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“Life is a journey, not a destination. [Enjoy the ride!]” – *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

I recently listened to a podcast where a woman recounted a family hike up Mount Katahdin in Maine’s Baxter State Park. This mountain marks the end of the Appalachian Trail, a nearly 2,200-mile journey stretching from Georgia to Maine. As they approached the summit, she noticed two types of hikers finishing their trek—one who had completed the trail in 172 days straight and two older men who had taken 45 years to finish it in sections.

Their journeys were vastly different, yet they arrived at the same destination. One took an intense, focused approach, while the others made steady progress over decades. Both required commitment, just in different ways. This reminded me that life isn’t about following the same path as others—it’s about finding the way that works for us. Though we may have different approaches, most of us ultimately seek the same things: happiness, fulfillment, and connection. We should extend grace to ourselves and others, knowing that different paths can still lead to the same goal.

When asked what they learned from their journeys, the hikers shared some valuable lessons that I thought we could apply to our everyday lives.

- **You carry your baggage with you** – Emotional burdens, like heavy backpacks, stay with us until we choose to set them down. We can’t outrun them; we must face and release them.
- **Patience is invaluable** – In a world of instant gratification, we’re reminded that the most meaningful things take time.
- **Keep moving forward** – It’s easy to feel stuck, whether in negative thoughts or unhelpful habits. Even small steps forward lead to progress so just keep going!
- **Nature is healing** – Luckily, we live in Hawaii—let’s embrace the natural beauty around us.
- **It’s never too late** – Age and circumstances may change, but new goals remain within reach. What we believe shapes our reality.
- **People are inherently good** – The hikers experienced countless acts of kindness along the way, proof that generosity and compassion are everywhere.

As we step into spring, let’s reflect on our own journeys and be encouraged that, no matter what the pace or path, progress is always possible. Thank you, as always, for being such a valued part of our `ohana.

With aloha,
Caroline Hayashi
President

Entering Extraordinary Elderhood

Presented by Dr. Larry Grimm

With extensive experience in chaplaincy and personal life coaching, Dr. Grimm will be here to guide you through the winds and waves of aging. Gain valuable insights and practical tips to help you transition gracefully from adulthood to an extraordinary elderhood.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

11:30am - 12:30pm

Auditorium

Free



Call
808-923-1802
to register

BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP

JOIN THE MOVEMENT TO TRANSFORM WASTE INTO SOMETHING PRACTICAL AND BEAUTIFUL



ABOUT OUR WORKSHOP

Join us at Waikiki Community Center for a hands-on workshop with Elaine Imoto. We'll transform discarded plastic bale straps (previously used to bind boxes, paper, and pallets) into beautiful hanging plant baskets.

• MAKE + TAKE

Craft one hanging plant basket for yourself. We'll also give you extra straps if you want to create another basket at home.

• GIVE BACK

Weave a extra basket for WCC to sell at our upcoming plant sale (raise money for our canned food drive.)

• WHY THIS MATTERS

This workshop raises awareness about plastic waste and helps prevent excess materials from reaching landfills or being incinerated at H-Power. The basket was designed by artist and activist Professor Gaye Chan, who repurposed the plastic straps to keep them out of landfills and oceans.

REGISTER TODAY!

To Register: Scan QR code or call our office at 808-923-1802

Phone : 808-923-1802 | 310 Paoakalani Avenue, Honolulu HI | 96815 | www.waikikicomunitycenter.org

DETAILS:

(SELECT A DATE)

- \$10 PER PERSON
LIMITED TO 6 PEOPLE PER CLASS

- **SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025**
10:30 AM TO 1:00 PM



- **THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025**
1:00 PM TO 3:30 PM



NOAA TOUR

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration



TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

\$25 MEMBERS / \$35 GUESTS*

Check-in at WCC: 8:30 am

Return to WCC: 1:00 pm

EVER WONDER HOW THE WORLD WORKS? Science on a Sphere is a room-sized display of the Earth, projecting animated images that showcase atmospheric storms, climate change, animal migrations, earthquakes, tsunamis, and more.

