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HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCT. THROUGH DEC 2023 POSTED BELOW.

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The focus of news coverage this quarter continues to be the Maui wildfires and the Lahaina fire that killed at least 100 people, left an estimated 4 unaccounted for, and destroyed five square miles of historic Lahaina town.

Maui started off this quarter with the controversial return to tourism on Oct. 8, excluding the burn zone in Lahaina. Maui continues to have the highest RevPAR in the state, but visitor numbers and spending are down. The visitor industry launched an educational campaign to inform visitors on respectful behavior following the fires.

Displaced students also returned to their home campuses, with Kamehameha III Elementary students attending a shared campus at Lahaina Intermediate until a temporary campus is built near the Kapalua Airport.

This quarter saw the reassignment, return, and departure of Kaleo Manuel from the Commission on Water Resource Management following his controversial reassignment following the Lahaina wildfires.

The county completed its Return to Lahaina phase with the reopening of residential zones under the direction of the Maui Emergency Management Agency. MEMA's interim director Darryl Oliveira returned to the Big Island after an 89-day contract ended. Amos Lonokailua-Hewitt came out of retirement from the Maui Fire Department to take on the MEMA post in the new year.

The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement hosted its event on Maui with keynote speakers sharing their vision for Lahaina and issues surrounding wildfire recovery.

Coverage continues to include live streaming of important press conferences, interviews with key legislators, community leaders and residents impacted by the disaster.

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TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DATE
No tsunami threat to Hawai'i after 7.5 Japan quake on New Year's Eve	There is no tsunami threat to Hawai'i following a 7.4 moment earthquake reported off the west coast of Honshu, Japan at 9:10 p.m. HST on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023.	2023/12/31 at 10:09 pm
Māla Ocean Tavern set to reopen in February 2024	Hana Hou Hospitality announced its Māla Ocean Tavern is set to reopen in February of 2024. The restaurant is one of five West Maui establishments run by the group, two of which were destroyed by the Aug. 8, 2023 wildfire in Lahaina.	2023/12/31 at 11:21 am
Surfer from Ha'ikū dies after being bit by shark at Maui's Pā'ia Bay	Maui County closed Baldwin Beach Park and Lower Pā'ia Park (Baby Beach) due to the shark encounter.	2023/12/30 at 3:41 pm
Hotel circulator shuttles to cease on Tuesday, Jan. 2 in West Maui	The Maui County Department of Transportation announced that the hotel circulator shuttles in West Maui will be discontinued effective 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024.	2023/12/30 at 6:00 am
Task Force confiscates 17.5 tons of illegal fireworks in third large seizure in two weeks	This is the third shipping container within the last two weeks discovered during routine tariff inspections to have contained illegal fireworks. To date, the task force has seized nearly 105,000 pounds of illegal fireworks since its inception about five months ago.	2023/12/30 at 5:00 am
HVO reports elevated unrest, increased seismicity to the south of Kīlauea summit	The USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory issued an information statement on Friday evening reporting elevated unrest and increased seismicity to the south of Kīlauea's summit. The HVO reports that Kīlauea is not erupting, but that the increased unrest started at around 1:10 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, and is continuing.	2023/12/29 at 9:13 pm
Retired Fire Battalion Chief Amos Lonokailua-Hewett selected as new Maui Emergency Management Agency Administrator	Amos Lonokailua-Hewett has been selected as the new administrator of the Maui Emergency Management Agency, effective Jan. 1, 2024. He brings to the position 25 years of service with Maui Fire Department before retiring in 2019 as a battalion chief.	2023/12/29 at 8:52 pm
State of Hawai'i seeking landowners in Maui County to harvest non-indigenous Axis deer	To help curb axis deer populations in Maui County, the Hawai'i State Division of Forestry and Wildlife is launching a program that will incentive eligible private landowners and lessees to harvest the non-indigenous animals.	2023/12/29 at 3:17 pm
Mayor Bissen thanks Hawai'i National Guard for five months of wildfire response on Maui	Mayor Richard Bissen thanked the Hawai'i National Guard for five months of responding to the Maui Wildfire Disaster as members complete their last request for assistance (RFA) for Maui on Dec. 31, 2023.	2023/12/29 at 6:45 am

<p><u>State airport parking rates increase, effective Feb. 1, 2024</u></p>	<p>The Hawai'i Department of Transportation announced increases in parking rates at four neighbor island airports, including Kahului Airport on Maui. Starting on Feb. 1, 2024, the new maximum daily charge will be \$24, up from the current \$15 rate; an the monthly rate will increase to \$189, up from the current \$160 rate.</p>	<p>2023/12/29 at 6:26 am</p>
<p><u>New rules on Maui Police Department's concealed carry weapon policy go into effect</u></p>	<p>The Maui Police Department's new rules for firearms will go into effect in January 2024. These rules are specific to General Order 303.6, License to Carry a Concealed/Unconcealed Weapon, and General Order 303.8, Permit to Acquire a Firearm.</p>	<p>2023/12/28 at 4:47 pm</p>
<p><u>No tsunami expected after 4.4 earthquake off Ka'ū coast of Hawaii Island</u></p>	<p>There is no tsunami threat to Hawai'i following a (preliminary 4.3) 4.4 magnitude earthquake reported at 3:17 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023 off the Ka'ū coast of the Big Island.</p>	<p>2023/12/28 at 3:27 pm</p>
<p><u>Guy Fieri Foundation donates \$1.2M to Lahaina restaurant workers impacted by wildfires</u></p>	<p>Celebrated chef and TV personality Guy Fieri teamed up with the Hawai'i Restaurant Association, American Savings Bank and Fiserv, Inc., to distribute \$600 prepaid debit cards to Lahaina restaurant workers who lost their job when their workplace was destroyed in the tragic wildfires on Aug. 8.</p>	<p>2023/12/28 at 12:00 pm</p>
<p><u>DBEDT: Impact of Maui wildfires continues, but with effort to reinvigorate jobs, economy</u></p>	<p>"The impact of the Maui wildfires continues to be felt in November's figures, but with most of West Maui now reopened to tourism, there is a concerted effort to reinvigorate job opportunities and facilitate the economic recovery of Maui," said DBEDT Director James Kunane Tokioka.</p>	<p>2023/12/28 at 10:01 am</p>
<p><u>17 more tons of illegal fireworks seized, bringing total confiscation to 70,000 pounds</u></p>	<p>The Illegal Fireworks Task Force seized approximately 17 tons (34,000 pounds) of illegal fireworks on Wednesday from a shipping container that falsely declared its contents as other items.</p>	<p>2023/12/27 at 6:58 pm</p>
<p><u>Hawai'i minimum wage to increase to \$14 on Jan. 1, 2024</u></p>	<p>The state's minimum wage will increase to \$14 per hour beginning on Jan. 1, 2024. Act 114 incrementally increases the minimum wage to \$16 per hour Jan. 1, 2026, and to \$18 per hour Jan. 1, 2028.</p>	<p>2023/12/27 at 1:25 pm</p>
<p><u>Kaleo Manuel to depart the Commission on Water Resource Management</u></p>	<p>Kaleo Manuel, the First Deputy on the state Commission on Water Resource Management is apparently leaving his post after being reassigned following the August wildfires, and then reinstated two months later following an investigation by the Attorney General.</p>	<p>2023/12/27 at 7:59 am</p>
<p><u>Petition garners 5,287 signatures against use of Olowalu as a fire debris disposal site</u></p>	<p>The petition from a family on Olowalu Village Road says even temporary storage of these substances from the Aug. 8 wildfires "poses great risk of causing irreversible damage to soil, water, air, the ocean and people."</p>	<p>2023/12/27 at 7:11 am</p>

<p>Hui O Ka Wai Ola gets FEMA funds to increase water quality testing in Lahaina</p>	<p>Hui O Ka Wai Ola, a community-based water-quality monitoring organization, was awarded funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to increase its collection of West Maui water quality data in response to the Lahaina wildfire.</p>	<p>2023/12/26 at 4:08 pm</p>
<p>NOAA Outlook: Moderate Drought to persist on Maui over the next three months</p>	<p>Maui County, Hawaii is currently in Moderate Drought (D1), according to the US Drought Monitor, and conditions are expected to persist over the next three months.</p>	<p>2023/12/25 at 4:30 pm</p>
<p>Small plane lost engine power before making forced landing near Kahului Airport</p>	<p>The NTSB is investigating the crash of a Cessna 172 airplane near Kahului Airport on Saturday morning, Dec. 23, 2023.</p>	<p>2023/12/24 at 10:49 pm</p>
<p>MEO distributes 45 laptops to families on Maui and Moloka'i provided by AT&T and Human-I-T</p>	<p>Maui Economic Opportunity distributed 45 refurbished laptops, provided by AT&T and the nonprofit Human-I-T, to families in need on Maui and Moloka'i last month.</p>	<p>2023/12/24 at 10:00 am</p>
<p>United Airlines Christmas Carnival celebrates Lahaina keiki</p>	<p>United Airlines hosted a Christmas Carnival for the keiki of Lahaina on Maui in December. This year, the airline brought the festivities to Maui to spread the joy of the holidays to more than 150 keiki and their families.</p>	<p>2023/12/24 at 8:04 am</p>
<p>Ledcor Maui's inaugural gift drive raises \$100K for youth</p>	<p>More than 100 youth and administrators from three local nonprofits gathered at Queen Ka'ahumanu Center on Dec. 18 as the guests of honor of Ledcor Maui. The festive event was the culmination of a month-long gift drive by Ledcor Maui called Makana no nā Keiki (Gifts for Children), which raised \$100,000 for Maui youth.</p>	<p>2023/12/24 at 8:00 am</p>
<p>4.1 magnitude earthquake on Big Island likely caused by bending beneath Kīlauea Volcano</p>	<p>There was no tsunami generated by a 4.1 magnitude earthquake reported at 4:27 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023 about 8 miles southwest of Volcano on Hawai'i Island at a depth of 17 miles below sea level.</p>	<p>2023/12/23 at 6:37 pm</p>
<p>New state program to alleviate educational debt of 492 Hawai'i healthcare professionals</p>	<p>In exchange for two years of full-time service in Hawai'i, high-demand healthcare professionals will qualify for loan repayments up to a maximum of \$50,000 per year. The eligible amount varies depending on the profession, location of practice, and educational indebtedness.</p>	<p>2023/12/22 at 4:36 pm</p>
<p>Hawai'i Tourism Authority Board approves plan to support Maui's recovery in 2024</p>	<p>The Hawai'i Tourism Authority Board of Directors has approved an immediate six-month action plan for 2024 to help address major challenges confronting residents, small businesses, visitor industry providers, Maui's economy, and families seeking housing following the August wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/12/22 at 4:25 pm</p>

