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## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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### POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS

The Department of Parks and Recreation manages, maintains, and operates all parks and recreation facilities of the city; develops and implements programs for cultural and recreational activities; and beautifies the public streets of the city. Its mission is to enhance the leisure lifestyle and quality of life for the people of Oahu through active and passive recreational opportunities.

### BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

There is an advisory Board of Parks and Recreation that consists of nine members who are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The board advises the Mayor, the City Council, and the Director on matters relating to recreation and cultural activities and associated facilities. The current members are: Donald Takaki, Chair; Gary A. Pacarro, Vice Chair; Dennis Agena; Cecilia Blackfield; Wilbert Ching; Robert K. Cundiff; Randal N. Harakal; Joan Raines and Richard Towill.

### EXECUTIVE SERVICES DIVISION

This division provides administrative, management support, and personnel services to the department encompassing overall park operations and systems relating to: 1) budget and purchasing operations, (2) planning, (3) park use permits, (4) storeroom and property inventory control, (5) management analyses, (6) personnel transactions, (7) labor relations, (8) collective bargaining issues, (9) training, (10) safety programming, driver evaluations and (11) payroll preparation.

### Duties and Functions

Develops, monitors and reviews the department's operating budget, purchasing and related management activities including expenditure plans, revenue projections; and prepares recommendations relating to park capital improvement projects (CIP), oversees safety programs and driver evaluations.

Processes the department's requests for operating expenses, supplies and equipment; reviews projects, programs and services in terms of operating requirements; and prepares recommendations to resolve capital and operating budgetary issues.

Administers the department's vehicle preventive maintenance program, processes environmental impact statements and prepares federal annual grant applications for park land acquisition and improvements.

Develops personnel policies and procedures, reviews and advises on personnel actions; advises divisions on labor relations and collective bargaining matters; administers employee training and safety programs, to include civil defense activities; and provides payroll preparation function.

Implementation of technological changes in financial and personnel management programs for the Department.

Conducts management reviews on departmental policies and procedures, fee assessments, rules, ROH changes and Charter changes. Conduct work study reviews on performance standards and benchmarks.

### Parks Planning

The Department of Parks and Recreation continues to participate in the National Park Service's Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant program and was successful in securing approval of an application for a \$600,000 LWCF grant to support the City's \$3,000,000 outdoor playcourt improvement project at Ewa Mahiko District Park.

### Management Analysis

Processed various requests for access to a government record; updated various departmental policies and procedures. Provided support services to City Council legislative activities relating to parks and recreation responsibilities; participated in the development, review and updating of various emergency management operational plans for the department and its applications for FEMA grant projects; reviewed, edited and processed various departmental administrative rules and regulations. Initiated special contracts, changes to Revised Ordinances and City Charter.

### Park Permits Section

Coordinates, monitors and reviews issuance of public park use permits; collects applicable fees and charges; develops, amends, repeals and reviews park rules and regulations; and addresses park enforcement issues in cooperation with the other City and State regulatory agencies.

A total of 15,520 permits were issued in fiscal year 2010, a decrease of 3,091 permits from the previous year. There were 5,120 permits issued for park uses such as picnics, festivals, craft fairs, commercial uses, shore water events, athletic events, and indoor facility uses, and 10,400 permits were issued for camping at the City and County of Honolulu camp sites on Oahu.

### Property Management

Coordinates, monitors and reviews the department's property inventory control practices; maintains records in accordance with the city's policies and procedures; places emphasis on staff responsibility and accountability for equipment items; and continues to implement an efficient system for delivery of park supplies and materials.



Park Permits staff assists customers in obtaining a park use permit at the Park Permits Office, Frank F. Fasi Municipal Building.



Storekeeping staff of Executive Services preparing for a delivery.

The property inventory unit processed more than \$459,171 of equipment acquisitions and \$136,742 of equipment disposals. The storeroom operations procured, stocked and issued over \$405,052 worth of supplies to the various line divisions.

**Budget Management**

**OPERATING EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Salaries & Wages.....	\$39,799,448.00	\$37,523,754.62	\$2,275,693.38
Current Expenses .....	\$22,748,917.00	\$21,728,675.59	\$1,020,241.41
Equipment .....	\$239,000.00	\$114,124.46	\$124,875.54
Total.....	\$62,787,365.00	\$59,366,554.67	\$3,420,810.33

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS FUNDED BY FEDERAL AND STATE OPERATING FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**

<u>Programs</u>	<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Grant Ward</u>
Summer Food Service .....	Federal.....	\$300,000
Office of Youth Svc .....	Federal.....	\$67,600
Take Me Fishing.....	State.....	\$5,000
Mayor's Lei Day Program.....	State.....	\$15,000
DOE After School Activity.....	State.....	\$49,200
Total.....		\$436,800

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**

<u>Account</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Other Donations.....	\$341,411
Clearance Account .....	\$43,301
Permit Deposit .....	\$298,825
Fall Session Paani .....	\$118,735
Lester McCoy Pavillion .....	\$1,346,238
Summer Session Paani .....	\$145,349
Spring Session Paani .....	\$131,773
Summer Fun Clearance.....	\$896,106
Research Projects.....	\$408
City Beautify.....	\$17,279
Surf Sites.....	\$306,061
Botanical Gardens .....	\$134,903
Executive Center Park .....	\$100,000
Ehukai/Pupukea Improvements.....	\$182,792
Total.....	\$4,063,181

**REVENUE AND OTHER COLLECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**

<u>Federal State Grants</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
Summer Food Service .....	\$98,123
Office of Youth Svc .....	\$62,200
Take Me Fishing.....	\$5,000
Mayor's Lei Day Program.....	\$15,000
DOE After School Activity.....	\$49,200
<b><u>Charges for Services and Fees</u></b>	
Service Fees - Dishonored Checks.....	\$1,380
Hanauma Bay Admission .....	\$4,168,176
Hanauma Bay Parking .....	\$196,541
Community Gardens.....	\$43,713
Duplicating Copy of Any Record.....	\$90
Custodial Services .....	\$7,795
Others .....	\$52,422
<b><u>Culture Recreation</u></b>	
Kitchen .....	\$8,876
Dumpster.....	\$450
Scuba/Snorkeling.....	\$19,090
Commercial Windsurfing .....	\$1,875
Commercial Filming .....	\$32,980
Summer Fun Program .....	\$146,112
Fall and Spring Programs .....	\$27,657
Foster Botanical Garden.....	\$127,297
Attendant Services.....	\$365,703
Other Donations.....	\$106,538
<b>TOTAL REVENUES .....</b>	<b>\$5,536,217</b>

**Personnel Services**

The Personnel Services Section is responsible for developing personnel policies and procedures, reviewing, processing and advising on personnel actions, advising divisions on labor relations and collective bargaining matters, maintaining employee files and records, and for payroll preparation activities.

The department's authorized position count as of June 30, 2010:

Regular Employees.....	911.00
Temporary Employees.....	11.25
Personal Services Contract Employees.....	241.55
Total .....	1,163.80
Summer College Student Employment Program .....	.293
Summer Program Hires .....	.378
Total Summer Hires.....	.671

**Personnel Transactions 2008-2010 (Regular and Temporary Employees)**

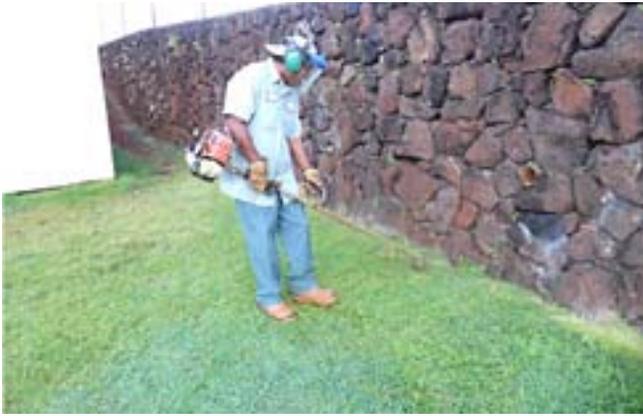
<u>Types of Personnel Transactions</u>	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>
New Hires.....	75	37	14
Separations.....	38	38	54
Promotion/Reallocation Requests...53 .....	28	13	

**Training Section**

Implementation of new technological programs in "Cherps" financial and "Advantage" human resource systems. The Department continues to develop in-house training programs such as performance reviews and labor relations focusing on improving supervisory skills. Department incorporated mandatory training e.g., bloodborne pathogens and drug abuse training for new employees during the new employee orientation. Sexual Harassment, Workplace Violence, Hazardous Communication was incorporated in the annual summer fun training. Annual training and review in best management practices was conducted focusing on environmental issues for all maintenance supervisors and management personnel.

**TRAINING DATA**

<u>Training Category</u>	<u>No. of Courses</u>		<u>No. of Employees</u>		<u>Training Hours</u>	
	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>
Management/Supervisory .....	22	228	1414	2950	3128	3260
Technical/Specialized .....	74	73	2380	652	7553	2610
Safety .....	114	185	5757	3120	12245	4313



## Safety Section

Twenty-one scheduled, unscheduled, and requested safety inspections were conducted on Park Maintenance and Recreation Services facilities throughout Districts I, II, III, IV, V; and Recreation Support Services facilities.

Final inspections were conducted on the installation of a new composite play structure, a new wastewater system, the replacement a new gym floor, retiling of a new swimming pool, and a number of other projects.

Semi-annual department safety committee meetings were conducted to kick start the division quarterly safety meetings and focus on safety and health concerns from field.

<u>Safety/Accident and Injury statistics</u>	<u>FY 08</u>	<u>FY 09</u>	<u>FY 10</u>
HIOSH violations.....	0.....	0.....	0
Safety inspections.....	128.....	135.....	21
Lost-time employee injuries/illnesses.....	69.....	61.....	53
No lost-time employee injuries/illnesses .....	41.....	41.....	48
Park users/participant injuries .....	80.....	85.....	63

## Civil Defense

The civil defense coordinator represents the department as a member of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, Honolulu Urban Area Working Group, Tsunami Evacuation Zone Working Group and Multi Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee.

Tropical storms and hurricanes were tracked and the information disseminated to the divisions. High surf, high winds, and flash flood warnings was also disseminated to the affected locations.

The Department provided heavy equipment support for the Waiawa brush fire in September, shelter support for the high surf event that occurred in December, and offered evacuation sites for the Tsunami warning in February.

Parks and Recreation continues to dialogue with the Department of Emergency Management, to coordinate a refresher shelter training be provided to our staff by the American Red Cross.

Continuity of Operations Plan has been developed and updated.

## Driver Training Section

More than 600 employees participated one or more of the training programs offered by this section, including annual driver improvement training, defensive driver programs, equipment operator training, aerial lift training and van/mini bus certification, commercial driver license training and driver evaluations. An Accident Investigation workshop was offered for the first time and was very well received by 146 supervisors and managers over ten classes. We have also continued working closely with Hawaii Local Technical Assistance Programs in providing specialized training programs such as Work Zone Safety and Storm Debris Clean up.

## Training Programs

<u>Program</u>	<u>No. of Courses</u>	<u>No. of Employees</u>	<u>Training Hours</u>
Driver Improvement .....	9.....	192.....	768
15-Passenger Van/Mini Bus .....	10.....	204.....	1020
Driver License Upgrades .....	0.....	0.....	0
Employees Trained on Equipment.....	18.....	129.....	774
Accident Investigation .....	10.....	146.....	1168

## Driver Evaluation

	<u>No. of Employees</u>	<u>No. of Hours</u>
CDL/Type 4.....	75.....	150
15-Passenger Van Driver.....	213.....	110

## PARK MAINTENANCE AND RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION

The Park Maintenance and Recreation Services Division (PMRS) is responsible for the development and implementation of community recreation and leisure programs, and for maintaining recreational facilities, parks, beach rights-of-way, promenades and future park areas throughout the island of Oahu. Two hundred ninety-three parks encompassing more than 6,000 acres fall under the jurisdiction of PMRS. The division is broken into five districts and two support services: East Honolulu, West Honolulu, Leeward Oahu, Windward Oahu, and Central Oahu, as well as Recreation Support Services and Maintenance Support Services.

