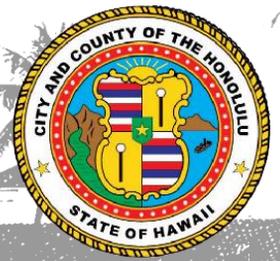


City News



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City moves forward in improving parks

Mayor Caldwell announced during his State of the City Address that additional attention would be devoted to improving our parks in 2015. This includes refurbishing 24 comfort stations and 16 playground apparatus island-wide in one year. The Department of Parks and Recreation is already ahead of schedule having completed refurbishments of play apparatus at Paki Community Park, Salt Lake District Park, Halawa District Park, and Pearl Ridge District Park, and the comfort station at Pupukea Beach Park.

Comfort station refurbishments are meant to address situations where years of use have left restrooms with stains and odors that cannot be removed through normal cleaning. Surfaces receive a deep clean then MicroGuard, a surface sealer, is applied – dramatically improving the condition of restroom surfaces. Finally, DPR staff paints and make physical repairs, replaces all sinks, toilets, and urinals, and updates lighting fixtures.

Playground apparatus refurbishments involve replacing outdated, damaged, and vandalized portions of existing play apparatus. Refurbishment adds many years of useful life to existing equipment, and can be completed in as little as 30-40 days rather than taking at least 2 years for new construction. The cost is also about 60% less than purchasing new equipment. For updates on refurbishment progress, please visit www.honolulu.gov/parks.



Before



After

Mayor Caldwell's Top Priorities

ROADS

Over 700 lane miles repaved in 2013-2014; 66 lane miles repaved in 2015 as of April 23.

BUS

Continues to review TheBus routes to improve service through expansion, modification, or restoration; most recently expanded Route E Country Express from 'Ewa to Waikī.

PARKS

Rededicated Mākaha Community Park with Council-member Kymberly Pine.

HOMELESSNESS

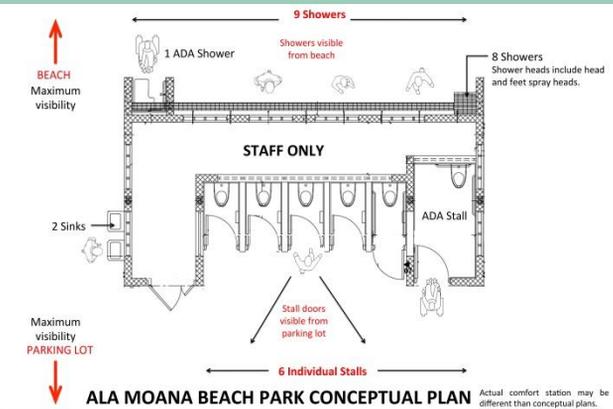
57 people in 49 households have been placed in permanent, supportive housing (Housing First) through the city's partnership with IHS. An average of 70 people per day have been using the recently opened public restroom and shower operated by Mental Health Kokua at Pauahi Hale in Chinatown.

SEWERS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Tunnel boring continues for the Kaneohe-Kailua gravity sewer tunnel. For updates, visit www.kktunnel.org. Opened a sludge processing facility at H-POWER, which will further reduce Oahu's need for a daily landfill

New comfort station design to debut at Magic Island

The comfort station at Ala Moana Beach Park's Magic Island is one of the most heavily used restrooms on O'ahu. Vandalism and other crimes have plagued comfort stations around the island, costing taxpayer money for repairs while taking away public spaces. This makes Magic Island the perfect venue for the city to test its newest comfort station design.



Rather than entering an enclosed restroom where you don't know who is inside, the new comfort station won't have a traditional interior. It will consist of six private, individual stalls, accessible directly from the outside. The design implements security measures recommended by HPD, including: stalls face the parking lot, doors open inwards to prevent multiple people from entering one stall, individual lighting for each stall, and a 9-inch gap at the bottom of the door so officers can see if a stall is occupied. This innovative design will offer increased security while reducing maintenance and operations costs.

Nine showers will be installed on the opposite side of the toilets, facing the ocean. There will be Americans with Disabilities Act compliant toilet and shower stalls. The side of the comfort station will feature two sinks and the toilet stalls may be used as individual changing areas. A request for proposals to build a never-before-seen comfort station will be issued by summer and construction is expected to begin by year's end. In addition to heightened security and lower upkeep costs, the new design is estimated to cost two-thirds of the price of an existing comfort station.

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GOakamai for traffic updates in real time

O'ahu is experiencing an unprecedented investment in its core infrastructure. The Caldwell Administration has repaved more than 760 lane miles of city roads since 2013, the state is repaving and expanding H-1, and construction of our elevated rail system is in full swing. Providing the people of our island with a 21st century infrastructure will take several years and we're already experiencing growing pains.

To help ease the burden on commuters, the city and state have been working closely to better communicate, in real time, lane closures and delays. Together, the city and state have created Go Akamai, a comprehensive list of construction projects, traffic accidents, and road congestion, with views from live traffic cameras, accessible at www.goakamai.org or on your smartphone.

May is Bike Month in Honolulu

Honolulu is becoming a bike-friendly city. This was made official when the League of American Bicyclists designated Honolulu as a Bronze Level Bike-Friendly City in November. Earning that distinction was the result of the Caldwell Administration working closely with organizations including the Hawai'i Bicycling League and AARP Hawai'i, and community members across O'ahu to greatly increase the island's bicycle infrastructure.

The results are showing from King Street to Kailua as the city continues to make your streets safe and accessible to people using all modes of transportation. People will be taking to the streets in May for several events celebrating Bike Month, including:

- Bike to Work Day on May 15
- Bike Day at the Honolulu Museum of Art on May 17
- Bike to the Zoo Day on May 24



For more information, on the city's bike program, please visit www.honolulu.gov/bicycle.

CITY INVITES YOU TO HELP SEW A LEI FOR MEMORIAL DAY



May Day has been Lei Day in the City and County of Honolulu since it was first celebrated in 1928. The Department of Parks and Recreation's annual "Sew a Lei for Memorial Day" event, which honors the men and women who served in the armed forces resting at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific by placing a lei at each gravesite, has become a major part of our Lei Day observance.

The Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts helps the Department of Parks and Recreation coordinate the effort and is once again asking the public for donations of ti leaves to make lā'i lei to be draped on the grave markers at Punchbowl. Ti leaves may be dropped off now through May 18, Monday through Friday, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at MOCA, 550 S King St., 2nd Floor. Volunteer lei sewers are invited to join MOCA and city staff at the Honolulu Hale Courtyard on May 22 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. to "Sew a Lei for Memorial Day." For more information, please call 768-MOCA.

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