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Welcome to the very first issue of *Between Pines*. This new publication is a companion to Lānaʻi Today and was created with a clear purpose: to give our island’s nonprofits, public agencies, and service providers a dedicated space to share updates, opportunities, and resources with the community.

The name *Between Pines* reflects both our landscape and our history. Lānaʻi’s iconic Cook pine trees are familiar landmarks, characteristic of our town and the Lānaʻi Hale backdrop. The word “pines” also nods to Lānaʻi’s pineapple era, a defining chapter in our past that shaped our economy, culture, and identity. Just as the spaces between the pines create paths for connection, this publication aims to be a space where community members, organizations, and businesses can meet, share, and grow together.

In each issue, you will find a mix of practical information such as program announcements, event calendars, and service guides, alongside advertisements from local businesses. The goal is to give organizations a consistent and reliable way to reach the people they serve, and to give residents a single place to discover what is happening around them. Whether you are looking for a public meeting notice, a seasonal schedule, or the services offered by a neighbor’s small business, we are hoping you will be able to find it here.

We are starting small but steady. *Between Pines* will be published quarterly, with each issue focused on clarity, accessibility, and balance. Ads come either directly from businesses or are produced in house. For the ones I create, I handle copywriting, photography, and simple layouts, while more complex projects are done in collaboration with outside designers. This publication is built in collaboration with the organizations, public agencies, and businesses of Lānaʻi, whose submitted announcements, advertisements, and updates will help it grow and remain a resource for the community.

This new edition arrives as *Lānaʻi Today* moves fully into a digital format. You can now find us online at www.lanaitoday.com, on Facebook, and on Instagram for regular news, updates, and stories. You can also reach me directly at akaauamo@pulamalanai.com.

We look forward to seeing how *Between Pines* can grow with your feedback and participation. Mahalo for reading and for helping make this first issue possible.

Anthony Kaauomo
Managing Editor, *Lānaʻi Today*



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Lānaʻi Affordable Housing Project Moves Forward

contributed by Maui County Councilmember Gabe Johnson

On June 16, 2025, Ikaika ʻOhana and I met with the community at the Filipino Clubhouse to discuss the County of Maui's Lānaʻi affordable housing project. Doug Bigley, Tom Fisher, and I spoke on the upcoming project which has recently secured \$17.2 million in the FY '26 County budget.

The meeting was well attended even though some folks couldn't make it because of the afternoon schedule. Ikaika ʻOhana and I plan to have numerous future project meetings, including in the evening. For now, I hope I can summarize with clarity what was discussed in the Filipino Clubhouse.

Ikaika ʻOhana plans to build phase 1 on the fully entitled land Maui County owns at the end of 5th Street, behind Hawaiian Homes. In phase 1 we will have 46 single-family homes and 26 multi-family kūpuna homes, totaling 72 affordable units. The single-family homes will follow the rent-to-own model that Ikaika ʻOhana has managed on Hawaiʻi Island and will ideally break ground this year in November.

A project of this size with no existing infrastructure such as roads, water, and wastewater will take roughly 24 months to build out. However, much will be happening during that time. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands plans to build 75 homes to completely eliminate their waitlist on Lānaʻi. As you may know, builders can reduce costs if they share infrastructure borders with other developments and construction is done concurrently.

Many residents also have seen me bring military personnel to the island recently. We are in talks with their Innovative Readiness Training Program (IRT) to provide free health care, dental, and optometry for two weeks with their Tropic Care program in the summer of 2026. The following year I have submitted an application that they come back and build out infrastructure to and construct a category 5 hurricane shelter within the County's property. I am pushing hard to make our island resilient, safe, healthy, and bring down the shared costs of these new housing developments.

Many of you want to know the precise details of the project and how much rent will be. Ikaika ʻOhana is a non-profit developer who will be the onsite manager for phase 1 and will help facilitate and share information with our community. The rents in the homes will follow HUD guidelines for Area Median Income (AMI) for Lānaʻi City. The project is targeting lower-income residents with AMIs ranging from 30%–80%. You can check on the Maui County's website at www.mauicounty.gov/1825/affordable-sales-rental-guidelines to see exactly how much you would be paying per your circumstance.