Two hundred eight-seven outdoor comfort stations under PMRS are cleaned seven days a week. This includes 1,152 toilets, 332 urinals and 1,071 sinks.



Storm Debris Cleanup Training, employees from Division of Urban Forestry receive safety briefing and instruction from instructor Mr. Tim Ard (in orange) of Forest Appalachian.

The division's community recreation programs provided a wide range of activities for tiny tots, children, teens, adults, senior citizens and persons with disabilities at 80 recreation sites. This division serviced 57,000 registered participants during the three major program periods of summer (June-August), fall (September-December), and spring (January-May). Activities included special community events and classes in aquatics, arts and crafts, creative expression and drama, ethnic culture, games and sports, music and dance, outdoor recreation and physical fitness.

	<u>FALL 2009</u>	<u>SPRING 2010</u>	<u>SUMMER 2010</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Tiny Tots.....	497	6444	357	7298
Children.....	6426	1669	8899	16994
Teens.....	2071	1068	2780	5919
Adults .....	4083	2689	2306	9078
Seniors .....	5078	6806	2951	14835
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>18155</b>	<b>18676</b>	<b>17293</b>	<b>54124</b>

Throughout the year, the various parks in the Department were used to host major activities. Kapiolani Regional Park hosted the Okinawan, Korean, Scottish, Filipino, Vietnamese, Hispanic and Thai cultural events. It is also the home to the Slack Key, Ukulele, Na Hula, Aloha, May Day and the Kamehameha Day Festivals. Who can forget the Honolulu Marathon with its 35,000 runners and volunteers which starts at Ala Moana Regional Park and ends at Kapiolani Regional Park. These parks are the beginning and the end of many 5K and 10K walks and runs. Ala Moana Regional Park was used for various cultural events such as the Dragon Boat Race, Greek Festival, Gay Pride Festival, Portuguese Festival and the Aloha Week Festival. Both regional parks hosted various shore water events, charity walks, parades, marathons and triathlons. Both parks are well used every weekend and more so on three-day weekends during the year with many family picnics and other large group activities using these two parks.

With strong support from the various communities, PMRS continued its quest to better manage our parks by continuing the implementation and enforcement of night closure with the strong support of the Honolulu Police Department. These efforts continue to bring strong positive feedback from the community.

**EAST HONOLULU - DISTRICT I**

East Honolulu District I is responsible for maintaining recreational facilities, parks, bike paths, medial strips, beach rights-of-way, traffic islands, promenades, swimming pools, athletic fields, skating facilities, a dog park and undeveloped wild growth areas from McCully Avenue to Sandy Beach Park. East Honolulu District I is comprised of 126 areas totaling 602.82 acres of land.

Total Grounds Maintenance Positions:  
 126 Full-time positions with 15 vacancies  
 2 Part time positions with 1 vacancy

Total Recreation Positions:  
 40 Full-time positions with 9 vacancies  
 1 Part-time position  
 277 Attendant Services positions

Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve Administrative Positions:  
 21 Full-time positions with 3 vacancies  
 6 Part-time positions with 3 vacancies

The District's community recreation programs provided a wide range of activities for tiny tots, children, teens, adults, senior citizens and persons with disabilities at 18 recreational sites. District serviced 12,526 registered participants during the three major program periods: summer, fall and spring. Activities included special community events and classes in aquatics, arts and crafts, sports and



games, music, dance, drama, outdoor recreation, ocean recreation, physical fitness and ethnic culture. The Summer Fun Program was offered at ten sites with 1,645 children enrolled. The Summer Plus Program was offered at nine areas this summer; Aina Haina Community Park, Kahala Community Park, Kaimuki Community Park, Kamilo Iki Community Park, Kanewai Community Park, Koko Head District Park, Manoa Valley District Park, Paki Community Park and Wilson Community Park. Two of the areas offered both morning and afternoon care.

**Registered Participants in Programs**

	<u>Fall 2009</u>	<u>Spring 2010</u>	<u>Summer 2010</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tiny Tots .....	157 .....	182 .....	48 .....	387
Children .....	1,909 .....	1,696 .....	1,645 .....	5,250
Teens.....	237 .....	144 .....	723 .....	1,104
Adults .....	1,491 .....	1,350 .....	534 .....	3,375
Seniors .....	917 .....	871 .....	622 .....	2,410
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>4,711 .....</b>	<b>4,243 .....</b>	<b>3,572 .....</b>	<b>12,526</b>

Special District activities included holiday events that included Easter egg hunts, Halloween costume contests, Christmas programs and other family activities. The District hosted teen activities and excursions, which included several community service projects completed by the teen groups. Activities in aquatics, ocean recreation, arts and crafts, music and dance, ethnic culture, cooking, outdoor recreation, physical fitness and sports were held at 15 facilities.

The park maintenance program for the majority of East Honolulu District occurs Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday, 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. At Kapiolani Regional Park and Kuhio Beach Park, the maintenance program operates Sunday to Saturday, from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. At Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve maintenance operations are from 5 a.m. to closing, Wednesday through Monday, and from 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.



**Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve**

This attractive nature preserve is open Wednesday through Monday 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the summer season and starting the first Sunday of each October the bay is open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the winter season. Its Visitor Center remains open on Thursdays until 8:30 p.m. for educational presentations. The nature preserve is closed every Tuesday for maintenance.

Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve continues to be among the top visitor park attractions in Hawaii. Hanauma Bay continues to gain worldwide recognition as a model for marine preservation. The entry process includes a required viewing of an orientation video that provides educational information and safety tips designed to protect both the visitor and the fragile coral reef environment. Revenue generated by the preserve makes Hanauma Bay a rare government facility that is completely self-sufficient. The Thursday evening Lecture Series continue to attract residents and visitors to Hanauma Bay with attendances between 30 to 70 people. Hanauma Bay celebrates its 43 years as Hawaii's first Marine Life Conservation District.

**Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve's Visitor Center and Beach attendance for 2009-2010**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Non-Resident Visitors</u>	<u>Resident Visitors</u>	<u>Total Visitors</u>
July .....	77,549 .....	9,882 .....	87,431
August .....	74,851 .....	8,038 .....	82,889
September.....	50,842 .....	6,193 .....	57,035
October .....	52,442 .....	6,559 .....	59,001
November.....	45,097 .....	4,719 .....	49,816
December.....	53,055 .....	4,922 .....	57,977
January .....	47,676 .....	6,261 .....	53,937
February.....	42,639 .....	4,037 .....	46,676
March .....	60,641 .....	6,026 .....	66,667
April .....	58,424 .....	4,836 .....	63,260
May .....	54,239 .....	6,629 .....	60,868
June.....	64,517 .....	7,808 .....	72,325
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>681,972 .....</b>	<b>75,910 .....</b>	<b>757,882</b>

*\*\*Another estimated 500,000 visitors annually sightsee from our scenic lookout without entering our visitor center or going down to the beach.*

**WEST HONOLULU DISTRICT II**

District II is responsible for the development and implementation of community recreation and leisure programs and for inspecting and maintaining many and various types of facilities, including beach parks, district parks, community parks, neighborhood parks, mini parks, and promenades; and is partially responsible for the same at malls, parking lots, and a traffic circle in the geographical boundary, which extends from Punahou Street/Ala Moana Regional Park westward to Aiea District Park. District II comprises of 68 areas totaling 545.03 acres of land.

Total Grounds Maintenance Positions:

86 Full-time positions (plus 8 Full-time positions from DFM from September 1, 2009)

7 Part-time positions

Total Recreation Positions:

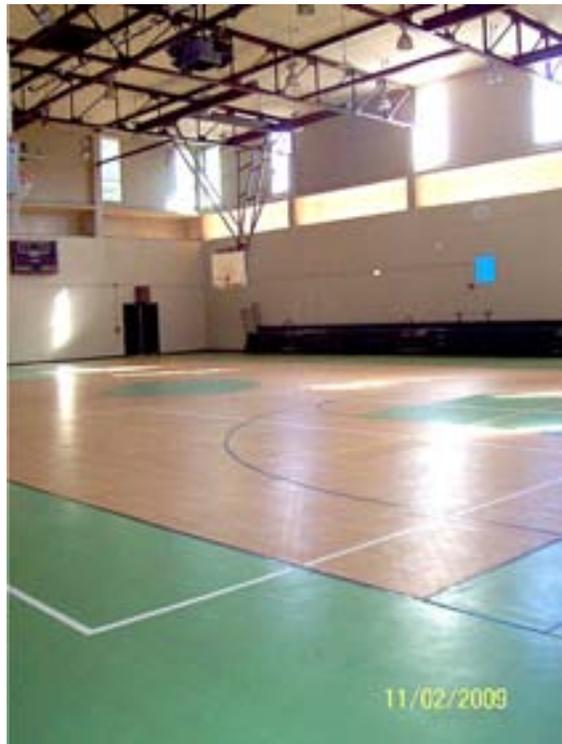
34 Full-time positions

255 Part-time positions

**Accomplishments**

1. Throughout the year, Ala Moana Regional Park was used for various cultural events run by community organizations, such as the Dragon Boat Race, Greek Festival, Gay Pride Festival, Portuguese Festivals and the Aloha Week Festival. It also hosted various canoe and surf events, charity walks, parades, marathons and triathlons. In December, the Honolulu Marathon used the park as the starting point, with approximately 35,000 runners using the park in the early morning hours to prepare for the race. The Fourth of July three-day weekend drew over 30,000 visitors to the fireworks display that was sponsored by the Ala Moana Shopping Center business association. Every three-day weekend during the year impacts the number of family picnics and other large group activities using this park. Ala Moana Regional Park attracts about two million visitors each year. The District worked in partnership with the Honolulu Police Department-District I as needed during large events and three-day weekends.
2. The District worked in partnership with the Honolulu Police Department-District I (HPD-D1) at Ala Moana Regional Park to continue to educate the public to abide by the night closure hours from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. HPD-DI also provided enforcement support for the "No Tents Allowed" rule.
3. Ala Moana Regional Park hosted the annual Honolulu Family Festival, a carnival celebration. It was the third carnival event held at the park in many years and was a great success.
4. Keehi Lagoon Beach Park was used for canoe regattas, major cultural events (i.e. Samoan Heritage Festival, Republic of Marshal Islands Constitution Day), Special Events (the Honolulu Community Action Program's 4th Annual Ka Pono No Ka Keiki Festival) and various sports activities that the facilities support (i.e. tennis, cricket, rugby, football, baseball, and softball). The largest events drew approximately 10,000 people each. The District worked closely with the Honolulu Police Department District V to assist groups with planning the largest events for safety.
5. The Downtown Clean Team maintained sidewalks, roadways and parks such as Wilcox Park, Fort Street Mall, Kamalii Mini Park, Aala International Park; and Sun Yat Sen Mall, College Walk Mall and the Pauahi Recreation Center building, through August, 2009. The Department of Facility Maintenance facilitated the daily cleaning through August, 2009. The district provided maintenance equipment, repairs by the Building Maintenance Repairer, and facilitated repairs requiring Maintenance Support Services trades support; and the district mowing crew mowed the grass at Aala International Park and Smith-Beretania Park, through August, 2009. On September 1, 2009, the district took over the daily care of the Downtown/Chinatown parks and malls, except for street-cleaning and other tasks that remained with the Department of Facility Maintenance (e.g. repair of pavers and street-lighting, etc.), reorganizing to accept the 8 positions assigned to these areas.
6. The partnership with Unity House, Inc., a nonprofit organization, continued at Pauahi Recreation Center. The joint operation of the facility has provided services to the community, particularly for senior citizens.