<p>Maui Relief TANF Program assists 450 families in two months of program</p>	<p>The Maui Relief TANF Program has provided an array of assistance – from housing to clothing – to more than 450 families with children and about 1,700 individuals impacted by the Aug. 8 wildfires in the two months since the program began.</p>	<p>2023/12/22 at 2:41 pm</p>
<p>Teams remove 10,000 gallons of petroleum, adjudicates 65 vessels from Lahaina Harbor</p>	<p>State and federal responders have completed recovery and removal operations in or adjacent to Lahaina Harbor. The US Army Corps of Engineers will conduct final disposition of fire-damaged vessels and incident-generated debris removed during harbor operations.</p>	<p>2023/12/22 at 12:37 pm</p>
<p>Maui Public Art Corps unveils “Maui Strong” public art project</p>	<p>In the wake of the challenges posed by the wildfires, Maui Public Art Corps collaborated with students across the region to channel their emotions and reflections into a powerful visual representation of unity and strength. "The result is a vibrant collection of drawings that encapsulate the indomitable spirit of the Maui community," organizers said.</p>	<p>2023/12/22 at 8:24 am</p>
<p>CNHA launches new housing consolidation website, programs for Maui wildfire survivors</p>	<p>In direct response to the estimated 2,430 families or 6,283 individuals who are still in need of housing after being displaced by the Maui wildfires, the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement announced today that it has launched a new centralized housing website. HelpingMaui.org will help survivors find housing, while also serving as a platform for property owners and managers to offer their properties to survivors.</p>	<p>2023/12/21 at 3:32 pm</p>
<p>Portion of Lahaina removed from Unsafe Water Advisory area</p>	<p>County of Maui Department of Water Supply amended the Unsafe Water Advisory for Lahaina to remove L-4C, an area surrounding Safeway that moves north along Front Street to the Old Chart House in Lahaina. Water serving buildings and homes in areas L-4C on the Maui Recovers website is declared safe for unrestricted use effective today, Dec. 21, 2023.</p>	<p>2023/12/21 at 12:15 pm</p>
<p>Maui hotels still impacted by Aug. 8 wildfires, but led the counties in RevPAR for Nov. 2023</p>	<p>On Nov. 1, 2023, the last reopening phases of West Maui accommodations began, which included the remaining area from Kahana to Kā'anapali. In November, hotels in the Lahaina/ Kā'anapali/Kapalua region were occupied by a mix of displaced Lahaina residents impacted by the fires, relief workers, and visitors.</p>	<p>2023/12/21 at 8:52 am</p>
<p>Two public aerial fireworks displays in Maui County to ring in the 2024 New Year</p>	<p>There are two public aerial fireworks displays planned in Maui County this year—in South Maui at the Grand Wailea Resort, and at the Four Seasons Resort Lāna'i at 1 Mānele Bay Road. Both displays begin at approximately 11:59 p.m., New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 2023.</p>	<p>2023/12/21 at 7:30 am</p>

<p>Task force seizes 16 tons of illegal fireworks in Honolulu; Maui police to crackdown on violators</p>	<p>Approximately 16 tons of illegal fireworks were seized in a shipping container late last week in Honolulu as part of enforcement efforts conducted by the state's Illegal Fireworks Task Force.</p>	<p>2023/12/20 at 3:23 pm</p>
<p>Kiwikiu found in Nakula on Maui provides hope in ongoing effort to save species</p>	<p>Nearly two years after conservationists believed all seven kiwikiu birds translocated to the Nakula Natural Area Reserve on Maui had died, a single honeycreeper from the group was located and confirmed to be alive.</p>	<p>2023/12/20 at 12:49 pm</p>
<p>New Hawai'i Fire Relief Program flyer spotlights need for more property owner participation</p>	<p>With ongoing recovery efforts and an estimated 6,000 people still in search of longer-term living arrangements, greater emphasis is being placed on encouraging property owners to offer their available units as long-term housing for survivors and their families.</p>	<p>2023/12/20 at 9:05 am</p>
<p>Hawai'i to receive nearly \$4M in additional federal disaster aid for Maui fire recovery</p>	<p>US Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawai'i) announced that Hawai'i will receive \$3.9 million in new federal funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to support the ongoing recovery effort on Maui following the fires in August. To date, Hawai'i has received more than \$412 million in federal funding for the response to the fires.</p>	<p>2023/12/20 at 7:02 am</p>
<p>Family of 5 displaced by Olowalu home fire</p>	<p>A family of five was displaced during an afternoon house fire in Olowalu, and their family dog is deceased as a result of the incident. The fire resulted in the total loss of the structure, valued at \$395,000.</p>	<p>2023/12/19 at 5:46 pm</p>
<p>Millions of dollars proposed for Hawai'i wildfire mitigation and response</p>	<p>This year's series of wildfires on Maui, Hawai'i Island, and O'ahu raised awareness about this threat to a new level. It is reflected in the proposed budget Governor Josh Green, M.D., submitted to the state Legislature on Monday.</p>	<p>2023/12/19 at 5:23 pm</p>
<p>400 Lahaina Intermediate kids receive new sweatshirts from donor</p>	<p>Children at Lahaina Intermediate School were surprised with custom hooded sweatshirts on Monday. The donor wished to stay anonymous, but was grateful for the opportunity to provide the kids with this special gift, according to members of the Lahaina Intermediate PTSA.</p>	<p>2023/12/19 at 6:00 am</p>
<p>Maui Council to provide update on disaster-mitigation efforts</p>	<p>Council member Gabe Johnson from Lāna'i will participate in the Dec. 21 conference to discuss underground powerlines, tax tiers for landowners with fallow land, the use of R1 water and housing concerns.</p>	<p>2023/12/19 at 5:00 am</p>
<p>Kula home fire results in three people displaced, \$350,000 in damage</p>	<p>Three people were displaced by a structure fire reported on Sunday at a three-story home on Waiakoa Road in Kula. Fire officials say the incident resulted in \$150,000 in damage to the structure and \$200,000 in damage to its contents.</p>	<p>2023/12/18 at 10:46 am</p>

<p>SBA to open a Disaster Loan Outreach Center Dec. 19 at the Kahului Library</p>	<p>Even though the federal deadline to apply for wildfire damage or losses has passed, Hawai'i residents and businesses have been granted a 45-day grace period, until Thursday, Jan. 25, to submit SBA loan applications for physical property damage caused by the wildfires. The last day for small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives and most private nonprofit organizations to apply for an SBA economic injury disaster loan is Friday, May 10, 2024.</p>	<p>2023/12/18 at 10:09 am</p>
<p>FEMA hosts second Industry Day for owners of short-term rental properties, Dec. 21</p>	<p>The session, planned for 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21, will be held at The Westin Maui Resort and Spa, Kā'anapali Honokahua and Honokeana Room, 2365 Kā'anapali Parkway on Maui. Registration for the event, which will also be broadcast via Zoom, must be completed by Dec. 20.</p>	<p>2023/12/18 at 7:43 am</p>
<p>Target's Heroes & Helpers event held in Kahului for kids impacted by Maui wildfires</p>	<p>Catholic Charities Hawai'i, Kahului Target Store, Child and Family Services, and various first responders brought holiday cheer to children who were impacted by the recent Lahaina wildfires at its first-ever "Target's Heroes and Helpers" event held Saturday on Maui.</p>	<p>2023/12/17 at 8:44 am</p>
<p>Kama'āina Loan hosts 'ukulele giveaway to wildfire survivors from Lahaina schools</p>	<p>Santa Claus—in the guise of longtime Maui businessman Richard Dan—gave away hundreds of 'ukulele on Saturday to children at Lahaina schools who lost their homes in the August wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/12/17 at 8:13 am</p>
<p>Maui Strong Fund awards \$575,000 to 3 organizations providing relief for children, families affected by Maui wildfires</p>	<p>Hawai'i Community Foundation announced the award of \$575,000 to three nonprofit partners focused on providing assistance to Maui families with small children who have been affected by the fires in August: Partners in Development Foundation, Child and Family Service, and the Ho'oikaika Partnership with fiscal sponsor Maui Family Support Services.</p>	<p>2023/12/16 at 3:00 pm</p>
<p>Maui Department of Water Supply lifts water advisory for area near Lahaina Gateway</p>	<p>The department amended the Unsafe Water Advisory for Lahaina to remove area L-4B, which impacts 69 lots near Kapunakea Street on the mauka side of Honoapi'ilani Highway. Water serving the homes in L-4B is declared safe for unrestricted use effective today, Dec. 15, 2023.</p>	<p>2023/12/16 at 1:00 pm</p>
<p>Maui County receives \$13.4M federal grant to fund safety improvements for Lahaina's Keawe Street</p>	<p>Maui County, Hawai'i County and the City and County of Honolulu will receive more than \$18 million in federal grants from the US Department of Transportation for projects to improve safety on roads and sidewalks, US Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI) announced.</p>	<p>2023/12/16 at 9:00 am</p>

<p>Work to replace drain lines damaged in the Lahaina wildfires begins Dec. 17 on Keawe St.</p>	<p>There will be an alternating, single lane closure on Keawe Street/Lahaina Bypass (Route 3000), from Sunday, Dec. 17, through Friday, Jan. 5, 2024, as contractors replace drain lines across the highway that were damaged in the Lahaina wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/12/16 at 5:00 am</p>
<p>Raising Holiday Cheer with 99.9 KISS FM Maui's toy drive for Parents and Children Together</p>	<p>Raising Cane's partners with 99.9 KISS FM's Ed Kanoi and the Maui United Way this month to support Parents and Children Together (PACT), a local nonprofit organization serving Maui's families.</p>	<p>2023/12/15 at 5:35 pm</p>
<p>Gov. Green gives four-month Maui wildfires update; considers moratorium if there's not enough participation from short-term rentals</p>	<p>"I do want to be blunt here, if we don't get people stepping up, I'm going to drop the hammer on short-term rentals that aren't able to be used by our people. It's just not okay that we don't have housing for our local people. And so, I will propose a moratorium on short-term rentals through emergency rules. I'm sure we will face litigation, but I will do it if we don't get 3,000 units for our people who have been living in hotels—because it's not civilized to make people wait to get housing after they've lost their home in a fire," said Gov. Green.</p>	<p>2023/12/15 at 12:15 pm</p>
<p>Governor names Miyake as state House Representative for Maui District 10 vacancy</p>	<p>Governor Josh Green today appointed Tyson K. Miyake as the new Representative to the State House, filling the District 10 vacancy created by the movement of former Rep. Troy Hashimoto to the state Senate.</p>	<p>2023/12/15 at 11:15 am</p>
<p>UHERO forecast: State faces headwinds, Maui recovery is ongoing</p>	<p>UHERO forecast: "There remain a host of uncertainties surrounding Maui's future recovery path, including how fast residents can be moved from hotels to more permanent housing, the speed of ongoing cleanup work, the extent and duration of support programs, and how long and in what fashion rebuilding will occur."</p>	<p>2023/12/15 at 5:19 am</p>
<p>Community meeting on wildfire debris removal for Lahaina properties, Dec. 18</p>	<p>Officials from County of Maui and from federal agencies will be offering information and updates about debris removal, transportation and containment of debris and ash for properties in the Lahaina Wildfire Disaster Area during a community meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at the Lahaina Civic Center.</p>	<p>2023/12/14 at 5:39 pm</p>
<p>Lahaina residents to keep current Red Cross hotels through holidays</p>	<p>Residents previously scheduled to relocate to new American Red Cross non-congregate shelter locations between Dec. 15 and Dec. 18 have been extended in their current hotel sheltering locations until after the holidays, according to a Red Cross update.</p>	<p>2023/12/14 at 9:54 am</p>
<p>New technology used to design recovery plan as Phase 2 in Maui wildfire response begins</p>	<p>The Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency and the County of Maui are using the 3D technology to better visualize the extent of damage in Lahaina as they design a recovery plan.</p>	<p>2023/12/13 at 6:00 pm</p>

