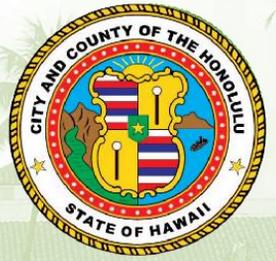


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9-POINT COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN TO BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO ALA MOANA REGIONAL PARK

In July, Mayor Kirk Caldwell released the initial results of the Our Ala Moana Park outreach effort and a draft of guiding principles for the “People’s Park,” and announced an action plan for immediate improvements of Ala Moana Regional Park.

“I remember coming here with my parents and my sister,” Mayor Caldwell said. “This is a special place in the hearts of all the people of this island. We want to be committed to that feeling. It’s not about changing for change’s sake, but making it better in ways we know we can make it better. The nine things I outlined are ways we can make it better for park users, and then we can move from there and get more feedback. It’s not the end, it’s just the beginning.”

Community input remains highly encouraged and the city hopes to continue the dialogue with park users on their park’s future. The next round of community meetings will take place this fall. To learn more or to provide input, please visit: www.ouralamoanapark.com

Mayor Caldwell's Top Priorities

ROADS

150 miles of road repaved and 29,163 potholes filled so far in 2015. 862 lane-miles of roadway have been repaved since Mayor Caldwell took office.

RAIL

Mayor Caldwell has selected Michael Burns to assist the city with oversight of the rail project. Burns has 40 years of experience as a transportation professional, including 15 years at the CEO level at San Francisco MTA and Santa Clara VTA.

PARKS

Mayor Caldwell announced a 9-point action plan using community input to improve Ala Moana Beach Park for all park users. The City will continue to seek community input to improve the park going forward. Visit www.ouralamoanapark.com to provide your input.

HOMELESSNESS

The Institute for Human Services selected to operate Hale Mauiola transitional modular housing on Sand Island, which will open this fall.

SEWERS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Work continues for the Kaneohe-Kailua gravity sewer tunnel. For updates, please visit www.kktunnel.org.

Community Action Plan

- 1 Hire more park staff**
- 2 Renovate, not replace comfort stations**
- 3 Repair Magic Island exercise path**
- 4 Irrigate the great lawn**
- 5 Fix rocky beach areas**
- 6 Beautify the park**
- 7 Build a new playground**
- 8 Make the park safer**
- 9 Local favorites in concessions**



HEROES HOUSING HEROES TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald, Acting Assistant Secretary of Veterans' Employment & Training Services Teresa Gerton, and Department of Housing and Urban Development Honolulu Field Office Director Ryan Okahara joined Mayor Kirk Caldwell for the launch of Heroes Housing Heroes, an initiative to encourage and support landlords island-wide to house homeless veterans as part of the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness by the end of 2015.

“Government alone cannot end veteran homelessness,” said Mayor Caldwell. “We’re asking everyone to step up and do their part to help those who served our nation. If landlords will take in these veterans who have fallen on hard times, we will provide the assistance to help each person become whole again. They deserve it and I’m committed to providing the help these men and women need.”

A case manager will support each veteran housed by a landlord under the Mayor’s Challenge. The case manager will actively work with the veteran to comply with lease and house rules, pay rent, and be a good neighbor, as well as provide employment counseling, family services, and assist with physical and mental health issues.

For more information on Heroes Helping Heroes or the Mayor’s Challenge, please call 768-7769 or visit www.honolulu.gov/housing/heroeshousingheroes

Honolulu joins First Lady’s Let’s Move! Outside initiative

Mayor Kirk Caldwell joined Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior Kristen Sarri, and Michael Broderick, President & CEO of the YMCA of Honolulu to announce the selection of Honolulu as one of the first 50 cities to participate in First Lady Michelle Obama’s [Let’s Move! Outside initiative](#).

Let’s Move! Outside engages the next generation of outdoor stewards and inspires millions of young adults across the nation to play, learn, serve and work in the great outdoors.

The City, Department of Interior, YMCA of Honolulu, and local nonprofit KUPU will pull together local organizations and leaders in conservation, education, recreation, and service to engage our keiki in deepening their connection to natural, cultural, and historic sites, and engage in activities where they can learn, give back, and strengthen their community.



Mayor Caldwell dedicates art at Wahiawā Transit Center



On July 16, Mayor Caldwell dedicated four large murals at the Wahiawā Transit Center as part of the Art in City Buildings program. The murals were painted by local artists Solomon Enos and Kahi Ching and depict the culture, history, and landscape of the Wahiawā area. The art showcasing Wahiawā’s role as a plantation town and transit hub adorns the interior driveway walls of the two-story, 46,000 square foot park and ride bus transit facility.

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