# **COUNTY** / IN BRIEF

# **HECO** deactivates **Power Shutoff watch**

With the National Weather Service's cancellation of the red flag warning for all Hawaiian Islands, Hawaiian Electric has deactivated its Public Safety Power Shutoff watch.

The company monitored weather conditions throughout the day Wednesday and saw a steady drop of wind speeds in the afternoon. As a result, Hawaiian Electric did not shut off power to customers during the watch because of its PSPS program. Any power outages Thursday were unrelated to the PSPS program

## Housing, Land Use meets Oct. 23

The Housing and Land Use Committee will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Remote oral testimony is also available online via Tinyurl.com/HLU-Committee.

In-person testimony and viewing: Planning Conference Room, Kalana Pakui Building, 250 South High St. in Wailuku.

# **SBA** disaster application deadline Nov. 9

Applications for the Small Business Administration's Disaster Loan Program continue to be accepted and processed to ensure individuals and businesses are prepared to receive assistance once funding becomes available.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their loan applications promptly for review in anticipation of future funding.

Homeowners, renters, businesses and nonprofits can still apply for physical damage loans. They must provide a written justification. Businesses and nonprofits that have suffered economic losses caused by the wildfires can apply for Economic Injury Disaster loans. The deadline is Nov. 9

For additional information about this declaration, go to sba.gov/disaster.

## **Budget, Finance** Cmte. meets Oct. 22

The Budget Finance and Economic Development Committee will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, at the Planning Conference Room

FRIDAY

ON TELEVISION TONIGHT:

Kalana Pakui Building at 250 S. High St. in Wailuku.

In-person testimony and viewing will be available at the Planning Conference Room, Kalana Pakui Building, 250 South High St., in Wailuku. Tune in online at tinyurl.com/BFED-Committee.

# **OHA Kanaaho Grant** for Lahaina and Kula

On April 10, the Office of Hawaii Affairs launched the OHA Kanaaho Grant for Lahaina and Kula to provide direct financial assistance to impacted Native Hawaiian homeowners and renters in the wildfire impact zones of Lahaina and Kula.

The grant funding has been designated to support impacted Native Hawaiians to determine their own greatest needs, to meet those needs in the face of disaster and improve the economic stability of Native Hawaiians

#### Eligibility

The OHA Kanaaho Grants are meant to support Native Hawaiian homeowners and renters in the wildfire impact zones of Lahaina and Kula.

• It is the first disbursement of the \$5 million in disaster aid funding that the OHA Board of Trustees approved to support wildfire survivors.

• A \$9,000 grant will be awarded to eligible homeowners who experienced hardship, while a \$4,000 grant will be awarded to eligible renters who experienced hardship.

# Who can apply for aid?

• OHA's Kanaaho Grants will be distributed to qualified heads of households that meet the grant application criteria.

The applicant must be a Native Hawaiian; provide proof of residency, proof of homeownership or renter status; and a completed W-9 form is also required for payment purposes only. The relief aid will not be taxed. Download the W-9 form at bit.ly/4dR1qWr.

Wildfire survivors who resided in the wildfire impact zones are advised to collect their documentation so they can submit a complete application. OHA will accept aid applications until Dec. 31.

Afternoon/Evening October 18, 2024

# **County Department of Housing seeks proposals** for Affordable Housing Fund projects on Maui

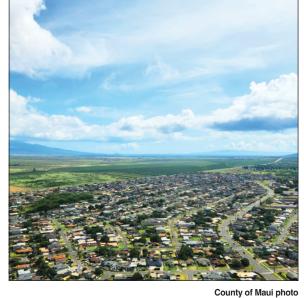
# The Maui News

The County of Maui Department of Housing issued a request for proposals seeking affordable housing projects that will be funded by the Affordable Housing Fund in fiscal year 2026.

The projects must propose housing solutions that provide housing for families earning 140% and below of the County of Maui's median family income.

Public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, community land trusts and private for-profit entities are invited to submit their proposals.

Applications are available from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays) at the County Housing Programs Division, 2065 Main St., Suite 108, Wailuku, and on the Department's website, https:// www.mauicounty.gov/hous- must be received by the



An aerial photo of Central Maui housing.

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### All applications, both hand-delivered and mailed,

County Housing Programs Division no later than 4 p.m. HST on Nov. 15, 2024. Project readiness, which

includes site control and completion of all applicable environmental reviews, is a critical evaluation component.

The Affordable Housing Fund was established to provide funding for affordable housing for income-eligible residents. Eligible projects are identified in Chapter 3.35, Maui County Code, and include the rehabilitation of existing structures, land purchase, planning, design and construction.

For the full request for proposals seeking Affordable Housing Fund program-eligible project applications, including details on project requirements and application submittal guidelines, visit the Department of Housing's website at https:// www.mauicounty.gov/hous ing.

# Deborah Moore inducted as 39th member of Lahaina Rotary



Deborah Moore was inducted as the 39th member of the Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset. Pictured with her are Al Weiland, Maui Assistant Governor and Deborah's sponsor, Heidi Dollinger.

# The Maui News

During a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset, Deborah Moore officially became a member of the club. Her sponsorship came from fellow mem-

ber Heidi Dollinger. The induction ceremony was officiated by Al Weiland, assistant governor for the Coastal Maui Rotary Clubs.

Deborah Moore is a full-time resident of Maui, living at The Masters for the past three years. She and her husband moved from central Washington State where they have been farming for 45 years growing irrigated row crops and apples. Deborah served 15 years as an elected official on a rycluboflahainasunset.org.

city council and a board of county commissioners, and she has served on 16 local, state, and federal boards and commissioners. A career highlight was program director for an adult leadership program in Washington State.

Deborah believes in public service, and she is currently a member of the Maui County Cost of Government Commission. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, swimming and traveling.

For more information about the Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset meetings, upcoming speakers and opportunities to volunteer, visit the club website at: https://www.rota

# **Nurses of Wilcox Medical Center held informational picket**

### The Maui News

HONOLULU – With contract negotiations between the nurses and management of Wilcox Medical Center in Lihue, Kaua'i, now exceeding five months. the nurses took their battle to nurse cares for, it increases the streets with an informational picket on Wednesday from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Hawai'i Nurses' Association (HNA), which represents nearly 160 Wilcox nurses, provided a legally required 10-day advance notification about the picket to Wilcox management.

pital, since May 6. The negotiations have focused on ensuring safe staffing levels for quality patient care.

Studies show that with each additional patient a the length of hospital stay for those patients, increases their chances of them being readmitted to the hospital within 30 days, and even increases their likelihood of dying.

We are picketing for safe staffing and safe patient care not only for our jobs, but

Hawai'i Pacific Health hos- ply asking for guaranteed nurse-to-patient ratios mean nurse-to-patient ratios and safer staffing numbers in our new contract," said Sonya Balian-Grande, a Women Infant Health nurse at Wilcox. "Our patients trust us to keep them healthy, safe, and alive and we want to do everything we can to maintain us to keep a closer watch for that level of trust and care."

Greg Schumacher, an intensive care unit (ICU) nurse at Wilcox, added: "Being in the hospital is a scary and stressful time for patients and their families. Having a nurse that is read-The nurses have been most importantly for our ily available can help denegotiating with Wilcox, a community. We are sim- crease that anxiety. Lower Agas-Yuu.

that we are able to provide more comprehensive and personal care to our patients. Our patients should not ever feel like a burden on their nurses' time. Interacting more with patients allows changes in their condition. All of this leads to better outcomes and a less stressful experience for our patients, which is our main goal."

What is good for one hospital is good for all," said HNA President Rosalee

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