluakeakalani Cozloff,
Civil Beat

For as long as she can remember, Carol Fuertes would get her medicine from a small independent pharmacy in the small town of Kapa'au in North Kohala.

She knew the names of the staff and the owner, Greg Harmon, and they knew hers. Harmon would ask how she and her husband were feeling when they ran into him in town — because he'd know they had just picked up antibiotics.

But that drugstore, Kamehameha Pharmacy, closed its doors last week after Harmon decided to retire. It was one of the last independent pharmacies on the Big Island. And for the rural community of roughly 7,000 in North Kohala, it was the only pharmacy for miles.

The drug store's closure exacerbates the kind of long-term healthcare access issues already affecting rural parts of Hawai'i. Residents worry North Kohala's kūpuna population will be hit the hardest as many don't have adequate transportation.

The pharmacist for Hawai'i island's rural North Shore drug store is retiring and wasn't able to find a replacement.

Harmon is transferring his customers to the next closest pharmacy, Longs Drugs in Waimea. But that's 30 to 45 minutes away. The quick-



Photo credit: Kevin Fujii, Civil Beat

est route is a narrow windy road with no streetlights that's prone to fog and rain that significantly limit visibility.

About 80% of the community is over the age of 60 and many need regular medication, the local senior citizen club president Sandra Cho said. For those who can't drive, options to get to Waimea are even more limited. Cho and the community are worried. "We'll need prescriptions, you know, like not tomorrow but today, and not every time we'll have transportation," Cho said. "So it's going to be difficult. It's going to be really difficult."

'Nobody That Wants ... To Take It Over'

Across America the number of pharmacies in rural communities

is shrinking. They're often closing because pharmacists are retiring and finding it hard to find replacements, according to the Rural Policy Research Institute.

A pharmacy had existed in Kapa'au for over 50 years. When Harmon took over 25 years ago, it had been closed for just a short time, yet residents were knocking down the door for their medication.

"We were not even open and we did 35 prescriptions," he said. "That was how desperately people needed prescriptions."

As the plantation town's population rapidly ages, the need for medication will only grow. Fuertes said she and most of her friends need recurring prescriptions. She's already seen some of them move on

to Hilo and Kona for regular medical care they can't get in Kohala.

Harmon didn't want to leave the community without a pharmacist. He tried to sell the business for three years with no success.

"There's just nobody that wants to come in and take it over," he said. "The pharmacy business is getting really hard."

Shrinking reimbursement from insurers is one of the major culprits, Harmon said. Insurers like HMSA have contracted out their pharmacy services to other companies. Those companies, he said, reimburse based on mainland prices without considering the added cost of shipping to Hawai'i. And getting through to HMSA is nearly impossible, he said. Special rates set for rural providers were the only thing keeping his business viable.

"Your return on investment for filling your prescriptions is going down," Harmon said. "So there's a certain point in time when it's really not going to work anymore."

With no one to replace him, Harmon is worried for his community, especially the kūpuna. They're often days late to pick up their prescription from him. Now, with their only option at least 20 miles away, he's worried some will wait for even longer since they'll have to rely on others for pick-ups.

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Photo credit: Kevin Fujii, Civil Beat
Kohala’s last drug store, Kamehameha Pharmacy, closed last week after the pharmacist could not find a willing replacement.



Photo credit: Kevin Fujii, Civil Beat
The shelves in Kohala’s last drug store, Kamehameha Pharmacy, were nearly empty on June 18, the day after it closed for good.

For those who require regular, life-saving medicine like insulin and heart pressure pills, he noted, delaying or skipping out on medication can be fatal.

Fuertes’ husband is diabetic and requires regular Rybelsus medication for it. She can drive but struggles with it, so she prefers to leave town only when necessary, about once or twice a month. She’s also on a fixed income, and as gas prices increase, regular trips to Waimea will cut into her limited budget. She knows she’ll probably have to ask her family for help. “I hate to rely on the young ones,” Fuertes said. “I’m going to try and get it by myself. I still drive, but I just don’t like it.”

There are few public transportation options. The Hele-On bus stops in North Kohala just twice a day. Residents would likely have to catch the early morning ride to go south and then catch a return bus in the evening.

