

# Tradewinds



## District Park Grand Opening

With the untying of maile lei, Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell opened up the new district park at the entrance to Ocean Pointe-Hoakalei on December 15. City Councilmembers Kymberly Marcos Pine and Ron Menor joined the Mayor, City Parks Director Michele Nekota and Haseko executives in welcoming the community to the park. Haseko donated the 18.75 acre site and \$5+ million dollars worth of facilities and improvements to ensure the park would be usable from the moment it opened. "We are very happy to give this beautiful park to the community to enjoy for years to come," said Haseko President Tom Sagawa. The mayor thanked Haseko for the company's ongoing generosity. "These gift improvements significantly contribute to park and recreation resources in our burgeoning 'Ewa community that could not have been constructed by the City alone," he said. Included in the gift are basketball courts, volleyball courts, a baseball field, comfort station, and 100+ stall parking lot.

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### INVASIVE LIMU PROJECT

Hoakalei Cultural Foundation organized an invasive limu removal project at One'ula Beach Park to help huki (pull) *Avrainvillea amadelpha* -commonly known as Leather Mudweed- from our intertidal and promote the return of native limu to our shoreline.

Dozens of volunteers gathered to help Hoakalei Cultural Foundation with the removal project.

Before starting, volunteers were educated about invasive species by limu experts from the University of Hawai'i. They were shown samples of invasive limu to remove, and native types of limu to leave alone.

Mahalo to volunteers from 'Ewa Puuloa Outrigger Canoe Club and the University of Hawai'i for helping to remove several hundred pounds of the Leather Mudweed from our coastal shorelines.

For more volunteer opportunities, please visit [www.hoakaleiculturalfoundation.org](http://www.hoakaleiculturalfoundation.org).





*This artist rendering illustrates and updates the vision for Hoakalei. The Hoakalei Master Plan is a work-in-progress and subject to change without notice.*

# Public Spaces Around the Lagoon

Imagine a place where keiki can enjoy some truly free play with the sound of ocean waves splashing along the shoreline. A place where people of all ages and fitness levels can leisurely stroll, jog, run or ride a beach bike. Where you can learn to stand-up paddleboard in calm, flat water, paddle for a canoe club, or partake in aquayoga classes. That's all part of what is envisioned for Wai Kai Lagoon.

Some things will occur in time, while others - such as the restored shoreline trail - can already be enjoyed now. Next year, Haseko will continue its efforts to update entitlements for the land surrounding the lagoon. In 2016, the company hopes to have the permits needed to construct the protected swimming area in the northwest corner of the lagoon, and begin installing a second pedestrian pathway that is closer to the makai edge of the lagoon. This way, you'll have choices - enjoy the natural trail closest to the sea or pursue a more urban

experience along the lagoon with regular stops for refreshments and snacks along the way.

Instead of the typical manmade play structure found at most public parks, picture a playground composed of large kiawe logs where keiki can test their balance, or leap from one granite stone to the next, with ample space to run, laugh and have fun. Mom and dad can lay out a picnic on the grass and enjoy a quiet conversation (while keeping an eye on junior of course).

When playtime and the picnic is done, the family can choose to explore the tide pools nestled along the rocky shoreline while walking up to the swimming area for a refreshing dip in the water and one last shave ice before heading home.

In the future, tourists will be able to mingle with residents at the Kauhale Preserve and learn together about the rich cultural history of this area, perhaps sign up for a salt-making class or watch as artisans weave lauhala.

Volunteers can already sign-up to participate in one of the Hoakalei Cultural Foundation's stewardship programs, and even read mo'olelo on the foundation's website ([www.hoakaleifoundation.org](http://www.hoakaleifoundation.org)) in preparation for your next visit to one of Hoakalei's cultural preserves.

Creating different experiences along the pathway around the lagoon will give residents and visitors alike different reasons to come and regularly spend the day, live and/or stay at Hoakalei. Drawing people here will generate the foot traffic needed to sustain the small businesses and restaurants we hope to welcome to our community.

This emphasis on inclusiveness, that intermingling between residents and guests, family and friends, is all part of what will make Hoakalei even more special than it already is. A family resort that people call home.

To learn more about our refined master plan, please visit [www.Hoakalei.com](http://www.Hoakalei.com).

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# Ola Ka Mo'olelo

## THE HISTORY LIVES

At Hoakalei on the Honouliuli coastal lands, the history of days gone by has been protected and is being made accessible to our community. Three preservation areas comprising more than twenty-five acres and a mile long stretch of coastline have been set aside for the benefit of present and future generations to walk through time and learn the traditions of old. Walking the trails at the Kauhale, Kuapapa and 'Ahu Preserves provides you with an overview of the lifeways, practices, and customs of the early Hawaiian settlers of this land. And a walk along the shore offers you the opportunity to explore the coastal strand, see traditional and historical sites, rare plants, and see the shoreline of O'ahu almost as it was hundreds of years ago.