The number of people in your household, the number of bedrooms, and the total household income will be used in the formula to create your rent. In 2021, my team and I went door to door and interviewed 400 households within Lānaʻi

City, and we found that overwhelmingly people wanted to rent to own. Some folks need extra time to build a down payment, get their credit score higher, or finish schooling. This model will give you 15 years living in your rental before you can buy it at an extremely affordable rate.

Ikaika ʻOhana is also willing to follow a residential preference lottery system like the one I wrote for Bill 111. My bill gives preference to families who have lived here the longest; for example, it allows for the builder to pull four names out of the lottery and rank them by how many years the applicant has resided here. This allows the folks who are born and raised on island or who have lived here the longest the greatest chance to get into these units.

I'm sure many folks have lots of questions, so I will finish with just some facts on the project. There is a proposed 6,000-square-foot community center, a 2.83-acre park, and the plan is to have 33 parking stalls at the Senior Housing. Of the 46 single-family homes there will be thirty-eight 3-bedrooms and eight 4-bedrooms, and they will sit on 6,000 minimum sqft lots. The Senior Housing will have twenty-four 1-bedroom units with two manager units with 3 bedrooms. The project will be managed by Ikaika ʻOhana and they will be looking for managers once it is complete.

If anyone has more questions, please feel free to contact my office at 808-565-6100 or come by and talk story.

Mahalo,
Gabe Johnson



CM Johnson at the Affordable Housing Meeting held in June



COMMUNITY CENTER

COMMUNITY CENTER	5,531 SF
COVERED LANAI	847 SF
COVERED ENTRY	184 SF
TOTAL	6,562 SF

(INCLUDES COMMUNITY ROOM, LEASING AND PROGRAM OFFICES, MAINTENANCE, STORAGE, RESTROOMS)

PARKING PROVIDED
TOTAL STALLS PROVIDED = 47 STALLS

MULTI-FAMILY (SENIOR HOUSING)

SENIOR UNITS (1BR)	= 24 UNITS
MANAGER UNITS (3BR)	= 2 UNITS
TOTAL	= 26 UNITS

PARKING PROVIDED

SENIOR UNITS (1 STALL / UNIT)	= 24 STALLS
MANAGER UNITS (2STALL / UNIT)	= 4 STALLS
GUEST STALLS	= 11 STALLS
TOTAL STALLS PROVIDED	= 39 STALLS

SINGLE FAMILY

MODEL TYPE	3BR UNITS	4BR UNITS	TOTAL UNITS
1 / 1R	11		11
2 / 2R	13		13
3 / 3R	12		12
4 ADA	2		2
5 / 5R		7	7
6 ADA		1	1
TOTAL UNITS	38	8	46

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION TYPE: TYPE VB

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SITE PLAN - PHASE 1

0 60' 120'
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FEBRUARY 14, 2025

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Douglas Bigley of Ikaika 'Ohana at June's meeting

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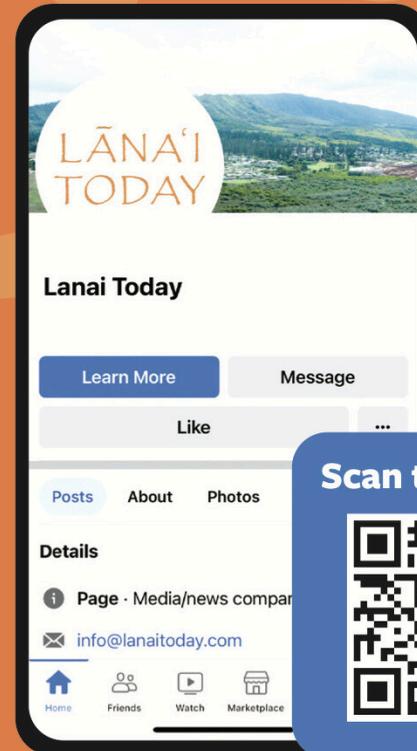
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Bringing Compassionate Hospice Care Closer to Home for Lānaʻi Families

contributed by Hospice Maui

For families on Lānaʻi, access to specialized healthcare has always been a challenge, creating added stress and hardship during one of life's most vulnerable moments. Recognizing this, Hospice Maui expanded its rural care program to Lānaʻi in 2022, ensuring compassionate, high-quality hospice and palliative care is available right where patients call home.

