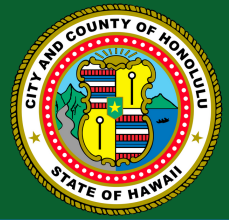


May 2023



CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU



Mayor's Highlights

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- Earth Month on O'ahu
- Food Waste Composting Pilot Program
- WorkHawaii Hiring Events for Veterans
- O'ahu Agriculture Grants Awarded

EARTH MONTH

April was Earth Month in Honolulu, with April 22 being celebrated as Earth Day on our island home and around the globe. This year's theme, Invest in Our Planet, focused on bringing awareness to the investments in time, money, and attention needed to ensure a bright future for our all our residents, from keiki to kūpuna.

Each year, the City's Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency works with departments across the City to compile and publish the City's Annual Sustainability Report. This document, first published in 2019, tracks the City's progress in meeting our sustainability, clean energy, and other important green goals.

Highlights in this year's report include:

- 4% decrease in City energy consumption
- 10 additional electric buses added to the City transit fleet, for a total of 17 e-buses
- Adoption of the City's first-ever O'ahu Pedestrian Plan
- 15% increase in the number of registered electric vehicles and 9% increase in the number of public electric vehicle charging stations available across O'ahu
- A new multi-sector institutional commitment to purchasing local agriculture products
- 21% decrease in the amount of waste (municipal solid waste and construction and demolition waste) generated in the last five years
- \$2.55 million in federal hazard mitigation funding awarded to the City

During Earth Month, many City departments also facilitated community activities promoting sustainability. From the Board of Water Supply's "Detect a Leak Week," which encourages residents to check their homes for leaks to conserve water and save money, to the Department of Facility Maintenance's Pearl Harbor Bike Path community clean-up, there were many opportunities for residents and City employees to get involved in celebrating Earth Month.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Learn more about the Annual Sustainability Report and the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency's work at resilientoahu.org/sustainabilityreport. Tune in to the April 27, 2023 edition of the weekly One O'ahu Podcast podcast to hear Deputy Director Nicola Hedge discuss the report at oneoahu.org/podcast.



CHINATOWN FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING PILOT

On O'ahu, food waste comprises about 20% of the overall solid waste stream. As the City looks to reduce waste overall, food waste is a key target for innovation. In April, City staff announced that, three months into implementation, the O'ahu Compost Project continues to successfully divert food waste and excess food from O'ahu's waste stream.

Edible, quality excess foods are redistributed to feed people, and food scraps are composted in an in-vessel composting unit that produces valuable soil amendment products.

Once a week, Aloha Harvest also picks up bins of food scraps from participating restaurants, free of charge, in a flatbed truck donated by the GIFT Foundation. The bins were donated by the Department of Environmental Services and are each equipped with a lid-lock to prevent pests, smells, and rubbish contamination.

The food scraps are taken to Full Circle Farm in Waimānalo, where they are processed in a state-of-the-art composting system and turned into high-quality compost. Learn more about the Oahu Compost Project at resilientoahu.org/ocp.

“There are so many environmental, social and economic reasons why we shouldn't be incinerating our food when it could instead be used as a resource.

I'm proud to see a collaborative project like this between the City and local organizations that only better the community, both inside and outside of Chinatown.

- Mayor Rick Blangiardi



O'AHU AGRICULTURE GRANTS



Last year, the City's Office of Economic Revitalization (OER) announced the creation of a \$3 million grant program to support O'ahu's agriculture sector, utilizing funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act's Fiscal Recovery Funds. The grants are intended to help local farmers, ranchers, and growers increase the production of locally grown crops, providing aid for smaller producers who may not have been eligible for programs intended for larger-scale operations.

In order to reach those small farmers, the Office of Economic Revitalization conducted extensive outreach in person and online. Applications were made available in six of the languages most commonly spoken by O'ahu's agricultural community. For the first time, OER received an application completed entirely in 'Ōlelo Hawaii.

Now that applications are in, the first 65 grant recipients will be announced in the month of May. These grantees represent a wide range of farmers from urban agriculture, livestock, and aquaponics to Native Hawaiian plant propagators and other floriculture. Each grantee will receive a grant worth up to \$50,000 to help recover from the pandemic and increase the production of locally grown fruits, vegetables, and proteins. Stay tuned at oahuaggrants.org to learn more.

NEW LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCED FOR KEY CITY DEPARTMENTS

Successful, efficient City operations are driven by expert leadership. In recent months, two leaders have stepped up to the plate to drive execution of key City projects.