Haseko and the community non-profit Hoakalei Cultural Foundation are engaged in stewardship of these treasured resources. The Foundation is dedicated to promoting awareness of Honouliuli's history through education and interpretive programs. Signs with authentic history, site and trail routes identified, and links to more information are now being installed at the Kauhale and Kuapapa Preservation areas.

For more information about the living legacy and programs of Hoakalei and the Honouliuli region, please visit [www.hoakaleifoundation.org](http://www.hoakaleifoundation.org) or email [kupuna@hoakaleifoundation.org](mailto:kupuna@hoakaleifoundation.org).



# Freeway Crossing Traffic Alert

The next phase of the Honolulu rail transit project began in December with construction of the rail guideway crossing the H-1 Freeway near Leeward Community College. Work to build the elevated rail guideway over the H-1 will require freeway lane closures at night directly underneath the work to allow crews to safely construct this section of guideway.

To reduce impacts to the traveling public, H-1 lane closures related to the rail work will be conducted only at night between 8 p.m. and 4 a.m. The nightly freeway lane closures are expected to run approximately one year. HART is asking motorists to be mindful of construction crews stationed along the freeway during the work. For the safety of both the work crews and motorists, the public is advised to proceed with caution through the construction area. In addition to rail construction along the H-1, work continues in West Oahu along Farrington Highway in Ewa and Waipahu.

For updates on rail-related lane closure days and times, visit our project website at [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org).

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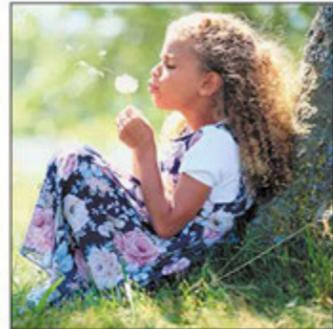
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## Fishing for a Cause

Fourth and 6th graders from 'Ewa Beach Elementary School recently enjoyed a special day at Wai Kai Lagoon. 'Ewa Weed & Seed police officers greeted and helped supervise the students, and University of Hawai'i Professor Heather Spalding (an expert in native limu who studied under the late Isabella Abbott), taught a science lesson on the different types of limu growing in the lagoon, the golden sunfish (commonly known as tilapia) then taught the students how to catch the tilapia using a bamboo pole.

After each lesson, the students were given time to enjoy fishing around the lagoon.

In recognition for catching the most fish, Haseko awarded the 6th grade class with \$3,500 towards their planned 2015 overnight field trip. Haseko provided scholarships to cover the entire cost of the trip for Tehina Pierce and Alicia Roelens for catching the most tilapia in their respective grade levels.

The students caught more than a hundred tilapia overall.



## Stewardship Making A Difference

In honor of Make A Difference Day, Haseko teamed up with 'Ewa Weed & Seed, Poi Dogs & Popoki, Spartan Race Hawai'i, and the 'Ewa Beach Lion's Club to make a difference in our community.

More than 150 people joined together to help beautify both One'ula Beach Park and North Road in a variety of ways. Volunteers helped to pick up opala (trash) from our community, and paint over graffiti on bus stops and walls along North Road.

Poi Dogs & Popoki led a Trap Neuter and Release program that sterilized 60+ feral cats to help stop the rise of the feral feline population in 'Ewa Beach.

Haseko covered the cost of the veterinarian fees and treated volunteers to lunch and shave ice.

One of the happiest stories of the day belongs to a special kitty named Lu. The one-eyed cat was discovered at One'ula Beach Park, and upon her release after sterilization, followed a family home and adopted them!

Mahalo to the City Department of Parks and Recreation for their assistance in removing all the trash collected by volunteers during the clean up, and also to the 'Ewa Beach Lion's Club for supplying all of the paint and equipment needed for the graffiti removal.

If you are interested in participating in future community stewardship efforts, please email [info@haseko.com](mailto:info@haseko.com) or call Rachael Morris at (808) 689-7772 ext. 232.

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# Community News

Congratulations to Naima Cruz from Ms Fukutomi's class at ʻEwa Beach Elementary, and Olena Spangler from Ms. Voek's class at Keoneʻula Elementary for creating the winning designs featured on Haseko's 2014 holiday card. Each winning artist received a Disney Gift Card and a set of holiday cards to share with their friends and family.



## GRAND CHAMPION AWARD

Hoakalei is once again home to the Parade of Homes Grand Champion. Kīpuka at Hoakalei Golf Series Residence 5 was honored with the top prize at this year's BIA-Hawai'i competition. For more information, please visit [www.HoakaleiResidences.com](http://www.HoakaleiResidences.com).



## NATIVE PLANT GIVEAWAY

Thousands of people gathered in November 1 for Leeward's Discovery Fair featuring Weed & Seed Hawai'i's Celebrating Safe Communities. Hoakalei Cultural Foundation gave away Pohinahina plants to all who stopped by to learn about its efforts to perpetuate Hawaiian culture. The Foundation also donated Pohinahina plants to Youth Challenge Students and ʻEwa Makai Middle School for their respective campus beautification projects.