<p><u>Choice Health Bar celebrates reopening in Kā'anapali</u></p>	<p>Choice Health Bar makes a comeback to the Westside, reopening their location at Whalers Village in Kā'anapali this week. The Whalers Village location is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>2023/12/13 at 2:00 pm</p>
<p><u>\$5,000 grant program to help Maui families replace vehicles destroyed in wildfire</u></p>	<p>The program is dedicated to Native Hawaiian families that experienced transportation loss due to the Maui wildfires in August 2023. The program provides vehicle financing with deferred payments for 12 months and a one time grant of up to \$5,000 to replace a vehicle lost in the fires.</p>	<p>2023/12/13 at 11:36 am</p>
<p><u>CocoNene's Mā'alaea storefront marks a new beginning after their Lahaina flagship loss</u></p>	<p>CocoNene, a local brand known for its made in Hawaii products, announced the grand opening of their new store in Mā'alaea, Maui at the Maui Harbor Shops. This new location marks a poignant milestone for the brand's recovery journey after the loss of their Lahaina flagship store.</p>	<p>2023/12/13 at 8:51 am</p>
<p><u>Reopening of all 83 Lahaina wildfire zones completed ahead of schedule</u></p>	<p>Reentry into the 83 zones established for the 2,170 acres in the five-mile Lahaina impact area concluded more than a week ahead of schedule. The process started with the first residential zone opening for reentry Sept. 25 and 26 on Kaniau Road.</p>	<p>2023/12/12 at 8:20 pm</p>
<p><u>UH Maui College culinary students distribute 1,600 produce boxes</u></p>	<p>Culinary students at the University of Hawai'i Maui College organized about 1,600 boxes of produce that were distributed to students and community members impacted by the August wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/12/12 at 8:46 am</p>
<p><u>Hawai'i Supreme Court oral argument scheduled for lawsuit challenging Maui houseless sweeps</u></p>	<p>The Hawai'i Supreme Court has scheduled an oral argument on Dec. 14, 2023, for the lawsuit against Maui County challenging a September 2021 houseless sweep at Amala Place near Kanahā Beach Park.</p>	<p>2023/12/11 at 8:23 pm</p>
<p><u>Kahului Disaster Recovery Center to close Dec. 15; Help still available in Lahaina</u></p>	<p>The Kahului Disaster Recovery Center will close at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, but disaster-related assistance for survivors of the August wildfires will remain available at the Lahaina Civic Center in West Maui.</p>	<p>2023/12/11 at 10:58 am</p>
<p><u>All-Star lineup at the 2024 Maui Songwriters' Festival</u></p>	<p>The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua has joined forces with music industry leader Sony Music Publishing Nashville, and production company Renate Event & Design, to host the 2024 Maui Songwriters Festival from Jan. 6–13, 2024.</p>	<p>2023/12/11 at 10:40 am</p>
<p><u>Low 2024 economic growth rate forecast for Hawai'i due to fires' recovery, projected global slowdown</u></p>	<p>The State of Hawai'i revised its 2023 growth projections upward to 1.9%, but lowered its 2024 projections to 1.3% due to the projected global slowdown and recovery from the Maui wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/12/11 at 10:39 am</p>

<p><u>Lahaina ash characterization testing shows elevated levels of toxic substances</u></p>	<p>The Hawai'i Department of Health released data today showing elevated levels of arsenic, lead, antimony, cobalt, and copper in wildfire ash collected in Lahaina. The Lahaina data validates that the primary contaminant of concern is arsenic, a heavy metal that adheres to wildfire dust and ash. Department officials say this finding reinforces the need to diligently follow recommendations to reduce potential exposure.</p>	<p>2023/12/10 at 1:24 pm</p>
<p><u>The Salvation Army's "Magical Maui Christmas" event brought holiday joy to over 2,000 Maui wildfire survivors</u></p>	<p>In the spirit of hope and community resilience, The Salvation Army's "Magical Maui Christmas" event brought warmth and love to over 2,000 Maui wildfire survivors. The event took place at the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center on Dec. 9, 2023, with the goal of creating a memorable Christmas experience for survivor families to uplift their spirits and bring some much-needed holiday joy.</p>	<p>2023/12/10 at 8:57 am</p>
<p><u>Lahaina man suffers life-threatening injuries in motorcycle crash on Honoapi'ilani Highway</u></p>	<p>A 35-year Lahaina man was transported to the Maui Memorial Medical Center with critical, life-threatening injuries he suffered in a collision on the Honoapi'ilani Highway on Friday afternoon.</p>	<p>2023/12/09 at 6:52 am</p>
<p><u>Goodwill Hawai'i to provide employment services for displaced Maui workers</u></p>	<p>Goodwill Hawai'i was recently awarded a new one-year contract by the State of Hawai'i DLIR Office of Community Services to provide Employment Core Services to Lahaina's immigrant population or any other Maui resident who was displaced from work as a direct or indirect result of the Maui fires in August.</p>	<p>2023/12/08 at 3:00 pm</p>
<p><u>Early morning crash on Haleakalā Highway claims life of Makawao man</u></p>	<p>A Makawao man suffered fatal injuries in a crash reported early Friday morning on the Haleakalā Highway.</p>	<p>2023/12/08 at 11:02 am</p>
<p><u>Maui Disaster Area restrictions lifted for Zones 9A, 9B, 11A, 12A and 12C on Dec. 11-12</u></p>	<p>County of Maui Disaster Area Restrictions will be lifted for owners and residents with vehicle passes from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting, on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 11-12, in Zones 9A, 9B, 11A, 12A and 12C. Some residential and commercial properties in these zones have been deferred by the EPA for health and safety reasons and will not be open for re-entry until further notice.</p>	<p>2023/12/08 at 6:10 am</p>
<p><u>Hawai'i Tourism Authority heard this message at Maui public meeting: Prioritize locals over visitors</u></p>	<p>The draft plan called "Tourism Support for Maui's Recovery" was developed for the purpose of how best to respond to the Tourism Emergency Declaration issued on Aug. 19 by Hawai'i Gov. Josh Green due to the Aug. 8 fires.</p>	<p>2023/12/08 at 5:30 am</p>
<p><u>November's Kona low brought flash flooding, some relief to drought conditions on Maui</u></p>	<p>Due to the severity of the drought in some areas of the state, additional significant rain events will be needed for full drought recovery, which is not likely within the winter months due to the ongoing strong El Niño event.</p>	<p>2023/12/07 at 2:00 pm</p>

<p>Owners of short-term rental properties invited to FEMA's Direct Lease Industry Day</p>	<p>Owners of short-term rental properties are invited to FEMA's Direct Lease Industry Day on Friday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at The Westin Maui Resort & Spa, Kā'anapali in the Honokahua & Honokeana Room. All registration requests must be completed by TODAY Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023.</p>	<p>2023/12/07 at 8:28 am</p>
<p>Kupu Announces Eō Maui Partnerships with Community Hubs</p>	<p>Two Maui community emergency hubs that have been supporting the needs of those harmed by the wildfire disaster are now partnering with Kupu: The Kā'anapali Hub and Nāpili Hub are now able to provide paid positions via Kupu while they continue to meet the urgent needs of their community. As the initial phase of this partnership, Kupu's Eō Maui has 15 participants on payroll between the two hubs.</p>	<p>2023/12/07 at 8:04 am</p>
<p>No tsunami after 4.4 Kīlauea earthquake on Hawai'i Island</p>	<p>There is no tsunami following a 4.4 (4.2 preliminary) magnitude earthquake reported at 5:17 p.m. in the Summit Region of the Kīlauea Volcano on Hawai'i Island.</p>	<p>2023/12/06 at 5:41 pm</p>
<p>Blessing marks construction of new Kaiāulu o Kūku'ia affordable housing and Bezos Academy preschool</p>	<p>An estimated 200 affordable rentals are under construction in Lahaina as part of the Kaiāulu o Kūku'ia project, which includes Hawai'i's very first Bezos Academy preschool.</p>	<p>2023/12/06 at 2:34 pm</p>
<p>Army Corps of Engineers making progress on temporary elementary school in Lahaina</p>	<p>The temporary campus project is expected to be completed by the end of February, when the Hawai'i State Department of Education will take over to furnish and install telecommunication equipment.</p>	<p>2023/12/06 at 2:25 pm</p>
<p>Mālama 'Āina Project: First Phase – sets roots for ecological restoration in Lahaina</p>	<p>The Mālama 'Āina Project's primary goals are to heal, empower, and inspire the community while restoring proper ecology in the foothills above Lahaina. The project seeks to reduce the likelihood of wildfires and give back to the community.</p>	<p>2023/12/06 at 8:00 am</p>
<p>Bill to exempt property taxes for owners renting long-term to Maui fire survivors passes first reading</p>	<p>The Maui County Council on Tuesday passed the first reading of Mayor Richard Bissen's Bill 131 that provides 100% property tax exemptions to owners of short-term rentals, timeshares and non-owner occupied homes who rent at least one-year to Maui fire survivors.</p>	<p>2023/12/05 at 5:44 pm</p>
<p>Maui Disaster Area restrictions to be lifted for residential Zones 8A and 8B</p>	<p>County of Maui Disaster Area Restrictions will be lifted for owners and residents with vehicle passes from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting, beginning Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8 and 9, in Zones 8A and 8B.</p>	<p>2023/12/05 at 5:19 pm</p>
<p>Maui council to consider bill to establish criteria for 'Ohana Assistance Pilot Program</p>	<p>The Maui council will consider a bill Dec. 15 to establish criteria for the 'Ohana Assistance Pilot Program, which offers grants of up to \$100,000 to build an accessory dwelling or second farm dwelling for residents' long-term occupancy.</p>	<p>2023/12/05 at 5:07 pm</p>

<p>Gov. Green marks one year in office</p>	<p>Hawai'i Governor Josh Green today delivered an address marking one year in office. In his address, he highlighted issues and efforts to address affordable housing, education, tourism, red hill, gun violence, healthcare and Maui's recovery following the Aug. 8 wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/12/05 at 11:15 am</p>
<p>Nā Mamo, Maui County and Hawai'i Land Trust preserve land at Honokōhau Bay</p>	<p>Nā Mamo Aloha 'Āina o Honokōhau, a Honokōhau-based nonprofit organization, in partnership with the County of Maui and Hawai'i Land Trust (HILT), has completed the purchase of 1.447 acres on Honokōhau Bay in Kā'anapali, Maui. The parcel is permanently protected for cultural enrichment, stewardship, 'āina-based education, and traditional agriculture.</p>	<p>2023/12/05 at 9:49 am</p>
<p>No tsunami expected after 5.1 Kīlauea earthquake on Hawai'i Island</p>	<p>There is no tsunami expected following a 5.1 (4.9 preliminary) magnitude earthquake reported at around 5:54 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, in the Hilina Region of the Kīlauea volcano on Hawai'i Island.</p>	<p>2023/12/04 at 6:29 pm</p>
<p>Imua Family Services plans new preschool in Wailuku for children displaced by Maui's wildfires</p>	<p>Imua Family Services is planning a new preschool in Wailuku for children displaced by the August wildfires on Maui.</p>	<p>2023/12/04 at 5:14 pm</p>
<p>UH researching Maui wildfire impacts on agriculture, health with federal grants</p>	<p>In the aftermath of Maui's Lahaina wildfire, the University of Hawai'i will use \$519,000 in USDA grants to fund research projects that aim to reinforce Hawai'i's agriculture against disasters and address the health risks of toxic chromium.</p>	<p>2023/12/04 at 11:56 am</p>
<p>Three individuals identified in search to fill the House District 10 vacancy for Maui</p>	<p>The three individuals whose names were sent to the governor for consideration are: Timothy Scott Lara (left), Local entrepreneur, and community leader; Leslee D. Matthews (middle), Social worker and Local Attorney; and Tyson K. Miyake (right), former Chief of Staff to Mayor Victorino.</p>	<p>2023/12/04 at 11:56 am</p>
<p>Snow Zone returns to Lahaina, Dec. 9</p>	<p>The Snow Zone is made from 5,000 pounds of flaked ice, so shoes or rain boots are recommended. There is a timed entry and the area is restricted to keiki 12 years and younger.</p>	<p>2023/12/04 at 7:43 am</p>
<p>Missing Wailuku boy found safe</p>	<p>Maui police have located a 7-year-old Wailuku boy who failed to return home on Saturday afternoon. Police say the boy was located by police officers at around 11:20 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023 at Whaler's Village in Kā'anapali. According to police reports, the 7-year-old was found in the company of an 8-year-old and 11-year-old, both who were also reported as runaways.</p>	<p>2023/12/03 at 12:36 pm</p>