The Hawai’i County Parks and Recreation offers transportation services for kūpuna in North Kohala. Jun Ishiminie, an employee with the county, drives a bus between there and Waimea. She has around 60 clients she regularly picks up and expects more will sign up for the service. But some kūpuna are housebound, Cho said, so they’ll have to ask others to pick up their prescriptions for them.

Longs Drugs delivers some medications but not all and some

insurers don’t cover prescription delivery. Harmon said he’s trying to negotiate with the company to get no-charge delivery for his customers but hasn’t gotten a solid answer.

“There’s some signs that maybe some people will come out OK with the Longs system,” Harmon said. “But other people probably just can’t get out there.”

Losing A Lifeline

The loss of the pharmacy means more to the community than the inconvenience. For many, the pharmacy felt like family, offering a continuity of care that is rare in Kohala.

The only hospital and clinic cycles through doctors regularly, community members said. But the staff at Kamehameha Pharmacy knew their medical history and provided close, personal care. They administered flu shots, explained medications, followed up to see how they were doing — and Harmon even had the discretion to decline providing prescriptions he didn’t think were safe for his customers.

“The pharmacy has been my lifeline,” Fuertes said. “At Longs, you know, they don’t know our names.”

Trevor Blades worked at Kamehameha Pharmacy for six years. He made friends and family out of customers. He said the sense of community there is something you don’t get from corporate chains.

“Everybody was recognizable the moment they walked in the door, and we were already getting their medicine out and getting them

ready,” Blades said. “That’s what I liked about being an independent pharmacy, there’s a lot of personality there.” Blades said he is deeply concerned about what will happen to the community without the pharmacy. “I see all these people that I’ve helped and now I feel bad, you know? It hasn’t quite hit yet,” he said.

The community is tight knit and looked out for Harmon, Blades and the rest of the staff. Harmon said people would offer to fill potholes outside the shop and bring them fruits and vegetables from their

gardens. Last week a regular customer brought in fresh eggs from his chickens.

“They looked after (us),” Harmon said. “And these guys were really protective. They didn’t want you to go, they wanted to hold on to you.”

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North Kohala Writers Hold Meet-Up



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Left to right: Hawaii Writers Guild Members Diane Revell, Virginia Fortner and Eila Algood are all from North Kohala.

Story and photo by Joy Fisher
Writing can be a solitary occupation, so North Kohala writers met the invitation to meet in June at the Hawi home of Carol Prescott, President of Hawaii Writers Guild, with enthusiasm.
“It gave our members a chance to see each other in person,” said Prescott, “and it provided other local writers the opportunity to connect and learn about the Guild. She estimated that about 25 people were in attendance. They gathered in small clusters along the long

balcony of Prescott’s home, which overlooks a forested area with the ocean in the distance.
Food for both the body and mind was available. Attendees were asked to bring a potluck dish and invited to bring copies of any books they had published for display. “The books were like the authors’ calling cards. They were a great conversation-starter,” said Joy Fisher, a member of the Guild.
“It was nice to see the other writers there and put some faces to names I knew,” added Dave Fouts,

a member of the Guild from South Kohala. “Seeing people in person adds so much more to the experience.” Fouts said that he was pleased that one young writer he met at the gathering was interested in the weekly, online writers support group that he facilitates for the Guild.
Hawaii Writers Guild was formed in 2016 on the Big Island of Hawaii by a group of local writers. The group had been meeting to

critique each other’s writings and decided to pursue a larger mission of helping both experienced and aspiring writers. It is now a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has grown to include more than 70 members living in the Hawaiian Islands, across the United States and abroad. Membership in the Guild is open to anyone with a connection to Hawaii. More information about the Guild can be found at hawaiiwritersguild.org.

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MOVIE THEATERS IN KOHALA

The Hawi Theater 1935-1973

Second in a Series

This multi-part story originally ran in the Kohala Mountain News beginning in June of 2014. By Tom Morse

Koichi Sugiyama, the oldest of four brothers, managed all six silent film theaters in Kohala from the mid 1920s to the mid 1930s.

His brother Harold Sugiyama, eight years younger, married Teruko Fujitani in 1933. In 1934, at age 29, Harold decided to build a 250-seat theater for public use in Hawi. He equipped the theater with two sound projectors, a relatively new technology. Two projectors were required to permit a transition between movie reels. Harold was the projectionist, Teruko the cashier. Harold also became a policeman in Kohala in 1933 and worked his way up to Captain for the Kohala District. Teruko was the Postmistress at the Kapa'au Post Office in 1941.