Hospice Maui's mission has always been to provide comfort, dignity, and support to individuals and families facing serious illness. Through our Lānaʻi program, we now bring these vital services to more of our neighbors, reducing the need for long and difficult trips to Maui or Oʻahu for care.

Our Lānaʻi team provides a full spectrum of hospice and palliative care services, including in-home visits from hospice-certified medical doctors, nurses, certified nurse aides (CNAs), social workers, and spiritual care counselors. Care continues 24/7 with on-call support (by our Hospice Maui team members, not a call center) ensuring families always have access to expert symptom management, guidance, and emotional support.

Beyond direct care, Hospice Maui facilitates access to medical equipment and medications, and collaborates with local Lānaʻi resources to ensure seamless, comprehensive support for patients and families. We work closely with Lānaʻi Kinaʻole, Lānaʻi Community Hospital, Lānaʻi Community Health Center, and Straub Medical Center – Lānaʻi Clinic, offering an extra layer of hospice support alongside local providers. Our goal is not to replace existing care teams but to bring in additional resources, ensuring Lānaʻi residents receive the highest level of care without leaving home.

Additionally, Hospice Maui assists patients in returning home to Lānaʻi from Maui or Oʻahu hospitals, coordinating with various hospital systems to manage transfers from acute care settings back to the comfort of home.

Since this rural expansion began, the impact has been profound. Families have shared how meaningful it is to have loved ones remain on Lānaʻi, surrounded by familiar faces, the beauty of their island, and their own traditions. Every visit, conversation, and moment of comfort is a testament to the power of community-centered care.

As Maui County's only local non-profit hospice and palliative care provider, Hospice Maui remains deeply dedicated to serving the unique needs of Lānaʻi families. Whether you are seeking care for a loved one, interested in volunteering, or want to learn more about how hospice and palliative care can help, we are here to support you.

To learn more, call 808-244-5555 or visit www.HospiceMaui.org.



Purrfect Careers: Work with the Lānaʻi Lions

contributed by Lānaʻi Cat Sanctuary

Looking for a job that matters? The Lānaʻi Cat Sanctuary might be your purrfect match.

Our mission is simple and powerful: saving cats, protecting native birds, and caring for our ʻāina. Every day, we provide a safe, forever home for more than 750 cats while helping keep Lānaʻi's ecosystem in balance. When you join our team, you're not just an employee. You're part of a solution that makes our island a model for coexistence and compassion.

An Office Like No Other

This isn't your typical job. Your "office" is four acres of open-air space where the island makani mingles with the sound of purring cats. You'll spend your days outdoors, caring for animals, meeting visitors from around the world, and sharing what makes Lānaʻi so special.

Great Hours, Great Balance

Our team works 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., leaving your afternoons free to enjoy the best parts of island life. Whether it's helping your kūpuna, spending time with your keiki, or going holoholo, this is work that fits into your life, not the other way around.

Benefits That Truly Benefit You

We take care of our team with fully covered employee health insurance, paid holidays, and PTO. You give your best for our mission, and we make sure you're supported in return.

Grow With Us

As the #1 visitor attraction on Lānaʻi, we welcome tens of thousands of guests every year. That means you'll gain valuable skills in communication, hospitality, and leadership. No experience? No problem. All entry-level positions without experience start at \$20 per hour. We provide all the training you need. What we're looking for is heart: people eager to grow, committed to our mission, and proud to share what makes Lānaʻi special with visitors.

Be Part of Our ʻOhana

Joining the Lānaʻi Cat Sanctuary means joining a family dedicated to caring for animals, protecting our island, and supporting each other. Various positions are available. More information can be obtained by visiting our website, www.LanaiCatSanctuary.org, under the jobs section.

If you're ready to work outdoors, grow in your career, and do something meaningful for our community, we'd love to meet you. Please send your resume to info@LanaiCatSanctuary.org or call us at 808-215-2066.

Lānaʻi Cat Sanctuary. Where your work changes lives every day.



