QUARTERLY REPORT #3 for 2023 FOR PERIOD COVERING JULY 1, 2023 to SEPT 30, 2023 (Filed 10.6.23 by Wendy Osher)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JULY TO SEPT 2023 POSTED BELOW.

Note: Times are when the story was created, not necessarily when the item ran on air.

Also, the focus of news coverage this quarter was the Maui wildfires and the Lahaina fire that killed at least 98 people, left an estimated 10 unaccounted for, and destroyed five square miles of Historic Lahaina town.

Our radio stations, online assets and social platforms all focused on response and recovery. This effort continues today.

For more than a month, our six Maui radio stations carried special reports on response and recovery and interviews with key leaders and community members. For the first two weeks of the disaster, special reports aired around the clock to assist in the emergency dissemination of information to residents who were without power and other means for communication.

A PMGF cart was created to focus specifically on fire response and recovery reports on the radio after we transitioned from around the clock reporting. The cart covered fire specific updates from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, including weekends.

Coverage included live streaming of important press conferences, attending the presidential visit, interviews with key legislators, community leaders and residents impacted by the disaster.

Our coverage was some of the only on the ground reporting that took place in the early days of the aftermath.

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TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Temporary tent shelters for houseless wildfire survivors opens in Central Maui	The state, in partnership with the nonprofit Project Vision Hawai'i, has opened Pu'uhonua o Nēnē, a temporary shelter for Maui wildfire survivors who were experiencing homelessness before the disaster. The temporary shelter, located at the corner of Hāna Highway and Mayor Elmer F. Carvalho Way in Kahului opened on Friday, Sept. 29.	2023/09/30 at 7:50 am
Maui police narrow 'Credible List' of unaccounted for individuals to 12	The Maui Police Department has narrowed its list of unaccounted for individuals from the Aug. 8 Lahaina wildfire to 12 people. The updated list was released on Friday, Sept. 29, 2023.	2023/09/30 at 7:01 am

One more Lahaina fire victim identified by police: death toll is 97, unaccounted for is 12	The Maui Police Department identified one more victim of the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire on Friday: Allen John Constantino, 25, of Lahaina.	2023/09/30 at 6:22 am
Lahaina legislators urge Gov. Green to delay phased reopening of West Maui tourism	Senator Angus McKelvey and Representative Elle Cochran sent a letter to Governor Josh Green urging him to abandon the hard date of Oct. 8 for the reopening of tourism to West Maui.	2023/09/30 at 6:06 am
Maui Mayor Bissen issues statement about residents sheltering in hotels due to fires	Maui Mayor RIchard Bissen said that he was reassured by the American Red Cross, FEMA and the State of Hawai'i that residents displaced by the Aug. 8 fires who are sheltering in hotels will be able to continue to do so past Sept. 30 if they have completed registering with FEMA and the Red Cross.	2023/09/29 at 7:35 pm
County facilities near stadium to be closed Saturday in preparation for sold out MIL football game	In preparation for a sold-out Maui Interscholastic League football game (Lahainaluna vs. Baldwin) on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, War Memorial Complex facilities and some surrounding areas will be temporarily closed to the public that day.	2023/09/29 at 2:16 pm
FEMA job fair, Sept. 30 in Kahului	FEMA has 100 temporary vacancies on Maui and Oahu that start as 120-day appointments and may be extended up to one year. The SBA positions can be for at least a year and, in some cases, as long as seven years, some with a travel requirement.	2023/09/29 at 12:22 pm
Applications for Maui Disaster Relief Fund to open beginning Oct. 1	Online applications for disaster relief financial support will begin Oct. 1, 2023, from the Maui Disaster Relief initiative by the Hawai'i Catholic Community Foundation, and all of Maui's 10 Catholic churches.	2023/09/29 at 12:09 pm
DLNR: Hope remains for Old Lahaina Courthouse, Baldwin House and Seamen's Hospital	"I'm really pleased. From the first photographs I saw it looked like everything was gone and that's not the case. There are important historic buildings here that I think can be repaired," said State Historic Preservation Division Administrator Dr. Alan Downer.	2023/09/29 at 11:44 am
Kaiser Permanente offering classes for parents helping keiki cope with tragedy	Kaiser Permanente will host three, no- cost Parenting After Tragedy classes to help parents understand and address the emotional and psychological needs of their keiki following the devastating Maui wildfires.	2023/09/29 at 9:52 am
Schatz: "No One Wins In A Shutdown"	As the deadline to fund the federal government nears, US Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawaiʻi) called on colleagues in the US Senate and House of Representatives to pass the Senate's bipartisan continuing resolution to keep the government open and avert a disastrous shutdown.	2023/09/29 at 8:38 am

Rep. Tokuda joins in introducing the Addressing Addiction After Disasters Act	"From Hawai'i to Vermont, our nation has been hit hard by natural disasters. For those struggling with substance abuse and mental health problems, these are even darker times. This critical legislation will expand the Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program to ensure we can respond quickly when people need us most," said Rep. Tokuda	2023/09/29 at 8:26 am
West Maui residents call for evacuation plan before returning to school	"I think that's a huge consideration that needs to be in place before we open, so everybody knows what to do. I think that's one of the problems—the one road in and one road out for our schools is systemic in the poor planning decisions which amplified the tragedy of the fires," said Elizabeth Bowen, a teacher at Princess Nāhi'ena'ena Intermediate School.	2023/09/29 at 4:25 am
New phase of Maui shelter program; 800 households have not yet established full eligibility	As of this week, about 800 households in non- congregate sheltering had not yet established full eligibility. Those households are receiving a letter asking them to contact the Red Cross within 48 hours, by phone or in person at the hotels where they are staying, to provide the missing information.	2023/09/28 at 4:30 pm
US House energy subcommittee grills Hawaiian Electric CEO about utility's role in deadly Lahaina fire	During the first Congressional fact-finding hearing about the deadly Aug. 8 Lahaina fire, members of the US House Energy & Commerce subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations grilled Hawaiian Electric President and CEO Shelee Kimura about de-energizing power lines, wildfire mitigation efforts and replacing above ground lines connected to wood poles with buried lines.	2023/09/28 at 3:10 pm
Maui County Federal Credit Union Lahaina reopens in temporary location	Maui County Federal Credit Union's Lahaina branch has reopened in a temporary new location at the Fairway Shops in Kāʻanapali at 2580 Kekaʻa Drive, Suite 117, between China Bowl and Keller Williams Realty.	2023/09/28 at 3:00 pm
Disaster restriction lifted Oct. 2-3 for Zones 2C, 2D, 2E – Kuʻuipo, ʻAʻa and Lokia Streets	County of Maui Disaster Area Restrictions will be lifted for owners and residents with vehicle passes from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, and Tuesday, Oct. 3, in Zones 2C, 2D and 2E, which includes homes on Ku'uipo Street, 'A'a Street and Lokia Street.	2023/09/28 at 11:00 am
CPB Foundation, Ace Hardware distribute essential supplies to Maui wildfire survivors	Central Pacific Bank Foundation and Ace Hardware are joining forces to distribute much needed disaster relief and essential cleaning supplies to West Maui residents affected by the Maui wildfires. A distribution will take place on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (while supplies last) in front of the Ace Hardware location at the Lahaina Gateway Center.	2023/09/28 at 9:47 am

Rep. Jill Tokuda urges continued help for Maui fire recovery in testimony before House subcommittee	"Like you and I, our people have questions. We all deserve answers. Right now, the most important question must be, how do we keep the help coming?" - US Rep. Jill Tokuda	2023/09/28 at 8:19 am
Listening session for West Maui boaters and commercial operators, Oct. 3	"We recognize that even before the Lahaina fire there were conflicts between commercial vessel operations, especially at Māla Wharf, and community recreational users. For this reason, we are encouraging fishers, commercial vessel operators, and interested community members to attend this informational meeting so everyone can share and hear respective interests and concerns at the same time before decisions are made," said Chang.	2023/09/28 at 5:00 am
Maui County Council listens as Lahaina residents emotionally have their say	Nearly 150 people from keiki to kūpuna — many who have lost loved ones, homes and businesses in the Aug. 8 fire — testified before the Maui County Council in Kāʻanapali about the resolution to develop a recovery and resiliency plan in response to the Maui fires.	2023/09/28 at 4:19 am
Disaster area restriction lifted for Zone 5A: Old Lahaina Lūʻau anchored parcel	County of Maui Disaster Area Restrictions have been lifted for business in Zone 5A, which is the Old Lahaina Lū'au anchored parcel along Front Street. Access is via the Lahaina Cannery Mall through the Keawe Street entrance only. All other entrance points are blocked off.	2023/09/27 at 7:01 pm
Potable water available for the public's use in Lahaina, Upper Kula	The Department of Water Supply reminds people in areas affected by the recent wildfires that they may obtain safe water for their drinking, cooking and basic hygiene needs from a fleet of designated potable water tankers positioned at various sites in Lahaina and Upper Kula.	2023/09/27 at 5:28 pm
Lahaina tragedy prompts return of Hōkūle'a to Hawai'i in December before continuing Pacific circumnavigation	Polynesian Voyaging Society CEO Nainoa Thompson today announced a major change to the Moananuiākea Voyage sail plan. In the wake of the devastating fires on Maui, Hōkūle'a will return home from San Diego, California in late December, before continuing on the circumnavigation of the Pacific.	2023/09/27 at 1:46 pm
FBI's ongoing role in the Lahaina wildfire disaster response	When a wildfire devastated the island of Maui on Aug. 8, killing at least 97 people and destroying more than 2,000 homes, the FBI offered assistance to law enforcement partners on Maui. Today that assistance continues as teams work to identify remains and confirm individuals who are unaccounted for.	2023/09/27 at 12:45 pm