Consolidated Amusement, leased the land from the Kohala Sugar Company.

Nineteen forty was the year that movie theaters for the community burst into full bloom. Koichi opened the Kahei Theater in Hawi. Consolidated Amusement opened the luxurious Kohala Theater in Halaula (more on these in future articles in this series). Consolidated briefly closed the Hawi Theater for refurbishment and then reopened it with its own staff. Actually, the staffs of both the Hawi and the Kohala theaters were somewhat interchangeable. Many of their employees were Kohala residents. Consolidated also bought a residence on Akoni Pule Highway to house the theater managers (the middle of the three houses between Shige's and the plantation manager's house.) In 1948, a Mr. Aguirre from Hilo was the manager.

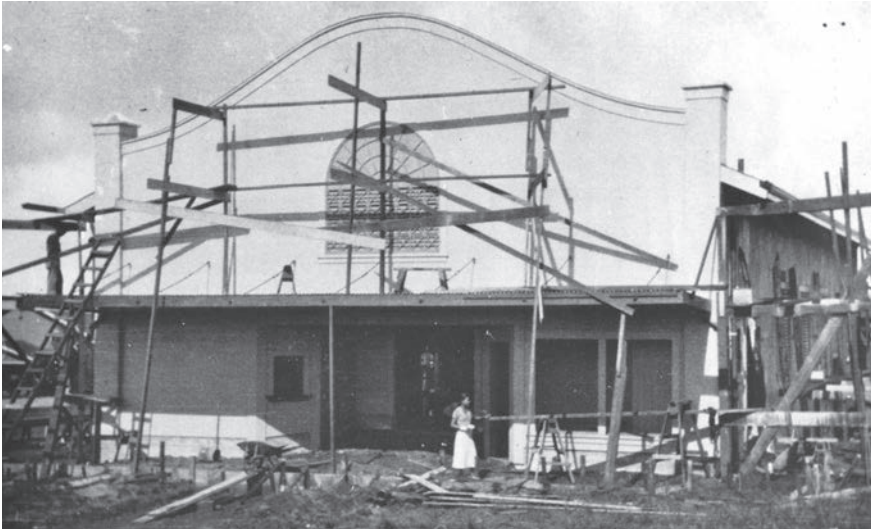


Photo courtesy: North Kohala Public Library reference room
Hawi Theater under construction, 1934.



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Photo courtesy: Faye Mitchell
Kohala resident Frank Caitano, projectionist at the Hawi Theater.



Photo courtesy of Harold Sugiyama, Jr.
Harold and Teruko Sugiyama.

The theater opened in 1935. Films were rented from Consolidated Amusement, a company started in 1913 that operated a chain of theaters in Hawaii. It was not a financial success, and the building was sold to Consolidated Amusement in 1940.

The theater was located on Hawi Road across from Luke's, between Shige's and the banyan trees. Presumably the Sugiyamas, and then Con-



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Lucy Medeiros in 1942.



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Hawi Theater in 1944. Note in the background what is now Shige's Service Station, which was at that time the Aloha Service Station.

Notably other residents employed at the Hawi Theater were Shiro Takata, custodian and usher in 1948; Kuni Iwaoka, projectionist; Lucy Medeiros, usherette; Rod Hinokawa Sr., usher starting in 1941, then projectionist, and ultimately manager by 1955.

The theater was open every night, with matinees on Saturday and Sundays. For an extra few cents, patrons could reserve center row seats. A concession area greeted movie goers with popcorn, of course. Before the movies started, patrons could play Wahoo (bingo). On Wednesday nights Japanese movies were shown. On Friday nights the movies were Filipino.

The sugar union hall was across the street. Occasionally the theater was used for union meetings, especially in the strike of 1958.

In the 1940s, with a selection of three theaters and not much else to do in Kohala, going to the movies was the thing to do. But by the mid 1950s, things began to change. The advent of television certainly had an effect on attendance. Also, the population of Kohala began to decline as employment in the sugar industry was reduced by mechanization. The industry employed 2,600 workers in 1937. By 1949 that number declined to 800.