Alaska Airlines to acquire Hawaiian Airlines in a \$1.9B deal	Alaska Air Group, Inc. (NYSE: ALK), and Hawaiian Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: HA) today announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement under which Alaska Airlines will acquire Hawaiian Airlines for \$18 per share in cash, for a transaction value of approximately \$1.9 billion, inclusive of \$0.9 billion of Hawaiian Airlines net debt.	2023/12/03 at 9:48 am
Program will house FEMA-ineligible survivors of Maui wildfires for up to 12 months	The purpose of the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) is specifically to help survivors of the Maui wildfires who are not eligible for FEMA assistance. RAP will work to secure housing for up to 12 months for eligible households by connecting them with Airbnb or through the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) Hawai'i Fire Relief Housing Program.	2023/12/01 at 5:06 pm
Kona low weakening; Pi'ilani Hwy remains closed between 'Ulupalakua and Nu'u	Pi'ilani Highway remained closed between 'Ulupalakua and Nu'u on Friday morning after a kona low resulted in heavy rain and flooding in East Maui on Thursday.	2023/12/01 at 1:55 pm
Maui Planning Director Aoki to retire, focus on family after losing home in Lahaina fire	Mayor Richard Bissen today announced the retirement of Planning Director Kathleen Ross Aoki, as she wishes to focus on her family after losing her Lahaina home in the Aug. 8 fire. Her retirement is effective Dec. 31, 2023.	2023/12/01 at 1:40 pm
Maui Disaster Area Residential restrictions lifted for Zones 10A, 10B, 10C and 10D	County of Maui Disaster Area Restrictions will be lifted for owners and residents with vehicle passes from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting, beginning Monday, Dec. 4, and Tuesday, Dec. 5, in Zones 10A, 10B, 10C and 10D. Some residential and commercial properties in these zones have been deferred by the federal Environmental Protection Agency for health and safety reasons.	2023/12/01 at 10:39 am
Kona low brings continued threat of rain, Flash Flood Watch continues	A kona low west of the islands will bring a continued threat for heavy rain and flooding along with isolated thunderstorms today, according to the National Weather Service. The NWS reports that conditions will gradually improve over the weekend with stable trade wind weather expected for the first half of next week.	2023/12/01 at 5:12 am

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Red Cross emergency shelter opened at Eddie Tam Memorial Center in Makawao	Eddie Tam Memorial Center in Makawao will open at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30, as an emergency shelter for those stranded by the Pi'ilani Highway closure in East Maui.	2023/11/30 at 6:11 pm

<p>West Maui debris mitigation tools prove helpful during recent rains</p>	<p>Tools used to trap ash and debris and filter out potential contaminants before they entered the storm drain system proved helpful, according to the Department of Public Works.</p>	<p>2023/11/30 at 4:55 pm</p>
<p>Kona low brings 10" of rain at Ke'anae in East Maui; flooding results in impassable roads</p>	<p>Nearly 10 inches of rain – the highest rainfall total in the state – was recorded in United States Geological Survey's rain gauge near Ke'anae in a 24-hour period ending at 1 p.m. on Nov. 30, 2023.</p>	<p>2023/11/30 at 4:32 pm</p>
<p>Hawai'i delegation urges USDA to provide all Maui students with free school meals</p>	<p>The lawmakers' request for would help to alleviate burdens, providing thousands of students across the island with access to healthy, nutritious meals at no cost to their families as they deal with post-wildfire impacts.</p>	<p>2023/11/30 at 2:45 pm</p>
<p>EPA completes Phase 1 hazardous material removal at 1,448 properties in Lahaina, Kula</p>	<p>The US Environmental Protection Agency today reports it has completed its work under Phase 1 of the federal response to the wildfires in Lahaina and the Upcountry Maui communities.</p>	<p>2023/11/30 at 1:49 pm</p>
<p>Near Fatal: Moped operator critically injured in Waiehu crash</p>	<p>A 56-year-old Kahului man suffered critical life-threatening injuries when he was ejected from a moped he was operating during a collision on Wednesday night in Waiehu.</p>	<p>2023/11/30 at 10:10 am</p>
<p>Maui road closures due to severe weather</p>	<p>The Hāna Highway is closed between mile markers 40 and 41 in the area of Laulima Farms due to flooding. The Hawai'i Department of Transportation was headed out to Mile 21 of the Hāna Highway at around 9:12 a.m. to clear a reported mud/rock slide. Pi'ilani Highway in East Maui is closed at mile markers 16, 28, miles 29 to 31 from Kaupō to Nu'u, and at the bridge at mile 36 due to flooding.</p>	<p>2023/11/30 at 9:21 am</p>
<p>Tarmac accident involving aircraft and ground equipment at Kahului Airport</p>	<p>Emergency crews responded to a tarmac accident involving an aircraft and a piece of ground equipment on the tarmac at Kahului Airport this morning. Marvin Moniz, Airports District Manager, DOT Airports Division on Maui tells Maui Now that one employee was transported to the hospital.</p>	<p>2023/11/30 at 7:43 am</p>
<p>Preparation for kona low: West Maui sewer customers asked to reduce flow</p>	<p>Specifically, Lahaina customers within and near the burn zone are asked to reduce toilet flushing, bathing, washing clothes and cleaning dishes. Doing so will safeguard the system against potential sewage spills.</p>	<p>2023/11/30 at 5:30 am</p>
<p>Kona low continues to bring unsettled weather: Flood Watch continues</p>	<p>The Flash Flood Warning is canceled for the island of Maui as of 2:38 p.m. The National Weather Service reports that the heavy rain has ended. Hāna Highway has been reopened, but portions of Pi'ilani Highway remain closed. A Flood Watch remains in effect until 6 p.m. on Friday for all of the main Hawaiian Islands.</p>	<p>2023/11/30 at 5:12 am</p>

<p>Hawaiian Electric, Innergex end contract for Paeahu Solar in South Maui</p>	<p>Hawaiian Electric and developer Innergex Renewable Energy have terminated an agreement for a planned grid-scale solar and battery storage project in South Maui. According to HECO, the project was hit with lengthy delays resulting from the developer's legal challenges and pandemic-related cost and supply-chain issues. Of five solar projects approved on Maui since 2018, only one is being built.</p>	<p>2023/11/29 at 9:27 am</p>
<p>Mayor Bissen proposes bill amendment to make short-term rentals available for displaced wildfire survivors</p>	<p>Mayor Richard Bissen submitted to the County Council a bill to amend a section of the County Code in an effort to immediately increase the inventory of housing available to survivors of the August wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/11/28 at 7:11 pm</p>
<p>Maui Disaster Area residential restrictions lifted for Zones 11B, 11D, 11E, 11F and 13D</p>	<p>County of Maui Disaster Area Restrictions will be lifted for owners and residents beginning Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2, for Zones 11B, 11D, 11E, 11F and 13D. Those with vehicle passes will be granted access from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting.</p>	<p>2023/11/28 at 6:27 pm</p>
<p>2023 Hurricane Season Summary for the Central Pacific Basin</p>	<p>There were four tropical cyclones in the Central Pacific Hurricane Center area of responsibility during the 2023 hurricane season, which officially wraps up on Thursday. FILE PHOTO: Dora satellite imagery (8.7.23 7:30 a.m.) PC: NWS/CPHC</p>	<p>2023/11/28 at 12:01 pm</p>
<p>Subpoenas served on Maui as AG pushes for key information in its wildfire investigation</p>	<p>Subpoenas have been served upon the Maui Emergency Management Agency, the County of Maui Department of Public Works, and the County of Maui Department of Water Supply. The timeline for the release of the Phase 1 findings is dependent on the Fire Safety Research Institute gaining access to all facts before completing Phase 1.</p>	<p>2023/11/27 at 4:36 pm</p>
<p>Sentry Mālama Keiki initiative seeks to bolster mental health needs as Maui wildfire recovery continues</p>	<p>Sentry Insurance today announced a new \$1 million donation to Maui United Way to provide mental health resources to children who have lived through Maui's wildfires. The donation adds to Sentry's previous \$1 million in contributions to aid wildfire recovery efforts.</p>	<p>2023/11/27 at 12:51 pm</p>
<p>Kona low to bring threat of thunderstorms, heavy rains beginning Tuesday</p>	<p>Trade wind weather today will gradually transition over to a more unsettled pattern on Tuesday across the western islands and across the entire state from Wednesday through Friday as a kona low matures and gradually breaks down to the west of the island chain, according to the National Weather Service.</p>	<p>2023/11/27 at 5:02 am</p>

<p>Council committee to discuss new procurement process for emergency-medical services</p>	<p>Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci announced that the Water Authority, Social Services and Parks Committee will receive a presentation from the state Department of Health Monday at 9 a.m. on the new procurement process for emergency-medical services in Maui County.</p>	<p>2023/11/25 at 12:00 pm</p>
<p>Hawai'i residents, visitors encouraged to support local businesses this holiday season</p>	<p>Gov. Josh Green and the Hawai'i Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism encourage residents and visitors to buy Hawaiian-made products during the holidays, driving local economic growth and aiding in business recovery.</p>	<p>2023/11/25 at 4:00 am</p>
<p>Search suspended for missing California man who was washed out to sea in Kapalua</p>	<p>The Maui Fire Department suspended search operations for a 42-year-old man from California who was reported missing on Nov. 20 in the area of the "cliff house" in Kapalua.</p>	<p>2023/11/24 at 4:50 pm</p>
<p>Connecting creativity, culture and collaboration: Only Aloha Here launches brand that supports Maui businesses</p>	<p>Award-winning graphic designer and 'Ōiwi creator, Wailani Artates, announces the launch of lifestyle brand, Only Aloha Here, this weekend on Nov. 25 in her hometown of Makawao. The launch showcases a range of collaborations with local businesses.</p>	<p>2023/11/24 at 6:30 am</p>
<p>650 Thanksgiving meals served in partnership with UHMC and The Salvation Army</p>	<p>An estimated 650 Thanksgiving meals were served on Wednesday under an annual community service partnership between the University of Hawai'i Maui College and The Salvation Army.</p>	<p>2023/11/23 at 8:49 am</p>
<p>Sober driving advocates rally for awareness during the holidays, and always</p>	<p>"It's crazy, because even though 14 years have gone by, it's still very, very difficult. So we come and we do these events because we just beg people to make the right decisions. Do not drink and drive. We're just asking that everybody has a place on their family table every year. So please, please, do not make a decision and change somebody else's life," said Andrea Maniago who lost her 16-year-old son Kaio Fukushima to a drunk driver in 2009.</p>	<p>2023/11/23 at 8:11 am</p>
<p>Maui Disaster Area Restrictions lifted for Zones 11C and 12B on Nov. 27-28</p>	<p>County of Maui Disaster Area Restrictions will be lifted for owners and residents with vehicle passes from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 27-28, in Zones 11C and 12B.</p>	<p>2023/11/22 at 4:00 pm</p>
<p>Council member Johnson expresses support for Lahaina Strong Hui</p>	<p>Council member Gabe Johnson expressed his support Wednesday for the Lahaina Strong Hui, which is currently calling for action from State and County administrations to address the urgent sheltering crisis in Lahaina caused by the Aug. 8 wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/11/22 at 2:00 pm</p>

