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HCDCH's Rent Collection Policy

HCDCH's rent collection was approved by the HCDCH Board of Directors on December 16, 2004. It requires that management 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.

HCDCH

Contact Numbers

Applications

832-5960



Fair Housing Officer

832-6003

Homeless Programs

832-5930

Property Management and Maintenance Services

Branch

832-6034

Resident Services Section

832-5900

The PHA Plan



This is the last in a series of articles on the PHA 5-year and Annual plan, which began late last year. In previous issues, components 1-10 of HCDCH's PHA 5-year and Annual Plans were covered. In this article, we short summaries of components 11-18 of the PHA Plan are provided.

Component 11: Homeownership. In this section HCDCH describes any public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance homeownership programs administered or planned by HCDCH.

Component 12: Community Service and Self-Sufficiency. In this section, HCDCH must report on efforts to enter into a cooperative agreement with the local welfare (TANF) agency and to coordinate activities with the TANF agency for the provision of services to residents. HCDCH must also include information in this section on the agency's self-sufficiency policies and description of the program.

Component 13: Safety and Crime Prevention. In this section, HCDCH describes its plan for safety and crime prevention to promote the safety of the residents in public housing.

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Executive Director's Monthly Message

The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) of 1998 requires our housing agency to create a Five-Year and Annual PHA (Public Housing Authority) Plan. The Five-Year Plan describes HCDCH's mission and long-range goals and objectives over a five-year period, and provides the approach for managing programs and services for the upcoming year. The PHA Plan also serves as the annual application for grants to support improvements to public housing buildings (Capital Fund Program).

The resident community plays an important role in the development of the PHA Plan. To ensure public participation in the process, PHA Plans, including attachments and supporting documents, are available for review at our offices on all islands and at Public Libraries. Residents can ensure that their needs are being addressed and become more involved in issues that directly affect them. In addition, residents can provide important information regarding the physical condition of the developments and resident self-sufficiency needs. This information helps us to prioritize capital improvement activities and obtain supportive services for residents.

We welcome your input and you are invited to provide comments relating to the 2006 PHA 5-Year and Annual Plans either orally (at the March 23 public hearing on your island) or in writing. We look forward to your participation in making our communities a better place to live.

*Stephanie Aveiro
Executive Director*



Don't Let it Happen to You!

Identity Theft is on the rise, and Hawaii ranks 15th in the nation per capita for identity theft according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

The FTC, the agency that tracks identity thefts, reports victims can spend months or years of their hard earned money cleaning up the mess thieves have made to their good name and credit record.

Here is a list of several things you could do to prevent identity theft from happening to you.

- * Be aware to whom you give your Social Security Number or personal credit information.
- * Tear up receipts, bank statements and unused credit card offers received in the mail before discarding them.
- * Be aware of missing mail. Criminals may steal from a mailbox.
- * Don't mail bills from your own mailbox with the "flag up". Try to deposit out going mail in the post office collection boxes.

- * Review your monthly account for any unauthorized charges.
- * Use only reputable merchants when conducting transactions online.

If you are a victim of identity theft, the FTC urges victims to do four things.

1. Contact the fraud department of any of three major credit bureaus to put a fraud alert on your credit line.
2. Close the accounts that you know or believe have been tampered with or opening fraudulently.
3. File a police report. Get a copy of the report to submit to your creditors and others who may require proof of the crime.
4. File a complaint with the FTC.

Take extra precautions to prevent identity theft from happening to you.

TOLL FREE NUMBERS

Neighbor Island Residents may call **State Offices on Oahu toll free** by dialing:

HAWAII - Dial 974-4000; listen for the dial tone, enter the last five (5) digits of the State number and press the # key.

MAUI - Dial 984-2400; listen for dial tone enter the last five (5) digits of the State number and press the # key.

KAUAI - Dial 274-3141; listen for dial tone, enter the last five (5) digits of the State number and press the # key.

MOLOKAI/LANAI - Dial 1-800-468-4644; listen for dial tone enter the last five (5) digits of the State number, and press the # key.