EXPERIENCE the thrill of stepping inside the bell of a 45-foot whale and watching meteorologists predict the weather in real time.

NOAA's MISSION is to understand and protect our natural world. The monitor global weather and climate and work with partners worldwide to safeguard our planet's resources.

VISIT NOAA'S HONOLULU REGIONAL CENTER, a newly built Gold LEED sustainable building on Ford Island, home to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, with your host, Merie O'Neill.

Important Notes:

Covered footwear is REQUIRED; Wear comfortable clothes; Participants must be able to enter/exit transportation and walk the tour site independently; Tour fees are non-refundable; Maximum 30 participants

DEADLINE TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION IS JANUARY 21, 2025*.

***registration includes completion of security clearance form and print of documents**

Register by phone: 808 923-1802
or in person at the WCC office



SOLO OUT

WAIKIKI COMMUNITY CENTER

PLANT SALE



SATURDAY, MARCH 15
SATURDAY, JUNE 28
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
2 PM TO 5 PM

**20+ PLANT VENDORS, GUAQUERI EMPANADAS
VEGGIDOGS, AND OHANACHARMS808
AND LIVE MUSIC!**

FREE ADMISSION + FREE PARKING

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LAUHALA BRACELET



WITH LEI LOHA MAHUKA

Join us for a special workshop where you'll learn the art of weaving lauhala into beautiful, one-of-a-kind bracelets. Guided by lei artist Lele Oha Mahuka, this class is perfect for anyone who wants to create a meaningful handmade accessory while learning traditional Hawaiian techniques.

What's Included:

All materials are provided, including carefully harvested, cleaned, and prepped lauhala. Each student can make one bracelet. *Sorry, classes are non-refundable.



the details

Friday, March 15, 2025
10:30am to 12:30pm

WCC, Room 203-A (stair access only)

\$35 fee per person* (all materials included)
*sorry, fees are non-refundable.

Free parking on site for workshop students



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air plant jellyfish

SOCIAL CRAFT



Join us for a fun and meaningful social crafting class, where we'll create two beautiful airplant jellyfish using Tillandsia and Spanish moss (Pele's hair)!

One to keep & one to give! You'll make one to take home and one to be donated to Waikiki Community Center for our upcoming plant sale. Proceeds will support our emergency food pantry—helping us buy canned food for those in need.

- Limited to 15 participants
- Cost: \$12 (Includes all materials—shells & plants provided!)
- Hosted by Mary Moran

Come craft with us, have fun, and give back to the community!



To Register: Scan QR code or call our office at 808-923-1802

the details

Friday, March 7, 2025
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Waikiki Community Center
Room 203-A (stair access)

Fee: \$12* (all materials included)
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Free parking for workshop attendees

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SATURDAY

MARCH 29

1:30PM - 3PM

808-923-1802
to register

\$5
per person*

FAQs:

- We'll be working/playing with mud! But, don't worry, we'll have gloves and all ingredients are natural and non-toxic.
- All participants must be able to make their way from WCC to the Ala Wai Canal (the distance is approximately two blocks away).
- Parent(s) must accompany all children ages 5 - 17.
- Wear sun protection (a hat, sunscreen), comfortable shoes, and bring water.
- 30 participants welcome.
- Free parking on premises.

*\$5 fee helps to pay for material costs



Join us for an exciting, hands-on community service workday. We will make and toss Genki Balls to help restore the waters of the Ala Wai Canal.

What are Genki Balls?

Genki balls are tennis ball-sized mud balls made of clay soil, rice bran, molasses, water, and Effective Microorganisms. Genki balls digest and oxygenate sludge, consume harmful gases, and contain foul odors that pollute the canal. Using bioremediation technology, we aim to help make the Ala Wai Canal fishable and swimmable within seven years.

We work in partnership with the Genki Ala Wai Project.



Waikiki Community Center
310 Paoakalani Ave | Ph: 808-923-1802

LET'S LUNCH TOGETHER!



TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

11:00am - 12:30pm

\$5 - Auditorium

Stop by or call the WCC office
at 808 923-1802
to register by March 24, 2025

KE'OKE'O (White) LEI VASE WORKSHOP



WITH CERAMIC ARTIST DEE OLIVA

Create a Ke'oke'o (white) lei vase to complement any home or flower arrangement. "Ke'oke'o" is Hawaiian for the color white, and this elegant clay is the perfect backdrop for any bloom, enhancing its beauty and versatility.

Using the slab method, you'll hand-build your unique lei vase in this workshop, ideal for freeform creativity. No experience is needed and all materials and instruction are provided.

Register today for this fun, hands on workshop with Dee Oliva!



the details

Free parking on site for workshop students

Friday, April 5, 2025
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

WCC, Room 203-A (stair access)

Fee: \$60* (all materials included) *non-refundable.

To Register: Scan QR code or call our office at 808-923-1802



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LAUHALA EARRINGS



WITH LEIALOHA MAHUKA

Create your own pair of handcrafted lauhala earrings in this special workshop!

Guided by lauhala artisan Leialoha Mahuka, you'll learn the traditional Hawaiian weaving techniques to craft one-of-a-kind woven lauhala (pierced) earrings that are stylish and meaningful.

What's Included:

- ✓ All materials provided, including carefully harvested, cleaned, and prepped lauhala
- ✓ Step-by-step guidance for weaving your own woven lauhala earrings

Join us and weave something beautiful!



To Register: Scan QR code or call our office at 808-923-1802

the details

Friday, April 11, 2025
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Waikiki Community Center
Room 203-A (stair access)

Fee: \$35* (all materials included)

*sorry, fees are non-refundable.

Free parking for workshop attendees

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An exclusive presentation by



Waikiki Community Center

SLAM THE SCAM

presented by Shaun Stone



Government imposter scams are real. Identify red flags, report suspicious activity. Put a stop to them!

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

10am - 11am

Auditorium - No Fee

Call 808 923-1802 to register

LAUHALA ANTHURIUM



WITH LEIALOHA

Create your own beautiful woven anthurium flower in this fun and beginner-friendly lauhala weaving class with expert instructor Leialoha. No experience is needed—this class is easier than it looks! All materials are provided, including carefully harvested, cleaned, and prepped lauhala.

Each student will create one anthurium flower, with additional kits available for \$10 each, payable directly to the instructor. Space is limited to 8 students, so sign up soon!



the details

Free parking for workshop attendees

Thursday, May 8, 2025
10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Waikiki Community Center, Room 203-A (stair access)

Fee: \$35 (all materials included)

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half-wrap LAUHALA BANGLES



WITH LEIALOHA MAHUKA



Discover the perfect blend of modern style and traditional Hawaiian weaving in this Half-Wrap Lauhala Bangle Workshop with Leialoha Mahuka, a skilled lauhala weaver and cultural practitioner. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn to weave two elegant half-wrap lauhala bangles, creating a contemporary look while honoring the time-honored art of lauhala weaving. Leialoha takes care of the hard work—harvesting, cleaning, and prepping the lauhala—so you can fully enjoy the weaving experience.

This workshop is perfect for beginners and experienced weavers alike. Come weave, learn, and leave with a beautiful handmade treasure!

Fee: \$35* (all materials included)
*sorry, fees are non-refundable.

Waikiki Community Center Room 203-A (stair access)

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**Saturday, June 7, 2025
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM**



**Friday, June 27, 2025
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

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LAUHALA COASTERS



WITH LEIALOHA



Join us for the Lauhala Coaster Workshop with expert instructor Leialoha! In this fun and beginner-friendly class, you'll learn the art of lauhala weaving and create two beautiful coasters to take home. No experience is needed.

