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Aerial inspections in Wailuku forthcoming

KAHULUI – Hawaiian Electric will be using unmanned aircraft, or drones, for aerial inspections of its infrastructure near Ka'ahumanu Avenue and Liholiho Street in the Wailuku area on Thursday, July 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting.

The Hawaiian Electric Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) program is in full compliance with all Federal Aviation Administration rules and has developed safety, training, operating and privacy procedures to make sure the unmanned aircraft are flown with the highest regard for the safety of the public and crews.

Remembrance ride for Lahaina residents

Lahaina residents impacted by the Aug. 8 Lahaina wildfire will be able to participate in a specially arranged Remembrance Ride to view the ongoing recovery efforts for Lahaina Town. Three days of chartered buses organized by the County and coordinated through Kuhinia Maui will provide Lahaina residents an opportunity to see the current state and recovery progress that has taken place in Lahaina town.

Online reservations intended for Lahaina resident are required, as seats are limited. Remembrance Ride dates are scheduled for July 26-28 with five chartered motor coaches for each day. To register or for more information, go to www.KuhiniaMaui.org. Resident information will be required. In respect for the community's request for sensitivity and dignity, this event closed to the media.

"We want to provide residents the opportunity to see first-hand the progress that has been made to prepare their hometown for the next steps of rebuilding," said Mayor Bissen. "There will be a long road ahead, but it's important that residents have the opportunity to witness the progress taking place to restore and rebuild their home. I want to thank Lahaina resident Laurie Lei DeGama and Nestor Ugale, both generational residents of Lahaina, for championing this effort."

Wahikuli Wayside Park repairs planned

The County of Maui Department of Parks and Recreation today announced that repairs and beautification activities at Wahikuli Wayside Park in Lahaina are planned for the next three weeks. Efforts will be focused on carrying out routine maintenance needs and making the park safe for all park users.

Effective Thursday, July 18, 2024, park hours will be enforced with the locking of bathrooms and parking lot gates at night, per Maui County Code. Regular park hours are 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., seven days a week.

Park beautification activities will include tree trimming, irrigation repairs and reinstating a regular irrigation schedule, bathroom repairs, painting, sidewalk repairs, picnic table repairs, and the assessment of ADA access pathways for safety issues.

Wahikuli Wayside Park is 8.3 acres in size, and offers 25 covered picnic pavilions with picnic tables, eight barbecue grills and nine uncovered picnic tables. The park has three restroom pavilions, three outdoor showers and water taps located at all barbecue grills.

For general parks information, visit <https://www.mauicounty.gov/parks>.

Maintenance vendors needed for modular units

FEMA is actively seeking vendors for Group Site Maintenance and Maintenance/Repairs on FEMA-owned modular housing units being used as temporary housing for individuals and families displaced by the Maui

wildfires.

FEMA will host an informational session from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, at The Westin Maui Resort and Spa, Haleakala Ballroom, 2365 Kā'anapali Parkway in Lahaina. Vendors attending Industry Day will learn of requirements for the maintenance on the group site and modular homes, which FEMA calls Alternative Transportable Temporary Housing Units. They will be installed at locations on Maui designated for FEMA group housing.

Pre-registration is required for the Industry Day event. All registration requests must be completed by noon Monday, July 22. To register, go to: https://fema.zoomgov.com/join/register/vJItcOGvr-TIipHKARTDvxui7JiwoZn_THNC4

For the latest information on the Maui wildfire recovery efforts, visit mauicounty.gov/mauirecovers.org, fema.gov/disaster/4724 and Hawaii Wildfires - YouTube. Follow FEMA on social media: @FEMARegion9 and facebook.com/fema. You may also get disaster assistance information and download applications at sba.gov/hawaii-wildfires.

Warehouse sale on July 20 by MFOL

Maui Friends of the Library is having an outdoor Warehouse Sale on Saturday, July 20, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at their Pu'unene location. Books, DVDs and CDs will be "10 for \$1." There will be free books for educators and home-schoolers. (Sale prices on outside merchandise only; not valid inside the store.) Please bring your own bags.

To get to the sale, turn off Hansen Road by the old sugar mill, and follow the BOOKS signs to the old Pu'unene School site.

Maui residents needed for online survey

Survey will help in development, programming Maui residents are invited to complete an online survey to help in the development and future programming of Ke Ola Hou Resiliency Center, which will assist the Lahaina community with recovery services in the aftermath of the 2023 fires.

The survey will be available through July 31, 2024, at <https://www.mauirecovers.org/lahaina>.

A site in West Maui has been identified for Ke Ola Hou Resiliency Center, which the County of Maui and Hawai'i State Department of Health have supported. The center will be dedicated to providing comprehensive services to aid in the physical, mental and emotional recovery of individuals and families affected by the fires. Ke Ola Hou, meaning 'new life,' symbolizes the center's mission to help the community rebuild and thrive.

Providers and programs envisioned for the center include behavioral health professionals, culturally specific support services, social services, educational and vocational support, and wellness and recreational services.

Ke Ola Hou's programming and any future locations will be determined through input from Maui County's impacted communities.

For more information, visit <https://www.mauirecovers.org/lahaina>.

Stunt Training in Lahaina July 27

For the first time on Maui, a stunt training workshop will be held on July 27 at 11 Ulupono Street in Lahaina from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The workshop will feature special guest stuntman Sonny Sisson. For more information call Jay at (808) 258-0614 or email Grandi808@me.com.

County reopens applications for newly expanded Green Grants Program

The Maui News

The County of Maui Department of Environmental Management (DEM) is reopening applications for its Fiscal Year 2025 Green Grants Program to support sustainability projects in Maui County.

