



Mayor's Highlights



THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- Outdoor Dining Permits Issued
- Anti-bullying Bill
- Pride Month
- Moving Forward on Rail
- Getting Ready for the Holiday Season

OUTDOOR DINING

Honolulu's year-round beautiful weather and innovative restaurant community create the perfect conditions for a unique outdoor dining experience. For decades, residents of Honolulu have asked for restaurants to be allowed to have outdoor seating on sidewalks and similar spaces. During the COVID-19 pandemic an outdoor dining program was allowed through Emergency Orders and now a pilot program, made possible through City Council Bill 27, has been started by this Administration.

“What is really great about Bill 27 is it allows people to have dinner in a really fun way. We all like to eat outside, whether we are talking about picnics at the beach or barbecues in our backyard, and now, we can do it with our favorite restaurants. On top of that, this is really good for the restaurant business as well.

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In October, the first outdoor dining permits were issued to a number of businesses including the Surfing Pig in Kaimukī and Il Gelato in Waikīkī by the City's departments of Planning and Permitting and Transportation Services as part of a two-year pilot program. These permits allow restaurants to provide outdoor dining services to customers on City property, such as sidewalks or pedestrian malls. Not only does this give businesses an opportunity to expand their offerings in an outdoor setting, it activates and enlivens City properties.

The Office of Economic Revitalization's team of Business and Constituent Educators is available to assist businesses and provides both one-on-one support and informational webinars on a number of topics.

Apply for an Outdoor Dining Permit

Learn more about the Business and Constituent Educators

Visit oneoahu.org/newsletter/#nov2022 for application link and more information!

Visit revitalizeoahu.org/bce to learn more or schedule a conversation.

Service with Respect, Fairness, and Equality

Equality and acceptance of our diverse communities have long been cornerstones of Hawaii's culture of aloha and it is a priority of the Blangiardi administration in our commitment to serve all residents of O'ahu.

Anti-Bullying Bill

With many youth programs run in the City and County of Honolulu and no policy against bullying, working with Councilmember Augie Tulba, District 9, the Blangiardi administration developed and drafted Bill 52: "Relating to Youth Bullying" to put our city's anti-bullying commitment into law. Councilmember Augie Tulba, whose daughter Mahealani Sims-Tulba founded BRAVE (Be Respectful and Value Everyone) Hawai'i, an anti-bullying non-profit, introduced the administration's bill in October 2022. With a close association between bullying, anxiety, depression and an increased risk for suicide, Bill 52 will prevent bullying in all city programs and on all city property, prevent retaliation against those who report bullying and establish city anti-bullying policies.

“Bullying can take many forms and has no place in city programs or on city property. Youth should know there is a place for them in our city programs, like Summer Fun, where they will be welcomed and treated as equals amongst their peers, knowing that it is a safe space for them to grow and learn.

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Summer Fun participants

About Bill 52:

Bill 52 is designed to:

- prevent bullying of youths in City programs on City property
- prevent retaliation against those who report bullying
- establish City policies and procedures necessary to provide a protective environment for youth

Learn more about Bill 52 at honolulu.citycouncil.org.

PRIDE

October 2022 was PRIDE month on O'ahu and in a show of support for Hawai'i's LGBTQ+ community, Honolulu Hale was lit in rainbow colors for the first week of October and city leaders represented the Blangiardi administration in the Honolulu Pride parade. Mayor Blangiardi and his administration are committed to policies that include and welcome all members of Hawai'i's diverse communities.



City Administration and staff join the Honolulu Pride parade

Moving Forward on Rail



Following two years with new leadership and renewed project collaboration, Honolulu's rail system is approaching the opening of initial opening of passenger service between East Kapolei and Aloha Stadium. Since coming into office, the Blangiardi administration has worked tirelessly with the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), the HART Board, the Honolulu City Council and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to bring this critical mass transit project back on track after a series of challenges in 2020.

Recognizing strong leadership is key to rebuilding trust with the FTA, the HART board appointed Lori Kahikina as Executive Director/CEO and elected Colleen Hanabusa as Board Chair. Mayor Blangiardi, CEO Kahikina, Deputy Director Rick Keene, and the HART Board worked closely with the FTA in preparing an updated Recovery Plan focused on the City's financial capacity and commitment to move this project forward. HART's 2022 Recovery Plan was submitted to the FTA in June, one month ahead of schedule, and proposed a shortened project scope with an interim terminus at the Civic Center Station, located at the intersection of Halekauwila Street and South Street, and a temporary deferral of the Pearl Highlands Parking Garage. HART and the city remain committed to completing the full scope of the project to the Ala Moana Transit Center (and beyond) in subsequent phases of the project.

In a letter dated September 30, 2022, the FTA accepted HART's Recovery Plan and committed to release withheld federal funds, a first since 2017.

Rail construction has been completed from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium. Trial running and safety drills are ongoing to ensure the system is safe, comfortable, and reliable before the City's Department of Transportation Services opens rail operations to the public.



Mayor's Message: A few words from Rick Blangiardi

Throughout countless zoom calls during the campaign to become Mayor the subject of the Rail was always front and center. Even people who were supportive of Rail made it clear they had grown tired and disillusioned by extreme budget overruns, significant time delays, and the overall management of the project. Add to that the FTA had been withholding their financial contributions since 2017 because of faulty execution, and a subsequent lack of confidence in our ability to deliver what we were contractually bound to deliver. Twenty-two months into office I am very proud and grateful for the excellent work of Ms. Lori Kahikina, President and CEO of HART, her team, and the HART Board, led by Ms. Colleen Hanabusa, for their tireless and highly successful efforts to restore credibility and confidence in building this transformative project for the future generations of our island. We recently received approval from the FTA for our Recovery Plan which provides for a fully functional 18.75 mile, 19 station rail system that will service our three major employment centers, Pearl Harbor, the Airport, and downtown Honolulu including Chinatown!

This was a truly remarkable feat in less than two years, and is reflective of our Administration's commitment to solve difficult problems in the spirit of best serving the people of O'ahu.



Holiday Season

The holiday season is coming soon! The City and County of Honolulu invites you to enjoy the festivities with a number of events around Oahu. Visit oneoahu.org/holidays2022 for a schedule of events and to learn more!



Report an Issue in Your Community

You can report anything from a pothole to graffiti to a parking violation using the City's 311 app or website. Visit your phone's app store or honoluluhi.citysourced.com to learn more!

Get Emergency Notifications and City Services Updates

[HNL.info](https://hnl.info) is a one stop site for City services from emergency alerts to registering for City activities. Visit the website or download the app today!

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