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Executive Director's Monthly Message

Dear Residents,

At HCDCH our goal is to provide your ohana a safe and healthy living environment. HUD's annual Real Estate Assessment inspection will occur in March and I wish to provide you ample notice before it occurs.

HUD will randomly select apartments to walk through. Please assist us in preparation for these inspections. The inspector will notice if: (1) areas are clean and free of mold, (2) smoke detectors are working, (3) oven knobs are in place and working, (4) extension cords are out of walk-ways and window areas are not blocked, and much more.

HUD requires appliances inside your apartment to be in working order including those provided for you and those you have personally purchased such as fans, air conditioner (if applicable). Please note, fans must have the safety guard cover in place.

I appreciate your assistance in helping to make our inspections go well.

Stephanie Aveiro
Executive Director



Senior Companion Program



The Senior Companion Program provides low-income senior volunteers age 60 and older the opportunity to offer socialization, companionship, home management, and limited personal care assistance to individual homebound seniors. Some of the services and assistance include light shopping, light housekeeping, light meal preparation, advocacy, encouragement and assistance with appropriate therapies, companionship and friendship.

The Senior Companion volunteer is entitled to these benefits

- *Non-taxable stipend of \$2.65 an hour or \$212.00 monthly (estimate)
- *Pre-entry and yearly physical exams
- *Paid pre-services, in-service, and out-service training
- *Paid vacation leave and paid sick leave
- *Monthly non-taxable travel allowance
- *Paid state observed holidays
- *\$3.00 a day non-taxable meal allowance for each work day or \$60.00 monthly.
- *accident/liability insurance for on-the-job injury

For more information, please contact the Department of Human Services, Senior Companion Program at 586-5192.

HCDCH Rent Collection Policy

HCDCH's rent collection was approved by the HCDCH Board of Directors on December 16, 2004. It requires that management to refer residents for eviction in a timely manner if rent is not paid. If rent is not paid, Management will send a notice on or about the 15th of the month requesting that you attend a mandatory meeting where management will try to assist you in resolving the issue. Management's written notice of the delinquency shall allow you fourteen (14) calendar days to pay the rent amount due. If appropriate, you may be referred to a non-profit agency for assistance or may enter into a payment agreement (not to exceed 6 months) to pay the delinquent amount. A copy of the revised rent collection policy is available in your Management Unit office.



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Happy Easter! Did you know?

*1 billion Easter eggs are hunted in the United States each year in parks, back yards and on the White House lawn.

* Most children (74%) eat the ears of their chocolate bunny first, 13% eat the feet first and 10% eat the tail first.

* 600 Million Marshmallow Peep are sold each Easter.

* American spend 2 billion dollars on Easter candy and eat 7.1 billion pounds of Easter Candy each year.



Wishing you and your family a Happy Easter!

Waipahu I Celebrates!

The Executive Board along with the general membership hosted their first family event for the 2005. With the parking lot decked out in balloons, crepe paper and the barbeque going, the Waipahu I Resident Association had reason to celebrate. After a year of hard work, the association received their Certificate of Recognition from the HCDCH Board of Director.

The success of this event is credited to the tenacity of the Waipahu I Executive Board. Led by President elect Mr. Deo Wengu; Vice President, Mr. Tei Taimi; Secretary, Ms. Melanie Taimi; Treasurer, Mr. Henchi Luther; and Sgt. At Arms, Ms. Tammie Nickepwi. These officers worked for weeks, planning, and knocking on doors. Their efforts resulted in a 95% turn out of parents and children. What an excellent job in building community! Congratulations again to the Waipahu I Resident Association for such a successful turn out. We will be looking forward to hearing more about your future events.



Residents line up for their share of the grinds



Waipahu I Keikis gather together



REMINDER

HCDCH Draft FY 2005 Public Housing Agency 5-Year and Annual Plans and Public Hearing

Pursuant to 24 CFR Part. 903.17, the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii (HCDCH) will hold public hearings on the Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plans. Locations of the public hearings are listed in the column to the right.

Background: The HCDCH is currently developing its Fiscal Year 2005 PHA 5-Year and Annual Plans as required by the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) of 1998. The 5-Year Plan states the HCDCH's mission, goals and objectives for serving the needs of the low-income and very low-income families during the next five years. The Annual Plan details the operation and management of federal public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance programs. Through these plans, HCDCH will advise the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), its residents, and members of the public, on its strategy in addressing the needs of residents in federal public housing and recipients of Section 8 tenant-based services.