All materials are provided, including carefully harvested, cleaned, and prepped lauhala. Come weave, learn, and enjoy this hands-on experience!

the details

**Thursday, July 10, 2025
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

Waikiki Community Center Room 203-A (stair access)

Fee: \$35 (all materials included)
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Free parking for workshop attendees



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LAUHALA BRACELET



WITH LEIALOHA MAHUKA

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What's Included:
All materials are provided, including carefully harvested, cleaned, and prepped lauhala. Each student can make one bracelet.
*Sorry, classes are non-refundable.



the details

**Thursday, August 7, 2025
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

WCC, Room 203-A (stair access only)

\$35 fee per person* (all materials included)
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Free parking on site for workshop students



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Begins March 2, 2025

BEGINNING UKULELE

with Dennis Sallas

**SUNDAYS
4:00pm - 5:00pm
Auditorium
\$ No Fee**

**MUST HAVE
OWN UKULELE**

**PRE-REGISTER WITH WCC OFFICE:
808-923-1802**



VIRTUAL -
English Language Acquisition
(ELA)



ELA CONVERSATION GROUP

Instructor: Donna Prather

5- Week Course - THURSDAYS
10am - 11am (HI Standard time)

FEBRUARY 27, MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

\$20.00

***non-refundable**

A minimum of two participants required
for this course.

Deadline to register is February 20, 2025

Register in advance online at
<https://www.waikikicommunitycenter.org>
or in-person at the WCC office

**Waikiki Community
Center will be closed**

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 26, 2025**

**in observance of the
Prince Kuhio Day
holiday**

**BUILD
AN EMERGENCY
SAVINGS
ACCOUNT**

Contribute to
retirement savings

Prepare yourself for
unforeseen expenses

What is BUILD?

BUILD is a savings program through Waikiki Community Center, specifically for working adults. **BUILD** can provide you with \$1,000 matched savings (that's FREE money)!

Who is eligible?

- Any adult who is an Oahu resident
- Is currently employed
- Meets **BUILD** income guidelines

1 person: \$73,400 | 2 people: \$83,850 | 3 people \$94,350
4 people: \$104,800 | 5 people: \$113,200

APPLY TODAY

or for more information, contact: Pamela Seelig
pseelig@waikikicommunitycenter.org
808-923-1802 ext. 107

www.waikikicommunitycenter.org/BUILD



**IDA CHANG
Scholarship**

The Ida Chang Scholarship is provided to enable a senior in need the ability to participate in fee-based activities provided by Waikiki Community Center (i.e. tours, classes, programs, etc.)

The Scholarship is based on availability of funds with consideration provided to an applicant who is:

50+ years of age;

A permanent Hawaii state resident with a Waikiki or adjoining neighborhood address;

An existing or past WCC member/participant or Senior Assistance client on record who is able to meet income criteria.

Please call Waikiki Community Center at 808-923-1802 for more information

WCC PRESCHOOL



Offering innovative, service learning curriculum by licensed and caring staff.

Enrollment application for ages 2 to 5 years is being accepted.

Contact Charlyn Moore at 808 922-2098 or cmoore@waikikicommunitycenter.org



Thrive by 5 Affordable Preschool Initiative



DENIED STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE?

NEED HELP PAYING FOR PRESCHOOL?

Starting April 2024, Waikiki Community Center Preschool monthly tuition will be \$550/month for qualified families!

No application form needed! To apply, you only need to provide your Hawaii state tax return.

Interested? Email Ms. Char at cmoore@waikikicommunitycenter.org

To qualify, you must:

1. Be a full-time Hawaii resident and work in the state
2. Meet ALICE* income guidelines

ALICE Income Guidelines

Household Size	Monthly Income Limit
1 Person	\$6,117
2 People	\$6,988
3 People	\$7,863
4 People	\$8,970
5 People	\$10,518
6 People	\$12,065

*Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed

Free!