A Healthier Lānaʻi Starts With Preventive Care and Spay/Neuter

contributed by Dr. Claire Conrath, Lānaʻi Veterinary Care

Aloha Lānaʻi ʻohana,

I'm Dr. Claire Conrath, and I'm honored to provide veterinary care for the pets and families of Lānaʻi through our mobile practice, Lānaʻi Veterinary Care. We launched earlier this year with a simple goal: to ensure every pet on this island has access to the wellness services they need to live a long, healthy life. With almost 20 years of experience in emergency, shelter, and private practice medicine, I've seen firsthand the power of preventive care and spay/neuter in transforming communities—for both people and animals.

Why Preventive Care Matters

Just like with people, animals benefit tremendously from regular checkups. Annual wellness exams are our chance to catch small issues before they become big problems. Whether it's a dental concern, a skin condition, or early signs of arthritis, these visits allow us to detect and manage health conditions before they impact your pet's quality of life—or your wallet.

Preventive care also includes things like vaccines, parasite prevention (fleas, ticks, and heartworms), microchipping, and bloodwork to monitor internal health. Together, these tools help your pet live a longer, more comfortable life—and keep you from facing costly surprises down the road.

Spay and Neuter: A Community Responsibility

While preventive care focuses on the individual animal, spay and neuter is one of the most important tools we have to protect the entire Lānaʻi community. Every year across the U.S., millions of cats and dogs are surrendered to shelters, many of them the result of unplanned litters. On an island like Lānaʻi, where resources are limited and animals often live outdoors, unaltered pets can quickly contribute to overpopulation, spreading disease, increasing car-related injuries, and placing stress on both animal lovers and our native ecosystems.

By spaying or neutering your pet, you help reduce the number of homeless animals, prevent future suffering, and protect Lānaʻi's unique wildlife. For example, female cats can become pregnant as young as five months old and have multiple litters per year. One unspayed cat and her offspring can produce over 400,000 kittens in just seven years.

A Core of Animal Welfare

At its core, every animal welfare issue stems from one thing: too many animals and not enough homes. That's why we center our work around prevention through education, access to veterinary care, and making spay/neuter services accessible for everyone in the community.

Through Lānaʻi Veterinary Care, we offer affordable spay and neuter clinics regularly, and we're working closely with the Lānaʻi Cat Sanctuary, the County, and other partners to ensure no pet owner is turned away because of cost or access.

We also provide health exams, vaccines, travel certificates, and treatment for sick or injured pets, all from the comfort of our mobile clinic.

Let's Work Together

Whether your pet needs a wellness check, vaccines, or spay/neuter services, we're here for you. Our goal is to serve every corner of the island and ensure that compassionate, high-quality veterinary care is never out of reach. We're proud to be a part of this community and excited to continue building a healthier future—one pet at a time.

To learn more or to make an appointment, visit us at www.LanaiVeterinaryCare.com. You can also follow us on Facebook to stay updated on upcoming clinics and pet health tips.

Mahalo for helping us make Lānaʻi a place where all animals can thrive.

Aloha,
Dr. Claire Conrath
Owner
Lānaʻi Veterinary Care



Lānaʻi Federal Credit Union: Serving the Heart of the Lānaʻi Community

contributed by Lānaʻi Federal Credit Union

Nestled in the heart of Hawaiʻi's smallest inhabited island, the Lānaʻi Federal Credit Union (Lānaʻi FCU) has been a trusted financial partner for residents since its founding in 1938. With a deep-rooted commitment to community values, personalized service, and financial empowerment, Lānaʻi FCU has grown to become more than just a financial institution — it is a vital part of everyday life for many island residents.

A History of Community Commitment

Lānaʻi FCU was originally chartered to serve the employees of the Dole Pineapple Plantation, which once dominated the island's economy. As Lānaʻi evolved, so did the credit union. Today, 87 years later, it serves a broader membership that includes anyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school on the island of Lānaʻi. The credit union has maintained its community-first approach, offering financial services tailored specifically to the needs of this close-knit population.

Affordable Loans That Put Members First

One of the standout benefits of Lānaʻi FCU is its dedication to offering low-interest consumer loans. Whether members are looking to purchase a new vehicle, consolidate debt, or cover unexpected expenses, Lānaʻi FCU provides financing options designed with member affordability in mind.

Auto loans, in particular, are a strong focus — with interest rates consistently lower than the market averages. These competitive rates, combined with flexible repayment terms and friendly local service, make purchasing a car more accessible for Lānaʻi residents. For many families, this means achieving reliable transportation without stretching their budgets thin.