Copies of the 5-Year plan are available for public viewing at regional libraries throughout the state. Copies may also be viewed at the HCDCH locations, listed in the right hand column, after February 7, 2005 between 7:45am to 4:30pm.

The draft of the 5-Year and Annual Plans will also be posted on the HCDCH website at <http://www.hcdch.hawaii.gov>.



All interested persons are invited to provide comments relating to the FY 2005 PHA 5-Year and Annual Plans either orally or in writing at the public hearings. All written comments may also be mailed to HCDCH, Attention PEO at 677 Queen Street, Suite 300, Honolulu, HI 96813 or faxed to (808) 587-0600 by 4:30pm on Monday, March 22, 2005. Comments can be sent by electronic mail to hcdch@hcdch.hawaii.gov, but **must arrive by Monday, March 22, 2005**. All comments and testimony will be considered in preparing the final PHA Plan.

The public hearings will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at 6:00pm at the following locations

HCDCH
677 Queen Street, Suite 300
Honolulu, HI 96813

Kealakehe Elementary School
74-5118 Kealakaa Street
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Lanakila Homes Comm Center
600 Wailoa St
Hilo, HI 96720

Makani Kai Hale Comm Hall
35 Koapaka Lane
Waiehu, HI 96793

Kawailehua Community Hall
5220 Paanau Road
Koloa, HI 96756

HCDCH Locations where 5-Year plan are available for public viewing

HCDCH
677 Queen Street Suite 300
Honolulu, HI 96813

HCDCH
1002 N. School St. Bldg G
Honolulu, HI 96817

Ka Hale Kahaluu
78-6735 Makolea St.
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Kapaa
4726 Malu Road
Kapaa, HI 96746

Kahekili Terrace
2015 Holowai Place
Wailuku, HI 96793



REGISTER EARLY FOR KINDERGARTEN

*(Excerpt from 2/10/05 Honolulu Advertiser Article
written by Treena Shapiro)*

The new school year won't start for several months, but public schools are encouraging parents of children born in 2000 to register their children for kindergarten now.

Early registration also helps the schools, since they need a firm enrollment count to know how many kindergarten classes they will need as well as how many supplies to order. A rash of last minute enrollments can mean students start school in over-crowded classrooms that are short on supplies. Schools end up not hiring enough kindergarten teachers could have difficulty finding qualified teachers once the school year is under way.

Parents who wait until the last minute might also find their children missing immunization or legal documents that will prevent them from starting school on time.

If you register in advance, most public schools offer spring or summer transition programs that give entering kindergarteners the opportunity to get familiar with the school and meet new classmates. Some schools even offer more extensive programs that teach youngsters who have not attended pre-school some basic skills, such as how to stand in line, how to hold a pencil or use scissors, or how to sit still.

To find out which school your child will attend, call the elementary schools in your neighborhood to determine whether your street address falls in that district.

Documents required for registration include

1. Health Records: (Form 14) Children must have a physical examination, written documentation of required immunizations and tuberculosis clearance to enter school on the first day.
2. Birth certificate: An **original** or **certified copy** is required to verify a child's age.
3. Legal Documents: If there were changes to the child's name, custody arrangements or guardianship.
4. Proof of local address: a document such as an electric, telephone or cable bill, or a housing or rental agreement that shows the address of the child's home.

For More Information, call the nearest elementary school or visit <http://www.doe.k12.hi.us/parents>

FREE FEDERAL AND STATE TAX PREPARATION



O'ahu Worklinks- Makalapa

NOW THRU APRIL 15, 2005

Every Wednesdays 8:00am to 7:00pm

Please call to schedule an appointment

(808) 488-5630

AARP is offering free tax assistance at the following sites: Call 843-1906 for more information

Liliha Public Library

1515 Liliha Street

Honolulu, HI 96817

Tuesday/Thursday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center

1640 Lanakila Avenue

Honolulu, HI 96817

Monday 8:00am-12:00pm

McCully Central Union Church

1660 S Beretania Street

Honolulu, HI 96826

Tuesday/Thursday 8:30am to 11:30am

Kalihi Palama Public Library

1325 Kalihi Street

Honolulu, HI 96819

Friday 10:00am -2:00pm

Susannah Wesley Community Center

1117 Kaili Street

Honolulu, HI 96819

Saturday 9:00am - 12:00pm