7. The District accepted referrals of participants from the Community Service Sentencing Program (CSSP) to work at Ala Moana Regional Park, Keehi Lagoon Beach Park, Kalihi Valley District Park, Makiki District Park and Beretania Community Park under the supervision of maintenance staff, and occasionally under the supervision of recreation staff.
8. Construction projects were ongoing throughout the district to renovate and/or upgrade facilities to benefit people in the surrounding communities (e.g. light improvements at Aiea District Park and Halawa District Park; roof renovations at Booth District Park and gym floor renovations at Lanakila District Park, IDIQ projects to improve parking lots, etc.).
9. Child care facilities operated at four parks in the district; Dole Community Park, Lanakila District Park, Kauluwela Community Park and Halawa District Park. District recreation and maintenance personnel worked cooperatively with child care providers to support these programs in conjunction with regular recreational programs.
10. The District was home to the "In-Motion Program" much of the year, providing an office space and use of facilities at Kalihi Valley District Park. District administration worked closely with the In-Motion staff to support the "Non-School Hour" activities in partnership with the State Department of Education and Farrington High School. The program provided recreational/educational opportunities for at-risk youths at Farrington High and Kalakaua Middle Schools, many of whom would not otherwise be empowered to participate in sports, dance, and organized dance activities with an integrated group of youths from varied socio-economic backgrounds. The program was completed at the end of the Fiscal Year, and considered a success, especially because Farrington High School's intention was to sustain significant portions of it using their own operating funds.
11. The Friends of the Makiki Community Learning Center celebrated the grand Re-Opening of the Makiki Library on March 25, 2009, with the assistance of the recreation and maintenance staff.



**Lanakila District Park renovated gymnasium floor.**

11. The Friends of the Makiki Community Learning Center celebrated the grand Re-Opening of the Makiki Library on March 25, 2009, with the assistance of the recreation and maintenance staff.  
The "Rediscover Makiki" event was hosted at Makiki District Park on July 24 & 25, 2009, in cooperation with the Friends of the Makiki Community Learning Center and the Mayor's Office. Recreation and maintenance staff worked with event organizers to coordinate use of the facilities and grounds for the many activities provided for the community's enjoyment. This community event drew crowds of more than 2000 people each day.
12. The District's community recreation programs provided a wide range of activities for tiny tots, children, teens, adults, senior citizens and persons with disabilities at 20 recreational sites. District II serviced 12,442 registered participants during the three major program periods: summer, fall and spring. Activities included special community events and classes in aquatics, arts and crafts, sports and games, music, dance, drama, outdoor recreation, ocean recreation, physical fitness and ethnic culture. The Summer Fun Program was offered at 17 sites with 2,122 children enrolled. There were 543 children enrolled in other summer programs. The Summer Plus Program was offered at seven areas (Booth District Park, Halawa District Park, Moanalua Community Park, Kalakaua District Park, Beretania Community Park, Stevenson Recreation Center and Ala Puumalu Community Park). The programs offered both morning and afternoon care. Five areas offered the Summer Food Service Program, which served breakfast to many children who might not otherwise be able to eat healthy, balanced lunches, or any lunches at all due to their economic situations.



**Cosmic Bowling with participants from various program sites.**



Booth District Park Summer Fun doing “Chicken Fat” on Olympic Day.



**Registered Participants on Programs**

	SUMMER 2009	FALL 2009	SPRING 2010	TOTAL
Tiny Tots.....	87	70	57	214
Children .....	2,665	882	821	4,368
Teens.....	652	464	373	1,489
Adults .....	364	1,263	996	2,623
Seniors .....	758	1,503	1,487	3,748
TOTAL .....	4,526	4,182	3,734	12,442

Special District activities included holiday events such as Easter Egg Hunts, family activities, Halloween Costume Contests, and Christmas Programs. There were area, complex and district teen excursions held throughout the year. Classes in aquatics, arts and crafts, music and dance, ethnic culture, cooking, outdoor recreation, physical fitness and sports were held at 20 facilities.

13. The park maintenance program continued to service all of the parks facilities Monday – Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday, 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. At Ala Moana Regional Park, the park maintenance program operates seven days a week, from 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Maintenance operations supported both organized recreation activities and non-organized passive use of all parks in the district.
14. Ala Moana Regional Park was the site of an important part of the long-term project to improve the City’s aging sewer system. Park staff continued to work closely with the Department of Design and Construction engineers, project consultants, contractors and the public to minimize inconvenience to the public.
15. Ala Moana Regional Park was one of the primary sites where the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Environmental Services continued the partnership to plan, design and implement improvements to the flow pattern of storm water runoff to ensure future compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and associated best management practices, while making best use of available resources.

**LEEWARD OAHU – DISTRICT III**

**Recreation Major Accomplishments 2009-2010**

The 2009 Summer Fun Programs were offered at 19 sites with 3, 067 children enrolled. The Summer Plus Programs were held at five parks this summer (Asing Community Park, Crestview Community Park, Makakilo Community Park, Mililani District Park, Pearl City District Park). Four of the areas offered both morning and afternoon care. Eight areas conducted the Summer Food Service Program (Maili Community Park, Makaha Community Park, Nanakuli Beach Park, Piliilau Community Park, Wahiawa District Park, Waianae District Park, Waipahu District Park, and Whitmore Community Park) which is a federally funded free meals program.

The District’s community recreations programs provided a wide range of activities for tiny tots, children, teens, adults, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities at 26 recreation sites. This district serviced 15,996 registered participants during the three major program periods of summer (June- August), fall (September- December), and spring (January- May). Activities included classes in aquatics, arts and crafts, creative expressions and drama, ethnic culture, sports and games, music and dance, outdoor recreation, and physical fitness. Although there was the budget crunch, some special events were planned and organized throughout the district. These ranged from Christmas events to Easter Egg Hunts, Swim Meets, Basketball/Volleyball Leagues, and District Archery Tournaments. Participants of all ages enjoyed these events. Special events for teens and TNT (Tomorrows New Teens) pre-teen program were specifically planned for this age group to provide them with wholesome, worthwhile, fun activities. These activities included a teen dance, bowling, volleyball tournament, Ice Palace and Wet N Wild Water Park excursions.

	<u>Summer 2009</u>	<u>Fall 2009</u>	<u>Spring 2010</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tiny Tots.....	116	210	182	508
Children.....	3592	1899	1,725	7216
Teens.....	907	782	461	2150
Adults .....	200	1029	626	1855
Seniors .....	575	1,684	2,008	4267
Totals.....	5390	5,604	5002	15996

Waipahu Complex (Waipahu District Park, Ho`aeae Community Park and Project Ho`omana) continued their collaboration the Department of Education, as part of the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant. The complex worked on expanding and enhancing programming with Kaleiopu`u Elementary, Waipahu Elementary, Waipahu Intermediate and Waipahu High Schools to provide after-school and weekend recreational activities. The program directors provided after-school recreational activities, homework assistance, mentoring, over night camps, drug free workshops, ROPES courses, summer and intersession, and summer programs at the schools in the Waipahu Community. The Grant monies gave the program directors the opportunities to enhance the current summer fun program by hiring additional staff to supplement and enrich the programs. This opportunity provided for innovative and non-traditional programming throughout the year. The coming year will see the possibility of additional funds as the Waipahu Complex Schools will once again submit a proposal to continue the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Grant funding.



Project Ho`omana had a very busy year. It was the recipient of three Grants from the Office of Youth Services (OYS) and provided unique programming to the youth of Waipahu. One of these programs was a continuation of (Violence Education and Gang Awareness) and the other two programs addresses the issues of Truancy and Positive Youth Development. These OYS Grants will provide funding through November 2010. An extension until June 30, 2011, has been awarded to continue services



**Hoomana teens**



beyond the present contract period. We have continued to be very active within the community and had our teens involved in community service projects including the Waipahu Cane Haul Run, Community clean ups, and the Great Aloha Run. Our involvement in the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, with the DOE, allowed us to be active in after-school programs at Waipahu Elementary School, the Intermediate, and

Waipahu High School. A new partnership was also formed between UH's Gear Up Program and Ho`omana at Waipahu Intermediate School. Gear Up follows students from one particular grade level through their academic journey from the seventh grade to graduation. Ho`omana was able to provide many of the recreational components that help to foster healthy social and physical activities.

The Truancy Prevention Program worked with the attendance coordinator at Waipahu Intermediate School to receive names of students who have been caught for truancy. These students, along with their parents, were required to attend a 4-hour session on a Saturday morning. During this session, both students and parents participated in various activities that were designed to strengthen their relationships with each other. The Honolulu Police Department discussed with both parties the importance of Truancy Laws and the legal responsibilities of the parents in regards to a minor. HPD also provided parents with important information on Gang Violence, and what to look for if you suspected your child is involved in gangs. The Hawaii National Guard provided information on the effects on various accessible drugs and alcohol abuse. During the student session, staff members worked with students

on how to avoid peer pressure and bullying, and how to make better choices. This program would not have been possible without the continued successful partnerships of the various agencies involved. The program will resume its Saturday classes beginning August 2010 at Waipahu Intermediate School. The National Guard has also been instrumental in providing our youth with team building strategies through their low ROPES course held during the summer.

The Violence Education and Gang Awareness Program (VEGA) were designed to address the issues of Youth Gangs and various alternatives and opportunities that help youth develop into responsible individuals. The youth in this program participated in a range of lessons that: Teach the importance of creating S.M.A.R.T. Goals for themselves; Learn to build their self-esteem; Improve their communication skills; Learn to Make Better Choices; Learn to deal with their aggressions through recognizing, understanding and controlling their anger; Develop necessary skills to deal with peer pressure and bullying; and Learn the importance of internet safety. The VEGA Program also provided students with homework and tutoring assistance and the opportunity to participate in Area, Complex, District and City-Wide events.

The Positive Youth Development program has allowed our staff to share their individual talents in special classes throughout the year. One such class involved students in the art of photography. Here students had the use of digital SLR cameras to learn the technicality, the art and the concept of photography. Hip Hop dancing and ceramics also provided the Waipahu teens with pro-social activities that helped to develop them into civic minded students. We have future programming plans to provide more innovative recreational and life changing experiences for the youth of Waipahu. These classes will begin again in the month of October 2010.

Ho'aeae Community Park, located adjacent to Kaleiopu'u Elementary School, has provided the Village Park community with innovative music and performing arts programs since the start of the school year. One example of its unique classes was their children's Rock Band. In this class, elementary age students developed their musical talents through the formation of a Rock Band, learned skills in music arrangements, performance, and stage presence. Their popular cooking classes also produced delicious and appealing snacks and main dishes for the participants on a weekly basis.

Waipahu District Park, with the end of its children's Summer Fun program, recreation opportunities for Senior citizens resumed with various club activities and adventurous classes. This particular population was provided the opportunity to participate in weekly exercise classes, field trips to sights of interest around the island, table games like mahjong and poker, and walking/hiking adventures to scenic locations throughout the island. The gym at Waipahu District Park has been filled with energetic seniors ready for an excellent workout twice weekly. Youth clinics in volleyball and basketball also occupied the time of many youth during the afternoon hours.

Waianae Complex (Maili Community Park, Makaha Community Park, Nanakuli Beach Park, Pililaau Community Park and Waianae District Park) continued to collaborate with Police Athletic League (PAL) to provide much needed sports leagues to residents on the Waianae Coast. During the Fall this included Flag Football for children aged 7-9 and 10-12. During the Spring Program we ran Basketball leagues for the following ages, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 and 15 years and up. Prior to Summer we ran Volleyball leagues for children and teenagers 9-11, 12-14 and 15-17 years old. Recruiting volunteer coaches has enabled the complex to expand the number of teams in the leagues and stay within their budget.