Other loan options include personal loans and debt consolidation loans, all structured to support financial wellness and avoid the pitfalls of high-interest lending. The credit union's transparent lending process ensures that members fully understand their terms and feel confident in their borrowing decisions.

Services Tailored to Local Needs

Despite its small size, the Lānaʻi FCU provides a full range of financial services comparable to larger institutions. Members have access to savings and checking accounts, direct deposit, online and mobile banking, ATM services, notary services, and more. What sets Lānaʻi FCU apart is the personal touch and localized knowledge its staff offers. Living and working in the same community as their members allows employees to provide tailored guidance and support, building trust and long-term relationships.

Looking Ahead

Lānaʻi FCU continues to adapt to the changing financial landscape while staying true to its roots. With a focus on community, financial well-being, and

personalized service, the credit union is well-positioned to support Lānaʻi's residents for generations to come. On the goal horizon, additional services will include business accounts, certificates of deposit, and home equity loans.

For an island that values connection, trust, and resilience, Lānaʻi FCU remains a steadfast partner — proving that even the smallest institutions can make a big difference.

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Lānaʻi Youth Center Launches New Website

contributed by Lānaʻi Youth Center

We are excited to announce the launch of the updated Lānaʻi Youth Center website at www.lanaiyouthcenter.org! The refreshed site highlights our programs, makes information easier to access, and connects families and community members to everything we offer.

Fresh New Look, Easier Navigation

The site features a modern layout and is fully mobile-friendly, so you can register your keiki for activities, or explore upcoming events right from your phone. With streamlined navigation, 'ohana & youth can quickly find what they need—whether it's program details, events, or announcements.

Youth in Action

We've added a vibrant Photo & Video Gallery that captures the energy and creativity of our youth in action—engaged in team building activities, prevention & safety education sessions, health & wellness activities, character building workshops, service projects, cultural appreciation, educational & homework help sessions, youth choice and special events. The gallery celebrates the fun and learning that happens every day at the Center.

Stay Connected, Get Involved

The Support Us page makes it easier for families, friends, and partners to give back—whether through donations, volunteering, or partnerships. As a nonprofit, we depend on community generosity, and this feature helps ensure anyone can join us in supporting Lānaʻi's youth.

Why It Matters

For nearly three decades, our mission has been to provide a safe, nurturing, and engaging space for youth ages 8–17. The updated website reflects this commitment. It's not just a place to get information—it's a window into the core of our work and an invitation for families and supporters to be part of our journey.

Explore Today

Visit www.lanaiyouthcenter.org to explore the new design, bookmark the site and drop by often—you'll find updates on upcoming events, program highlights, and fresh ways to engage. We are proud to finally share this project with our community. Together, let's continue to create spaces where youth feel seen, empowered, connected, and thrive.



Providing life skills, sustainable living, and healthy habits.



Youth develop self-esteem, responsibility, and leadership skills while creating friendships, gaining recognition, and enjoying a sense of belonging.

Lānaʻi Academy of Performing Arts Shines with Original Musical and Prepares for a Magical Fall

contributed by Lānaʻi Academy of Performing Arts

This summer, the Lānaʻi Academy of Performing Arts (LAPA) brought mystery, laughter, and 80s flair to the stage with the premiere of *Flight of the Mothman*, an original musical co-written by LAPA's Executive Director Matt Glickstein (music) and Jason Spraggins (book & lyrics). Performed for large audiences on June 4 and 5 at the Lānaʻi High and Elementary School gym, the production was the result of months of rehearsals that began in February.

Featuring a cast of 34 students, *Flight of the Mothman* follows a group of campers who, as part of the Junior Gumshoe Agency, uncover an epic mystery at their camp. With catchy original songs inspired by the sounds of the 80s, the musical blends comedy and intrigue in a high-energy, adventure-filled performance that keeps the audience guessing—and dancing—throughout.

The production brought together a talented and passionate creative team, including two LAPA alumni: Adam Purdy (Director) and Kami Shimokawa (Choreographer). The team also featured Music Director and Executive Director Matt Glickstein, Susan Book (Costume Design), and Janine Cervantes, who served as Production Assistant and proud “LAPA mom.” The show marked a new milestone for LAPA with its most technically challenging production to date. Thanks to an incredible student tech team—led by Alekah “Nick” Pascua as Prop Master—*Flight of the Mothman* featured lighting and sound effects, dynamic set changes, and behind-the-scenes coordination that brought the world of Camp Pleasant Pines vividly to life.