PERSONAL DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Paper Documents
(up to 100 sheets per visit)



MONDAY- FRIDAY*

10am - 2pm
WCC office
*except holidays

This service is provided in partnership with AARP Hawaii for the prevention of fraud and identity theft of senior individuals



SENIOR ASSISTANCE COORDINATION

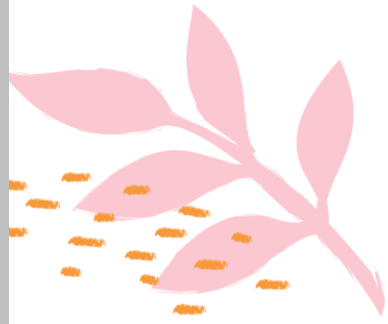
Available to individuals 60 years of age and above; Offering information & referrals on:

- Functional Mobility
- Social Engagement
- Housing
- Nutrition
- and other referrals as needed

Available Monday thru Friday from 8:30am - 3:00pm, except holidays & special events

To schedule an appointment, please call 808-923-1802 or email Shaun Stone at ssone@waikikicommunitycenter.org
Priority of service provided to residents of Waikiki and neighboring areas





Mat Pilates

with Marluz



Strengthen Your Mind & Body!

**Improve Flexibility
and Posture**



**Sculpt, Tone, and
Renew Your Body**

MONDAYS
11:00am - 12noon
\$7 per person
Room 205-E



SATURDAYS
12noon - 1:00pm
\$7 per person
Room 205-E

NEW! Begins February 22



TAHITIAN BEGINNING CLASS

FRIDAY
12NOON - 1PM
\$9 per class
AUDITORIUM



Instructor: Nalini Gauthier of TAHITI MANA
(<http://tahitimana.net>)

HULA with NALANI



MONDAYS
9:00am - 10:15am
\$10 per class
Auditorium

TAI CHI with STEVE



WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS
9:00am - 10:00am
\$5 per class
Auditorium

TAI CHI with Steve *Intermediate Class*

MONDAYS
9am - 10am
\$7.00 per class
Room 205-E

ZUMBA FITNESS

with Miki Mahokey



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WEDNESDAYS
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
\$5 per class
Auditorium

ZUMBA

with Erin

THURSDAYS
6:00pm - 7:00

\$5 per class
Auditorium

ZUMBA

with MJ

SATURDAYS
11:00am - 12:00noon

\$5 per class
Auditorium

Vinyasa Yoga

with Carole

FRIDAYS
11am - 12:15pm
\$5 per class
Room 202-E

Bring mat, water & towel



Gentle Flow Yoga

with Cecilia Brown

Thursday AND Saturday
10am - 11am
\$5 per class Room 205-E



CHAIR Yoga

with Cecilia

THURSDAYS
11:30AM - 12:30PM
AUDITORIUM
\$ NO FEE

Chair Yoga can Improve:
Balance, Strength, Flexibility, Posture, Muscle Tone,
Mental Clarity and More



LINE DANCE CLASS

with Lorna & Alex

cha cha, tango, country & more!

9:00am - 10:30am
\$4 per class
Auditorium



STORIES, CONNECTIONS, INSPIRATION

MONDAYS
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Lanai - \$ No Fee

A weekly gathering where community share memories and personal stories. This meetup fosters meaningful connections, offering a space for shared experiences and inspiration. Join us for uplifting conversations and fresh perspectives, where everyone is welcomed and encouraged to share. Host: Merle O'Neill



Rummikub



MONDAYS
12pm - 2pm
\$ No Fee
Lanai



SOCIAL CRAFTING



A non-instructional class*
Craft your own project in the company of others. Feel free to bring your lunch.



TUESDAYS
11:00am - 2:30pm
\$ No Fee
Lanai

*You provide your own project and supplies
Instructors are not available



WEDNESDAYS
1pm - 3pm
\$ No Fee
Lanai

SEQUENCE and MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

FRIDAYS
1:00pm - 3:00pm
Lanai
\$ No Fee



Neighborhood Board Meeting

2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Auditorium



Need a ride? Check out HUI Car Share right here at Waikiki Community Center!

HUI is a car-sharing service that makes getting around super convenient- no signup fees. Gas & insurance is included, and you can rent by the hour or day.

With two HUI vehicles parked on-site at WCC, you can drive off in minutes to make an appointment, run an errand or explore the island.

For questions about HUI Car Share, please visit the website: <https://www.drivehui.com>

Please note that Waikiki Community Center does not operate or manage the HUI Car Share program and is unable to assist with rental or questions.

Mahalo!