Free Tax Help

Do you need help with your income tax return? You may want to visit a volunteer site. Trained and certified community volunteers can help you with some tax credits for which you may qualify. AND, this help is absolutely FREE!

This program offers help with preparation of basic Federal and Hawaii State income tax returns for those who cannot prepare their own tax returns and have low-to-moderate income (\$38,000 and below).

Check this site listing for the volunteer site nearest you or **call 24 hours daily (FREE 24/7) for the latest updates:**

AARP Tax-Aide at 1-888-227-7669; or

Aloha United Way at 877-275-6569 or AUW Hotline at 211 (toll free 24/7)

HONOLULU COUNTY



AIEA

Aiea Public Library

99-143 Moanalua Road
Tuesday 10AM -2PM
Feb 7th thru April 11th

Oahu Work Links- Makalapa

Makalapa Comm Center 2nd floor
99-102 Kalaloa
Wednesday 8AM - 7PM
Feb 1st thru April 12th
Saturday 8AM - 1PM
March 11th only
Call for appointment
(808)488-5630

KANEOHE

Community of Christ Church

45-119 Kaneohe Bay Drive
Tuesday and Thursday
8AM - 12NOON
Feb 2nd through April 13th

Key Project

47-200 Waihee Road
Friday and Saturday
8:30AM - 12:30PM
Feb 3rd thru April 14th

HALEIWA

Waialua Community Association

66-434 Kamehameha Hwy.
Tuesday
9AM - 1PM
Feb 7th thru April 11th

WAIMANALO

Waimanalo Health Center

41-1347 Kalaniana'ole Hwy
Thursday 9AM -12:30PM
March 11th ONLY

WAHIAWA

Wahiawa Public Library

820 California Ave
Thursday and Friday
12NOON-4PM
Feb 2nd thru April 14th
Japanese Spoken

WAIANAE

Waianae Community Center

85-670 Farrington Hwy.
Tuesday and Wednesday
8:30AM-12NOON
Feb 1st - April 12th

WAIPAHU

Filipino Community Center (FILCOM)

94-428 Mokuola Street
Saturday
9:30AM-12:30PM
March 18th ONLY

Hawaii Asset Bldg Coalition Weed and Seed (FILCOM)

94-132 Pupuhuhui Street #2
Monday thru Thursday
3PM - 8PM
Feb 6th thru April 13th
Call for appt: (808) 593-8411

WAIPAHU

Hawaii Plantation Village

94-695 Waipahu St.
Tuesday and Thursday
8:30AM-12:30PM
Feb 2nd - April 13th

HONOLULU

Harris United Methodist Church

20 S. Vineyard Blvd. Room 11
Wednesday
9AM - 1PM
Feb 1st - April 12th

Goodwill Beretania

1075 Beretania St.
Thursday and Saturday
3PM - 7PM
March 4th and 18th
Chinese and Filipino Spoken

Legal Aid Society of Hawaii

924 Bethel St.
Monday thru Thursday
9AM - 5PM
Feb 1st - April 13th
CLOSED Feb 20th and Mar 27th
Call for Appointment
(808) 527-8050

AARP Information Office

1199 Dillingham Blvd. Unit A-106
Tuesday and Thursday
3PM - 6PM
Saturday 9AM - 12NOON
Feb 2nd -April 15th

HONOLULU

Liliha Multi-Purpose Senior Center

1640 Lanakila Ave.
Mondays ONLY
8AM - 12NOON
Feb 6th - April 17th
Appointment Required
Call (808) 847-1322
Iris Hamamoto
Japanese Spoken

Ala Wai Comm Park

2015 Kapiolani Blvd
Tuesday and Thursday
8:30AM-12:30PM
Feb 2nd - April 13th
Chinese Spoken

Susannah Wesley Community Center

1117 Kaili St.
Saturday
9AM-12NOON
Feb 4th - March 25th
No E-file.

Kalihi Palama Public Library

1325 Kalihi St.
Friday
9AM - 1PM
Feb 3rd - April 14th

Oahu Work Links Dillingham

1505 Dillingham Blvd Suite 110
Wednesday and Friday
11AM - 3PM
Feb 1st - April 12th
Call for appointment
(808) 843-0733 x 221