The Mayor's **Office of Housing and Homelessness** welcomed **Denise Iseri-Matsubara** as its new Director.

Iseri-Matsubara is joining the Blangiardi administration after spending about seven years at the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC), first as a board member and



then as its Executive Director. As part of her role with the Office of Housing and Homelessness, she will also take over leadership of the City's Affordable Housing Working Group.

The **Department of Land Management**, which oversees all of the lands and buildings that are

owned, leased, rented or controlled by the City, also underwent a recent leadership transition.

Catherine Taschner, who had served as DLM's Deputy Director since February



2021, has been named the department's Acting Director. Prior to joining the City, Taschner was a partner at a large Honolulu law firm practicing real estate and transactional law.

WORKHAWAII HIRING EVENTS

The Department of Community Services' WorkHawaii Division is proud to announce that the next major hiring event will be held on Wednesday, May 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dole Cannery's ground floor (650 Iwilei Road).

More than 70 employers will be accepting applications, including City, State, and Federal offices. This hiring event offers a special welcome to O'ahu's college graduates and students looking for a new job or career, but opportunities are available to people of all backgrounds, experiences and skill levels. WorkHawaii will be on-site offering free resume and interview skill workshops, as well as free computer and printer access for those who need it. This is the perfect opportunity for anyone looking to make a fresh start, or embark on an exciting new journey.

Parking is available in the Dole Parking Garage for \$3. Another hiring event will be held on Tuesday, July 25, with a special focus on hiring our veterans.

A WorkHawaii & Workforce Development Division Collaboration

LET US GUIDE YOU TO YOUR NEXT JOB OR CAREER

HIRING EVENTS

May 24, 2023 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

DOLE CANNERY, 650 IWILEI ROAD, GROUND FLOOR

Special Welcome to O'ahu's College Graduates & Students

\$3 parking (with validation) in Dole Parking Garage

70+ employers including City, State and Federal offices
Free computer and printer access
Resume and interview skills workshops

"This was the best 20 minutes I ever invested in myself, landing me an awesome position in an awesome company."
- Jennalyn, Hiring Event Attendee

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For more info call (808) 768-5701
www.honolulu.gov/hiringevents

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Department of Community Services
WorkHawaii Division

The WorkHawaii-American Job Center Hawaii Hiring Event is supported by \$4,672,737 in federal funds and \$236,737.00 in non-federal funds. For this event, a total of \$1,350.00 (0.02%) is financed with federal funds, and \$1,598.85 (0.3%) is funded by non-federal sources. Updated: 05.21.2023

See list of employers at: **eventbrite**



Get Involved

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD ELECTIONS

Voting in the 2023 Neighborhood Board Elections runs from April 28 through May 19, 2023. Residents across O’ahu may vote for Neighborhood Board members who will serve from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

Voting will be conducted online at <https://web1.hnl.info/nbe>. Residents receive their individual passcode and pin in the mail to login and vote. If you are unable to vote online, you can request a paper ballot by calling the Ballot Request Hotline at (808) 768-3708. Candidate profiles are also available for public viewing at <https://web1.hnl.info/nbe/candidate-profiles>.

Report an Issue in Your Community

You can report anything from a pothole to graffiti to a parking violation using the City's 311 app or website. Visit your phone's app store or honoluluhi.citysourced.com to learn more!

Get Emergency Notifications and City Services Updates

HNL.info is a one stop site for City services from emergency alerts to registering for City activities. Visit the website or download the app today!

Mayor's Town Hall Meeting Series

MEET THE CITY LEADERSHIP TEAM IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Mayor Rick Blangiardi’s Town Hall series continues in May! Join the Mayor and his team to listen in and ask your questions at these meetings:

- May 4: Waialua Elementary School - 7 p.m.
- May 11: Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse - 6 p.m.
- May 18: King David Kalākaua Middle School - 6 p.m.
- May 25: Pearl Harbor Elementary School - 6 p.m.

Learn more about the Town Hall meetings at oneoahu.org/townhall.



THE CITY WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	HONOLULU.GOV/ENV	(808)768-3486
PARKS DEPARTMENT	HONOLULU.GOV/PARKS	(808)768-3003
COVID-19 INFORMATION	ONEOAHU.ORG	(808)768-2489
SATELLITE CITY HALLS	HONOLULU.GOV/CSD	(808)768-4325
NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION	HONOLULU.GOV/NCO	(808)768-3710
GOLF COURSE & ZOO INFORMATION	HONOLULU.GOV/DES	(808)768-5400