Looking ahead, LAPA is excited to launch its fall programming, beginning in mid-August. Classes will include acting, improvisation, music, dance, and the newly introduced Teen Actors Club—a free, low-commitment space where teens can connect through fun, informal activities like theater games, movie nights, karaoke, and more. Meeting monthly or bi-monthly, the club offers a relaxed environment for young performers to bond, have fun, and build community.

This fall, LAPA will also present Don Zolidis's *Oz*, a hilarious, modern remix of the classic tale that follows a group of teens who get swept away into a chaotic version of the Land of Oz—complete with malfunctioning magic, moody munchkins, and totally unqualified Wizards. With heart, humor, and a little bit of sass, this teen-centered twist asks: what happens when you don't feel brave, smart, or strong—but you have to save the world anyway? Auditions begin in August, with performances tentatively scheduled for November.

At LAPA, we are dedicated to nurturing creativity, confidence, and community through the performing arts. We're grateful for the continued support of our Lānaʻi 'ohana and look forward to another inspiring season ahead.

For more information on our fall classes and performances, visit lanaiacademy.org, follow @lanaiacademy on Instagram, or email us at lanaiacademy@gmail.com.



Performers in character during a scene from Flight of the Mothman



Cast of LAPA's original musical, Flight of the Mothman, after the final performance

Lānaʻi Arts & Culture Center: A Community Powered by Volunteers

contributed by Lānaʻi Arts & Culture Center

Located in the heart of Lānaʻi City, the Lānaʻi Arts & Culture Center (LACC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering creativity, cultural expression, and community engagement through the arts. Our gallery is a place where residents and visitors alike can experience the diverse talents of our island. We proudly showcase and sell art made right here on Lānaʻi, supporting local artists while preserving and sharing the unique cultural identity that makes our island community so special. Every purchase helps sustain both the artist and the programs we offer to the community.

As a volunteer-run organization, we depend on the generosity, time, and aloha spirit of our community members to keep our gallery and programs thriving. Without our volunteers, the LACC simply could not operate in the way it does.

We're always looking for volunteers to help keep the gallery open or support our many programs—like keiki and kūpuna art classes, community workshops, and cultural events. Volunteering is flexible, with no prior experience required—just a welcoming spirit and a willingness to learn. Typical gallery shifts are only a few hours in the morning or afternoon, and we provide full training for opening, closing, and using the register. Even a small commitment of time each week can make a meaningful impact.

Want to get more involved?

Becoming a member is another wonderful way to support the arts on Lānaʻi. You can sign up in person at the gallery or online at www.lanaiartcenter.org. Membership helps sustain our programs year-round, and members enjoy special perks, insider updates, and the satisfaction of knowing they are directly contributing to the vitality of our arts community.

You can also support us by making a donation—big or small, every contribution helps keep the arts alive on Lānaʻi. Donations can be made easily through our website and go directly toward supporting local artists, maintaining the gallery, and expanding our programs.

If you're interested in volunteering, becoming a member, or just learning more about what we do, we would love to hear from you.

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Lānaʻi Community Health Center Updates

contributed by Lānaʻi Community Health Center

Lānaʻi Community Health Center (LCHC) would like to welcome Izabelle Vazquez-Ortega to our Behavioral Health team. Izabelle is a Clinical Psychology Doctoral Student at Hawaiʻi Pacific University. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Biology from the University of Redlands. Her clinical interests include child and adolescent psychology, trauma-informed care, multicultural and community mental health, and systemic inequities across juvenile justice and school systems. In her leisure time she enjoys spending time outdoors, making shell jewelry, trying new cooking recipes, and relaxing at the beach with her dog.

Jon Wataoka recently joined us here at LCHC as a Clinical Pharmacist, bringing 30 years of experience in pharmacy practice. Originally from Oʻahu, Jon is passionate about rural healthcare and improving access to medication and wellness services for island communities. He is especially focused on patient-centered care, medication safety, and supporting health education initiatives.

Outside of work, Jon enjoys gardening, fishing and spending time with family. He is excited to be part of Lānaʻi's 'ohana and looks forward to helping strengthen the health and well-being of the community.