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HAWAII COUNTY



CAPTAIN COOK

Yano Hall

82-6156 Mamalahoa Hwy.
Weds 9AM to 1PM
Feb 1st through April 12th
For information call (808) 334-1212

KAMUELA

Waimea Senior Housing - Meeting Room

67-5165 Kamamalu Street
Mon and Thurs 8AM to 12NOON
Feb 2nd - April 17th
Appt Required: (808) 885-4560
Anne Gomes

KAILUA-KONA

AARP Information Center

Royal Kona Resort Hotel
Mon & Weds 1PM to 5PM
Feb 1st through April 12th
Appt Required: call (808) 334-1212
Japanese Spoken

County Office - Meeting Room

Kuakini Hwy & Hamana Place
Saturday 8AM to 2PM
Feb 4th through April 15th

Hale Halewai Community Center

75-5760 Ali'i Drive
Thursday 8AM to 2PM
Feb 2nd through April 13th
Call (808) 334-1212

HILO

Kamana Senior Center

127 Kamana Street
Thurs. 8AM to 12 NOON
Feb 2nd through April 13th
Appt Required: call (808) 961-8777

St. Joesph Church-Conference Room

43 Kapiolani Street
Thurs. 8AM to 12 NOON
Feb 7th through April 11th
Appt Required: call (808) 961-8777

MAUI COUNTY



PAIA

Kaunoa Senior Center
401 Alakapa Place
Wednesday 9AM -1PM
Feb 1st through April 12th
Appointment Required
Call (808) 270-7306

LAHAINA

Lahaina Senior Center
788 Pauoa Street
Tuesday 9AM -12NOON
Feb 7th through March 28
No E-file.

PUKALANI

Hannibal Tavares Comm Center
91 Pukalani Street
Saturday 9AM -1PM
Feb 4th through April 15th
No E-file.

KAHULUI

Kahului Union Church
101 W. Kamehameha Ave Room 4
Saturday 9AM -12NOON
Feb 4th through April 15th
No E-file
NO CALLS TO CHURCH OR PASTOR

KAUAI COUNTY



KAPAA

Kapaa Neighborhod Center
4401 Kou Street
Thursday 8:30AM - 11:30AM
March 9th & 23rd, April 6th
No E-file.

KOLOA

Koloa Community School Library
Wednesday 1PM - 4PM
Feb 1st - April 12th

KILAUEA

Kilauea Senior Center
Wednesday 8:30AM - 11:30AM
March 15th ONLY
No E-file.

LIHUE

AARP Information Center
4212A Rice Street
9AM - 12NOON
Saturday
March 4, 18 and 25
April 8th
Appointment Required
Call (808) 246-4500

LIHUE

Lihue Neighborhood Center
Eona Street
Tuesday 8:30AM - 11:30AM
March 14 & 28
April 4th
No E-file.
For Infor call (808) 246-4500



HCDCH Draft FY 2006 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), Department of Human Services, State of Hawaii will hold public hearings as specified below on the Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plans 5-Year and Annual Plans.

Background: The HCDCH is currently developing its Fiscal Year 06-07 PHA 5-Year and Annual Plans as required by the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) of 1998. The QHWRA was enacted to revitalize and improve federal public housing and tenant-based assistance programs and make significant changes to federal and Section 8 tenant-based programs. The 5-Year Plan states the HCDCH's mission, goals, and objectives for serving the need of low-income and very low-income families during the next five years. The Annual Plan details the operations 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 strategies in addressing the needs of residents in federal public housing and recipients of Section 8 tenant-based assistance.

The draft of the 5-Year and Annual Plans have been posted on the HCDCH website at <http://www.hcdch.hawaii.gov>, and may also be viewed at the following regional libraries throughout the State.