This expansion follows the transfer of approximately \$1.7 million in competitive grant funding to DEM's Environmental Protection & Sustainability Division from the County Office of Economic Development and Office of Innovation. An additional \$3.3 million in proviso grants have already been allocated to organizations to manage invasive species, protect wetlands and fund the control of predators at seabird colonies, and support coastal water quality monitoring along South Maui's coast and protect the Kihei reef tract.

"We are seeking proposals addressing critical environmental challenges while meeting community needs and priorities, and promoting sustainability across Maui Nui," said Shayne Agawa, Director of the Department of Environmental Management.

Applications are being accepted starting July 15, 2024, for the following grant opportunities:

Environmental Protection Grant: Supports initiatives in invasive species management, environmental restoration, conservation and sustainability. A total of \$490,000 is available for FY25, with a specific allocation of up to \$10,000 for Waikapū community beautification projects.

Wetlands Restoration Grant: Funds organizations dedicated to wetland restoration in Maui County, of-

fering \$800,000 in FY25 to advance critical restoration efforts.

Renewable Energy Grant: Supports initiatives promoting renewable energy and enhancing energy efficiency throughout Maui County. FY25 provides \$100,000 to support projects in this area.

Green Building and Resilient Housing Grant: Encourages sustainable building practices and resilient housing design and construction. FY25 funding is \$100,000, with up to \$56,000 designated for projects participating in the Living Building Challenge.

Equipment Purchase Grant: Assists organizations in acquiring essential equipment necessary for sustainability and environmental initiatives across all funding streams and limits mentioned above.

Interested individuals,

for-profit, and nonprofit organizations are invited to submit proposals electronically no later than July 29, 2024, at mauigreengrants.grantplatform.com. Those who submitted applications prior to the expansion are encouraged to re-apply. Proposals will undergo evaluation by the Green Grants Review Committee, considering alignment with program focus areas, feasibility, innovation, and potential impact. Applicants will be notified by email of the results by August 26, 2024.

To learn more about the application process, visit [www.https://mauicounty.gov/eps-grants](https://mauicounty.gov/eps-grants) or join the Zoom information session at 1:30 p.m. July 17 at <https://bit.ly/45Yhfsb>.

For questions about the Green Grants Program, email Green.Grants@mauicounty.gov or call (808) 270-8217.

Hawai'i Public Radio's Board appoints Meredith Artley as new President and CEO

Submitted by HPR

Hawai'i Public Radio's Board of Directors has appointed Meredith Artley, former editor-in-chief and senior vice president of CNN Digital Worldwide, as the nonprofit media organization's new President and CEO.

Artley's first day on the job will be Aug. 12. She succeeds José A. Fajardo, who will step down as President and General Manager on July 31. Fajardo announced his departure in January, citing the progression of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a neurodegenerative disease with no cure, as the reason for his resignation. He was diagnosed in 2021.

Most recently, Artley served as executive-in-residence and interim executive director of the Shangri La Museum of Islamic Art, Culture & Design in Honolulu after moving to Hawai'i in 2022. Previously, she worked at CNN and made it the number one brand for news on the internet. She also ran digital teams at The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, and the International Herald Tribune in Paris.

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ue HPR's remarkable growth in serving our communities across the Islands and beyond our shores," said Kathryn Matayoshi, HPR Board Chair. "We're excited to see how her outstanding experience in the digital world can en-

hance HPR's strong local connections and expand the station's outreach and influence."

"As a listener, supporter, and fan for more than two decades, I'm delighted and deeply honored to lead HPR," Artley said. "HPR is such a vital service for all of Hawai'i, providing essential information, inspiration, and new perspectives. I look forward to expanding HPR's community of supporters and listeners, and building on the strong foundation that José and the talented team have created."

"I'm pleased with the Board's decision to select Meredith as HPR's new President and CEO," Fajardo said. "I will continue to make myself available during this leadership transition. While I will miss public radio, a passion of mine for many years, I rest easy knowing Meredith will do an excellent job with moving HPR forward to represent and serve our members, listeners and our community at large."

The national search was facilitated by Livingston Associates, a Baltimore-based firm specializing in executive searches for public media organizations.

President of LRF Board of Directors to speak at the Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset meeting

The Maui News

KAHULUI – On Tuesday, August 6, David Allaire will be the speaker at the Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset meeting. Allaire has been president of the Board of Directors for the Lahaina Restoration Foundation for 16 years.

Allaire will share information on the activities of the Restoration Foundation on the building, green space and artifacts recovery efforts since the Lahaina Fires.

David is the President/Owner of Nalu Pacific Enterprises which he founded in 2005. His business offers a variety of business and professional services to restaurants. Prior to opening Nalu Pacific Enterprises he served as General Manager, Vice President and Senior Vice President of T S Restaurants from 1979-2005.

The meeting will be held at the Aston Paki Maui Resort Ali'i meeting room. Social begins at 5 p.m. and the meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. A light dinner will be served; there is no cost to attend the meeting. To make reservations to attend the meeting please email Joanne Laird at: mamalrd01@gmail.com.



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Rotary D5000 fire relief effort provides funds for Maui Rescue Mission mobile units



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The first unit has been deployed to different locations each week, offering essential services to the houseless community on Maui. These services include mobile laundry facilities,

ADA accessible bathrooms with hot showers, clothing, snacks, personal care items, wound care supplies, wifi, and charging stations. MRM has been providing these vital services for the past five years at various locations across the island.

In the aftermath of the devastating Maui Fires, MRM stepped up their efforts by extending their services to the Olowalu camp at Cut Mountain and began offering laundry services to Pu'uhonua o'Nene Shelter.