House Interim Schools Working Group hosts West Maui community meeting, Sept. 28	House Interim Schools Working Group Co-Chairs Justin H. Woodson and Jenna Takenouchi and members of the House Interim Schools Working Group in coordination with the Hawai'i State Department of Education will organize a public meeting on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023, to discuss the status of education for Maui students impacted by the Lahaina wildfire.	2023/09/27 at 11:30 am
State Senate to hold field briefing in Lahaina on wildfire-related insurance claims, Sept. 28	The Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection will hold a field briefing in Lahaina on Thursday, Sept. 28 to address questions and take testimony pertaining to wildfire-related insurance claims.	2023/09/27 at 10:30 am
Update/Postponed: CNHA hosts hula and mele workshop fundraiser to benefit Maui	The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement hosts a day long hula and mele workshop fundraiser, Kōkua Nā Hono A'o Pi'ilani, on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Windward Community College, Hale 'Ākoakoa. Proceeds from the event will directly benefit ongoing Maui relief efforts.	2023/09/27 at 9:37 am
Mayor Richard Bissen announces a 'phased approach' to reopening West Maui to visitors	Mayor Richard Bissen and members of his Lahaina Advisory Team have shaped a phased approach to the reopening of West Maui to visitors following an announcement by Gov. Josh Green that West Maui will reopen on Oct. 8, 2023.	2023/09/27 at 8:48 am
'Ukulele Festival Hawai'i to donate more than 800 instruments to Maui families affected by fires	More than 800 'ukulele will be donated to various organizations, institutions and community groups on Maui to assist with distribution to the affected children and families so that they may find healing and comfort through the sound of music and through the 'ukulele.	2023/09/27 at 8:00 am
US House subcommittee holding hearing Thursday to investigate electric infrastructure's role in Lahaina fire	The US House Committee on Energy & Commerce is holding a subcommittee fact-finding hearing on Thursday in Washington, D.C., to investigate the role of electric infrastructure in the "catastrophic Maui fire" in Lahaina on Aug. 8 that killed at least 97 people.	2023/09/27 at 5:00 am
Top 20 things to do on Maui, Sept 27-Oct. 8: Natalie Ai Kamauu, Kanekoa, Vince Esquire Maui wildfire benefits, Oktoberfest	The 'ukulele-powered band Kanekoa, the Vince Esquire Band and Grammy-nominated Natalie Ai Kamauu perform at benefits for Maui wildfire victims this weekend. Find our comprehensive listing HERE.	2023/09/27 at 2:00 am
Voter registration update available at the Westin Kāʻanapali, Sept. 27	West Maui residents can update their voter registration in-person at the Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023, at the Westin Maui's Honoapi'ilani Ballroom, starting at 8:30 a.m.	2023/09/26 at 6:21 pm

Six more Lahaina fire victims identified by police: death toll is 97, unaccounted for is 22	The Maui Police Department identified six more victims of the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire on Tuesday: Felimon Quijano, 61; Luz Bernabe, 64; Joel Villegas, 55; Adela Villegas, 53; Angelica Baclig, 31; and Junmark Quijano, 30. All are from Lahaina.	2023/09/26 at 4:30 pm
US Coast Guard transitions to next phase in Maui wildfire recovery	The Unified Command and the primary contractor, Global Diving & Salvage, have removed, to date, over 2100 gallons of product from vessels in the vicinity of Lahaina Harbor.	2023/09/26 at 3:04 pm
Temporary \$5.36M site for Kamehameha III Elementary below Kapalua Airport is projected for completion in 95 days	FEMA will be fronting the cost of the approximately \$5.36 million temporary campus on 10.2 acres in Honokōwai below the Kapalua Airport. The build time for the temporary site will be around 95 days.	2023/09/26 at 1:57 pm
Federal emergency watershed program helping with environmental damage from Maui wildfires	Three Soil & Water Conservation Districts and the County of Maui are working with the federal Emergency Watershed Protection Program to quickly address widescale environmental damage caused by the August wildfires.	2023/09/26 at 12:43 pm
New UHERO dashboard highlights areas of Hawai'i housing crisis	The University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization launched a publicly available, interactive housing data dashboard on Sept. 26, that allows users to customize their data reports based on location, with information such as property and rental market, demographics, zoning and housing stock. UHERO designed the dashboard to inform discussions on the way forward for housing in Hawai'i.	2023/09/26 at 7:49 am
Haku Baldwin Center supports first responders impacted by Maui wildfires	In response to the devastating impact of the recent wildfires, Haku Baldwin Center, a Makawao-based nonprofit specializing in therapeutic and educational equine-assisted services, announced the opening of a free mental health and wellness program for Maui's first responders and their families.	2023/09/26 at 7:31 am
Imua Physical Therapy in Lahaina has reopened, staff member remains in critical condition with burn wounds	"Although our clinic was spared from the fire, that wasn't the case for three of our staff members who have been displaced. The most difficult news is that our Patient Service Coordinator Laurie Allen remains in critical condition in Straub Hospital with the burn wounds she sustained in her evacuation from her home," said Director of Clinics Tiffany Prangnell.	2023/09/26 at 5:19 am
Committee to receive testimony for comprehensive recovery and resiliency plan on Sept. 27 in West Maui	The Maui County Council's Government Relations, Ethics and Transparency Committee will meet on Wednesday at 9 a.m. at The Westin Maui Resort and Spa in Kāʻanapali in the Honoapiʻilani Ballroom, to receive testimony on a resolution to develop a comprehensive recovery and resiliency plan in response to the August wildfires.	2023/09/26 at 4:58 am

Residents in Zone 1C return to their Lahaina homes during first day of supported reentry	Residents in all but one of the affected homes in Zone 1C of the Maui Wildfire Disaster Area applied for and received vehicle passes to return to their properties Monday on Kaniau Road in Lahaina.	2023/09/25 at 6:39 pm
ARDA-Hawai'i refocuses its 19th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit Maui relief efforts	Recognizing that the road to recovery and healing on Maui will be long, the American Resort Development Association, Hawai'i chapter (ARDA-Hawai'i) has refocused its 19th Annual Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament to benefit Maui Strong. The tournament is scheduled to take place on Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, at Hoakalei Country Club on Oʻahu, with a shotgun start at 12 noon.	2023/09/25 at 6:30 pm
175 kids affected by Maui fires get new bikes, and more available through Krank Cycles	About 225 people showed up to a Krank Cycles event, and in a little more than two hours, all 400 donated bikes were assembled for children and adults affected by the Maui fires.	2023/09/25 at 4:48 pm
Update on price freeze for commodity sales, landlord-tenant code for the Island of Maui	This price freeze, which is scheduled to remain in effect until Nov. 6, 2023, unless terminated or superseded by separate emergency proclamation, does not extend beyond the Island of Maui. During this declared emergency, the price freeze now in effect for the Island of Maui means that the essential goods and services that are subject to the price freeze must be sold at pre-emergency price levels.	2023/09/25 at 3:28 pm
One more Lahaina fire victim identified by police: death toll is 97, unaccounted for is 22	The Maui Police Department identified one more victim of the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire on Monday: Matsuyuki Osato, 83, of Lahaina.	2023/09/25 at 1:46 pm
Baker Foundation donates laptop computers to seven Maui County high school students	The Dr. Bobby and Julie Baker Foundation has provided free laptop computers to seven accomplished Maui County high school students. Most of the students were directly or indirectly impacted by the Maui wildfires on Aug. 8.	2023/09/25 at 1:30 pm
Hawai'i delegation urges SBA to extend loan deadline for those impacted by wildfires	Today, US Senator Mazie K. Hirono (D-HI), a member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, led the Hawai'i Congressional delegation in a letter to Isabel Guzman, Administrator of the US Small Business Administration, urging the agency to extend the physical damage loan application deadline for people impacted by the Hawai'i wildfires.	2023/09/25 at 8:39 am
Kupu, University of Hawai'i Maui College Food Relief Partnership to support Maui fire survivors	As part of this relief effort, UHMC culinary students will prepare 1,800-2,500 meals daily to feed Maui residents who have transitioned from emergency shelters to hotels and other temporary housing situations. The number of meals and residents served will adjust based on changing needs. For their time, UHMC culinary students will receive \$16 an hour, a \$1,459 Education Award provided by AmeriCorps, and access to health care benefits.	2023/09/25 at 8:16 am