<p>Maui Disaster Area Restrictions lifted for Zone 6D, Limahana Circle on Nov. 24-25</p>	<p>County of Maui Disaster Area Restrictions will be lifted for owners and residents with vehicle passes from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Friday and Saturday, Nov. 24-25, in Zone 6D. This includes portions of Limahana Circle.</p>	<p>2023/11/22 at 1:11 pm</p>
<p>Student enrollment at UH Maui College increased 7.1% this fall</p>	<p>Student enrollment at the University of Hawai'i Maui College increased by 7.1% this fall, contributing to UH's overall 1.2% rise in student enrollments across its 10 campuses.</p>	<p>2023/11/22 at 1:00 pm</p>
<p>Maui visitor industry delivers 16,800 pounds of rice for the holidays</p>	<p>The Maui Hotel & Lodging Association delivered 16,800 pounds of rice throughout Maui, Moloka'i, and Lāna'i for the Thanksgiving Holiday. This year marked the 30th Annual Turkey & Rice Holiday Gifting event.</p>	<p>2023/11/22 at 11:00 am</p>
<p>Addressing Maui's housing needs following the Lahaina wildfires</p>	<p>As government leaders are tasked with meeting the critical need for housing in the wake of the August wildfires on Maui, one suggestion has drawn particular interest. For Maui resident, Matt Jachowski, there's only one answer: utilizing short-term rentals and second homes while seeking federal and philanthropic dollars to fill the rent gap.</p>	<p>2023/11/22 at 8:55 am</p>
<p>State Legislature working group urgently tackles wildfire prevention in Hawai'i</p>	<p>As Hawai'i grapples with a surge in wildfires threatening communities and ecosystems, bipartisan efforts are underway to introduce legislation to tackle prevention and preparedness.</p>	<p>2023/11/22 at 5:00 am</p>
<p>Portion of Lahaina removed from Unsafe Water Advisory area</p>	<p>The Department of Water Supply amended the Unsafe Water Advisory for Lahaina to remove areas L-3A and L-3B. Water serving buildings and homes in areas L-3A and L-3B is declared safe for unrestricted use effective Nov. 20, 2023. Community members can search an address using the interactive Water Advisory Map to confirm if their address is outside or within the advisory area.</p>	<p>2023/11/21 at 2:08 pm</p>
<p>Maui Health donates 4,600 pounds of turkey and rice to Maui Food Bank</p>	<p>Maui Health continued its annual holiday tradition of giving by donating more than 4,600 combined pounds of turkey, vegetarian roast, and rice to the Maui Food Bank. The donation was delivered on Monday, and included nearly 250 frozen turkeys and vegetarian roasts, and a full pallet of 15-pound bags of rice.</p>	<p>2023/11/21 at 11:04 am</p>
<p>Disaster Area Restrictions lifted Nov. 24-25 for residents & business in Zones 5G, 7F, 7G</p>	<p>County of Maui Disaster Area Restrictions will be lifted for owners and residents with vehicle passes from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Friday and Saturday, Nov. 24-25, in Zones 5G, 7F and 7G.</p>	<p>2023/11/20 at 6:04 pm</p>

<p>Lele Aloha announces Ho‘ūlu Lahaina Unity Gathering for Lahaina, Jan. 20</p>	<p>The Ho‘ūlu Lahaina Unity Gathering aims to bring the community together in a show of support for those affected by the fires. The group is also calling on the wa‘a (canoe) community across Hawai‘i to join this effort.</p>	<p>2023/11/20 at 5:22 pm</p>
<p>1,000+ attend Kōkua for Maui events on O‘ahu in support of Maui businesses</p>	<p>Over a thousand people came out on Sunday, Nov. 19 to support Maui at the Neal Blaisdell Center on O‘ahu. Maui vendors participating in the Kōkua for Maui: Shop and Show Aloha event showcased various products from around Maui County, giving many businesses a new opportunity to sell and highlight their work.</p>	<p>2023/11/20 at 3:04 pm</p>
<p>The Salvation Army and Walmart Joined Forces this Weekend to Bring Holiday Joy to Maui County Keiki After Recent Hardships</p>	<p>The Salvation Army’s cherished Angel Tree tradition aims to make the holiday season a little brighter for families who face financial hardships and are struggling to make ends meet, by providing Christmas gifts for their children. Walmart donated more than 30,000 toys to The Salvation Army for this event and other efforts this holiday season.</p>	<p>2023/11/18 at 7:06 pm</p>
<p>Lahaina’s Vision for the Future, Part 2: Navigating a sail plan, Finding comfort in the shade of Lele, Pushing the reset button</p>	<p>"I want to see that grow out of this situation we're in today. Let us find the people who bind us together. Let us find the strength in our lā‘au (plants), in our community. Let us find the ko‘i (adze) that define the future and shape our world as we're going to see it; the kālaimoku (high official), the kālai wa‘a (canoe carver)—all of those people. They're in our community. I can stare into this audience and see all the individuals, and that's what gives me comfort," said Kaipo Kekona.</p>	<p>2023/11/18 at 1:18 am</p>
<p>Hawai‘i’s mayors discuss housing after fires, Bissen calls for ‘voluntary compliance’</p>	<p>Maui Mayor Richard Bissen acknowledged: "Housing was an issue on Maui and in West Maui before Aug. 8, and it became, obviously, a bigger issue after that." "Our duty as government is to present the other options that people have. Let's talk of creating a land trust," said the mayor. That was one of the topics that was also explored at the Native Hawaiian Convention.</p>	<p>2023/11/17 at 1:27 pm</p>
<p>Disaster Area Residential Restrictions to be lifted for Zones 7B, 7C, 7D and 7E in West Maui</p>	<p>County of Maui Disaster Area Restrictions will be lifted from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 20 and 21, for owners and residents with vehicle passes in Zones 7B, 7C, 7D and 7E.</p>	<p>2023/11/17 at 4:52 am</p>
<p>Community impacted by repeated wildfires honors first responders</p>	<p>The same day as four wildfires sparked on Maui, including the Lahaina fire, firefighters were also battling seven hurricane wind-driven fires on Hawai‘i Island.</p>	<p>2023/11/16 at 8:16 pm</p>

<p>Work to drain underground parking garage in Lahaina begins, along with MPD search</p>	<p>Initially, the questionable structural integrity of the parking structure combined with the concern for possible hazardous materials in the water prevented a comprehensive search by the Maui Police Department. Pumping will occur at night during low tide when water levels in the garage are lower.</p>	<p>2023/11/16 at 8:06 pm</p>
<p>8.6 acres at Hāmoa, Maui forever protected for cultural preservation, stewardship</p>	<p>Ke Ao Hāli'i, a Hāna-based nonprofit community organization, in partnership with the County of Maui, State of Hawai'i, and Hawai'i Land Trust, has completed the purchase of 8.6 acres of Hāmoa lands for permanent cultural preservation and stewardship. The County of Maui contributed \$800,000 and the State of Hawai'i Legacy Land Conservation Program contributed \$247,500 toward the purchase.</p>	<p>2023/11/16 at 9:50 am</p>
<p>Lahaina's Vision for the Future, Part 1: Memories of Lahaina</p>	<p>The wildfires and their destructive aftermath created a prominent backdrop in the discussions about Lahaina. Three Lahaina residents reflected on nostalgic moments as they shared their earliest memories of Lahaina. This is Part 1 in a 3 part series.</p>	<p>2023/11/16 at 8:28 am</p>
<p>EAH Housing to develop 303 affordable housing units as part of Kahului Civic Center</p>	<p>The Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation has selected EAH Housing to develop the Kahului Civic Center Mixed-Use Complex. The project is expected to break ground in 2027, with the first phase anticipated to be completed by 2029. The project includes a transit hub, civic center component, and 303 affordable housing units.</p>	<p>2023/11/15 at 2:17 pm</p>
<p>Mandatory need for water conservation lifted for South Maui</p>	<p>After two well pumps were repaired, the mandatory need to conserve water in South Maui has been lifted today, according to a County of Maui Department of Water Supply announcement. The department continues to encourage water conservation during drought.</p>	<p>2023/11/15 at 1:55 pm</p>
<p>EPA processing hundreds of thousands of lithium-ion batteries from Maui fires for recycling in Nevada</p>	<p>The US Environmental Protection Agency is nearing the end of processing hundreds of thousands of lithium-ion batteries from burned electric/hybrid vehicles and solar battery energy storage systems from the Maui wildfires and shipping them to Nevada for recycling.</p>	<p>2023/11/15 at 5:00 am</p>
<p>Breaking: Maui Managing Director, Kekuhaupio "Keku" Akana retiring</p>	<p>Maui Managing Director, Kekuhaupio "Keku" Akana, will retire from the County of Maui effective Dec. 31. He was Mayor Richard Bissen's first cabinet appointment following the 2022 elections. In deciding to retire, Akana pointed to wanting to spend more time with his 'ohana including seven grandchildren.</p>	<p>2023/11/14 at 5:05 pm</p>

<p>Disaster Area Residential Restrictions to be lifted for Zones 6B and 7A in West Maui</p>	<p>County of Maui Disaster Area Restrictions will be lifted on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17 and 18, for owners and residents with vehicle passes in Zones 6B and 7A.</p>	<p>2023/11/14 at 2:50 pm</p>
<p>Police publicly identify one more victim of Lahaina fire; bringing total to 99 of 100 known fatalities</p>	<p>The Maui Police Department today identified one more victim of the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire: Sharlene Rabang, 78, of Lahaina.</p>	<p>2023/11/14 at 10:12 am</p>
<p>Disaster Area Restrictions to be lifted for Zones 1D, 5G, 10F, 14E, 15B and 15C in West Maui</p>	<p>County of Maui Disaster Area Restrictions have been lifted for several rural land zones as of 8 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, including: 1D, 10F, 14E, 15B, and 15C. Reentry for zone 5G (E. Kuu Aku Lane) is only for areas within the zone that were not affected by the fire. Supported reentry for residents in fire-affected units is expected to be held next week.</p>	<p>2023/11/14 at 8:17 am</p>
<p>Maui Wellness Group, LLC gets approval as medical cannabis retail dispensary</p>	<p>The Hawai'i State Department of Health has issued a formal notice to proceed for Maui Wellness Group, LLC, dba Maui Grown Therapies after it passed its final on-site inspection for its fourth retail facility. Maui Grown Therapies' new retail site is located at 1215 South Kihei Road D-2 in Kihei, and the company expects to begin sales on Friday, Nov. 17, 2023.</p>	<p>2023/11/13 at 11:35 am</p>
<p>Maui Relief TANF Program for families impacted by fires up and running, accepting applications</p>	<p>Families with dependent children in their household, directly and indirectly impacted by the wildfires and earning less than 350% of the poverty level (which for a family of four is \$120,750 annually) are eligible for the benefits.</p>	<p>2023/11/12 at 7:29 am</p>
<p>Traffic Advisory: 3 vehicle crash on Honoapi'ilani Highway</p>	<p>(Update: 10:05 p.m., Nov. 11, 2023) Honoapi'ilani Highway is temporarily closed on the Lahaina side of the "Pali" tunnel due to a three vehicle motor accident.</p>	<p>2023/11/11 at 10:16 pm</p>
<p>28 grassroots organizations launch 'Fish-In for Dignified Housing' at Kā'anapali Beach</p>	<p>The West Maui organizations are demanding long-term housing solutions for people displaced by the Lahaina fire.</p>	<p>2023/11/10 at 7:01 pm</p>
<p>Maui accepts donated fire engine to help fill a gap in equipment after the August wildfires</p>	<p>"Although we are fortunate to have several relief fleet... we're still in our drought season. We still are averaging about 60 wildfires a month, and so this truck will be going to work pretty quickly here... It will not lay unused," said Maui Fire Chief Brad Ventura.</p>	<p>2023/11/10 at 12:03 pm</p>
<p>MEMA's interim administrator to return to Big Island when 89-day contract ends; 15 candidates apply for permanent position</p>	<p>Maui County has closed the job applications for administrator of the Maui Emergency Management Agency, and will begin the selection process from 15 candidates.</p>	<p>2023/11/10 at 5:00 am</p>