Lānaʻi Community Health Center's Provider House, located at 339 Sixth Street is slated for completion in September 2025. This 7 bedroom home, which includes a certified kitchen, will house providers and staff that travel to provide care for our community.



LCHC's Provider House as of July 2025



Behavioral Health Intern, Izabelle Vazquez-Ortega



Clinical Pharmacist, Jon Wataoka

Maui Economic Opportunity on Lānaʻi: Helping the Community

contributed by Maui Economic Opportunity

Maui Economic Opportunity (MEO) offers an assortment of programs for Lānaʻi residents from transportation to food distribution, housing, and utility assistance. MEO has an office on the island at 1144 ʻIlima Ave. #102 in Lānaʻi City. Rose Jane Ancheta is MEO's Lānaʻi Branch Manager.

MEO provides the closest thing to mass transit on the island, offering transportation by reservation without out-of-pocket cost to residents, for shopping, work, medical, and other activities. The specialized transportation service is offered through a grant from the County of Maui.

Another popular transportation program is the Lānaʻi Shopping Shuttle, which takes residents to Maui for shopping and other appointments in Central Maui. MEO handles the transportation on Lānaʻi and Maui and Expeditions ferries the residents across the channel from Mānele to Māʻalaea Small Boat Harbors. The day trips are offered on Tuesdays. Reservations need to be made in advance on a first-come, first-served basis and space is limited.

MEO is a Community Action Agency (CAA), one of more than a thousand agencies formed nationwide as part of President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty in the 1960s. Each Hawaiʻi County has a CAA with MEO assisting residents in need on the three main islands of Maui County.

Chartered in 1965, MEO is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. In addition to the Human Services transportation and Shopping Shuttle, MEO offers many of its Community Services and Business Development Center (BDC) programs on Lānaʻi. These services include:

- Rental assistance.
- Utility assistance for those facing disconnection and an electricity credits program for income-eligible households.
- Food distribution through the Maui Food Bank once a month.
- Business microloans through the Agape Grant.
- Micro-agriculture grant program, offering up to \$25,000 to small farms and ranches, funded by Maui County.
- Business planning and financial literacy classes in person and virtually.

Earlier this year, a team of MEO specialists taught the Teen Financial Literacy class at Lānaʻi High and Elementary. The students learned about budgeting, loans, credit, and other basic financial information. The classes were well received, and MEO plans to offer these classes on a regular basis.

To access these programs, contact MEO's Lānaʻi Office at 808-565-6665.



Maui Economic Opportunity's Lianne Peros-Busch and Teon Simmons teach Teen Financial Literacy at Lānaʻi High & Elementary



MEO coordinates Mānele–Maui transportation, including Expeditions Ferry and bus service

Lānaʻi Cancer Fund Gears Up for Charity Golf Tournament

contributed by the Lānaʻi Cancer Fund

The Lānaʻi Cancer Fund (LCF) and its board is excited about its upcoming Charity Golf Tournament on September 13th at the renowned Four Seasons Mānele Golf Course.

Seventy-two golfers will tee it up in a two-person scramble to have fun, support the LCF, and most importantly help raise funds for a worthy cause.

The LCF has been in existence since 2006 and has served over 170 residents diagnosed with cancer. Thanks to donations, small and large, the LCF has disbursed over \$192,000.00 to help residents with treatment-related costs (transportation, lodging, food/meals, out-of-pocket medical expenses, etc.).

Lānaʻi Kinaʻole has been LCF's fiscal and administrative sponsor since its inception. The nine-member LCF board reviews applications after Kinaʻole staff process the application and/or reimbursement request. A \$500.00 stipend is provided to the patient once the application has been approved, sometimes within 24 hours. Patients are reimbursed up to \$1,000.00 for treatment-related expenses.

The LCF's goal is to raise approximately \$32,000.00 and net approximately \$25,000.00. As of 8/11/25, we are at 75% of our goal, excluding tournament expenses. Donations have included prizes for the winning golf teams, monetary donations for the fund, and prizes for our raffle drawing.

