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Executive Director's Monthly Message

Dear Residents,

We just got word that HUD's annual Real Estate Assessment inspection will be in June and was not carried out in March as previously expected.

Once again, I would like to remind you that 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 an 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.

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Executive Director



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On Tuesday, May 24 from 9:00a.m to 4:00p.m, the O'ahu WorkLinks is co-sponsoring the WorkForce 2005 Job Fair at the Neal Blaisdell Center. General Admission is \$2.00 and \$1.00 for students with a school ID. Over 125 employers will be participating and over 100 employers/businesses taking applications and conducting on-site job interviews. Please remember to dress appropriately for the interview. In addition, job readiness workshops will be available at the fair. For more information, call 536-7222 or visit www.successhi.com.

O'ahu WorkLinks is a partnership of co-located employment training service programs offered by the State's Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Workforce Development Division, the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Community Services Work Hawaii, ALU LIKE, and the Honolulu Community Action Program.

Leadership Training

On March 15, 2005, Resident Association officers gathered at the fourth Leadership Development Workshop sponsored by the HCDCH and coordinated by the Resident Services Section. The workshop was held at the Dole Cannery Ballrooms and featured certified Tongue Fu trainer Ms Gwen Fujie, Ms. Sherri Okinaga, Co-founder & Principal of Insight Consulting and Training and Mr. Harvey Lee, Mr. Cansisius Filibert and Mr. Kanchi Hosia from Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL).

During the session on Tongue Fu, Ms. Fujie taught the resident leaders different communication skills that they could utilize in working with the residents. Ms. Okinaga



Hawaii National Guard's Youth Challenge

Making the wrong choices, hanging out with the wrong crowd and getting into drugs and alcohol were some of situations that Genesis, Tiana and Frances were involved with prior to getting into the National Guard's Youth Challenge Program.

Located in Barber's Point, Youth Challenge, under the watchful eye of director Wallace Mitsui, gives academic opportunities to troubled youths, in a highly disciplined environment. Living in federal public housing, all three of these students had experienced significant negative events in their lives that made them want to make a positive change. The changes the students made in their attitude, behaviors and their thinking were difficult at first, however, these changes, along with self-motivation and discipline was needed in order to be successful in the program. These three hard working youth are scheduled to graduate in early June and we congratulate them on their success.



Persons interested in the National Guard's Youth Challenge Program can contact Mr. Wallace Mitsui at 673-7530 ext 220 or check out their website at www.dod.state.hi. All applicants must have no felony criminal record, must be a United States Citizen or national and must be 16 to 18 years of age. In addition, all applicants must be drug free before entering the program.

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worked with the Presidents and Vice-Presidents from various associations on conflict resolution, empowering them with techniques to use in situations of possible conflict.

The afternoon session featured Mr. Harvey Lee, Mr Cansisius Filibert and Mr Kanchi Hosia from PREL who educated the officers on the Micronesian culture. Many resident association leaders commented that they are finding more and more families moving in from the Freely Associated States and wanted more information on how to get them involved in community activities. The goal of this session was to help provide tools so that association officers could communicate and understand their neighbors better.

The day was full of valuable information that the community leaders will be able to use in their everyday lives and in their interaction with the community. Congratulations to all those who attended for taking the time to better themselves and their community.





HUD needs to HEAR from you!

The Resident Service and Satisfaction Survey is one of four ways that HUD's new Real Estate Assessment Center will evaluate your housing agency's performance through the new Public Housing Assessment (PHAS). The survey will measure your satisfaction and experience with your living conditions. Your household may be randomly selected to receive the survey. If you are selected, please take the time to complete it. Resident participation is essential to the survey's success. Your opinion is very important to HUD! If you want to learn more about the REAC surveys please attend one of the meetings listed below or call the REAC's Customer Service Center at 1 (888) 245-4860.

Notice of Resident Meeting

Kauai:	May 3 at 5:00 p.m.	Location:Kapaa Community Hall
	May 4 at 7:00 p.m.	Location:Kekaha Ha'aheo Community Hall
Maui:	May 24 at 5:00 p.m.	Location:David Malo Circle
	May 24 at 7:00 p.m.	Location:Kahekili Terrace (upper)
	May 25 at 9:30 a.m.	Location:Piilani Community Hall
	May 25 at 6:00 p.m.	Location:Makani Kai Hale Community Hall
Molokai:	May 16 at 6:00 p.m.	Location: Kahale Mua Community Hall
Big Island:	May 6 at 10:00 am.	Location:Nani Olu
	May 18 at 7:00 p.m.	Location:Lanakila Recreation Center
Oahu:	May 10 at 6:00 p.m.	Location:Kalihi Valley Homes Community Hall
	May 10 at 6:00 p.m.	Location:Puuwai Momi (Makalapa Center)
	May 11 at 6:30 p.m.	Location:Kuhio Park Terrace Community Hall
	May 17 at 6:30 p.m.	Location:Kauhale Nani Community Hall
	May 19 at 7:00 p.m.	Location:Waimaha/Sunflower Pavilion
	May 20 at 6:30 p.m.	Location:Palolo Valley Homes
	May 23 at 6:00 p.m.	Location:Kalakaua Low-Rise Community Hall
	May 25 at 6:00 p.m.	Location:Mayor Wright Homes Community Hall
	May 26 at 7:00 p.m.	Location:Koolau Village Community Center

The meeting should last approximately 30 minutes. Please note that surveys will be sent only to selected households living in **federally funded housing sites**.

Stephanie Aveiro, Executive Director



FACTS ABOUT HUD's RESIDENT SURVEY

What is the Resident Service and Satisfaction Survey?