<p>Groundbreaking, blessing held for 223-unit Hale O Pi'ikea affordable housing in Kīhei</p>	<p>A groundbreaking and blessing ceremony was held Thursday morning for Hale O Pi'ikea, a new 223-unit affordable rental housing development in Kīhei.</p>	<p>2023/11/09 at 2:49 pm</p>
<p>Governor selects Troy Hashimoto as new Senator representing District 5 on Maui</p>	<p>Governor Josh Green, M.D. today announced Troy Hashimoto as the Senate successor to Gil Keith-Agaran, who resigned from the post effective Oct. 31. Hashimoto said he would continue to work on key areas of affordable housing, education and health care in his new capacity.</p>	<p>2023/11/09 at 1:33 pm</p>
<p>900 Lahaina wildfire survivors get early holiday surprise at school</p>	<p>Children and staff of Princess Nahi'ena'ena Elementary School and Kamehameha III Elementary were treated to a Lahaina Toy Surprise and Delight event on Wednesday. The event aimed to bring joy to families impacted by the Lahaina wildfires and create a Winter Wonderland filled with surprises and delights for students and staff.</p>	<p>2023/11/09 at 10:30 am</p>
<p>Maui restaurant destroyed in Lahaina wildfire to reopen at new location in Kīhei</p>	<p>Cool Cat Café at the Wharf Cinema Center Shops in West Maui was destroyed by the August wildfire in Lahaina. Rising from the aftermath, the restaurant is poised to open for lunch and dinner at the Kukui Mall in Kīhei in early 2024.</p>	<p>2023/11/09 at 8:03 am</p>
<p>Pink water at Keālia Pond on Maui likely due to halobacteria growth from high salinity</p>	<p>Preliminary analysis suggests that the pink color of water at Keālia Pond appears to be the result of a single-celled organism called halobacteria. Officials with the US Fish and Wildlife Service say halobacteria are "salt-loving organisms" found in high salinity water bodies.</p>	<p>2023/11/08 at 7:08 pm</p>
<p>Breaking: Maui Recovery Fund announced, Governor gives 3-month Maui wildfire update</p>	<p>A new recovery fund which will exceed \$150 million, will distribute money to families of those who died, and to those who suffered severe personal injuries in the Maui wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/11/08 at 1:45 pm</p>
<p>Maui water director: Without conservation by Upcountry customers, reserve supply could run out in 3 weeks</p>	<p>Today, Upcountry system customers moved into a Stage 2 water shortage, with the most dire Stage 3 level likely to be implemented "soon" with reserves running low and drought conditions expected to continue.</p>	<p>2023/11/08 at 1:44 pm</p>
<p>Moratorium on service disconnections extended for electric customers on Maui</p>	<p>Suspension of service disconnections for all Hawaiian Electric customers on Maui has been extended through at least Jan. 5, 2024, in accordance with the extension of Gov. Josh Green's emergency proclamation. Maui customers who are financially challenged by the devastating wildfires will not have to worry about potential disconnection of their electric service.</p>	<p>2023/11/08 at 10:30 am</p>

Special council meeting to consider bill to fund the new Office of Recovery	The Maui County Council will hold a special council meeting Thursday, Nov. 9 at 9 a.m. to consider Bill 114, which seeks to: fund the new Office of Recovery; and add new conditional language for a Lahaina Wildfire Final Disposition site in Olowalu.	2023/11/07 at 4:00 pm
BREAKING: 4 Lahaina schools closed Monday due to Red Flag Warning, high winds	Lahaina's four public schools will be closed on Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, out of an abundance of caution due to the Red Flag Warning in effect for all leeward areas of Maui County and Hawai'i Island.	2023/11/05 at 5:43 pm
300 temporary jobs available in wake of Maui wildfires to help with cleanup, recovery	Three hundred jobs for impacted workers are available through the DLIR Workforce Development Division and Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. to assist with debris removal, damage cleanup and the delivery of humanitarian assistance.	2023/11/04 at 12:00 pm
Disaster Area Residential Restrictions to be lifted for Zones 6E and 9D in West Maui	County of Maui Disaster Area Restrictions will be lifted for owners and residents with vehicle passes from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Monday, Nov. 6 and Tuesday, Nov. 7, in Zones 6E and 9D.	2023/11/04 at 8:21 am
EPA begins hazardous material removal on commercial properties on Lahaina	The US Environmental Protection Agency started work on commercial property zones to remove hazardous materials in Lahaina, Maui.	2023/11/03 at 10:18 am
Water demand in Upcountry, Maui exceeds 20%, Stage 2 Water Shortage to be issued	Due to low surface water flow and lack of rainfall amid drought conditions, the County of Maui Department of Water Supply is advancing the Stage 1 water shortage to a Stage 2 water shortage for the Upcountry service area on Nov. 8, 2023.	2023/11/02 at 2:43 pm
FEMA shares important rental assistance information for Maui wildfire survivors	Maui wildfire survivors who received FEMA rental assistance should stay in contact with FEMA, as they may be eligible for extended assistance covering temporary housing and rental payments for up to 18 months.	2023/11/02 at 12:58 pm
Police publicly identify one more victim of Lahaina fire; bringing total to 98 of 99 known fatalities	The Maui Police Department today identified one more victim of the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire: Lee Rogo, 76, of Lahaina. There are now 98 people publicly identified of the 99 known fatalities.	2023/11/01 at 9:50 am

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Disaster area residential restrictions to be lifted for Zones 9F and 9G in Lahaina	Maui County Disaster Area Restrictions will be lifted for owners and residents in Zones 9F and 9G with vehicle passes from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Nov. 3 and 4.	2023/10/31 at 5:27 pm

<p>Unsafe Water Advisory lifted for remaining areas of Upper Kula</p>	<p>The Department of Water Supply has lifted the Unsafe Water Advisory for Upper Kula, removing the two remaining areas, UK-2B and UK-5.</p>	<p>2023/10/31 at 4:47 pm</p>
<p>Stage 1 Water Shortage declared for Upcountry, Maui</p>	<p>The Department of Water Supply has declared a Stage 1 Water Shortage for water consumers in the Upcountry, Maui service area. The service area includes Makawao, Upper and Lower Kula, Ha'ikū, Pukalani, Kokoma, Kaupakalua, Ulumalu, Kēōkea, 'Ulupalakua, and Kanaio.</p>	<p>2023/10/31 at 4:29 pm</p>
<p>Maui police launch Cold Case Detail for unsolved homicides, missing persons cases</p>	<p>The Maui Police Department today announced the establishment of a dedicated Cold Case Detail with a primary focus on unsolved homicides and missing persons cases.</p>	<p>2023/10/31 at 4:01 pm</p>
<p>UH Maui College culinary students pivot from food prep to packing produce</p>	<p>Thursday mornings are particularly busy—and rewarding—for the University of Hawai'i Maui College's culinary arts program purchasing class. Instructor Natasha Joslin and her seven students, along with some campus and community volunteers, pack up 200 boxes of local produce that are distributed later in the day to UH Maui College students and community members affected by the August wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/10/31 at 10:59 am</p>
<p>Maui police release body worn camera footage from Aug. 8 wildfires</p>	<p>Disclaimer: GRAPHIC CONTENT (Police body camera footage contains profanity). "There's been multiple narratives about what took place on the day of those fires. This body worn camera footage makes it very clear and convincing that the Maui Police Department—the men and women of MPD—went above and beyond, and their actions reflect the finest tradition of this noble profession," said Chief Pelletier.</p>	<p>2023/10/30 at 7:48 pm</p>
<p>Kula fire debris removal to begin in 2-4 weeks; hazardous site assessments start in Lahaina</p>	<p>Another key milestone in the recovery of Lahaina began on Oct. 27 with the initiation of hazardous site assessments of burned property conducted for the US Army Corps of Engineers.</p>	<p>2023/10/30 at 3:55 pm</p>
<p>Credible missing persons list drops to 4 people unaccounted for from Lahaina fire</p>	<p>On Oct. 30, the Maui Police Department's credible list of unaccounted for individuals from the Aug. 8 Lahaina wildfire has dropped from five people to four individuals.</p>	<p>2023/10/30 at 1:29 pm</p>
<p>Host sites needed for grant-funded jobs program for workers dislocated by fires</p>	<p>Four virtual informational sessions will be held this week for Maui nonprofits and other organizations interested in becoming a host site for a grant funded jobs program for workers dislocated by the wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/10/30 at 12:52 pm</p>
<p>Visitors to Maui in September 2023 following the Lahaina wildfires was half the volume of the same period in 2022</p>	<p>The impacts from the Maui wildfires were significant in September 2023 with both visitor arrivals and visitor expenditures down by more than 50% for Maui for the month compared to 2022.</p>	<p>2023/10/30 at 11:49 am</p>

<p><u>Continued temporary housing assistance for Maui fire survivors available with FEMA</u></p>	<p>If you are a survivor of the Aug. 8 Maui wildfires and you received FEMA rental assistance, the federal agency said to stay in touch because you may be eligible for continued rental assistance for temporary housing in any U.S.-governed location.</p>	<p>2023/10/29 at 10:00 am</p>
<p><u>County, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement partner to expand residential re-entry, recovery services</u></p>	<p>Starting next week, the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement's Kako'o Maui office at Maui Mall Village will begin providing distribution of vehicle passes and Personal Protective Equipment education and kits and Right-of-Entry registration assistance.</p>	<p>2023/10/27 at 3:13 pm</p>
<p><u>Leaders launch Kōkua for Maui to support Maui business and economy post-wildfires</u></p>	<p>While monetary contributions and fundraisers have been helpful, the Kōkua for Maui program offers the public a chance to connect with individuals and businesses and create an added economic boost.</p>	<p>2023/10/27 at 1:18 pm</p>
<p><u>Hawai'i Tourism Authority educates travelers on how to visit Maui with respect and compassion</u></p>	<p>"Pack your patience and grace." "Do not enter the impacted area of Lahaina Town or take photos of the area, even from afar." "Support local businesses." These are some of the messages being shared by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, as one of the main questions being asked by visitors is how they can support the people of Maui in its recovery.</p>	<p>2023/10/27 at 12:30 pm</p>
<p><u>EPA Hazardous Materials Removal Work is Now 85% Complete</u></p>	<p>The US Environmental Protection Agency has now removed hazardous materials from over 85% of the burned properties in Lahaina, Maui – the first phase of the overall federal cleanup response to the Maui Wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/10/27 at 11:30 am</p>
<p><u>Highway overpass for Kūlanihāko'i High School at least 2 years from completion</u></p>	<p>Plans were unveiled for an overpass across Pi'ilani Highway at the entrance to the newly opened Kūlanihāko'i High School, but it will not be completed for two years at the earliest — and that's only if funding is secured.</p>	<p>2023/10/27 at 10:30 am</p>
<p><u>Whale Season has officially begun following whale sighting in Maui waters</u></p>	<p>A research team sighted their first whale of the season out of Mā'alaea on Oct. 25, about 5 miles off the coast of Kīhei, at 8:15 a.m.</p>	<p>2023/10/27 at 4:30 am</p>
<p><u>Disaster Area Residential Restrictions to be lifted for Zones 9H, 9I and 9J in West Maui</u></p>	<p>County of Maui Disaster Area Restrictions will be lifted for owners and residents with vehicle passes from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Monday, Oct. 30 and Tuesday, Oct. 31, in Zones 9H, 9I and 9J.</p>	<p>2023/10/26 at 5:30 pm</p>
<p><u>Wildfire impacts result in unavailable vacation rental units on Maui in September 2023</u></p>	<p>Many vacation rental units continued to be unavailable in West Maui in September due to the Maui wildfires that occurred in Lahaina on Aug. 8, 2023.</p>	<p>2023/10/26 at 12:30 pm</p>