Webinar for parents, teachers to learn how to help keiki cope with aftermath of Maui fires	The free virtual webinar by nonprofit Child Life Disaster Relief will run from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 30.	2023/09/25 at 7:00 am
Next Haleakalā Locavore Potluck, Sept. 26	Join the Hawai'i Farmers Union United, Haleakalā Chapter's next community meeting on Sept. 26 at the Heritage Hall in Pā'ia from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Organizers will share Fire Relief Resources and open up the floor for community conversation.	2023/09/24 at 5:30 pm
Free self-help solutions with Teri Holter at Royal Lahaina Resort	Join Teri Holter, LCSW, SEP, at the Royal Lahaina Resort on Sept. 26 and Oct. 3 for free Self-Help Solutions sessions aimed at helping Maui residents recover from trauma.	2023/09/24 at 3:00 pm
Six more Lahaina fire victims identified by police, including 11-year-old boy	The Maui Police Department identified six more victims of the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire on Sunday: Michael Morinho, 61; Ediomede Pavian Castillo, 35; Alfred Rawlings, 84; Maria Victoria Recolizado, 51; Justin Recolizado, 11; and Terri Thomas, 62. All were from Lahaina.	2023/09/24 at 1:53 pm
Keiki O Ka 'Āina Seeks family resource educators, childcare aides to support Maui community	Keiki O Ka 'Āina Family Learning Centers of Maui is actively hiring for various positions with a focus on supporting families and children affected by the Lahaina fires.	2023/09/24 at 9:00 am
Brigit & Bernard's Garden Cafe annual Oktoberfest will support Lahaina fire relief	Brigit and Bernard's Garden Café in Kahului is dedicating a portion of its annual Oktoberfest proceeds to support Maui wildfire relief efforts through the local nonprofit Maui Strong.	2023/09/24 at 7:00 am
Sentry gives additional \$377K to support Maui wildfire recovery	Sentry, a mutual insurance company, is donating \$377,616 to Maui Food Bank and Maui United Way as the community continues to work through the aftermath of the Maui wildfires.	2023/09/23 at 5:00 pm
Get repair, rebuilding advice in Lahaina, Sept. 25-30	FEMA specialists will be available from Monday, Sept. 25, to Saturday, Sept. 30, at Lahaina Gateway Ace Hardware, located at 325 Keawe St., Suite A101.	2023/09/23 at 2:00 pm
Office of Head Start officials visit MEO to offer assistance	A team from the Office of Head Start visited Maui Economic Opportunity to provide support and assistance to staff and parents affected by the wildfires	2023/09/23 at 1:05 pm
Dept. of Labor extends filing deadline for Disaster Unemployment Assistance benefits	Maui residents impacted by the wildfires may now file an initial claim for Disaster Unemployment Assistance through Oct. 26. The previous deadline for filing an initial application was Monday, Sept. 25.	2023/09/23 at 10:00 am
Lahaina comes together in community meeting to get recovery information, share hope	An emotional community meeting was held Friday night at the Lahaina Community Center to provide information to fire surviors — and hope that many people are working to help them.	2023/09/23 at 8:11 am

State Water Commission outlines actions and alternatives for West Maui water management	The state Commission on Water Resource Management held a marathon 12-hour meeting Tuesday as it dealt with questions surrounding the State Water Code, the status of deputy Kaleo Manuel, and management of water resources in West Maui.	2023/09/23 at 7:00 am
FEMA job fair today in Lahaina	FEMA is hiring. A job fair takes place today, Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lahaina Civic Center.	2023/09/23 at 6:00 am
Extended hours for Kāʻanapali Circulator Shuttle for reentry into Zone 1C	The County of Maui announced extended hours, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., for the Kā'anapali Circulator Shuttle Service on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 25 and 26, to accommodate residents with passes who are seeking reentry into the Lahaina wildfire disaster area.	2023/09/23 at 5:00 am
President approves 100% federal support for Maui wildfire debris removal	Under the President's order today, federal funds for debris removal are authorized at 100% of the total eligible costs for a continuous 180-day period of the state's choosing within the first nine months from the start of the incident period	2023/09/22 at 4:49 pm
Maui police narrow 'Credible List' of unaccounted for individuals to 22	The Maui Police Department has narrowed its list of unaccounted for individuals from the Aug. 8 Lahaina wildfire to 22 people. The updated list was released on Friday, Sept. 22, 2023, and includes the following names:	2023/09/22 at 3:04 pm
'Ohana Hope Village taking shape on 10 acres in Kahului to help house displaced wildfire survivors	'Ohana Hope Village is an ambitious undertaking that seeks to transform a 10-acre field in Central Maui, into approximately 90 homes, capable of housing around 500 people.	2023/09/22 at 2:10 pm
Hawai'i Catholic Community Foundation names Rojas director for Maui Disaster Relief	Longtime community development specialist Toni Rojas has been appointed as Director of Maui Disaster Relief by the Hawai'i Catholic Community Foundation. The position was created to support the ongoing efforts of Catholic Charities of Hawai'i and the 11 parishes on Maui to aid in the recovery of the Lahaina and Kula communities, which were severely impacted by wildfires on Aug. 8, 2023.	2023/09/22 at 10:25 am
DOH provides health risk guidance on reentry to Maui wildfire impact zone	Monday, Sept. 25 marks the beginning of reentry for some two dozen addresses in Zone 1C within the inundation zone on Kaniau Road in Lahaina. As residents and owners are allowed reentry to their properties in the impacted areas of the Maui wildfires, the state Department of Health is sharing information on the health risks and potential emotional impacts involved.	2023/09/22 at 10:04 am
PGA TOUR to return to Maui in January for 2024 tournament now called 'The Sentry'	The PGA TOUR announced it will return to fire- stricken Maui in January for the 2024 edition of the tournament now called "The Sentry," taking place at the Plantation Course in Kapalua.	2023/09/22 at 9:18 am

Rep. Tokuda requests additional support for Maui fire recovery, cultural preservation	US Representative Jill Tokuda (HI-02), along with House Natural Resources Ranking Member Raul Grijalva, and Rep. Ed Case sent a letter to Secretary Deb Haaland requesting that the Department of Interior provide support for the environmental recovery and cultural preservation efforts on Maui and Hawai'i Island.	2023/09/22 at 8:22 am
Hawai'i lawmakers urge swift construction of temporary site for Kamehameha III Elementary	Hawai'i's congressional delegation is urging the Army Corps to provide the Hawai'i Department of Education with the resources and support it needs to build a school to temporarily replace Kamehameha III Elementary School as quickly as possible.	2023/09/22 at 7:49 am
UHERO: 'Wildfires deliver heavy blow to Maui economy,' rebuilding challenges detailed	The report shows Maui lost more than \$13 million of visitor spending each day in the weeks following the fire. With the planned Oct. 8 reopening of unaffected West Maui resort areas, economists are not anticipating a rush to travel, but a gradual recovery instead.	2023/09/22 at 12:02 am
First residential reentry passes for Lahaina Zone 1C (Kaniau Road) can be picked up Sept. 22-24	Property owners and residents of Zone 1C — Kaniau Road — in Lahaina will be able to pick up vehicle passes for reentry on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Lahaina Civic Center.	2023/09/21 at 3:25 pm
Schatz calls for additional disaster relief for Maui as government funding deadline nears	With just nine days to go until the Sept. 30 deadline to fund the federal government, US Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawai'i) today spoke on the Senate Floor to call on lawmakers in Congress to pass additional disaster relief funding as part of an appropriations bill.	2023/09/21 at 2:15 pm
Hawaiian Electric begins restoration work in Lahaina at request of Maui Emergency Operations Center	The County of Maui through its Emergency Operations Center and Maui Emergency Management Agency has requested this utility work to begin in the upcoming weeks to restore county wastewater pumps that service the area. The work also enables the interim rebuilding of two backup circuits that can reroute power to customers and neighborhoods in the Puamana, Launiupoko to Olowalu area, and mauka of the Lahaina Bypass.	2023/09/21 at 12:14 pm
Gov. Green unveils upcoming important dates involving Maui fire recovery	Governor Josh Green highlighted upcoming important dates involving Maui wildfire survivors as the island transitions from response to recovery. Dates include: Sept. 25 reentry begins; Sept. 26 details to be released surrounding a replacement site for Kamehameha III Elementary; Sept. 29 Safe Harbor ends; and Oct. 8 marks the formal reopening of West Maui.	2023/09/21 at 11:15 am