The Leeward Coast Community Benefits Advisory Committee also known as CBAC was responsible for the expansion and changes in the recreation programs on the Waianae Coast. Sports leagues were able to expand because CBAC provided the additional equipment needed to do so. Archery classes were offered at four of the five manned parks, and there were free cooking classes for children. Past ocean recreation activities were limited to pole fishing, snorkeling and boogie boarding. CBAC funds allowed them to add Kayaking and Stand-Up Paddle Boarding at Pokai Bay. One of the best things that CBAC provided for these communities was the opportunity to participate in free Summer Fun Programs. Waivered participants paid nothing to be part of a six week summer fun program that was filled with special activities and goodies, including a free lunch program, three excursions throughout the summer with free transportation and admission. (Non-waivered participants received all of the above for a nominal Registration fee of \$25.00).

The first "Taste of Summer Fun" Event was held to kick-off Registration on May 15, 2010 at Waianae District Park. They wanted to get the word out to the communities about Summer Fun, and the event was intended to give parents and their children an idea of what could be expected in a summer fun program.

Taste of SF



There were inflatable jumpers, carnival games, and make-n-take activities throughout the day. Entertainment was provided by participants of park classes from Waianae Complex. There were contests with prizes for those who participated, and the reward for a completed activity card was shave ice, pop corn and a hot dog. This was a first time event, and it was enjoyed by all who attended. Plans are being made to continue this successful event.

**Makakilo Community Park:** For the past year, CBAC funds have greatly enhanced the recreation programs for the community. In Fall 2009, we were able to offer some new classes (i.e. Keiki Sewing and Basketball Skills) in part because of the new equipment that we were able to obtain through CBAC. We were also able to enhance our existing classes with new equipment such as new mats and play equipment for our Parents & Tots Classes, new bows, targets and arrows for our archery classes and new basketballs, adjustable rims and volleyballs for our sport classes. We were also able to purchase plastic eggs and prizes for our annual Easter Bash event. On April 3, 2010 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. we had our annual Easter Bash at Makakilo Community Park. There were over 150 people who attended the event. There was an egg hunt, egg decorating contest, games and crafts. The community also benefited from CBAC this past summer with all Summer Fun activity fees (\$75 value), and many teen event admission fees and bus transportation (i.e. Polynesian Cultural Center, movies, Ice Palace) were paid by CBAC.

**Makakilo Neighborhood Park Swimming Pool:** The Swimming Pool programs have benefited under CBAC by using funds to purchase equipment and supplies. New kickboards enhanced activities including swim lessons, swim team, and water exercise programs. The new CD player has been well used for the water exercise program, and first aid equipment, CPR manikins, training AEDs had been used for training staff and participants. A four camera security system and DVR recorder was set up to monitor the storage room and office. Programs have also been enhanced.

During Fall 2009 program, Makakilo Pool and Wahiawa Pool held a duel swim meet ranging in ages from 6-16. With the help of coaches and parent volunteers on both sides we had a successful swim meet with refreshments that were also provided by parents and swimming awards ribbons that were purchased with CBAC funds.

**Kamokila Community Park:** For the Fall 2009 program, Kamokila Community Park hosted an event named "Holiday Extravaganza". This event was held the Friday before Thanksgiving. The event included games which the children played and earned tickets. The tickets they earned were later traded in for prizes. The children also participated in arts and crafts projects. CBAC funds were used to purchase the arts & crafts supplies. The CBAC funds helped enhance the event. The children were able to make their crafts and bring it home to show to their parents.

DPR continued their joint use agreement with the Navy to utilize two field complexes, Pride and Pointer fields, within Kalaeloa Naval Base.

## **Park Maintenance**

The Parks Maintenance Division of District III is responsible for the development and implementations of community recreation and leisure programs, and for maintaining recreational facilities, parks, medial strips, beach right-of-ways, traffic island, malls west of Kaonohi Street in Aiea, out to Keaau Beach Park on the Leeward Coast, and up to Whitmore Village in Central Oahu. District III has 107 parks and right-of-ways totaling 1,101 acres of parkland.

The District opened up the newly renovated Waipahu District Park Pool in October of 2009 after nearly 5 years of closure.

There are several other notable CIP projects that have entered into the construction phase. The largest being the Gym, Recreation Facilities and outdoor courts at Ewa Mahiko District Park. This new facility will now begin to meet the needs of the growing Ewa Community.

Kahe Leeward Coast when completed by providing a beautiful location for the community to sit and enjoy the surroundings.

Several construction projects commenced and were finished in District III this past year.

A roofing project was completed at Nanakuli Beach Park while two new parking lots were created one at Maili Beach Park and one at Waianae District Park. Kahe Point Beach Park began its restoration project to rehabilitate the comfort station and pavilion area. This will greatly enhance the entry way into the park.

Total Full-time Grounds Maintenance Positions: 122 positions, 14 are vacant



**Photo: Ulehawa Beach Park before clean-up.**



**Ulehawa Beach Park after.**

## District IV Recreation Accomplishments

### The following were our recreation accomplishments 2010

One thousand eight hundred five children participated in our District's Summer Fun Program, which included Waimanalo Beach Park, Waimanalo District Park, Enchanted Lake Community Park, Kailua District Park, Aikahi Community Park, Kapunahala Neighborhood Park, Heeia Elem. School, Ahuimanu Community Park, Hauula Community Park, Laie Elem. School, Kahuku District Park, Sunset Beach Neighborhood Park and Waiialua District Park. The Kualoa Regional Park provided a Summer Fun Excursion Day Camp at Kualoa Regional Park for 3,500 summer fun participants and the Haleiwa Surf Center an ocean activities excursion program another 3,500 summer fun participants at the Haleiwa Alii Beach Park. In addition to summer fun, 3,400 children, teens, adults and senior citizens were registered for other program activities, i.e. craft classes, clubs, etc. from June to August.

The entire District IV recreation complexes responded to the budget restrictions and successfully managed to maintain the district's budget for supplies and manpower. The budget was balanced by critically evaluating service and making decisions on where cuts would have the smallest impact, but yield the greatest savings. All complexes have modified operational hours and rearranged regular staff hours to stay within budget allocations for part-time staff. District adjustments included the cancellation of the annual Summer Fun Camping Program at Kualoa Regional Park and the closing of the Kahaluu Community Park Summer Fun Program.

### The following were our maintenance accomplishments 2010

The District IV Maintenance staff managed to maintain parks with the reduced assets available. Most complaints regarding the poor condition of a restroom were resolved the same day or the very next day and were attributed to vandalism. District IV Park Maintenance Superintendent has cultivated volunteers in every community to assist with season park maintenance, i.e. prep for sports season. Volunteers are also helping with painting graffiti, repair of park facilities and the maintenance of sports fields. The volunteers have contributed hundreds of man hours to maintain and improve our parks. District Maintenance staff have also developed a close working relationship with HPD to address complaints about park rules violations.

## DISTRICT V



Children having fun under a parachute at Ahuimanu Community Park's Summer Fun Program.



Canoeing is just one of the fun and exciting activities provided to children who participate in Kualoa Regional Park's Day Camp.

## CENTRAL OAHU REGIONAL PARK, WAIPIO PENINSULA SOCCER COMPLEX, HANS L'ORANGE BASEBALL FIELD

The Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Division's District V is responsible for the coordination of local, national and international sports tournaments, community recreation and leisure programs. District V covers Waipio Peninsula Soccer Park (WPSP), Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park (PTMCORP) and Hans L'Orange Baseball Field (HLBF).

### Maintenance

The District Park Maintenance Program provides daily maintenance at two regional parks and one neighborhood/baseball park encompassing 450 acres. This includes 20 soccer fields, one lighted 5,000 seat stadium w/ locker room, four regulation baseball fields (two lighted), one practice field, four youth baseball fields, four lighted softball fields, seven multi-purpose fields, 20 tennis courts (12 lighted), aquatic complex which includes 50 meter pool and dive well, archery range, food concession/dining room, eight comfort stations, two trailer restrooms, 8,000 gallon reservoir, 6,000 gallon irrigation tank, three play apparatus areas and an outdoor basketball court.

Total Full-time Grounds Maintenance Positions: 26

Total Full-time Management Positions: 3

## Major Accomplishments

The Hawaii High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) staged the Girls and Boys State Water Polo at the Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center (VMAC) The Local Swim Committee (USA Swimming) held State Championships at the VMAC and the Local Swim clubs also hosted swim meets throughout the year which included neighbor islands, national and international teams.

The HHSAA staged the Girls and Boys State Soccer Championships at WSPS. WSPS also hosted tournaments organized by the Hawaii Youth Soccer Association (HYSA) and American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) throughout the year which included the HYSA Pacific Cup, HYSA Mayors Cup, AYSO Kirk Banks Cup, Hawaii Soccer Association (HSA) Veterans Cup, Presidents Cup, and Rainbow tournament which includes teams from the neighbor islands and the mainland.



The Tennis Facility hosted two national events; USTA 18U Juniors Championship and the International Tennis Federation 18U Championship. The USTA also hosted the Futures Tour Event which featured national and international professional-

als. The USTA also provided learn to play tennis programs and organized tournaments for seniors, age group adult, and youth throughout the year.

The baseball and softball facilities hosted numerous leagues which included; four adult baseball leagues, six youth baseball leagues, ten softball leagues, two adult soccer leagues, adult Frisbee, youth football leagues and mixed lacrosse league that use the park throughout the year. Tournaments throughout the year include; HHSAA Division II Boys baseball tournament at HLBF, HHSAA Division II Girls softball tournament at PTMCORP, Hawaii World Series Baseball, American Legion, Best of the West, American Softball Association (ASA), Softball Regionals, Little League, PONY, Cal Ripken, Babe Ruth Regionals, Family Stone High School Alumni Softball tournament, which involved 48 teams over five days. Hawaii Pacific University used HLBF as their home field and a Korean professional baseball team trained at the park in January, February and March.

## RECREATION SUPPORT SERVICES

The function of the Recreation Support Services Branch (RSS) is to provide program support and in-service training for the district recreation staff in specialized areas such as Culture and Arts, Children and Youth, Special Services – People’s Open Market, Therapeutic Recreation, Sports and Aquatics, and Senior Citizens. The staff in these specialty areas is also in charge of coordinating various special events related to their specialty throughout the year, in addition to regularly scheduled tournaments, contests and clinics. This section is made up of 17 full time staff, most of whom are recreation specialists, and 36 part time staff who provide clerical to manpower support in varying capacities.

### 1. ADOPT-A-PARK

The Adopt-A-Park Program enlists public and private organizations and individuals to volunteer their services to partially maintain park facilities. Eleven new adoptions were added this year for a total of 248 active park adoptions.

The Volunteers in the Park Program assists and coordinates cleanups and beautification projects during the year for all five districts. Major projects include “Make A Difference Day,” “Get The Drift and Bag It,” “Fourth of July,” and “Keep Hawai’i Beautiful.” These community-wide projects have generated over 14,500 volunteers who contributed over 37,000 hours of community service projects in litter and beach cleanups during fiscal year 2009-2010.

### 2. CHILDREN AND YOUTH UNIT

The Children and Youth (CY) Unit of the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) continues to seek out funding opportunities, research new programming and provide support and training for DPR staff. Here are some of the highlights for this fiscal year.

#### Special Events

The CY Unit and staff committee coordinated DPR’s participation in the 2009 Children and Youth Day in October. The event was held on the grounds of the State Capitol and kicked off Children and Youth Month. This year’s theme focused on the family. DPR did a kite activity to promote healthy recreational activities that can be done with the family. Over 350



Volunteers at Maunalua Bay (in Hawai'i Kai) Halau Wa'a (canoe halau).



children came to our booth. DPR participated with many community agencies and organizations, providing over 150 activities to the approximately 38,000 people in attendance.