The Resident Service and Satisfaction Survey is sent to a sample of public housing residents at each Public Housing Agency (PHA) on a yearly basis to find out how satisfied they are with the living conditions at their development. This survey is part HUD's increased commitment to monitoring Public Housing Agencies.

HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) has a new way of measuring your housing agency's performance. HUD has developed a new method to more accurately evaluate the performance of Public Housing Agencies called the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS). PHAS evaluates the physical condition, financial health, management operations, and resident services of Public Housing Agencies in the United States. The PHAS will measure overall resident satisfaction with living conditions using the Resident Service and Satisfaction Survey. Your household may be randomly selected to participate in this survey.

How is this survey different from other development surveys?

For the first time your satisfaction and experience with your living conditions will be included in HUD's yearly evaluation of your housing agency. This survey was developed with the help of PHAs, resident leaders, and representatives of the industry.

Who will receive this survey?

All Public Housing residents throughout the nation will be included in the survey process. Not all residents will receive a survey. Residents will be chosen randomly using a computer program. The survey will take place yearly, so if you do not receive a survey this year you may in the future.

How will survey results be used?

HUD will use the overall results of the survey to help determine how well your development is doing in five areas (maintenance and repair, services, communication, safety, and development appearance). The Resident Service and Satisfaction Survey equals 10 out of 100 points your housing agency may receive under the PHAS. Answers residents provide make up a possible 5 points, while marketing the survey and follow-up actions taken by PHA management could equal another 5 possible points.

PHA management is expected to use information from the survey to help identify areas that need improvement within your development, and to develop a Follow-up Plan to address problems identified.

Will anyone know how I responded to the survey?

If you receive a survey, you should not write your name on it. HUD is committed to ensuring that your PHA management will *not* know who participated or how individuals responded. Your identity will remain confidential. Only the overall results of the survey will be shared with PHA management.

Whom do I contact if I have any other questions?

If you have any questions about the Resident Service and Satisfaction Survey, call the REAC's Customer Service Center at 1-888-245-4860 (calls are toll free).



David Malo Community Pride....

...that's the buzzword for the David Malo Community Association. February 2005, kicked off the beginning of David Malo's monthly Beautification Day that helps to instill community pride and spruce up the neighborhood. Equipped with weed wackers, rakes, and brooms, both adults and youth worked up a sweat on one sunny Saturday morning. After all was said and done, the residents felt proud of their first-class community. Now there was a well-deserved extra bounce in the residents' step, and the feeling of aloha could be felt in the air. The Beautification day planned for March was cancelled due to bad weather, but that only helped to create anticipation for the April clean up. Our hats off to the volunteers who help create a community for everyone to be proud of!




Easter at Kahale Mua

Spring is Here. On a rainy Saturday morning, the Kahale Mua Tenant Association, in partnership with the Onipa'a Tenant Association, sponsored an Easter Celebration at the community hall. Promoted as an alcohol and drug free event, the morning included a fun-filled and competitive keiki Easter Egg hunt and Easter Basket and Easter Egg decoration contest. Every keiki received an Easter basket filled with goodies. The day ended with the families enjoying a delicious potluck! A big **MAHALO** to the Executive Board of both resident associations, manager Johnette Ka'ai, and all the resident volunteers who helped boil and color eggs, prepare the Easter baskets, donate food, and all of their efforts that helped make this event a huge success!

MAY 8, 2005 is MOTHER'S DAY

Happy Mother's Day" means more
 Than have a happy day.
 Within those words lie lots of
 things
 We never get to say.
 It means I love you first of all,
 Then thanks for all you do.
 It means you mean a lot to me,
 And that I honor you.

But most of all, I guess it means
 That I am thinking of
 Your happiness on this, your day,
 With pleasure and with love

Author: Kay Hunt





FEDERAL PUBLIC HOUSING. Pet Owners - Taking care of a pet is a big responsibility. Here are several rules to remember if you own a pet.

- You must get your Manager's approval before bringing your pet into your unit. Applications are available at your management office. A pet deposit of \$75 will be required.
- All pets need to remain inside your unit. If you take your dog or cat outside, it must be on a leash. No animals are allowed in the laundromat, hallways, courtyard or any other common dwelling in the project. This is for the safety of your pet and other residents.
- The pet policy prohibits animals from being tied outside your unit. You also may not build a dog house for your dog to live outside in your yard or patio.
- Your household must be responsible to clean up your pet's waste both inside and outside your unit. Pet waste should not be washed down any drains or flushed down any toilets.

For the full version of the Pet Policy see your management office or visit the HCDCH website at www.hcdch.hawaii.gov click on Frequently Asked Questions, go to Public Housing, and look for Pet Policy.

Children's Corner



Living in paradise may lead us to forget that crime does happen in Hawaii. With the ohana spirit a way of life, we are all Aunties or Uncles to someone and must not forget that safety for our keiki is important. As the saying goes, "The keiki are the future of Hawaii" so here are a few safety tips provided by the Honolulu Police Department to teach our keiki:

- Always inform your child to check first with an adult or person in charge before going anywhere or getting into a car, even with someone they know.
- Teach your child their full name, address, and phone number.
- Teach your child to not talk or accept anything from a stranger.
- Teach your child to walk with a friend to school or to the park. It's fun! Your child will have company and people may not bother them as easily if they have a friend with them.
- Remind your child to scream for "Help" if someone tries to grab them.
- When at home, direct your child to tell an adult if they see anyone hanging around the home.
- Most importantly - teach your child how to call for help by calling 911 for emergencies.