Krank Cycles seeks volunteers to help assemble 400 donated bikes for wildfire survivors	Maui-based Krank Cycles received a donation of 400 new bicycles and is calling on the community to come together on Sept. 23 and help assemble these bikes to be distributed among Maui wildfire survivors.	2023/09/21 at 9:15 am
FHLB Des Moines awards \$5 million to support Maui relief efforts	FHLB Des Moines awarded \$4 million to the Hawai'i Bankers Association who will regrant funds to the Hawai'i Community Foundation's Maui Strong Fund, the United Way of Maui and the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement. FHLB Des Moines donated \$1 million to the Valley Isle Chapter of the Hawai'i Credit Union League, who established the Credit Union Wildfire Relief Fund. This fund provides direct and immediate support to those in need, addressing their most pressing needs at any given time.	2023/09/21 at 8:22 am
Hawai'i Red Cross is hiring for long-term Lahaina recovery	The American Red Cross is hiring members of the Maui community for long-term wildfire recovery efforts and has launched a six-day Job Fair in Central Maui.	2023/09/21 at 5:13 am
State Senate to hold field briefing in Lahaina on wildfire related insurance claims, Sept. 28	"Our committee has heard from various neighbors on Maui that they continue to face challenges relating to processing wildfire insurance claims, including home, business, vehicle, and vessel policies," said Senator Jarett Keohokalole, Chair of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection. The briefing will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023, at the Lahaina Civic Center.	2023/09/21 at 4:56 am
Residential return process begins in Lahaina disaster area, first zone identified for reentry	Kaniau Road in Zone 1C will be the first area to be cleared for residential reentry in the Lahaina disaster area, on Monday and Tuesday next week. A vehicle pass will be required for entry, and applications will be distributed on Friday through Sunday at the Lahaina Civic Center during specified hours.	2023/09/20 at 7:24 pm
Chief Pelletier to Maui Police Commission: 'We saved lives'	Chief John Pelletier told the Maui Police Commission the after-action report about the department's response to the Maui wildfires will be a "dive into what went right, what went wrong and how can we improve. But it is also going to talk about some of the incredible acts that took place."	2023/09/20 at 4:38 pm
One more victim identified by police six weeks after Lahaina wildfire	The Maui Police Department identified one more victim of the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire on Wednesday: Kirk Carter, 44, of Lahaina.	2023/09/20 at 3:05 pm
In wake of Maui wildfires, why it's important to return your SBA loan application	SBA disaster loans may cover losses that are not fully covered by insurance or other sources. The SBA is the largest source of federal disaster recovery funds for survivors.	2023/09/20 at 12:11 pm

County of Maui encourages local businesses to register for free listing on MauiNuiFirst.com	The revamped MauiNuiFirst.com website offers businesses an expanded platform to showcase their products, services and activities.	2023/09/20 at 10:00 am
Four Seasons Resort Maui hosting 'Love for Lahaina' culinary pop-up events in October	Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea is hosting a new series of "Love for Lahaina" culinary pop-up events in October to support the hospitality industry and farmers who have been directly affected by the wildfires.	2023/09/20 at 9:00 am
Mamoru and Aiko Takitani Foundation awards \$300K to support victims of the Maui fires	The Mamoru and Aiko Takitani Foundation, Inc. (Takitani Foundation) has awarded grants totaling \$300,000 in memory of Mamoru and Aiko Takitani, founders of Hawaiian Host, manufacturer of Hawaiian Host chocolates. Funding will support victims of the Maui fires and include \$150,000 to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, \$100,000 to Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, and \$50,000 to Maui Preparatory Academy.	2023/09/20 at 8:17 am
Upcountry community meeting tonight on water safety, wildfire-debris management and disaster recovery.	Council Vice-Chair Yuki Lei K. Sugimura is hosting a community meeting at the Mayor Hannibal Tavares Community Center in Pukalani at 6 p.m. on Sept. 20, to provide updates on water safety, wildfire-debris management and disaster recovery.	2023/09/20 at 5:23 am
Top 20 things to do on Maui, Sept 21-30: Kapono, Kanekoa benefit concerts; October Fest, 'Rally Around Peace'	Several benefit concerts for Maui wildfire victims are taking place this weekend, including Henry Kapono's "We Are Friends," a Maui Jazz and Blues Festival, Jazz Aid and "Rally Around Peace" at the Imua Discovery Gardens. Find our comprehensive listing HERE.	2023/09/20 at 3:00 am
Maui mayor announces: Lahaina Advisory Team, community meetings, creation of Office of Recovery	Maui County Mayor Richard Bissen has formed a 5-member Lahaina Advisory Team, announced two public meetings about relief efforts and is in the midst of creating a new Office of Recovery.	2023/09/19 at 8:31 pm
State webinar series to provide updates about Maui relief, recovery efforts	The next "Pathways to Recovery" webinar on Sept. 21 will focus on topics such as price freeze, landlord-tenant matters and other items related to consumer protection.	2023/09/19 at 5:28 pm
Distance learning hub opens for K-8 in West Maui with 250+ students	More than 250 Lahaina students from King Kamehameha III Elementary, Princess Nāhi'ena'ena Elementary and Lahaina Intermediate attended the opening of the Hawai'i State Department of Education's distance learning hub at Citizen Church in Kahana.	2023/09/19 at 5:04 pm
One more wildfire victim identified; bringing total to 75	The Maui Police Department identified one more victim of the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire on Tuesday: James Smith, 79, of Lahaina.	2023/09/19 at 11:56 am
University of Hawai'i offering full scholarships to Class of 2024 at Lahainaluna High School	The University of Hawai'i is offering full one-year scholarships to every Lahainaluna High School senior to attend any of its 10 campuses.	2023/09/19 at 10:45 am

FEMA providing \$7.3 million grant to reimburse state, county for Maui fires recovery efforts	The Federal Emergency Management Agency is providing a new \$7.3 million grant to aid with the state's and county's ongoing recovery effort from the Maui fires.	2023/09/19 at 8:28 am
Kapalua Golf to reopen Bay Course Sept. 20, Plantation Course Oct. 18	Kapalua Golf will reopen its Bay Course on Wednesday, Sept. 20 and its Plantation Course on Oct. 18, 2023.	2023/09/19 at 7:20 am
'Play Imua' store to launch in Mā'alaea for youngest survivors of Maui wildfires	Imua Family Services has partnered with JAKKS Pacific toy company to launch the "Play Imua" store in response to the harrowing wildfires that have devastated homes and communities across Maui.	2023/09/19 at 5:00 am
Five additional Lahaina wildfire victims were identified; a total of 74 people have been named	This brings the total number of victims publicly identified to 74 of the estimated 97 fatalities, which is down from the death toll of 115 that had been reported for more than two weeks.	2023/09/18 at 5:13 pm
South Maui canoe clubs honor Lahaina with honorary paddle	More than 30 club outrigger canoes plus stand-up paddle boards and small canoes gathered on Maui Canoe Club Beach as the sun rose to honor Lahaina fire victims.	2023/09/18 at 3:47 pm
Maui United Way opens nonprofit grant applications for Phase 2 of fire disaster relief program	Maui United Way has opened the nonprofit grant application process for Phase 2 of its Maui Fire Disaster Relief program.	2023/09/18 at 3:26 pm
New green leaves signal recovery for Lahaina's historic banyan tree	Arborists who are volunteering their time and expertise to save a 150-year-old Banyan tree burned during the Lahaina fire indicate the growth is a positive sign for its long-term recovery.	2023/09/18 at 12:28 pm
Deadline is Sept. 18 for Maui wildfire survivors to register for Red Cross financial assistance	Maui wildfire survivors must act quickly to apply for financial assistance through the American Red Cross, with the registration deadline of Monday, Sept. 18. There is no late registration option.	2023/09/17 at 6:38 pm
Maui police identify two more victims of Lahaina fire; bringing total to 69	The Maui Police Department released the names of two more victims from the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire on Sunday: Janet St. Clair, 75, and Douglas Matsuda-Boucher, 65, both of Lahaina.	2023/09/17 at 6:19 pm
Cameron Center launches Laptop Relief Program to empower families affected by fires	The Cameron Center has launched the Laptop Relief Program, an initiative designed to close the digital gap and provide laptops to individuals and families affected by recent hardships.	2023/09/17 at 4:00 pm
Rental units urgently needed for transitional housing program for residents displaced by Maui fires	The lack of available rental units has hindered the Maui Fires Relief Transitional Housing Program, which pays for six months of rent and the security deposit.	2023/09/17 at 1:00 pm