October 4, 2009 was proclaimed by the Mayor as "Play Day in the City and County of Honolulu". The proclamation was presented in the Capitol's rotunda.

In October, the CY Unit and staff committee coordinated a city-wide Cosmic Bowling event at Hickam Bowling Center. This event was held over two weekends to accommodate over 220 bowlers. This was the second time the event was held and has grown in popularity and participation.

In March 2010, the CY Unit and staff committee coordinated a city-wide event at the Ice Palace. There were 125 youth participants and staff who spent the night in fellowship and skating.

#### **Training**

The CY Unit coordinated the 2010 Summer Attraction Workshop in September. This workshop is held in preparation for the coming summer. Important information for the summer planning process is shared at this meeting. Vendors are also invited to come and participate in this workshop. Vendors from various possible excursion destinations are able to share



Children and Youth Day 2009.

information about their venue and answer questions from Directors. Some area directors are able to schedule their excursions for summer at this workshop.

This year the CY Unit continued to develop and provide training for Recreation Directors. In collaboration with other governmental agencies and organizations, the CY Unit was able to provide trainers in the fields of Bullying Prevention, Group Management, Team Building, Violence Prevention and Brain Development for the annual Summer Aide Training held in June. These trainers brought a wealth of expertise to share with the staff.

CY Unit serves as a representative to the State's Keiki Caucus. This group is made up of government, private and public organizations involved with servicing youth in the communities. Priority issues are introduced, discussed and then decided upon with the input of all representatives. Acts for legislation begin in this group.

The CY Unit continues to be a part of an ad hoc committee on Bullying. The presentation was made to the full Keiki Caucus in June.

### 3. CULTURE AND ARTS SECTION

The goal of the Culture and Arts section is to enrich the City and County of Honolulu and its diverse cultural heritage by developing, implementing, and coordinating various arts, crafts, creative drama, music and dance, training, programs and projects.

The Culture and Arts Section provided the following staff trainings during this fiscal year:

August 18, 2009 – Sticker Machine Training for RSS – All four Districts had been trained on using their Sticker Machines by 2008. However, Recreation Support Services had not received training and were still relying on RSS staff to help them with stickers or banners. Six specialists took the training at Kapolei Hale and should now be able to operate the equipment themselves and/or train others.

October 15, 2009 – Plastic Lacing Projects workshop – Twenty-nine recreation directors signed up for this workshop. Seven were unable to attend; and three came that were not on the list for a total of 25 in attendance. The workshop was held at Kilauea District Park. A Recreation Director from Kahala Community Park was asked to teach the class as she has been teaching these types of projects for over 20 years. She remained flexible in teaching the class as she knew some of the simpler projects might be known already. She also had to deal with the variety of skill levels between the different recreation directors. She started with the basics and went to more advanced techniques as she discovered who learned quickly and who had prior experience. Her planning went well as those that caught on quickly or knew some of the basics were able to assist with the complete novices. She was also able to teach more difficult projects once the beginners got started. This class was very successful. The projects seem to be timeless and appropriate to teach to a wide variety of people.

February 25, 2010 – Crafting Carnival Games Part II – Twenty-seven recreation directors signed up for this workshop. Three did not show up; and, three came that didn't sign up, for a total of 27 in attendance. The workshop was held at the Sand Island Christmas storage warehouse. With the success of last years Crafting Carnival Games workshop, it was decided to do a continuation workshop so that area directors can learn how to make more permanent carnival games. Three of the more popular games that the Culture and Arts unit has were chosen to be made for the workshop, Reverse Dunk, Tin Can Alley, and Blockbuster. The Reverse Dunk was one of the most popular games to be loaned out, but it was also the most complicated to make. After teaching how to make the other two games, we ended up doing the Reverse Dunk and ran quite a bit over time to finish up. Ninety-five percent of the people stayed back to complete the project and the other five percent that left did not have coverage at their park and needed to leave. The skill level of the recreation directors working with power tools and lumber was overestimated and that set us back. Also, after each project, they were allowed time to test and play their games. In retrospect, we should finish making everything first and test at the end. Overall though, there were still great comments regarding the workshop. There just needs to be some fine tuning in time allotted.

March 17, 2010 – Read Aloud: Giving Print a Breath - Using picture books, eight DPR staff did numerous exercises, heard more about the importance of reading aloud to kids, and practiced reading stories with dramatic expression.

March 24, 2010 – Photo Emulsion workshop – Sixteen recreation directors signed up; two didn't show up, and two attended that didn't sign up for a total of 16 in attendance. The workshop was held in the McCoy Pavilion Dining Room where we set up a makeshift dark room a couple of days before hand. This workshop is a repeat that was held five years ago at Halawa District Park. Halawa wasn't available this year so McCoy was chosen because of the idealness of the room. This class needs a dark room and a place to wash out the screens with a water hose and spray nozzle. The class was taught how to make screens from scratch, how to coat screens with emulsion, and how to expose and wash out their stencil design. All participants were asked to bring their own screen and design. We were successful in completing each one of them.

March 25, 2010 – Screen Printing Basics workshop – Thirteen recreation directors signed up; five did not attend; and one showed up that didn't sign up. This workshop is also a repeat of a workshop held five years ago. With the new hires these past few years, it was necessary to bring back some of the basics. This workshop taught the fundamentals of screen-printing which is something nearly all recreation directors do. Various methods were taught as well as tips and tricks from the years of experience that Staff has. Staff from Fern Community Park, who screens a lot, attended the class and added a few more tips based on his experiences too. We did have a slight problem with the four color screen-printing machine. One of the nuts for the printing board stripped out and we could not tighten it. The board kept moving so we had difficulty trying to line up the two screens for the multicolor prints. Some of the prints did work, so the concept was able to be taught. Months after the workshop was over C&A staff was able to make time and repair the stripped out threads and everything works well now.

April 14, 2010 – Shadow Puppets: Revisited - By popular demand, shadow puppets were revisited. Six enthusiastic staff made and animated a set of shadow puppets to tell a story, and performed it. This was a hands-on, build it and use it craft and drama class. It built on Recreation Director interest in shadow puppet shows staff performed last summer. Walked away with a simple shadow puppet show!

April 20 and May 21, 2010 – Senior Group Storytelling Adventures – ‘Ewa and ‘Āina Haina Senior Groups went on experiential “talk story” tours of the Honolulu Academy of Arts with the Drama Specialist as the guide and facilitator. Staff also spoke at three Senior Group meetings February 22 (Waipahū); March 10 (‘Aiea); and, March 22 (‘Āina Haina).

On August 8 and 9, 2009, DPR celebrated the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Nā Hula Festival at the Queen Kapi‘olani Regional Park. Over the two-day period, nine hālau and the Royal Hawaiian Band performed. Over the two-day event, we had approximately 1,000 people watching the event.

A little over 400 dancers and musicians performed. Nine hālau (Hālau Hula O Nāwahine; Nā Wahine o ka Hula Mai ka Pu‘uwai; Ka Hale I ‘O Kahala; Nā Kūpuna O Makua Ali‘i; Hālau Pōmaika‘ikalani; Puanani Alama Hula Studio; Leilani Alama Hula Studio; Hālau Hula O Pua ‘A‘ala Hone; and Hālau Hula O Hōkūlani) and the Royal Hawaiian Band were our performers this year. Hālau Pōmaika‘ikalani, who teaches out of Booth Park was our new hālau this year.

Fortunately, we had beautiful weather. We were concerned that we would have to cancel the event due to Hurricane Felicia. As a courtesy to the audience, we offered periodic updates on the status of Hurricane Felicia. We also reminded the audience and performers to stay well hydrated throughout the day.

The hālau continue to be very grateful for the opportunity to perform and look forward to the 70<sup>th</sup> year in 2010.

The 21st Annual Talk Story Festival was held on October 9-11, 2009, at McCoy Pavilion. Each of the three free nights featured eight to ten talented tellers from across the state and three mainland national stars. October 9th featured Spooky Stories; October 10th celebrated Real Life Tales; and, October 11th offered Revelation Stories. Approximately 3,000 people attended the three evenings. ‘Ōlelo and Leeward Community College students videotaped each night of performances, which is edited and aired in monthly programs as the DPR’s Story TV Series on ‘Ōlelo: Community Access TV. Major articles appeared in all three papers, AM News TV coverage on Channel 2 and 9, Bus Posters and PSA TV spots on all stations.



Pat Masumoto of Maui performed on Saturday night.  
(photograph by John Kuamu‘o)



Above right: Kathy “Tita” Collins of Maui performed Friday and Saturday nights. (photograph by John Kuamu‘o)

Right: Lopaka Kapanui performed Friday and Sunday nights.  
(photograph by John Kuamu‘o)



The 83rd Annual Lei Day Celebration began on March 6, 2010, with the selection of the 82nd Lei Queen and Court. Three mākuahine (31-54 years of age) were judged on their lei making skills; hula; poise and personality; and ‘Ōlelo Pelekane and ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i. ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i was reintroduced as part of the judging criteria in order to emphasize the importance of perpetuating one of the two official languages of the State of Hawai‘i, as well as to convey the message with feeling and proper pronunciation. Each contestant could read or recite the story.

This year's contestants were Jamie Kaohulani Detwiler, Marie Keaokulakamalukukui Paresa and Lauri-Ann Kawehilani Kauī Quihano. Jamie Detwiler was selected as lei queen. Kauī Quihano was the first runner up.

The theme for the 83rd Annual Lei Day Celebration was He Lei No Ke'elikōlani – a lei for (Princess Ruth) Ke'elikōlani. We were once again blessed to receive a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, in partnership with Hawaiian Electric Corporation providing \$10,000, and Times Supermarket providing \$5,000. The combined funds were used to increase interest and services towards a traditional event and further the perpetuation of the Hawaiian culture.

The 83rd Annual Mayor's Lei Day Celebration was held on May 1, 2010, at the Queen Kapi'olani Regional Park and Bandstand. We received excellent media coverage from Cox Radio, Oceanic Cable, and Hawai'i News Now. On April 14, 2010, the Mayor held a press conference to introduce the lei queen and court at Honolulu Hale. On April 27, 2010, the lei queen and court along with DPR's Culture and Arts Coordinator were on OHA's Nā 'Ōiwi 'Ōlino radio program. On April 28, 2010, the lei queen and court along with Kaiulani de Silva of HECO and DPR's Culture and Arts Coordinator did interviews on four of Cox Radio's stations. On April 30, 2010, Hawai'i News Now featured this year's Lei Day court (along with Kaiulani de Silva and DPR's Culture and Arts Coordinator) on their 7:10 and 8:10 a.m., segments at Queen

We continue to meet visitors who purposely schedule their vacations so that they can attend the City's Lei Day Celebration.

The audience enjoyed the variety of entertainment. The mix of entertainers included the Royal Hawaiian Band; Kapena; Nā Wahine 'O Ka Hula Mai Ka Pu'uwai; Maunalua; Mailani; Hālau Hula 'O Hōkūlani; Super B. Boy Crew; Kolohe Kai; and, Nesian N.I.N.E. The Hawaiian Steel Guitar Association entertained visitors at the lei exhibit area from 12:15-3:00 p.m.

Lei Queen Jamie Kaohulani Detwiler and Princesses Lauri-Ann Kawehilani Kauī Quihano and Marie Keaokulakamalukukui Paresa, was invested by the Honorable Mayor Mufi Hannemann and assisted by Hawaiian Electric's Ms. Darcy Endo-Omoto, Vice President, Government and Community Affairs and Ms. Ka'iulani de Silva, Director of Education and Consumer Affairs; and, Mr. Bob Stout, President and Mr. Bill Spendlove, Director of Advertising, for Times Supermarket. The pomp



**From left to right: Princess Marie Keaokulakamalukukui Paresa; Lei Queen Jamie Kaohulani Detwiler; and, First Princess Lauri-Ann Kawehilani Kauī Quihano (photograph by Minako Ishii Kent of Beyond Borders Images).**



**From left to right: First Princess Lauri-Ann Kawehilani Kauī Quihano; Lei Queen Jamie Kaohulani Detwiler; and, Princess Marie Keaokulakamalukukui Paresa (photograph by Minako Ishii Kent of Beyond Borders Images).**



(Photograph by Minako Ishii Kent of Beyond Borders Images.)