Population of Kohala	
1930	6,171
1940	5,362
1950	4,456
1960	3,386

In 1958, Consolidated Amusement withdrew from Kohala by closing both the Hawi and Kohala Theaters. The Hawi Theater remained closed for six years, until the Hinokawa family made arrangements with Consolidated to take over the operation in 1964.

It was a family affair. Rod and Lucy Hinokawa had four children, all of whom worked at the theater. Rod, Sr. was the manager. Lucy and her daughter Diana were cashiers. Rod, Jr. (present owner of Rod's Repair and Hinokawa Electric) was the projectionist. Eric was an usher, and Joyce sold candy and food items such as shrimp chips. And, of course, the theater had to be cleaned regularly, which meant raising all the seats by hand.

The films were rented from Consolidated Amusement. Admission was sixty cents, candy five cents. As was typical at that time, the show started with newsreels, then a cartoon or two, and then the movie. The tradition of Japanese films on Wednesdays and Filipino films on Fridays continued. Although there was a stage, there was no live entertainment. Advertising

consisted of hand-made flyers posted on bulletin boards around town. Luke's restaurant was right across the street; residents could have dinner and a movie in Hawi.

Attendance declined in the late sixties. Rod, Sr. died in 1971. The theater closed for good in 1973. Tables, benches and chairs were placed in front of the building, and for a couple of years it was a gathering place for kupuna, who often played games with Japanese hanafuda cards. The building was torn down in approximately 1975.



Photo courtesy: North Kohala Public Library reference room
Hawi Theater building after its closing in 1973.

Author's note: After the building was torn down, Rod Hinokawa, Jr. gave a black and white photo of the theater to an artist who painted the picture below. The painting has hung in the living room of Rod and his wife, Tina for the past thirty years. At the time of this writing, they decided to donate the picture to the North Kohala Public Library, who will have it on display for the next two months.



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Painting of the Hawi Theater.

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	4PM	6PM	TOOL LIBRARY	54-3842 AKONI PULE HWY	213-7779
	4:30PM		RMD TAIKO CLASSES	HUB HALE	895-2025
	5:30PM		DEFIANT BRATS (WOMENS' AA)	AINAKEA HOME	747-9627
TUE	8AM	9AM	NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS	NEAR SKATE PARK	805-452-9501
	8AM	9AM	TAI CHI WITH PETER BEEMER	OUTSIDE HISAOKA GYM	895-0737
	8AM		YOGA/PILATES BEGINNER CLASS	OUTSIDE HISAOKA GYM	333-8275
	4:45PM	6PM	THE JOY OF BELLY DANCING	CALL FOR LOCATION	238-6111
	6PM	8PM	PICKLE BALL	HISAOKA GYM	333-8712
	6PM	8PM	TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG	OLD COURT HOUSE	889-1099
WED	10AM	11AM	STORY TIME	NK PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
	12PM	6PM	THRIFT SHOP	ST AUGUSTINE'S	889-5390
	2PM	3PM	LEGO CLUB	NK PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
	3:30 PM	4:30PM	RMD TAIKO CLASSES (NOT 1ST WED)	JODO MISSION	895-2025
	5PM	6PM	CHOIR PRACTICE	ST AUGUSTINE'S	889-5390
	6PM	8PM	FREE MEAL AND BIBLE STUDY	KALAHIKIOLA CHURCH	218-4872
	6PM	7:30PM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	HISAOKA GYM	889-1828
	7PM		SPIRITUAL HEALING SERVICE	ZOOM	989-5995
	7PM	8PM	ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	ST. AUGUSTINE'S	895-5843
THU	8AM	4PM	TOOL LIBRARY	54-3842 AKONI PULE HWY	213-7779
	9:30AM	10:45PM	HEALING CIRCLE FOR ADDICTS	NANI'S GARDEN	805-452-9501
	1PM	4PM	THRILLING THURSDAYS FOR KEIKI	NK PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
	5PM		OPEN CIRCLE MEDITATION (NOT 2ND)	KEOKEA BEACH PARK	889-5390
	6PM	8PM	PICKLE BALL	HISAOKA GYM	333-8712
	6PM	8PM	TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG	OLD COURT HOUSE	889-1099
FRI	8AM		NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETING	WILEY HALL ON IOLE	805-452-9501
	8AM	9AM	TAI CHI WITH PETER BEEMER	OUTSIDE HISAOKA GYM	895-0737
	4PM		FOOD PANTRY	ST AUGUSTINE'S	889-5390
SAT	8AM	12PM	HAWI FARMERS MARKET	HUB MURAL	895-7870
	8AM	4PM	TOOL LIBRARY	54-3842 AKONI PULE HWY	213-7779
SUN	6PM	7PM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	HISAOKA GYM	889-1828
	7PM	8PM	RECOVERY DHARMA MEETING	RED COTTAGE VILLAGE HUB	(907) 888-8166