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| <i>Hawaii State Library</i> | <i>Kaneohe Public Library</i> |
| <i>Kaimuki Public Library</i> | <i>Hilo Public Library</i> |
| <i>Pearl City Public Library</i> | <i>Kailua-Kona Public Library</i> |
| <i>Kapolei Public Library</i> | <i>Lihue Public Library</i> |
| <i>Waianae Public Library</i> | <i>Kahului Public Library</i> |



The public hearings will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2006 at 6:00pm at the following locations:

- HCDCH
677 Queen Street, Suite 300
Honolulu, HI 96813
- Hale Nana Kai O Kea Comm. Center
4850 Kawaihau Road
Kapaa, HI 96746
- Piilani Elderly Comm. Center
1028 Wainee Street
Lahaina, HI 96761
- Makani Kai Hale Comm. Hall
35 Koapaka Lane
Waiehu, HI 96793
- Kealakehe Intermediate School
74-5062 Onipa'a Street
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
- Lanakila Homes Comm. Center
600 Wailoa Street
Hilo, HI 96720
- Kahale Mua
Maunaloa Highway
Molokai, HI 96770

HCDCH Locations where 5-year and Annual plans 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	Lanakila Homes 600 Wailoa Street Hilo, HI 96720

All interested persons are invited to provide comments relating to the FY 2006 PHA 5-Year and Annual Plans either orally or in writing. If written testimony is presented, 5 copies should be made available to the presiding officer at the public hearing. All written comments may also be mailed to HCDCH, Property Management and Maintenance Branch, Attn: Resident Services Section at 677 Queen St. Suite 300, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 or fax them to (808) 832-5910 by 4:30 p.m. by Wednesday, March 22, 2006. Comments can also be sent through electronic mail to hcdch@hcdch.hawaii.gov, but must arrive by Wednesday, March 22, 2006. All comments and testimony received will be considered in preparing the PHA Plans.



Construction Corner



Project Site: Makamae

Exterior repairs and renovations

<i>Bid</i>	<i>March 2006</i>
<i>Start Construction</i>	<i>May 2006</i>
<i>Complete Construction</i>	<i>November 2007</i>
<i>Move in</i>	<i>December 2007</i>

The Construction Management Section will be providing monthly information and updates on projects currently being worked on or on projects where construction is being planned.

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Component 14: Pet Policy: HCDCH provides a statement of their policy regarding pet ownership in public housing. Residents in public housing will need to follow these policies if they want to own a pet.

Component 15: Civil Rights Certification: HCDCH must certify in this section that it will carry out the PHA Plan in accordance with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Component 16: Fiscal Audit: HCDCH is required to include in the PHA Plan, the results of the most recent fiscal audit.

Component 17: Asset Management: In this section, HCDCH will need to provide information such as long term operation, capital investments, rehabilitation, modernization, or disposition that will be done to HCDCH's housing inventory.

Component 18: Other Information: This section covers several topics including the Resident Advisory Board and Resident Membership on HCDCH's governing board.

Remember that the PHA Plan serves as a very important planning tool to help HCDCH decide how it will reach its goals.

Tips on Saving Gas



With Hawaii leading the nation in gas prices, we have come up with several ways to save at the fuel pump.

- 1. Get regular service**
According to the U.S Department of Energy, you can improve gas mileage by about 3% by keeping your tires properly inflated. Keeping you engine tuned up can improve your mileage by 4%.
- 2. Drive Sensibly**
Speeding, rapid acceleration and braking can lower your gas mileage as much as 33% on the highway and 5% in the city.
- 3. Lower resistance**
In slow city or stop-and-go traffic, turn off the aid conditioner and open the windows. At high speeds, keep the windows rolled up and turn the air conditioner on, if necessary.
- 4. Empty the trunk.**
For every 200 pounds of extra weight, you lose about one mile per gallon of fuel efficiency.
- 5. Drive efficiently**
Try to consolidate errands as much as possible so you aren't making unnecessary trips.
- 6. Use the right grade of gasoline.**
Most cars work fine with regular unleaded gas, but you should check your car manual.

If you want to check out a comparison of local gas prices, visit www.hawaiigasprices.com.