Lānaʻi residents have contributed to the LCF via its penny jars at Richard's, Pine Isle, Lānaʻi Service Station, and Mānele General Store. Tournament monetary donations have ranged from \$25.00 to \$2,350.00. The LCF has occasionally received fundraising proceeds from local organizations and the Visitor Industry Charity Walk.

We continue to accept donations leading up to the tournament, both monetary and for tournament prizes. We are also establishing a digital donation platform account and would welcome donations throughout the year, either annually or recurring.

Please contact Butch Gima, LCF President, at bg325@hotmail.com or 808-559-9566 if you have any questions and/or would like to donate.

2006 to 2025 Summary

- Number Served: 170 residents
- Total Amount Disbursed: \$192,381
- Average Disbursed Per Year: \$10,666
- Average Residents Assisted Per Year: 9–10
- Administrative Support: Lānaʻi Kinaʻole, Inc., where applications are submitted and processed

Board Members: John Schaumburg, Kanoe Shimizu, Cindy Figuerres, Kris Hera, Elsie Morita, Olivia Pascual, Giyana Agliam, Jean Sumagit, Butch Gima



Butch Gima and Neal Tamashiro, tournament coordinators



Teammates Lucky Bolo, Hansel Costales, Ed Vila & Celso Villa on the 17th hole tee box

Dual Enrollment Takes Lānaʻi Students From Classroom to Field

contributed by Lānaʻi High & Elementary School Foundation

Six Lānaʻi dual enrollment students were able to participate in a one-week UH Mānoa class, titled ES 496 (Ethnic Studies), learning about the labor industry and union organization on Maui and Lānaʻi.

The week-long course took place on both islands, where they had classes from 8 a.m. until bedtime. They also camped at various locations with their teachers and other students from Maui and Oʻahu. They were fortunate to meet and learn from local Lānaʻi union leaders like ʻIlima Long, Jimmy Fernandez, and Joeffery Baltero. They also visited sites all over the island and listened to kumu Simon Tajiri, who told the stories about Pedro de la Cruz and Manso at the LHES murals.

The courses ended with group presentations holding mock negotiating meetings, discussing contracts, and other issues. The six students who participated were: Spencer Chew, Myah Doolin, Micah Kahihikolo, Hannah Mae Lee, Kelly Raqueno, and Jake Ropa. They all received three college credits and helped co-teach when they were on Lānaʻi.

This program was made possible through the Native Hawaiian Student Services at UH Mānoa, the Hoapili Program at UH Maui College, and the ILWU. We would like to give a special mahalo to Nalani Balutski, Willy Kauai, Kahele Dukelow, Kanoë Pacheco, Maluhia Low, and Hezekiah Kapuaʻala.



Lānaʻi dual enrollment student participants alongside Jimmy Fernandez, Natalie Ropa, and Simon Tajiri



Participants of UH Mānoa's ES 496 class during their week-long course on Maui and Lānaʻi



Safety Starts with You!

Join Us at the Lanai Health Fair

Maui Health is proud to join the Lanai Health Fair at Dole Park. We're bringing valuable resources to the community — including free helmets for keiki, hands-on safety training, and life-saving demonstrations. Stop by our booth to connect with your local healthcare team, learn practical skills, and take home free gear to help keep your 'ohana safe.

Let's work together to keep Lanai safe and healthy!

- **Location:** Dole Park
- **Date:** Saturday, November 1, 2025
- **Time:** 10 AM – 2 PM

What's Happening at Our Booth



Trauma Prevention Station

- Free bike & skateboard helmets for keiki
- Professional helmet fittings to ensure safety and comfort



Stop the Bleed Training

- Quick 5–10 minute demos on how to use a tourniquet
- Receive a free tourniquet when you participate

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May 2025 Employee of the Month



Izza Ramos
Hospital Aide, Long-term Care

Izza consistently fosters collaboration with all departments to ensure our residents receive the highest quality care. Her positive attitude, compassion, and gentle demeanor bring comfort and calm to our residents. She's always willing to lend a helping hand—even volunteering for extra shifts when needed. Izza's dedication, warmth, and teamwork make her an invaluable part of our team. Thank you, Izza for your hard work and dedication! You are truly appreciated!

Our Locations

Maui Memorial Medical Center
Maui Memorial Outpatient Clinic
Maui Wound Care and Hyperbaric Therapy
Kula Hospital and Clinic
Lāna'i Community Hospital