Mayor's 2010 Grand Prize Lei by Bill Char (photograph by Minako Ishii Kent of Beyond Borders Images).



Contest lei on final display at Mauna 'Ala. The Mayor's Grand Prize Lei is in the center of the photo (photograph by Minako Ishii Kent of Beyond Borders Images).



(Photograph by Kaiulani Kauahi)

and circumstance of the investiture were aided by Kumu Hinaleimoana Falemei and nā haumāna of Hālau Lōkahi Public Charter School, chanters Kekuewa Kikilo and Kepā and Onaona Maly. Lei Queen Jamie Detwiler received numerous ho'okupu (tributes) from family and friends. The princesses performed "Lei 'A'ali'i," choreographed by kumu hula Haunani Judd Kauahi (2008 First Princess) of Ka Pā Hula Hawai'i. Lei Queen Jamie Detwiler danced "E Ku'u Sweet Lei Poina 'Ole." The formality of the ceremony was balanced with the musical grouping of Charlene Kalai Campbell (1998 Lei Queen), Mamo Wassman (2004 Lei Princess), Auntie Pudgie Young, and Kalani Maio who provided music for the investiture ceremony.

HPD estimated that we had at least 16-18,000 people in attendance throughout the day, with a good crowd maintained at the bandstand to the very end.

DPR provided 19 free lei making workshops. Of the 19, three were demonstrations provided by Brian Choy. DPR staff provided 16 hands-on workshops. A total of 349 people participated.

The impressive Lei Contest Exhibit attracted many interested observers evidenced by the long line waiting to view the floral creations throughout the day. We exceeded last year's lei count by 23 – for a total of 215 lei entered!

Back this year, for a second time, was "Tūtū's Hale," an area set aside for mo'opuna (young and old) to visit Tūtū (grandparent) to hear stories, learn a song, a hula, how to make a lei, play Hawaiian games, and weave with lauhala.

The Lei Queen and court concluded the day with their final hula in honor of Princess Ruth Ke'elikōlani. They danced "Ke'elikōlani Nui," composed by Kahauanu Lake Trio.

On Sunday, May 2, 2010, all the floral contest lei were on display for a final time at Mauna 'Ala. We were greeted with a cleansing rain and then bright sun. The procession started at the Kamehameha Crypt this year to honor Ke'elikōlani. The procession then went to the Kalākaua Crypt. The public was then invited to share the lei around the different crypts on the site. The court and some staff took several lei that were reserved for Lunalilo down to Kawaiāha'o Church, with a quiet, solemn ceremony to honor him.

The two princesses went on to dance at a Lei Day celebration at Ward Warehouse.

The Lei Queen and Court participated in the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade, on Saturday, June 12, 2010. Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Hawai'i Chapter I, provided one vehicle and driver for the Lei Queen and her Court.

## City Lights

November 29, 2009 – Windward City Lights – Each year for the past four years, we have been loaning Windward City Lights display pieces that were donated to the City from Victoria Ward Center. Volunteers from Windward City Lights and the Fire Station in Kāneʻohe would transport and set up the displays.

December 5, 2009 – Honolulu City Lights – 2009 marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Honolulu City Lights. The Mayor's Office and Friends of Honolulu City Lights had grand plans for new sculptures to commemorate the event. They asked for an almost life-size gingerbread house, for Santa to take pictures with the public, to be placed inside Honolulu Hale as well as three new 12-foot tall Santa's helpers to be displayed outside. Knowing full well that the Culture and Arts unit can only accomplish so much in the given amount of time, the sculpting of the three Santa's helpers were contracted out. We sculpted the gingerbread house and did the finish work and paint on all of the new displays. In addition to the new sculptures, it was requested that we bring out all the old sculptures, so there was a lot of refurbishing to be done too. With the department's budget shrinking, not as many Recreation Directors were able to assist as in the past. Our three part timers were heavily relied upon; and, whatever recreation director assistance we could get was much appreciated. In addition, we were able to secure the services of three Department of Wastewater painters for two straight weeks. We were able to finish everything with a week to spare before opening night. Everything made it to City Hall with minimal touch ups needed.

December 12, 2009 – Kapolei City Lights – Each year we support Kapolei Hale with a display that we aren't using at Honolulu City Lights. This year it was decided that the gnome tree stump display would be coming to Kapolei. We set it up the Monday before opening night and completed it within half a day.



(Photo provided by the City's photo bank)



(Photograph by Alex Ching)



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### Graphic Requests

Graphic Services receives on average, one graphic service request each week or 52 per year. Some of the requests are straight forward, while many others require numerous revisions.

Some of the design requests are to support the District's Recreation Programs in different ways, i.e., flyers, programs, banners, etc. Several templates were created for each recreation directors' Fall, Spring and Summer programs informational flyers. This gave them flexibility in selecting what suits their playgrounds. In conjunction to the flyers, MidWeek ads were created to advertise the classes that were available throughout the year. There were seasonal flyers, such as Easter Egg Hunts and Halloween Costume Contests that were sprinkled between the Fall, Spring and Summer Programs.

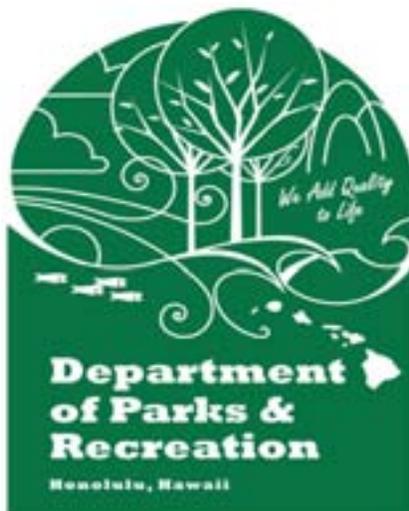
The Department of Parks and Recreation is tasked with several Special Events.

- Senior Valentine Dance - Posters and programs were developed for this annual event.
- Kualoa Day Camp – Kualoa staff requested the creation of a lot of graphics this year for crayon rubbing boards, rubber stamps designs and stickers.
- Lei Queen Selection/Lei Day Celebration – Lei Display Committee requested all new signage for the Lei exhibit.
- Lei Queen Selection/Lei Day Celebration – Programs and flyers.
- Lei Day Celebration – Developed large informational sandwich boards to educate the public about Princess Ruth Ke'elikōlani.



May Day celebration of Princess Ke'elikōlani.

For Administrative Events, PMRS retirement party, Retirement farewell cards, Employee of the Quarter posters, designs for pens and recycling bag for Children and Youth, the director's office press release posters banning specific tents and shopping carts from parks and a banner for Bellows Beach Closure during military training.



Recycling bag for Children and Youth.

Employee Recognition Luncheon, Certificates for Employee of the Quarter and Year, Employee of the Quarter posters and Therapeutic Recreation brochure. For the director's office, creating new signage for



Kualoa crayon rubbing graphics.

Kapi'olani Park "No Camping on the Median" and updated rules and regulations signs posted at our boxing facilities. Update the corresponding sign handbook because of that. Submitting more designs for staff t-shirts.

4. PEOPLE'S OPEN MARKET PROGRAM

The People's Open Market (POM) program was established in November 1973. The overall purposes of the program are:

- To provide the public, especially the less affluent residents, the opportunity to purchase low cost fresh agricultural and aquaculture products and other food items.
- To support the economic viability of diversified agriculture and aquaculture in our State by providing market sites where the State's farmers and fisherman or their representatives are encouraged to sell their surplus and/ or off-grade products.
- To provide focal points for residents to socialize. Vendors must be registered in the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) program and are required to accept food stamps. The Department of Parks and Recreation provides the staff and sites. The staff monitors the program in accordance with a set of rules and regulations adopted at public hearings.

**AVERAGE WEEKLY CUSTOMER COUNT**

	<u># of Sites/Week</u>	<u>Avg. # of Customers/Week</u>
Sunday .....	3 .....	1,584
Monday .....	4 .....	712
Tuesday .....	4 .....	3,625
Wednesday .....	3 .....	1,970
Thursday .....	3 .....	2,054
Friday .....	3 .....	1,350
Saturday .....	5 .....	4,869
TOTAL .....	25 .....	16,164



**HIGHLIGHTS IN THE YEAR**

- A total of 840,528 people were attracted to the 25 market sites during the fiscal year. This is a decrease from last year's count of 913,744. The POM attendance numbers indicate that the program is alive and well and is fulfilling its primary purpose of aiding and promoting the diversified agriculture, providing low cost produce to O'ahu's citizens and tourists and having a focal point where people of a community can gather and talk story.

- The Kalihi Kai site had the highest average number of patrons (2,990 each week) and the Mother Waldron site the lowest (66 each week).
- There has been a consistent decline in EBT transactions each fiscal year.

## 5. SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM

The Senior Citizen Section of the Department of Parks and Recreation has maintained a year round schedule of activities and special events for over 5,000 senior citizens (55 years and older) in the City and County of Honolulu. The Department's District recreation staff advises 37 senior clubs (island wide) and assists the Senior Citizen Section with citywide events like the annual Mayor's Craft and Country Fair; the Seniors Valentine Dance at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center's (NBC) exhibition hall, and various community events around the island. In addition, staff and participant training are held year round to enhance the quality of our Senior Citizen's program.

The following information is a summary of those senior citizen activities and training:

The O'ahu Senior Bowling Tournament was held on August 26-28, 2009. One hundred forty senior bowlers from around the island participated in this annual tournament at Hickam Bowling Center. The tournament included two days of bowling followed by an awards banquet which was held at the Tradewinds Restaurant.



September 18-20, 2009, The Good Life Expo was held at the NBC Exhibition Hall on September 29, 2009. DPR seniors participated by doing arts and craft demonstrations, acting as docents and, providing entertainment.

On October 2, 2009, seniors participated in A Bowling Bonanza, a non-competitive bowling event at the Hickam Bowling Center. Approximately 60 seniors participated in this event.

On November 21, 2009, the Mayor's Craft and Country Fair was held at the NBC Exhibition Hall. This event hosted senior clubs, senior service organizations, City Department exhibits, and vendors from the People's Open Market. About 3,000 were in attendance.



Between January and November, the Senior Golf Program play six times a year (odd months) at various City and County golf courses. Approximately 60 men and women enjoy a day of exercise, socialization and fun at these outings.

On January 20, 2010, a Line Dance Workshop for 70 senior club members and staff participated in a dance workshop at the Mililani District Park. Participants learned dances in preparation for the Senior Valentine's Dance to be held in February.

The annual Senior Valentine's Dance was held on February 9, 2010, at the NBC. Over 2,500 participants and 50 representatives from various senior organizations danced the day away. The theme of the event was "Cupid's Shuffle." Entertainment was provided by the Royal Hawaiian Band. Students from the Kapolei Middle School's social dance classes and various island celebrities participated in the dance.



A Bereavement and "Deciding Who Cares" workshop was held on February 18, 2010. The workshop was presented by Felicia Marques-Wong from Saint Francis Hospice on dealing with the grief of losing a loved one. Also presenting was Dr. James Pietsch from the University of Hawai'i School of Law who talked about the rights of the elderly. Sixty staff and senior members attend this informative session.

The annual Primetime Wellness Fair was held on March 4, 2010, at the NBC Exhibition Hall. DPR partnered with First Hawaiian Bank, Kuakini Hospital and HMSA to provide health related activities and information for the senior participants. Staff assisted in coordinating activities throughout the day. Over 5,000 were in attendance.