Bayanihan for Maui Benefit Concert to benefit the survivors of the Lahaina wildfires	The Filipino Community Center, in partnership with Filipino organizations on Oʻahu, is coordinating a benefit concert with all the proceeds going to Binhi at Ani Foundation-Tulong for Lahaina Fund.	2023/09/17 at 8:50 am
Upcountry Resource Fair for fire disaster relief information Sept. 18 at Kula Community Center	An Upcountry Resource Fair is being held on Sept. 18 at the Kula Community Center to provide fire disaster relief information from different agencies.	2023/09/16 at 3:00 pm
New Westside Distribution Center opens for fire survivors at Kahana Gateway	Community members affected by the Maui fires now can retrieve food, supplies and other necessities at the Westside Distribution Center at Kahana Gateway.	2023/09/16 at 2:33 pm
Maui police name two more victims of Lahaina wildfire; 7 others identified still pending notification of family	The two latest victims to be officially identified are 68-year-old Michael Gordon and 60-year-old Carole Hartley, both of Lahaina. A total of 67 victims have now been named.	2023/09/16 at 2:18 pm
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement starts free Maui workforce development program	The first 60 students of a free Maui workforce development program began classes on Friday to learn skills that will help them land fire recovery jobs.	2023/09/16 at 2:00 pm
Sophisticated instruments gathering long term ocean water data near Lahaina fire	To measure the longterm affects of the Lahaina fire on nearby ocean waters, scientists are using three sophisticated sampling instruments that are on loan from the US Geological Survey.	2023/09/16 at 1:00 pm
78 'targets' identified for removal from Lahaina harbor, nearby waters following Aug. 8 fire	Unified Command has completed the search for sunken, derelict or displaced vessels, along with associated marine debris from the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire, and has identified 78 "targets."	2023/09/16 at 11:01 am
HTA lays groundwork for Tourism Recovery Plan in the wake of the Maui wildfires	"As we continue to assess the needs of Maui's people and how they envision rebuilding for the future, a Tourism Recovery Plan is critical to supporting Maui's revival and the state's immediate, mid-term, and long-term recovery efforts," said Mahina Paishon-Duarte, Chair of the Disaster Response Permitted Interaction Group and HTA Board Vice Chair.	2023/09/16 at 10:00 am
MEO Youth Services offer messages of hope at sign waving	The annual Youth Services sign-waving was held during Suicide Prevention Week this week. But with the recent wildfires, the Youth Services team decided to remove the word "suicide" from signs and focus on available help, specifically the 988 Suicide and Crisis Hotline, mental health and "Lahaina Strong."	2023/09/16 at 9:15 am
Continued rental assistance for Maui wildfire survivors	Residents of Maui who were affected by the Aug. 8 wildfires and received an initial rental assistance from FEMA may be eligible for continued rental assistance.	2023/09/16 at 8:00 am

Health Dept. reports that preliminary Maui air monitoring shows good air quality	The data available have not yet been validated. As contaminants are present in dust and ash, proper precautions should be taken when in the impacted area to avoid exposure.	2023/09/16 at 7:00 am
Happening Today (Sept. 16): Free Probate Clinic for Maui wildfire victims	The Hawai'i State Bar Association, in collaboration with the HSBA Probate & Estate Planning Section, is offering a Pro Bono (FREE) Probate Clinic on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Nā 'Aikāne o Maui community resource hub, located outside of the Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa at 2605 Kā'anapali Parkway in Lahaina.	2023/09/16 at 6:03 am
'Active contact' made with 94% of West Maui students' families	The Hawai'i State Department of Education has established "active contact" with nearly 94% of families who had students enrolled at public schools in West Maui prior to the Aug. 8 wildfires. That translates to 191 families where active contact has not yet been achieved, and includes families for which a message was left, but there	2023/09/15 at 9:34 pm
Maui police revise Lahaina wildfire death toll to 97; list of unaccounted for drops to 31	Maui police revised the death toll of the individuals killed in the Aug. 8 wildfire to 97, down from previous reports of 115; and say the number of individuals unaccounted for has also dropped to 31, down from 66 last week.	2023/09/15 at 5:28 pm
Two more wildfire disaster victims identified; 65 out of 97 confirmed fatalities have been released publicly	The Maui Police Department released the names of two more victims from the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire. Police today confirmed the identity of: Marilou Dias, 60; and June Anbe, 78, both of Lahaina.	2023/09/15 at 3:09 pm
Kaiser Permanente announces changes to Medical First Aid Stations in West Maui	Kaiser Permanente will be consolidating its three medical first aid stations into a single West Maui location at the Royal Lahaina Resort beginning Monday, Sept. 25, 2023.	2023/09/15 at 10:43 am
#Lahainastrong signs pops up in Kahului	The sign was created as a paid partnership between the Queen Kaʻahumanu Center and Manafacture, owners of the Na Koa Brand which also has a store at the mall. The business designed and created the sign, and Artisan Events Maui installed the work.	2023/09/15 at 8:58 am
More than 320 Maui-residents have signed-up for free certification and training courses	To date, more than 320 Maui-residents have registered for the free program that will include certification classes in HAZWOPER, OSHA, CDL, and others. Orientation classes for the first 60 students begins today.	2023/09/15 at 8:01 am
Kōkua our Maui 'Ohana with Queen Ka'ahumanu Center, Sept. 15	To assist in the ongoing efforts to help Maui, Queen Ka'ahumanu Center is turning their monthly Kama'āina Nights concert series into a special kōkua edition benefit concert on Friday, Sept. 15 from 4 to 9 p.m.	2023/09/15 at 7:41 am

Breaking: 2023 Maui Invitational relocates to Honolulu	This year's Maui Invitational will shift to the island of Oʻahu while its traditional home court – the Lahaina Civic Center – continues to serve as a critical hub for Maui wildfire recovery efforts. The 2023 Tournament will take place at the Stan Sheriff Center on the campus of the University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa from Nov. 20 to 22.	2023/09/15 at 7:13 am
Maui County announces reentry plan for property owners, residents inside Lahaina fire impact zone	Taking into consideration the safety and emotional well-being of people, Maui County announced its much-anticipated reentry plan into the five-square-mile impact zone of the deadly Aug. 8 Lahaina fire.	2023/09/14 at 5:49 pm
500 Lahainaluna students report for first day of in- person learning at Külanihākoʻi High	An estimated 500 Lahainaluna High School students reported Thursday to their temporary school site at Kūlanihākoʻi High for their first day of in-person instruction. Lahainaluna students were welcomed by Kūlanihākoʻi students and staff cheering and waving signs at the drop-off area on campus.	2023/09/14 at 5:36 pm
Maui Sports Cards shop organizes fundraiser card drive and auction for Maui wildfire relief	The Maui Sports Cards shop in Kahului hosts a card show and auction this Saturday at 'Īao Middle School cafeteria to raise funds for the The Maui Strong Fund.	2023/09/14 at 12:35 pm
Hawaiʻi Disaster SNAP program launches Sept. 18, 2023	The Hawai'i Department of Human Services will launch the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) on Sept. 18, 2023, through Sept. 23, 2023, for households directly impacted by the Aug. 8 wildfires in Kula and Lahaina on Maui.	2023/09/14 at 11:50 am
Oversight hearing on Maui fires expected to include testimony from HECO executive	The US House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing later this month on the deadly Maui wildfires that claimed the lives of at least 115 people, with many still unaccounted for. The Aug. 8 tragedy that wiped out five square miles of homes and businesses in Lahaina is considered the deadliest fire in modern US history.	2023/09/14 at 10:03 am
FEMA Maui recovery for the numbers: Deadlines and how to get post-wildfire aid	FEMA and the US Small Business Administration have approved more than \$89.25 million in federal assistance to survivors of the Maui wildfires that began Aug. 8. The last day to register for Red Cross sheltering assistance is Friday, Sept. 15. The deadline to apply for FEMA assistance and a low-interest disaster loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration is Tuesday, Oct. 10. Residents who lost their job as a direct result of the Maui wildfires and live or work in Maui County have until Monday, Sept. 25, to apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance.	2023/09/14 at 8:51 am