<p>Land Board to consider Lahaina wildfire debris disposition site at old Olowalu cinder quarry</p>	<p>The County of Maui has submitted a request to the state Board of Land and Natural Resources to utilize land in Olowalu near the closed landfill as a final disposition site for disposal of fire debris from the Aug. 8 wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/10/26 at 9:55 am</p>
<p>Sentry Foundation gifts another \$350K for Maui wildfire recovery; total giving is \$1M</p>	<p>Sentry leaders surprised four Maui non-profits—Maui United Way, Maui Food Bank, University of Hawai'i-Maui, and Boys & Girls Club of Maui—with the donations during a visit to the island earlier this month to better understand the needs of the community.</p>	<p>2023/10/26 at 8:30 am</p>
<p>Testimony at CWRM meeting centers on West Maui stream restoration, return of Moku'ula</p>	<p>The state Commission on Water Resource Management held a marathon meeting on Maui Tuesday, lasting nearly nine hours. Members received testimony and updated the public on the Lahaina Aquifer Sector Area including wells in the fire-impacted area, water resources at Kaua'ula and Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) for area waterways.</p>	<p>2023/10/25 at 3:03 pm</p>
<p>Three more disaster area zones reopen for residents in West Maui, Oct. 27-28</p>	<p>County of Maui Disaster Area Restrictions will be lifted for owners and residents with vehicle passes from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Friday, Oct. 27 and Saturday, Oct. 28, in Zones 4A, 4B and 4C.</p>	<p>2023/10/24 at 4:27 pm</p>
<p>Ground ambulance contract award canceled for Kaua'i and Maui following protest</p>	<p>The state Department of Health is canceling both RFPs for ambulance service awarded on Maui and Kaua'i, and directing the procurements to start over. Department officials say the requirement to maintain the current level of staffing for Advanced Life Support was not clearly included in the RFPs.</p>	<p>2023/10/24 at 8:51 am</p>
<p>Guy Fieri's Chefs for Maui fundraiser collects \$1.5M for Maui wildfire recovery and relief</p>	<p>Thirty-eight award-winning chefs, participated in The Guy Fieri Foundation's Chefs for Maui Fundraiser in Northern California Wine Country on Oct. 21, to support disaster operations and raise money for relief supplies for Maui following the August wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/10/24 at 8:27 am</p>
<p>Four county mayors visit Lahaina disaster zone; Next phase of reopening set for Nov. 1</p>	<p>Mayors from Kaua'i, O'ahu and Hawai'i Island visited Front Street, Lahaina Harbor and a re-entry zone together for the first time on Monday. The site visit comes 11 weeks after the August 2023 Lahaina wildfire that claimed the lives of at least 99 people.</p>	<p>2023/10/24 at 7:52 am</p>
<p>Contractor with US Army Corps of Engineers begins hazardous fire site assessments in Kula</p>	<p>On Saturday, Phase 1 of the US Army Corps of Engineers-led removal of private property debris began with hazardous site assessments for 26 properties in Kula that were burned by the Aug. 8 wildfire.</p>	<p>2023/10/23 at 3:52 pm</p>

<p>Hawai'i Attorney General seeks information on illegal residential rent increases, evictions on Maui</p>	<p>The purpose of the rent and eviction restrictions in the Emergency Proclamation is to address the unprecedented humanitarian crisis caused by the August wildfires. "If you believe that a landlord on Maui is acting illegally under the Emergency Proclamation, report what you know to the Department of the Attorney General," department officials said.</p>	<p>2023/10/23 at 10:45 am</p>
<p>Hydrologists explain that interim instream flow standards are aimed at equitable use of water</p>	<p>Essentially interim instream flow standards reduce the use of water for non-instream uses, particularly under low-flow conditions. "We really seek to prioritize public trust uses over non-public trust uses and IIFS are one tool that helps us do that," state hydrologists said.</p>	<p>2023/10/23 at 9:47 am</p>
<p>UH scholarship offer to Lahainaluna High seniors extended to two or four years</p>	<p>Two-year and four-year scholarships to the University of Hawai'i are now available to Lahainaluna High School seniors, thanks to an anonymous philanthropist. The donor agreed to fund the scholarship extensions to two years for any UH community college or four years for any UH university.</p>	<p>2023/10/23 at 8:13 am</p>
<p>More than 1,000 backpacks distributed to Lahaina students</p>	<p>The Hawai'i State Teachers Association, in partnership with Kamehameha Schools, has provided more than 1,000 backpacks to Lahaina students affected by wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/10/22 at 5:00 am</p>
<p>Hui O Ka Wai Ola adds four new coastal water testing sites in Lahaina</p>	<p>Hui O Ka Wai Ola increased its response to the Lahaina wildfires by launching four additional coastal water testing sites in West Maui (Māla Tavern, Māla Ramp, Papalaua Street, and Lahaina Harbor) and by hiring the organization's first Fire Response Team Lead.</p>	<p>2023/10/21 at 1:00 pm</p>
<p>Unemployment jumps to 8.4% on Maui Island in September 2023, primarily due to fires</p>	<p>On Maui Island, unemployment climbed to 8.4% in September 2023, a 3.7% increase from August 2023 and a 4.6% increase from a year ago, according to statistics released by the Hawai'i State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.</p>	<p>2023/10/20 at 4:00 pm</p>
<p>Survey of Maui nonprofit directors reveals community impact and needs following fires</p>	<p>Chief among the findings was the dramatic shift in work for the nonprofit sector. Over 80% of respondents have shifted the focus of their work to fire relief, affecting the sector's capacity to deliver a wide range of social services.</p>	<p>2023/10/20 at 2:05 pm</p>
<p>HTA: Maui County hotels impacted by wildfires, but still led counties in RevPAR</p>	<p>Maui County hotels continued to be impacted by the Aug. 8 Wildfires, but still led the counties in September 2023 Revenue Per Available Room due to comparatively higher Average Daily Rate.</p>	<p>2023/10/20 at 8:17 am</p>

<p>Homecoming football game between Lahainaluna and Baldwin is sold out</p>	<p>Tickets for the homecoming football game between Lahainaluna High School and Baldwin High School at Sue D. Cooley Stadium on Oct. 21 have sold out. The game will be live streamed on the NFHS network of the National Federation of State High School Associations (subscription fee is required). Visit nfhsnetwork.com for more information.</p>	<p>2023/10/19 at 7:47 pm</p>
<p>Maui Disaster Area Restrictions lifted for one 13A, 13B, 13C: Oct. 23-24</p>	<p>County of Maui Disaster Area Restrictions will be lifted for owners and residents with vehicle passes from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Monday, Oct. 23 and Tuesday, Oct. 24, in Zones 13A, 13B and 13C.</p>	<p>2023/10/19 at 7:30 pm</p>
<p>A 175-acre little fire ant infestation on Maui reaches turning point</p>	<p>Crews with the Maui Invasive Species Committee say aerial eradication efforts of a 175-acre little fire ant infestation in Nāhiku has reached a turning point. The infestation was discovered in 2014 during an effort to remove invasive Nicosia plants from the area.</p>	<p>2023/10/19 at 2:58 pm</p>
<p>EPA hazardous materials removal work is 75% complete in Lahaina, Maui</p>	<p>The US Environmental Protection Agency has removed hazardous materials from more than 75% of the burned properties in Lahaina, Maui – the first phase of the overall federal cleanup response to the Maui Wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/10/19 at 10:36 am</p>
<p>Hawaiian Electric continues urgent restoration work in Lahaina</p>	<p>Currently, crews are continuing repairs to restore an approximate 300 remaining customers in Lahaina, including the Wahikuli area. In the last two weeks, with more areas being cleared for re-entry by emergency response officials, crews restored power to about 350 customers in the Kahoma Village, parts of Puamana and Upper Kapunakea area.</p>	<p>2023/10/19 at 9:40 am</p>
<p>Maui council to consider real property tax exemption for those impacted by August 2023 fires</p>	<p>Council member Tamara Paltin introduced Bill 95 (2023), which she said would exempt properties destroyed or rendered uninhabitable by the August wildfires from property taxes and create an incentive for hotels and short-term rentals to house residents displaced by the fires.</p>	<p>2023/10/19 at 5:06 am</p>
<p>Maui United Way distributes \$7M in \$1,000 payments to 7,000+ fire survivors</p>	<p>Maui United Way, a charitable nonprofit serving Maui for more than 75 years, created and implemented an Emergency Financial Assistance program that received more than 9,000 applications, and has now successfully distributed payments of \$1,000 to more than 7,000 individual fire survivors on Maui. Maui United Way has now launched the second round of grants to assist its local Maui nonprofit partners.</p>	<p>2023/10/19 at 4:39 am</p>

<p>Maui updates on economic recovery and housing response after August wildfires</p>	<p>Governor Josh Green, M.D., with Maui County Mayor Richard Bissen, state officials, FEMA and the American Red Cross joined in providing an update on the economic recovery and housing response on Maui following the devastating Aug. 8 wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/10/19 at 4:27 am</p>
<p>King Kamehameha III and Princess Nāhi'ena'ena Elementary reopen on shared campus</p>	<p>Lahaina's two elementary schools reopened to hundreds of students today on a shared campus that faculty and staff from both schools have worked hard to make as inviting and familiar as possible for their communities impacted by the August wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/10/18 at 1:30 pm</p>
<p>New Maui Hale Match website trying to connect fire displaced residents with affordable places to live</p>	<p>To help people like Vierra, Native Hawaiian Matt Jachowski has used his skills as a software developer to create the website Maui Hale Match, which he hopes will make it easier for displaced fire survivors to connect with homeowners and landlords that have available units they can afford. But his data shows the affordability gap is huge.</p>	<p>2023/10/17 at 7:19 pm</p>
<p>Maui Disaster Area Restrictions lifted for Zones 14 A & B, including portion of Front Street</p>	<p>County of Maui Disaster Area Restrictions will be lifted for owners and residents with vehicle passes from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Friday, Oct. 20, and Saturday, Oct. 21, in Zone 14A and 14B. ZONE 14A includes a portion of Front St. ZONE 14B includes portions of: Aholo Rd., Front St., Kaeo Pl., Kahili Pl., Kamano Pl., Kua Pl., Ui Pl.</p>	<p>2023/10/17 at 5:22 pm</p>
<p>400 Lahaina Intermediate students return to campus for first time since Maui fires</p>	<p>Lahaina Intermediate School faculty and staff cheered and waved signs as they welcomed approximately 400 students back to their West Maui campus for the first time this academic year.</p>	<p>2023/10/17 at 2:13 pm</p>
<p>County of Maui seeks help identifying vehicles damaged or destroyed in wildfires</p>	<p>The County of Maui is identifying fire-damaged or destroyed vehicles found on public roadways and other right-of-way areas following the August 2023 Maui wildfires. County officials say there were an estimated 1,000 vehicles that were in public right-of-way areas following the fires.</p>	<p>2023/10/16 at 4:33 pm</p>
<p>Lahainaluna welcomes 700 students back to campus for first time since wildfires</p>	<p>Lahainaluna High School faculty and staff welcomed approximately 700 students back to their home campus on Monday for the first time in more than two months since the Maui wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/10/16 at 3:03 pm</p>
<p>University of Hawai'i researchers investigate nearshore water quality, reef health after Maui Fires</p>	<p>A team of researchers from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa are sampling West Maui reefs to assess the impact from the toxic ash from the Lahaina wildfire.</p>	<p>2023/10/16 at 4:00 am</p>