On April 8, 2010, Senior Recognition Program was held at the Hawai'i Convention Center. DPR staff assisted with the program and monitored the seniors during and after the program. Over 1,500 were in attendance.



On May 28, 2010, an estimated 400 Senior club members from around the island, sewed leis for the Mayor's Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. The seniors made an estimated 5,000 leis for this event.

In addition to the above mentioned events, the Makua Ali'i Senior Center, the Kāne'ohe Senior Center, as well as some of our community and district parks, offered a wide range of activities for our senior population. Classes such as ceramics, painting, table tennis, aerobics and hula are just some of the activities offered.

## 6. SPORTS AND AQUATICS

The Sports and Aquatics Section is comprised of the Sports (vacant), Aquatics (vacant), and Tennis specialist who provide staff training in specialty areas and conduct citywide events and activities throughout the year.

The Sports unit encompasses sports, games, and fitness activities, including resource and expertise support in areas such as boxing and the Honolulu Marathon. The Sports Unit conducts and coordinates two annual city wide activities, the annual Elks Hoop Shoot in the fall and the Senior Classic games in the spring.



The Aquatics unit serves as resource and expertise support for the 21 swimming pools and ocean recreation activities island wide. There were over 600 aquatics classes held for children, teens, adults, seniors, and people with disabilities through this venue throughout the year. The variety of classes included all levels of learn-to-swim, Lifeguarding/Junior Lifeguarding, First Aid and CPR/AED training. In addition, the Aquatics Unit heads the Hawaiian Canoe Program Advisory Council and coordinates and conducts two city wide age group swim meets in April and November.

The Tennis unit provides expertise, equipment, and support for over 200 tennis courts on O'ahu. Court and outdoor play surface inspections are conducted quarterly, and tennis workshops are held bi-annually. In an effort to alleviate the crowd and congestion in the heavily concentrated Waikīkī area, most of the tennis tournaments have successfully moved from the Diamond Head Tennis Center and the Ala Moana Tennis Courts to the Patsy T. Mink Central O'ahu Regional Park Tennis Complex.

Each year, the United States Tennis Association – Hawai'i Pacific Section (USTA-HPS) has co-sponsored with the City, the Summer Fun Mobile Tennis Program. During the 6-week program, USTA-HPS visited 20 park sites and provided wholesome recreation and tennis instruction to over 1,000 youngsters registered in our department's Summer Fun programs.

Patsy T. Mink Central O'ahu Regional Park Tennis Complex – With the greater use of this world class tennis facility, it is estimated that over 100,000 individuals have used this 20-court complex - 12 of which are lighted in the evening. As the only tennis facility in the State with the ability to accommodate large events, many special events, such as local junior and adult league championships, high school, national, international, wheelchair, professional and collegiate attractions are held here.

August 5-7, 2009, The 34th Annual State Softball Tournament was hosted by the City and County of Honolulu. Fifty teams and 890 participants represented all four counties. The tournament held at Patsy T. Mink-Central O'ahu Regional Park Softball Complex.

November 7, 2009, The Novice City-Wide Swim Meet was held at Salt Lake District Park Swimming Pool. There were ten teams with a total of 62 participants and 100 spectators.



December 5, 2009, Elks Hoop Shoot at Halawa District Park, had 22 boys and 16 girls representing age groups 8-9 years, 10-11 years and 12-13 years competing in the annual Elks Hoop shoot. Winners and their parents were recognized at an awards dinner on March 10, 2010.

December 13, 2009, 38th Annual Honolulu Marathon was held at Kapi'olani Park/Ala Moana Beach Park. There were over 30,000 participants. DPR assisted in various aspects of this event.

March 18, 2010, The 18th Annual Senior Classic Games (organized games created for seniors) was held at Halawa District Park with a total of 75 teams entered in four different games. 233 participants (not including spectators) were involved. Divisions for the Games were: Senior Division (55-69 years of age) and Master Division (70+ years). First to third place awards (medals) were presented to each division. Individual Achievement certificates were presented for outstanding performance.

April 10, 2010, The Novice City-Wide Swim Meet was held at Palolo District Park Swimming Pool. There were ten teams with a total of 75 participants and 125 spectators.



June 23, 2010, Honolulu Olympic Day 2010 was conducted to support the U.S. Olympic Committee's efforts to recognize the Modern Day Olympics opening day of June 23rd. Over 60 Summer Fun programs, representing over 10,000 children, youth and staff, performed "Chicken Fat" and "Cupid Shuffle." A special "kick-off" program was performed by 350 summer fun participants and staff at Mānoa Valley District Park for Mayor Mufi Hannemann, former Olympian Tommy Kono and Deputy Director Richard Haru.

#### 7. THERAPEUTIC RECREATION UNIT

The Therapeutic Recreation Unit and the Department of Parks and Recreation recognize access to recreation is the right of all people. We support the development of inclusive parks and programs which **Enhance the Quality of Life** in our community.



Chicken Fat" and "Cupid Shuffle" Honolulu Olympic Day.

From left to Right: Deputy Director Richard Haru, former Olympian Tommy Kono, and Roger Watanabe, Acting Sports and Aquatics Coordinator, Honolulu Olympic Day.



It is our vision to play a vital role in making parks and recreation an integral part of our community life. We celebrate the differences in individuals as we learn from the past, participate in the present and prepare for the future. Our dream is to have inclusive parks where people can choose from a well balanced variety of accessible activities with people who are accepting of the diversity of one another. We advocate with people with disabilities to participate and have fun in recreation as we all pursue health and active life styles. Through this vision we will create an inclusive agency.

The Mission Statement was revised as follows:

The Mission of the Therapeutic Recreation Unit is to provide support and empower the staff of the Department of Parks and Recreation to assist persons with disabilities to access Park activities.

### **PRIORITIES FOR 2009 - 2010**

The priorities for 2009 were extended into 2010. The following is a list of the priorities and accomplishments thus far:

#### **Part time staff: Recruit and Train**

- The recruitment flyer was updated and we hired 4 new staff for summer and transferred three from the Districts for summer. Training materials for part time staff was revised and training was held in late December. For many of the staff this was a good time for training but a difficult time for others.
- Two part time staff attended a workshop on Autism and they made a report at the Inclusion Aide training.

#### **Training**

- KIT Workshop held October 22, 2009.
- Inclusion Aide Training included all the Mandatory Training was held December 29, 2009.
- We also held the Mandatory Training on March 16, 2010, March 17, 2010 and June 29, 2010.
- Summer Training – Included Positive Discipline, Song in ASL and Challenging Behaviors with Learning Disabilities Association - Hawai'i.

#### **Inclusion and Program Access Projects**

- Staff is continuing to work with the Aquatics Committee on issues related to access and inclusion at DPR pools.
- Made access and inclusion information available on a flyer (we revised some of the information to include Challenging Behaviors) for Summer Registration.
- Deaf Pilot Project – offered games and activities to Summer Fun + added other “Ability Awareness” activities to summer fun sites. They were Wheelchair Etiquette and Service Animals activities.
- We concluded two more Pilot Projects on Beach Access with the Access Advisory Council and AccesSurf Hawai'i.
  1. Waimea Bay using the Tiralo Beach Chair and the Mobi Mat with the Safety Tred mats to make a path way over the sand, which also helped with getting the Tiralo back up the beach where the incline was the steepest. This project was very successful and completed in September 2009 and we have again placed Mats and Tiralo at Waimea from April – September 2010.



Tiralo at Waimea.



Mobi Mat at Sans Souci/Kaimana Beach.

2. Sans Souci/Kaimana Beach we placed the Mobi Mat on the Diamond Head side of the Natatorium from September 2009 thru April 2010 and received overwhelming feedback from the public in favor of having beach mat access path at that location. The Director of DPR approved the Access Advisory Council's recommendation to place mats at that location when funds are available or a donation can be found.



**Inclusion at Summer Fun.**



**Inclusion Aide w/ participant.**

**Outreach**

- TRU staff continued to develop a rapport with recreation staff and informally surveyed for feedback on TR support, access and inclusion issues.
- TRU Notes sent out quarterly (September, December, March and June)
- Staff met with Elderly Affairs staff on August 26, 2009, and they presented their “One Stop Shop” project for the elderly and people with disabilities and discussed ways we could work together.
- Staff was invited to the Eye of the Pacific’s Annual meeting on January 23, 2010, where they presented plans for their new project on building a fully accessible playground for kids. Staff invited one of the Eye of the Pacific staff to be a member of the Access Advisory Council and they have been sending a representative to the meetings.
- Staff had a conference call with Maui’s DPR Inclusion Specialist on February 4, 2010, to discuss Beach Access issues.
- Staff had a conference call with a representative from the state of Florida on March 9, 2010, regarding Beach Access issues, policies and procedures.

**Professional Development**

Staff attended various workshops, trainings and seminars throughout the year, including “360” about Autism, Adapted Aquatics Workshop, a workshop on “Rules on Discipline,” screened a new movie about Autism, and attended a Special Parent Information Network conference.

**Access Advisory Council**

Elections were held in November for the council. The council completed a Beach Parks Accessible Features brochure. They continue to make recommendations on the department’s accessible camp site permit procedure and receive reports, as DPR plans to make procedure on-line for the public. The council recommended to the Director of DPR to place Beach Path way Mats permanently at Sans Souci/Kaimana Beach.

**Access Manual** – TRU completed the review of the manual.

**MAINTENANCE SUPPORT SERVICES BRANCH**

The Maintenance Support Services (MSS) is a branch of the Park Maintenance and Recreation Services Division. MSS is responsible for providing major repair and/or replacement services to buildings, ground facilities and equipment island-wide. It executes maintenance operations to construct, repair, renovate and service park buildings, grounds, equipment and other recreational facilities. The painting section has been active in combating graffiti vandalism throughout the park system as well refurbishing older buildings with new paint. With the closure of many parks the sign making capacity of the paint section has been extended and they have been doing a good job in accommodating the increase requests. MSS provides heavy construction equipment assistance, fertilizer, herbicide, vector control and utility crew support. MSS Work Program section contracts maintenance and repair projects for elevator and handicap chair contracts



**Waimanalo Beach Park roof repair project, MSS workers in action.**

to ensure American Disability Act (ADA) requirements are met at our facilities. They also do all gymnasium repair, and contracts that deal with bleachers and backboard repair. Playground equipment repair contracts as well as termite control are other areas they service. The MSS' staff also evaluates existing programs by compiling, analyzing, researching and evaluating statistical data. New methods, techniques, equipment and materials are researched and tested to improve overall efficiency and service to the maintenance and repair program. In addition to the above, MSS has a Mechanical Repair section that repairs and maintains over a thousand grass cutting machinery from riding mowers to individual weed whacking machines for the entire Department.

Comfort Station Renovations continue throughout the City with the addition of reconditioning the swimming pools during the winter months. A total of fourteen (14) comfort stations and two (2) Swimming Pools were made over: November and December were dedicated to assisting with the Honolulu City Lights program for the Holiday Season.

The following is a summary of work orders completed by the mechanical repair, trades, and heavy equipment, utility, chemical/labor crews and work program coordinator in Fiscal Year 2010.

**COMPLETED REQUESTS FROM MAINTENANCE SUPPORT SERVICES SECTIONS**

<u>SECTIONS</u>	<u>Work Orders</u>
Carpentry .....	202
Masonry .....	205
Painting/Signs .....	315
Plumbing/Sprinkler .....	1,145
Welding .....	104
Grounds Improvement .....	160
Heavy Equipment .....	140
Work Program .....	85
Mechanical Repair .....	1,009
Project Requests.....	143

**DIVISION OF URBAN FORESTRY**

The division consists of an administrative function and two branches: Horticulture Services and Honolulu Botanical Gardens.