Feed My Sheep helps to fill need during aftermath of Maui wildfires	The nonprofit Feed My Sheep organization has stepped up during the aftermath of Maui's wildfires to provide food for those experiencing unexpected need. While the organization was already mobilized to serve households at or near the poverty line, the service extended its reach to those displaced by the Maui fires.	2023/09/14 at 7:36 am
WIC waivers provide more flexibility for Maui families	Families participating in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) impacted by the Maui wildfires will now have an easier time finding infant formula and food substitutions.	2023/09/14 at 7:32 am
New HIDOE progress report provides status updates on reopening of Lahaina schools	When schools reopen after fall break, the immediate plan is for King Kamehameha III Elementary students and staff to share a campus with Princess Nāhi'ena'ena Elementary while a future temporary site for the school is planned.	2023/09/14 at 4:52 am
Volunteers turn former Kīhei Radio Shack into distribution hub for Lahaina Keiki Relief Fund	Volunteers transformed the former Radio Shack at Azeka Shopping Center in Kīhei into a wellorganized distribution hub for clothes and goods for children, from newborns to teenagers.	2023/09/14 at 2:00 am
Two more wildfire disaster victims identified, including teen and 79-year-old Lahaina man	The Maui Police Department released the names of two more victims from the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire. Police today confirmed the identity of: Keyiro Fuentes, 14, and Maurice Buen, 79, both of Lahaina.	2023/09/13 at 5:34 pm
MEMA interim administrator Darryl Oliveira provides update on re-entry	A total of 464 Lahaina properties have been cleared by EPA of household hazardous materials. Two business zones re-opened on Wednesday, Sept. 13: Lahaina Cannery parcel and a business area that some know as Lahaina Business Park.	2023/09/13 at 5:22 pm
Young Brothers prioritizing shipping of relief cargo to Maui	Young Brothers has shipped much cargo for Maui fire relief efforts, including a mobile medial unit and communications trailer for Kaiser Permanente.	2023/09/13 at 4:07 pm
Sewer service inactive for many standing structures in fire-affected areas of Lahaina	Properties with inactive service should NOT flush toilets, allow water down drains even if service appears operable. Although a toilet may appear to continue to flush and water may drain initially, if the service is not active, the property will risk eventual sewage backing up within the home or business.	2023/09/13 at 4:00 pm
Committee to discuss comprehensive recovery and resiliency plan on Sept. 18 in Central Maui and Sept. 27 in West Maui	Council member Nohelani Uʻu-Hodgins announced today that the Government Relations, Ethics and Transparency Committee will meet in the Council Chamber on Monday, Sept. 18 at 9 a.m. and on Sept. 27 at The Westin Maui Resort and Spa in Kāʻanapali, to discuss a resolution to develop a comprehensive recovery and resiliency plan in response to the August wildfires.	2023/09/13 at 3:09 pm

FEMA is hiring on Maui: Visit a Job Fair Sept. 14-17	FEMA is hiring on Maui. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is seeking writers, liaisons, planners, historic preservation and geospatial information specialists, and digital communications specialists, to name a few. Four job fairs will be held Sept. 14-17 in Kahului, Lahaina and Wailuku.	2023/09/13 at 1:02 pm
Disaster Area Restrictions lifted for Lahaina Cannery Mall parcel and business area of Kupuohi and Ulupono streets	As of 10 a.m. on Sept. 13, County of Maui Disaster Area Restrictions have been lifted for Business Zones 5B and 5E, which includes the Lahaina Cannery Mall parcel and the business area of Kupuohi and Ulupono streets.	2023/09/13 at 10:08 am
Out of the 99 moorings at Lahaina Harbor, a row of 13 boats appears largely unscathed	"Most of the 13 boats, as well as the pier they're tied to, appear to be largely untouched by the flames of Aug. 8," according to the state Department of Land and Natural Resources. "One boat, the Reel Luckey, the last name of its owners, is a metaphor for the line of white vessels, still afloat in stark contrast to the blackened landscape, buildings, and harbor structures."	2023/09/13 at 8:34 am
VIDEO: Hirono highlights spread of disinformation by foreign entities in wake of Maui wildfires	US Senator Mazie K. Hirono (D-HI), a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, questioned a panel of experts about how artificial intelligence (AI) has reportedly been used to spread disinformation and sow mistrust in the federal government during times of disaster, specifically in the wake of the Maui wildfires.	2023/09/13 at 7:34 am
Top 20 things to do on Maui Sept. 14-24: Free animated films, Mexican Independence Day fiesta, trivia fundraiser for wildfire survivors	Free animated films featuring trolls and a singing crocodile provide family fun and are among the top 20 things to do this week on Maui. Find our comprehensive listing HERE.	2023/09/13 at 2:00 am
County amends Unsafe Water Advisory for part of Upper Kula	Effective Sept. 12, 2023, the Department of Water Supply announces that the Unsafe Water Advisory for Upper Kula has been amended to remove Zone 1 from the affected area. Water serving homes and buildings in Zone 1 has been determined to be safe for unrestricted use. To determine if your address is in a specific zone, please refer to the interactive map at the following link: Zone Map	2023/09/12 at 7:17 pm
One more Lahaina wildfire disaster victim identified Tuesday, bringing the total to 61	The Maui Police Department released the name of one more victim from the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire. Police today confirmed the identity of: Buddy Carter, 85, of Lahaina.	2023/09/12 at 4:04 pm

HIDOE distance learning hub to open in Lahaina next week	The Hawai'i State Department of Education will be offering a distance learning hub for K-8 Lahaina students starting Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023 at Citizen Church located at 4275 Hine Way in Lahaina. The learning hub will provide distance learning students with in-person opportunities for teacher support and peer socialization, as well as access to meals, recess, social-emotional learning and other resources. Two additional learning hubs in the works for West Maui students	2023/09/12 at 2:31 pm
Ludacris and Larenz Tate join efforts to support Maui first responders after wildfires	The Ludacris Foundation, the nonprofit organization founded by actor-rapper Chris "Ludacris" Bridges joins with the Tate Bros Foundation founded by his close friend and actor Larenz Tate, to extend their support to the Maui community following last month's devastating wildfires. This week, they announced the launch of their "Maui County First Responders Feeding Program Fund."	2023/09/12 at 1:21 pm
Maui Strong Support Groups, Sept. 26 in Wailuku	Mental Health America of Hawai'i hosts Maui Strong Support Groups Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023 at the J. Walter Cameron Center in Wailuku.	2023/09/12 at 12:40 pm
Post-wildfire mapping and assessment of Maui's leeward reefs, Sept. 14	As the community begins the recovery process after the devastating Lahaina and Upcountry wildfires, groups like the Maui Nui Marine Resource Council, are turning to the ocean to gather baseline conditions of coral reefs before impacts like fire-related runoff occur.	2023/09/12 at 9:45 am
Private nonprofits can learn about disaster assistance funding at September briefings	Private nonprofits and government organizations seeking Federal Emergency Management Administration public assistance funding can learn more about how to apply at informational briefings this month on Maui and online.	2023/09/12 at 9:31 am
Safety of Maui drinking water after the August wildfires is the focus of UH research	The team has collected water samples from Kula and Lahaina that are being tested for contaminants in labs on Maui and O'ahu. Ten samples had been tested as of Aug. 27 and about 60 more are headed to the labs.	2023/09/12 at 9:22 am
US Energy Secretary tours Lahaina, pledging federal help to improve electric infrastructure, become more resilient	US Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm came to Maui to offer federal help for energy recovery from the fires and tout the US Energy Department's \$95 million grant to Hawaiian Electric for grid infrastructure improvements and wildfire mitigation.	2023/09/12 at 7:14 am

Doctors On Call welcomes new M.D. to its Maui staff	Doctors On Call Urgent Care and Walk-In Centers announced the addition of Dr. Vince Fussell to its staff on Maui. Dr. Fussell is a Family Practitioner and Urgent Care Specialist who will be seeing Maui patients and families immediately at both the Times Market West Maui Doctors On Call location as well as the Kihei/Wailea DOC offices at the Shops at Wailea.	2023/09/11 at 7:58 pm
DOH releases preliminary, unvalidated data from Maui air sampling following wildfires	The Hawai'i Department of Health received access today to preliminary, unvalidated data of baseline air sampling conducted by the US Environmental Protection Agency in Lahaina and Upcountry Maui.	2023/09/11 at 7:44 pm
Three more Lahaina wildfire disaster victims identified Monday, bringing the total to 60	The Maui Police Department released the name of three more victims from the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire. Police today confirmed the identity of: Bibiana "Bhing" Lutrania, 58; Glenn Yoshino, 75; and Rafael Imperial, 63. All three are from Lahaina.	2023/09/11 at 6:31 pm
Island Energy Services and partners donate 100K more bottles of water to help with Maui wildfire recovery	Island Energy Services announced a second shipment of more than 100,000 bottles of Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water in three 40-foot shipping containers to provide ongoing assistance to those impacted by the Maui wildfires. This follows an initial shipment of more than 67,000 bottles of donated water last month.	2023/09/11 at 6:23 pm
HIDOE bus service for Lahainaluna High students to Kūlanihākoʻi High to begin on Sept. 14	The Hawai'i State Department of Education will begin free bus service on Thursday, Sept. 14, for Lahainaluna High students to their temporary school site at the Kūlanihāko'i High School campus in Kīhei.	2023/09/11 at 2:07 pm
DOH: Trace amount of toluene detected in Upper Kula water system	The presence of toluene was detected after the Upper Kula Wildfire in August of 2023. This strongly suggests its presence was an artifact of the wildfire impacting the surface water source for the Upper Kula Treatment Plant, according to the DOH. Further monitoring is planned by MDWS at the Upper Kula Treatment Plant.	2023/09/11 at 11:18 am
Gov. Green appoints Keith Amemiya as Chair of Sports Task Force	Keith Amemiya has recently been appointed as chair of Governor Green's Sports Task Force, which is under the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.	2023/09/11 at 9:48 am
Reyn Spooner Lahaina Sailor Collection gives back, raises \$100K for Maui Strong Fund	The donation represents 100% of the net proceeds from both Reyn Spooner in-store and online sales of all Lahaina Sailor products from Aug. 11-31, 2023, including men's and women's apparel, kids' clothing, and accessories.	2023/09/11 at 9:24 am