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MONTHLY CALENDAR JULY 2026

	DAY	START	END	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	VENUE	PHONE
8/1	SAT	8:00 AM	11:00AM	THRIFT SHOP		ST AUGUSTINE'S	808-889-5390
8/1	SAT	5:30 PM	8:00PM	OPEN HOUSE PARTY	ART, STORIES, MUSIC & PUPU'S	ARTISTS' COOP	808-854-1058
8/3	MON	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	ILA JHAVERI TALK: SLOW AGING	FOOD-AS-THERAPY, ACUPRESSURE	NK PUBLIC LIBRARY	808-889-6655
8/3	MON	4:30 PM		ADVISORY GROUP MEETING	NKCDP	OLD COURTHOUSE	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
8/3	MON	5:00 PM	6:30 PM	CHESS CLUB	ALL AGES WELCOME!	NK PUBLIC LIBRARY	808-889-6655
8/5	WED	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	KOHALA NIGHT MARKET	FOOD TRUCKS, CRAFT VENDORS, MUSIC	HUB MURAL	808-895-2025
8/5	WED	4:30 PM		KOHALA COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP	NKCDP	OLD COURTHOUSE	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
8/5	WED	7:00 PM		TEMPLE OF SPIRITUAL HEALING	GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - CALL FOR ZOOM LINK	ZOOM	808-989-5995
8/6	THU	3:00 PM	4:30 PM	FAMILY BOARD GAMES	TRY OURS OR BRING YOUR OWN!	NK PUBLIC LIBRARY	808-889-6655
8/10	MON	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	SOUND BATH	WITH LEILANI SILVER	NK PUBLIC LIBRARY	808-889-6655
8/11	TUE	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	BOOK CLUB	CAN WE TALK ABOUT SOMETHING MORE PLEASEANT BY ROZ CHAST	NK PUBLIC LIBRARY	808-889-6655
8/12	WED	9:00 AM		AFFORDABLE HOUSING GROUP	NKCDP	LIBRARY	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
8/12	WED	5:00 PM		GROWTH MANAGEMENT GROUP	NKCDP	OLD COURTHOUSE	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
8/14	FRI	3:00 PM	4:30 PM	BIG ISLAND HELUHELU QUIZ BOWL TEAM MEETING	MEET UP AND DISCUSS 4TH - 7TH GRADERS, ANY SCHOOLING.	NK PUBLIC LIBRARY	808-889-6655
8/15	SAT	11:00 AM	1:00PM	TOOL LIBRARY WORKSHOPS	USEFUL AND BEGINNER-FRIENDLY TOPICS	TOOL LIBRARY	808-213-7779
8/19	WED	3:30 PM		UTILITIES GROUP	NKCDP	OLD COURTHOUSE	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
8/19	WED	5:00 PM		PARKS, ROADS VIEW PLANES GROUP	NKCDP	OLD COURTHOUSE	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
8/20	THU	9:00 AM	11:00AM	SACRED HEART FOOD BASKET	FOOD DISTRIBUTION	SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH	808-889-6436
8/21	FRI	4:00 PM		HEALTH & WELLNESS GROUP	NKCDP	OLD COURTHOUSE	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
8/25	TUE	3:00 PM	4:30 PM	POKEMON TCG CLUB	AGES 6-18	NK PUBLIC LIBRARY	808-889-6655
8/26	WED	4:00 PM		RESTORATIVE YOGA THERAPY CLASS	WITH CARLA ORELLANA - BY REQUEST	CALL FOR LOCATION	808-238-6111
8/27	THU	5:00 PM		AGRICULTURE GROUP	NKCDP	NKCRC	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
8/31	MON	5:15 PM	07:00 PM	TEEN AND ADULT BOARD GAMES	PLAY BOARD GAMES!	NK PUBLIC LIBRARY	808-889-6655



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