Professional certification is a high priority for the division as it demonstrates our commitment to meeting high standards that are recognized by the industry. Certifying entities and staff certifications:

- International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)
  - 29 Certified Arborists
  - 3 Municipal Specialists (only four such designations in the state)
  - 16 Certified Tree Workers
- American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA)
  - 1 Registered Consulting Arborist (only three such designations in the state)
- State of Hawaii
  - 1 Licensed Landscape Architect
  - 26 Certified Commercial Applicators of Restricted Pesticides
- Professional Landcare Network (PLANET)
  - 3 Certified Landscape Technicians

**HORTICULTURE SERVICES BRANCH**

This branch propagates, plants, prunes, waters, and maintains shade trees, concrete planters, and other ornamental plants cultivated along public roadways and in parks and malls; provides specialized horticultural and arboricultural services for an island-wide beautification program; reviews and inspects subdivision plans, street tree plantings, park dedication, and other construction plans; issues permits on special requests for planting, pruning, relocating, and removing of street trees; clears trees obstructing street lights, utility lines, traffic devices, and rights-of-way from hazardous branches; provides 24-hour response for tree emergencies that block streets and damage property; supervises contractual tree work; grows and maintains plants for beautification projects, public gardens, and for use in municipal buildings, at city functions and city-sponsored events; develops field-grown specimen trees for city projects; conducts an evaluation, selection, and testing program to develop plant materials useful for these purposes; protects and preserves valuable existing trees from displacement or destruction in city and other governmental agency construction projects; and tree-banks large specimen trees displaced by private developments or donated by homeowners as a community preservation measure.

The branch is responsible for grounds maintenance at the Frank F. Fasi Civic Center and Honolulu Police Department Headquarters grounds and parking lot, and provides support and grounds restoration for major events held at the Civic Center. It also maintains five nurseries and tree farms at Kapiolani, Nuuanu, Waipahu Depot Road, Kualoa, and Waiawa, and has an approximate inventory of 3,500 mature trees.

Twenty developments accounted for 1,450 street trees being planted by private developers, including trees that are required by the city for new developments. These street trees have been or will be dedicated to the city and this branch will then assume responsibility for their maintenance.



This branch has upgraded and expanded its tree inventory management system. Far more involved than just planting and pruning trees, this program involves the active management of the trees in our inventory by supervisors in both the Arboriculture, and Nursery and Landscape Sections. It is a process of continually maintaining the trees and palms through in-house crews and contractors, having them inspected by qualified arborists on a regular basis, and removing them when compromised.

Major projects undertaken during the year included installation of two native species bays, one featuring coastal plants and another featuring dryland plants, at the Queen Kapiolani Garden. It was a joint project between the division, a native plant species consultant, The Sierra Club, and Niu Valley Middle School.

Planned street tree projects were launched with community meetings and presentations, removal of problem trees, coordination with the Division of Road Maintenance (DRM) of the Department of Facility Maintenance to repair the sidewalks and curbs at the same time, replanting of more appropriate species, and follow up care to ensure proper establishment. The first of the projects was on Wilder Avenue.

Other similar projects included Kiele Avenue in Waikiki, and Beckwith Street and Lowrey Avenue in Manoa.

Also in conjunction with DRM, the division began the long-awaited roadway repair and replacement of cul-de-sac trees in West Loch Estates and West Loch Fairways.

The annual Mayor's Arbor Day celebration was held at Aina Moana (Magic Island) in November. Students from Kauluwela Elementary School joined the Mayor in planting one Narra and three Milo trees on the diamond head side of the park.



### **The Arborist Advisory Committee**

The Honolulu County Arborist Advisory Committee facilitates the nominations, monitoring, and maintenance of Exceptional Trees on



Oahu. The committee has been inspecting the condition of the Exceptional Trees. Horticulture Services staff meet on-site with the qualified arborist each time an application for pruning or removal is filed.

### **HONOLULU BOTANICAL GARDENS**

Honolulu Botanical Gardens (HBG) is comprised of five separate garden sites: Foster, Ho'omaluhia, Koko Crater, Lili'uokalani, and Wahiawa Botanical Gardens.

The 10,592 plant accessions in the HBG's living collection are documented. It is the existence of such documentation that distinguishes botanical gardens living collections from plants grown in public parks.

As plant biodiversity declines in Hawai'i and in all tropical regions of the world, the living collections of the HBG are an increasingly valuable resource for conservation, botany, and education.



## Botany and Horticulture

### Erythrina Gall Wasp (EGW) Research

Last year's release of the EGW has been declared a victory by the State Department of Agriculture (SDOA). Gall formation has been reduced to a balanced level between predator and parasite that does not significantly deplete the tree's energy resources. HBG continues to participate in ongoing field research for this model biological control study with both UH-Manoa and the SDOA.

The University of Hawaii Plant Pathology Department is using the HBG orchid collection to study the newly discovered Watermelon Mosaic Virus Syn. Vanilla Necrosis Virus, which is a very serious problem for the vanilla farms in the South Pacific. It is the first time it has ever been found outside of vanilla culture on *Dendrobium anosmum*, the hono hono orchid, and may be a serious problem for the orchid industry. It is hoped that through the use of the HBG orchid collection, an antiserum can be developed so that a serological diagnosis can be developed for the identification of this virus.



Wiliwili (*Erythrina sandwicensis*)

Honolulu Botanical Gardens plant collections distributed to other organizations for educational and research purposes included:

- *Cassia fistula*: seeds, leaves, and branches sent to Rutgers University for malaria research
- *Plumeria* spp.: seeds for University of Hawaii botanical study of ornamental plants
- *Erythrina* sp., *Bixa*, *Sterculia*, *Pritchardia*, *Sapindus*, *Bombax*, *Lawsonia*: seeds sent to the San Diego Zoo for a conservation project
- *Gardenia brighamii* & *Cordeauxia edulis*: fruits for conservation at Waimea Valley
- *Punica protopunica*: seeds to the Israeli Department of Agriculture
- *Hildegardia barteri*: seeds to the Dharma Vana Arboretum in India

Notable new plant accessions include:

- *Zamia lucayana*: a newly discovered species native to the Bahamas, from Montgomery Botanical Gardens
- Collection of *Aloe* seeds from Ruth Bancroft Garden
- *Adenium arabicum*: from the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum
- *Coccothrinax torrida*: a newly discovered palm species discovered in Cuba, from the University of La Laguna in the Canary Islands
- *Impatiens niamniamensis* and *Cornukaempferia aurantiflora*: from Lyon Arboretum
- *Adansonia gibbosa*, the Australian Baobab, from Waimea Valley
- Various species of Hawaiian ferns, fern expert, Kay Lynch



Foster Garden Orchid Conservatory was awarded the 2010 Betty Crocker Achievement Award (exterior and interior displays) by Scenic Hawaii.

Show; "Best White *Cattleya*" in the Windward Orchid Society Show for the *Blc.* Burdekin Wonder 'Lakeland' AM/AOS; and the "Best White *Cattleya*" in the Manoa Orchid Show for the *C.* Joyce Hannington 'Hui Young'.

Garden activities offered included:

- Educational tours and classes (53 classes) on plant-related topics such as plant propagation, herb and orchid culture, photography, and plant-related crafts using ti, lauhala and other foliage and flowers.
- Twilight Summer Concerts (11 concerts), free to the public on Thursday evenings in the summer drew 2,389 garden and music lovers.
- Midsummer Night's Gleam: HBG staff, with the help of 300 volunteers, once again held the special evening event in July.

### FOSTER BOTANICAL GARDEN

Two beautiful flowering trees were added to this garden. The Panama Flame tree was planted as part of the Arbor Day educational program with Royal Elementary School. The rare Pride of Burma tree, with flamboyant pendant pink and red flowers was planted near the Orchid Conservatory. Often referred to as the "Queen of the Flowering Trees", this rare species is difficult to propagate and now can be seen at Ho'omaluhia, Wahiawa and Foster.

Over the year since the opening of the Orchid Conservatory, many photographers, artists, and plant enthusiasts became repeat visitors, appreciating the changing displays. The Conservatory was highlighted in the Scenic Hawaii Magazine, Halekulani Hotel brochure, and the Nohealani Cypriano CD jacket.

HBG orchids exhibited at orchid shows, which help to promote the HBG orchid collection, won three awards this past year: "Best in Show" Governor's Award for the *Vanda sanderiana* 'Alba' in the Honolulu Orchid Society

Nearly 2,300 luminaries cast a soft glow along the main pathways to create a magical evening. Over 2,500 people attended and enjoyed a wide variety of entertainment, children's games, crafts, animal sculptures (created out of plants), and educational displays.

### **Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden**

A total of 132,546 visitors enjoyed the garden and the diverse outdoor activities offered throughout the year at this 400-acre rainforest garden.

Some of the activities enjoyed included:

- Weekend camping (19,274 camper-days)
- Walkers and joggers (13,367),
- Family fishing (12,514 participants)
- Pre-school programs (500 children for stories, crafts and nature exploration)
- Room rentals by various groups produced revenue of \$3,135

Newly accessioned plants were added to the Tropical American, Melanesian, Indian-Sri Lankan, African, Philippine, Hawaiian and Polynesian areas. An avenue of red-flowering *Saraca* trees now compliments the alee of Fox Tail palms that were planted along the entrance road last year. More Talipot palms were added to the Indian Section to continue the spectacular display witnessed by visitors when they encounter the largest inflorescence in the world. The Tropical Conifer section began with the first outplanting of seven of the conifer species received last year from Montgomery Botanical Garden.



### **Koko Crater Botanical Garden**

At Koko Crater plants were added to the African, American, Madagascan and Hawaiian Sections. Of note was the outplanting of many Wiliwili trees in the Hawaiian Section to offset losses due to the EGW. Land was cleared of weed trees through an informal tree contract to allow for planned expansion of what is considered a native Wiliwili grove. Flowering plants to delight visitors were added, such as Colville's Glory and more of the popular Desert Rose. A new pink plumeria cultivar 'Mary Robinson Foster', honoring Foster Garden's benefactress, was added to the Plumeria Grove.

### **Lili'uokalani Botanical Garden**

There were seven service projects (150 participants), all involving clean-up of the stream that flows through the garden, by volunteers from high school clubs, the U.S. military, non-profit and for-profit organizations.

### **Wahiawa Botanical Garden**

Garden attendance was 12,344 during the year, with October having the highest visitor count.

Activities at the garden included:

- 51 educational tours (1556 participants)
- 16 educational workshops (including plant identification, propagation, maintenance and care: 165 participants)
- 7 service projects (100 participants from the U.S. military, various church and school groups, and private organization volunteers)
- 13 special events (2,018 participants)
- 24 rentals of the multi-purpose room (558 participants)
- 23 weddings (576 participants)

Six Sakura Cherry Blossom trees were planted along Glen Avenue in a tree planting ceremony commemorating the inaugural Friendship between the Gifu Sakura Cherry Blossom Group and the Wahiawa Nikkei Civic Association. Thirty potted trees were donated and more planting is scheduled for next year as part of an Eagle Scout Project. Wahiawa is known for cherry blossom trees and this partnership symbolized a broader goal of nurturing the trees throughout the community.

### **Community Recreational Gardening Program**

Gardening is the most popular form of recreation in the USA. In Honolulu, the HBG contributes educational and horticultural programs that encourage gardening as a recreational activity through its Community Recreational Gardening Program.

This year, Diamond Head Community Garden members took their plant skills a step further by helping to set up a children's garden at Waikiki Elementary School. At Manoa Community Garden, children from nearby Manoa Elementary School learned to plant and care for flowers and vegetables.

### **Volunteer Program**

Volunteers at all five botanical gardens donated 12,530 volunteer hours. The worth of these volunteer hours is calculated to be over \$260,000.