SNAP food replacement in wildfire-hit Maui announced	The US Department of Agriculture announced that households impacted by wildfires in Hawai'i could be eligible for replacement of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP benefits. This step was taken to ensure those in need who were impacted by the Hawai'i wildfires have food to eat.	2023/09/11 at 9:12 am
FEMA teams up with The Home Depot to provide repair, rebuilding advice, Sept. 11-16	As Maui residents prepare to repair, rebuild and retrofit their homes after the Aug. 8 wildfires, FEMA has teamed up with the Home Depot in Kahului to provide free information and tips on how to make homes stronger and safer.	2023/09/11 at 8:11 am
Free workshops for Maui cancer patients who experienced loss or trauma following wildfires	The American Cancer Society estimates that approximately 2,300 cancer survivors and current cancer patients were living in the areas of Maui affected by the wildfires. To help patients deal with trauma and loss caused by their cancer diagnosis and the devastation of the fires, ACS is teaming up with Maui Cancer Resources to offer group therapy sessions.	2023/09/11 at 8:06 am
Photographers launch Maui Memories Project to help	The goal is to help as many families as possible rebuild their photo collections and create some smiles, laughter and normalcy after tragedy. The project currently has six photographers signed up to provide services, with more joining each day.	2023/09/11 at 7:50 am
Maui wildfire recovery: resources and updates, Sept. 11	As of today, \$83.78 million in federal assistance has been approved for more than 5,090 households. This includes housing and other needs assistance and Small Business Association disaster loans. There were 7,282 people housed at 32 locations around Maui, in coordination with the American Red Cross. The EPA has completed removal of hazardous material at 433 properties in total.	2023/09/11 at 6:01 am
Two more Lahaina wildfire disaster victims identified Sunday, bringing the total to 57	The Maui Police Department released the name of two more victims from the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire. Police today confirmed the identity of: Floyd St Clair, 75, and Leticia Constantino, 56, both of Lahaina.	2023/09/10 at 4:13 pm
400 animals brought from Lahaina to Maui Humane Society, 100+ reunited with 'ohana	Maui Humane Society has brought back more than 400 animals from Lahaina to the shelter since crews were granted restricted access on Aug. 26. Today, the organization reports more than 200 of those animals are in the shelter's care, and more than 100 have been reunited with their 'ohana.	2023/09/10 at 3:30 pm
Free workshop on healing trauma, loss for Maui fire disaster cancer patients	Maui Cancer Resources and the American Cancer Society have partnered to launch a series of six monthly workshops, primarily focused on healing trauma and loss, in support of Maui cancer patients impacted by the devastating wildfires.	2023/09/10 at 12:50 pm

\$94.5M in federal aid headed to Hawai'i for temporary housing, meals for Maui fire relief	The Federal Emergency Management Agency on Sunday announced it is providing nearly \$95 million to Hawai'i to cover the cost of temporary housing at hotels, meals, and services for those impacted by the Maui fires.	2023/09/10 at 10:33 am
Maui wildfire recovery: Private property debris removal detailed, cultural monitors to be present	US Environmental Protection Agency incident commander Steve Calanog said, "We know the long rich and historic cultural significance of Lahaina. We have 25 cultural observers on our team to ensure that we proceed with respect."	2023/09/10 at 7:00 am
Fundraisers for Maui wildfire victims continue on Maui and beyond	Top music artists continue to donate their talents for fundraising events for Maui wildfire victims, including Henry Kapono, who is hosting a Maui wildfire benefit concert at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center.	2023/09/10 at 2:00 am
Leilani Farm Sanctuary urgently seeks volunteers, monetary donations	Leilani Farm Sanctuary is seeking volunteer help and monetary donations from the community to continue caring for its rescued animals amid a large number of farm tour cancellations.	2023/09/09 at 9:32 pm
Unsafe water advisory remains in place for Upper Kula	The Unsafe Water Advisory remains in effect in Upper Kula pending the results of a third round of testing that is now underway.	2023/09/09 at 12:52 pm
Deadline to enroll in Temporary Emergency Lodging is Sept. 15, 2023	Anyone who wishes to begin using the American Red Cross' non-congregate sheltering program, which offers lodging in hotels and other properties rather than group shelters, must sign up no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15. Those who already have signed up will continue to receive shelter and services through the program as long as they are eligible.	2023/09/09 at 11:30 am
G70 Foundation donates \$75,000 to aid Maui wildfire disaster relief	The G70 Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Hawai'i design firm, G70, has pledged \$75,000 to the Hawai'i Community Foundation's Maui Strong Fund to help victims of the devastating wildfires on Maui.	2023/09/09 at 10:32 am
What boaters need to know about closure of Lahaina Small Boat Harbor, surrounding waterways	Before the Lahaina Small Boat Harbor and surrounding waterways can reopen, much work needs to be done including the removal of burned vessels.	2023/09/09 at 10:24 am
Mayor Bissen shares video message on month- anniversary of Maui's devastating wildfires	"Today, we honor the precious lives lost. Today, we remember with gratitude the firefighters, police, paramedics and extraordinary citizens who put their own safety at risk to help their neighbors and strangers, exhibiting incredible courage and heroism in Kula, Olinda, Kīhei and Lahaina." — Maui County Mayor Richard Bissen in a video address on the one-month anniversary of the Maui wildfires.	2023/09/09 at 9:16 am

Gov. Green extends Maui wildfires emergency proclamation with changes	Gov. Josh Green's Seventh Emergency Proclamation Relating to Wildfires welcomes the return of visitors to West Maui effective Oct. 8, fully restores the State Water Code, restores most historic preservation measures, and limits the prohibition of price increases to specific essential commodities.	2023/09/09 at 8:41 am
Recovery by the numbers: Federal assistance for Maui survivors tops \$60M	A month after wildfires swept over the Island of Maui, more than \$60 million in federal assistance has been approved for more than 5,000 households, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.	2023/09/09 at 8:30 am
Live Like Tre' Foundation to provide a total of \$150K to Maui firefighters impacted by wildfires	The Live Like Tre' Foundation received a \$150,000 donation from the Maui Strong Fund of the Hawai'i Community Foundation, and will use the funds to provide grants in the amount of \$7,100 each to support Maui firefighters who have been personally affected by the recent wildfires.	2023/09/09 at 7:30 am
Maui mayor says community of West Maui should decide 'how' it reopens to tourists	While Hawai'i Gov. Josh Green announced Friday that West Maui would reopen to tourists on Oct. 8, Maui County Mayor Richard Bissen said the people in the community of West Maui should decide how that occurs.	2023/09/09 at 2:00 am
FBI list of unaccounted for individuals from Lahaina fire drops to 66	The Maui Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation released a new list of the names of unaccounted for individuals from the Aug. 8 wildfire in Lahaina, saying the number has dropped to 66 as of Sept. 8.	2023/09/08 at 2:18 pm
Photos: Paddle Outs for Lahaina draw hundreds in unity one month after Maui wildfires	Hundreds gathered in waters off of Ukumehame on Friday to reflect and unite during a Paddle Out for Lahaina event, held one month after wildfires swept through Maui.	2023/09/08 at 1:48 pm
One month since Lahaina wildfires: Oct. 8 reopening date set for West Maui, 66 remain unaccounted for	Governor Josh Green today announced the reopening of West Maui on Oct. 8, as the state tries to balance economic survival, and the need for people to have jobs to help their families as they rebuild and recover.	2023/09/08 at 12:15 pm
Hawaiian Electric Co. President: "We are here for the long haul."	Hawaiian Electric Company President and CEO Shelee Kimura provided an update on the one month mark since wildfires devastated the Lahaina and Upcountry communities on Maui.	2023/09/08 at 8:53 am
PacWhale Eco-Adventures hosts free "For Da Keiki" event, Sept. 9	PacWhale Eco-Adventures hosts a FREE "For Da Keiki" event this Saturday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The organization says the event is part of its dedication to supporting the Maui community post wildfires. The event features food, entertainment, prizes, games and more at the Māʻalaea Harbor Shops Courtyard.	2023/09/08 at 4:32 am