<p><u>Preliminary ash samples from Kula fire show high levels of toxic substances; same expected in Lahaina</u></p>	<p>Preliminary, unvalidated data from ash sampling received late Friday night shows very high levels of arsenic, and elevated levels of lead and cobalt, in wildfire ash collected in Kula — and ash in the Lahaina burn zone is expected to have a similar profile, the Hawai'i State Department of Health announced on Sunday.</p>	<p>2023/10/15 at 6:42 pm</p>
<p><u>Category 4 and 5 hurricanes arriving earlier due to climate change, University of Hawai'i study finds</u></p>	<p>Research from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa revealed that intense tropical cyclones, equivalent to category 4 and 5 hurricanes, are arriving three to four days earlier with each decade of climate change.</p>	<p>2023/10/14 at 12:00 pm</p>
<p><u>Native Hawaiian organizations form Ho'ōla Maui to collaborate for West Maui cleanup</u></p>	<p>A coalition of Native Hawaiian Organizations has formed Ho'ōla Maui, which pledges to dedicate their technical expertise and organizational capacity to the clean-up effort of the August fires.</p>	<p>2023/10/14 at 8:00 am</p>
<p><u>Application deadline Oct. 29 for new workforce housing development in Wailuku</u></p>	<p>Kaulana Mahina, the new workforce housing development in Wailuku, distributed more than 2,900 applications last week for its affordable rental units that are due Oct. 29.</p>	<p>2023/10/14 at 1:00 am</p>
<p><u>Evacuation route for Lahaina schools completed for emergency use</u></p>	<p>An emergency evacuation route has been completed in time for the reopening of three Lahaina schools: Princess Nāhi'ena'ena Elementary, Lahaina Intermediate and Lahainaluna High.</p>	<p>2023/10/13 at 10:54 am</p>
<p><u>Maui man using online name Duckfat34 sentenced to 10 years for child enticement, drug trafficking</u></p>	<p>US Chief District Judge Derrick K. Watson on Tuesday sentenced Lyle Cummings, 47, of Maui, to 10 1/2 years of imprisonment and seven years of supervised release for attempted coercion and enticement of a child to engage in sexual activity and trafficking cocaine and crack.</p>	<p>2023/10/12 at 9:32 pm</p>
<p><u>Maui County Council to take action Oct. 12 on bill about alternative fire debris removal program</u></p>	<p>The Maui County Council is scheduled to take final action on Bill 86 about an alternative program for fire debris removal at a special 9 a.m. meeting at the Kalana O Maui Building in Wailuku.</p>	<p>2023/10/11 at 6:07 pm</p>
<p><u>Maui Disaster Relief Fund suspends new applications after overwhelming response</u></p>	<p>The suspension of new applications will allow the fund to streamline efforts and expedite assistance to wildfire victims.</p>	<p>2023/10/11 at 4:25 pm</p>
<p><u>Maui County approves using soil stabilizer Soiltac in Lahaina burn area</u></p>	<p>Maui County has approved the use of the soil stabilizer Soiltac to protect residents' health and the environment from risks posed by ash and debris that remain on properties burned during the Aug. 8 fire in Lahaina.</p>	<p>2023/10/09 at 8:02 pm</p>

<p><u>Hawai'i's water commission reinstates 1st Deputy Kaleo Manuel following controversial redeployment</u></p>	<p>With pressure from the Maui County Council and others, the Hawai'i State Commission on Water Resource Management on Monday reinstated 1st Deputy Kaleo Manuel, who was "redeployed" following accusations by a land owner that he delayed access to water during the deadly Aug. 8 Lahaina fire.</p>	<p>2023/10/09 at 2:22 pm</p>
<p><u>West Maui prepares for return of tourism: Merriman's serves thousands of meals since August fires</u></p>	<p>As West Maui prepares for the return of tourism on Oct. 8, restaurants and businesses are adjusting to the ongoing need of residents while also gauging services for visitors. Since Aug. 10, Chef Peter Merriman and his team have fed thousands of displaced residents impacted by the fires, giving free meals to 1,000 people daily and serving approx. 45,000 meals in the first seven weeks of response.</p>	<p>2023/10/07 at 3:01 pm</p>
<p><u>County provides messages to visitors, community as West Maui officially reopens Sunday to tourism</u></p>	<p>As the phased reopening of West Maui officially begins Sunday, the County of Maui is distributing a series of videos for the Maui community and its visitors.</p>	<p>2023/10/07 at 2:26 pm</p>
<p><u>Lahaina schools prepare for students to return with health and safety guidance</u></p>	<p>Dr. Rebecca Winkie, area superintendent of the Hāna-Lahainaluna-Lāna'i-Moloka'i Complex, sent a letter to parents and guardians of students attending Lahaina schools to provide information about the reopening plans.</p>	<p>2023/10/07 at 9:23 am</p>
<p><u>Portions of Upper Kula, Lahaina removed from Unsafe Water Advisory</u></p>	<p>The Maui County Department of Water Supply has removed Upper Kula Area 2A and Lahaina Area 1 from the Unsafe Water Advisory.</p>	<p>2023/10/06 at 8:43 pm</p>
<p><u>Crews continue to monitor Olinda fire for hot spots and smokers two-months later</u></p>	<p>Two days shy of the two-month anniversary of the start of the 1,000-acre Olinda Fire, daily fire patrols continue, according to a state Department of Land and Natural Resources news release. Firefighters from the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife continue checking for hot spots and smokers.</p>	<p>2023/10/06 at 4:00 pm</p>
<p><u>22nd Annual Native Hawaiian Convention moved to Maui to 'uplift local voices'</u></p>	<p>In a significant decision aimed at amplifying the voices of the people of Maui, the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement has chosen to relocate its highly anticipated 22nd Annual Native Hawaiian Convention from O'ahu to Maui. This year's convention is scheduled to take place from Nov. 14-17, 2023, at the Maui Arts and Culture Center in Kahului, Maui.</p>	<p>2023/10/05 at 5:00 pm</p>
<p><u>Operation underway to remove sunken vessels, marine debris from Lahaina Harbor, waterways</u></p>	<p>The Unified Command operation has begun to remove burned and sunken vessels, and marine debris, from Lahaina Harbor and the surrounding waterways.</p>	<p>2023/10/05 at 11:02 am</p>
<p><u>Maui Council to consider resolution to reinstate Kaleo Manuel to state Commission on Water Resource Management</u></p>	<p>The Maui County Council will discuss a resolution on Friday, Oct. 6, urging the governor to reinstate Marvin Kaleo Manuel as the first deputy of the Commission on Water Resource Management.</p>	<p>2023/10/04 at 6:39 pm</p>

<p>95 small businesses selected for \$1,000 grants from Maui Business Recovery Fund</p>	<p>The Maui Economic Development Board, in partnership with the Principal Foundation, said 95 small businesses directly impacted by the Aug. 8 Lahaina and Upcountry wildfires each will receive \$1,000 grants from the Maui Business Recovery Fund.</p>	<p>2023/10/04 at 2:30 pm</p>
<p>Schatz: More than \$17M heading to Maui for mental health support after fires</p>	<p>The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration awarded \$17.3 million in funding to the Hawai'i State Department of Health for emergency behavioral health support in the aftermath of the Maui fires.</p>	<p>2023/10/04 at 9:32 am</p>
<p>Lahaina burn victim identified among the fatalities from the Aug. 8 wildfire</p>	<p>The Maui Police Department on Tuesday identified Laurie Allen, 65, of Lahaina as a victim of the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire. She had sustained burn wounds during evacuation from her home, according to earlier reports.</p>	<p>2023/10/03 at 9:31 pm</p>
<p>Maui Host Housing Support Program provides \$375-\$1500 monthly stipend</p>	<p>A newly-launched Host Housing Support Program will provide monthly stipends of up to \$1,500 to eligible households who are providing shelter to individuals and families displaced by the Maui wildfires.</p>	<p>2023/10/03 at 3:07 pm</p>
<p>Lahaina Treescap Restoration Project update: New sprouts atop banyan tree</p>	<p>Volunteer arborists and landscapers have banded together as the Lahaina Treescap Restoration Project. The title was coined by arborist Steve Nimz who initiated care and watering for the historic Banyan tree, which is showing signs of recovery with new sprouts high in the canopy.</p>	<p>2023/10/03 at 7:59 am</p>
<p>Surfer suffers minor scrapes in apparent shark encounter at Tavares Bay in Pā'ia, Maui</p>	<p>The woman reported to authorities that while she was surfing a shark she described as a 10-12-foot-long Galapagos shark bit her board and launched her into the air. She landed on the shark which then bit through her board leash, according to an account detailed by the state Department of Land and Natural Resources. Officials say she was able to get back onto her board and swim to shore without further incident.</p>	<p>2023/10/03 at 4:20 am</p>
<p>Maui County says it will be 'picking up the pace' of its reentry program into Lahaina burn zone</p>	<p>Darryl Oliveira, interim administrator for Maui Emergency Management Agency, said Maui County is working with partner agencies to speed up the process for thousands of residents still anxiously waiting to return to their homes that were destroyed — or survived in the burn zone — of the Aug. 8 fire.</p>	<p>2023/10/02 at 4:21 pm</p>
<p>Petition draws 10K signatures asking governor to delay reopening of West Maui to tourism</p>	<p>An online petition demanding a delay to the planned reopening of West Maui to tourism on Oct. 8, has garnered more than 10,000 signatures.</p>	<p>2023/10/02 at 2:31 pm</p>

<p>2,500 families to continue sheltering in hotels and similar lodging after Maui wildfires</p>	<p>More than 2,500 families had established full eligibility for non-congregate sheltering as of Monday morning, Oct. 2, up from about 2,200 on Friday, Sept. 29, the Red Cross reported.</p>	<p>2023/10/02 at 1:04 pm</p>
<p>Temporary tent shelter, Pu'uhonua o Nēnē, opens with blessing</p>	<p>Elected officials and community leaders joined together on Saturday, Sept. 30, at Pu'uhonua o Nēnē, a temporary shelter, to bless the newly established facility for Maui wildfire survivors who were homeless pre-disaster.</p>	<p>2023/10/02 at 5:38 am</p>
<p>Kīhei woman succumbs to injuries from single car crash on North Kīhei Road on Sept. 19</p>	<p>A Kīhei woman succumbed to injuries she sustained in a single vehicle crash on North Kīhei Road reported in the early morning hours on Sept. 19, 2023.</p>	<p>2023/10/01 at 11:09 am</p>