Lahainaluna to begin temporary operations at Kūlanihākoʻi High School in Kīhei next week	Lahainaluna High School will begin a phased start for employees and students next week at its temporary school site at the Külanihākoʻi High School campus in Kīhei. Beginning Monday, Sept. 11, Lahainaluna teachers and staff will report to Külanihākoʻi High to meet, plan and prepare classrooms for the arrival of students, which is set for Sept. 14.	2023/09/07 at 6:30 pm
Paddle outs on Sept. 8 mark one month since Maui wildfires: Kalama Park at 8 a.m., Ukumehame at 12 p.m.	Paddle out events are planned on the one-month mark since Sept. 8, 2023. The first is at Kalama Park in Kīhei at 8 a.m. The event continues with a day of healing and togetherness through sunset. Another takes place at noon at Ukumehame in Lahaina. This event features a paddle out, boat line up and []	2023/09/07 at 5:45 pm
Family Assistance Center transitioning, moving to Lahaina Civic Center	The Family Assistance Center, currently located at the Hyatt Kā'anapali Monarchy ballroom, will move to the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center, located at the Lahaina Civic Center Gymnasium (1840 Honoapi'ilani Highway) on Saturday, Sept. 9.	2023/09/07 at 5:03 pm
Kula fire one month later: daily fire watch continues	A four-person team from the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife continues to patrol the lines established in the forest reserve and on adjacent private ranch land to douse hot spots and smokers at the 1,000-acre Olinda fire.	2023/09/07 at 3:49 pm
Hirono delivers remarks on Senate floor, marking one month since Maui wildfires	US Senator Mazie K. Hirono (D-HI) delivered remarks on the Senate floor marking one month since wildfires tore through Lahaina and Upcountry Maui. In her remarks, Senator Hirono spoke in remembrance of those who lost their lives, highlighted the Federal government's robust response, and reiterated her commitment to fighting for the resources Maui County and the Lahaina community will need to recover from the devastation caused by the fires	2023/09/07 at 1:46 pm
Free workforce certification courses for displaced Maui residents interested in rebuild related jobs	In response to community concerns about keeping jobs in Hawai'i for local businesses and workers, the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement has pivoted its Hawaiian Trades Academy to focus on workforce development with the launch of its Maui Workforce Development Program. This program will provide free certification and job training courses to Maui residents beginning Sept. 15, 2023. In-person instruction will be held at a new classroom space near CNHA's Kākoʻo Maui Resource Hub at Maui Mall Village in Kahului.	2023/09/07 at 10:44 am

Downtown Athletic Club of Hawai'i announces Luna Strong fundraising campaign	The Downtown Athletic Club of Hawai'i has launched a "Luna Strong" fundraising campaign to assist the Lahainaluna student athletes and coaches who were displaced by last month's fire. The fund was created through a request from the school's athletic program, and has already collected \$325,000 in monetary and in-kind donations to kick off the campaign.	2023/09/07 at 7:00 am
DBEDT estimates Maui wildfire impacts on economic recovery	A total of 88 transpacific flights were canceled in August, representing 23,083 air seats. The passenger count to Kahului Airport decreased by more than 70% after the wildfires from 7,000 a day to 2,000 a day. The loss from business closures and visitor expenditures is estimated to be \$11 million a day on Maui since Aug. 9, 2023.	2023/09/07 at 6:00 am
Maui wildfire recovery: Resources and updates for Sept. 7	EPA has completed removal of hazardous material at 300 properties in total. Darryl Oliveira, interim administrator of Maui Emergency Management Agency, on Wednesday shared an update on reentry to Lahaina and announced the county's new Maui Recovers website.	2023/09/07 at 5:01 am
Maui Crime Stoppers urges wildfire survivors to report unsolicited offers to buy property	Maui Crime Stoppers is urging wildfire survivors on Maui to report any unsolicited offers to buy their property. The organization notes that this action is considered a crime.	2023/09/07 at 5:00 am
Interim House legislative working groups formed to address Lahaina wildfire relief	House Speaker Scott K. Saiki, Majority Leader Nadine K. Nakamura, and Minority Leader Lauren Matsumoto announced the establishment of six interim House working groups tasked with the crucial responsibility of evaluating specific topics related to the Lahaina wildfire and making recommendations for appropriate legislative action in the 2024 Legislative Session. Working groups will focus on: environmental remediation; food, water and other supplies; jobs and businesses; schools; shelter; and wildfire prevention.	2023/09/07 at 4:00 am
Historic Hāna Gakuen Hongwanji Temple reopens Sept. 9 with Bon Dance celebration	The East Maui community of Hāna celebrates the reopening of the historic Hāna Gakuen Hongwanji Buddhist Temple on Sept. 9, 2023, with a Bon Dance as part of the celebration. The event will pay homage to the rebirth of the temple while raising funds for the Japanese temples destroyed in the Lahaina blaze.	2023/09/06 at 9:30 pm
Filipino resource fair planned for Sept. 23 at Lahaina Civic Center	A Filipino resource fair called "Hawak Kamay" (Hand-in-hand) is planned for Saturday, Sept. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lahaina Civic Center for individuals and families affected by the recent wildfires. The Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce and Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i are coordinating the effort	2023/09/06 at 7:37 pm

County officials share re-entry update and launch of Maui Recovers website	Oliveira is providing once-a-week updates on reentry for four consecutive weeks, starting this week. To date, the EPA had completed the removal of hazardous material at 300 properties in Kula and Lahaina. The official website, www.MauiRecovers.org, launched this evening to provide vital information and assistance, including re-entry data, to those affected by the destructive fires that started Aug. 8 on Maui.	2023/09/06 at 6:45 pm
State's vehicle replacement program has no details; more an effort to ensure supply	Hawai'i Gov. Josh Green announced on Tuesday a "vehicle replacement program," but neither the rental car companies nor Maui auto dealerships seem to know anything about it.	2023/09/06 at 5:29 pm
OHA trustees commit to \$5M for beneficiaries affected by Maui wildfires	In an effort to support Native Hawaiian families impacted by the 2023 Maui wildfires, the trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs have approved \$5 million to aid in disaster recovery.	2023/09/06 at 3:20 pm
Understanding your FEMA determination letter	Hawai'i residents who registered for FEMA assistance for the wildfires that began sweeping across Maui Aug. 8 will receive a determination letter from FEMA. In some cases, the letter may say you are ineligible for assistance. FEMA advises that this is not a denial.	2023/09/06 at 2:19 pm
MEO Spanish, Filipino language specialists to assist with fire missing person reports, Thursday	Spanish- and Filipino-speaking individuals seeking to report missing people from the Lahaina wildfire can receive assistance from Maui Economic Opportunity language specialists from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday.	2023/09/06 at 1:34 pm
More than 100 pets from Lahaina burn zone reunited with owners; Maui Humane Society executive writes open letter	The Maui Humane Society was granted restricted access on Aug. 26, 18 days after the destructive wildfire swept through Lahaina. Maui Humane Society CEO, Lisa Labrecque, DVM, shared the challenges, obstacles, and ongoing efforts to provide help in the wake of Maui's wildfire disaster. Her open letter to the Maui community is posted here.	2023/09/06 at 1:11 pm
Bistro Casanova pledges profits to Maui Strong in support of Lahaina fire recovery	Bistro Casanova in Kahului is pledging 100% of its profits until Dec. 31, 2023 to Maui Strong, to support recovery in the wake of the Lahaina fires.	2023/09/06 at 11:30 am
Hale Makua Emergency Disaster Relief Fund	Hale Makua Health Services announced the establishment of an Emergency Disaster Relief Fund to help those affected by emergencies or disasters like the Maui wildfires last month.	2023/09/06 at 8:20 am

Jack Johnson's Songs for Maui – Live Benefit Album out Sept. 15; performance Sept. 18	In support of those affected by the tragic and life-altering fires on Maui, Jack Johnson announces Songs For Maui, a live benefit album featuring Hawaii's own Paula Fuga and John Cruz. The album is digitally available on Sept. 15. On Sept. 18, Johnson and his band will perform an intimate benefit concert at The Republik in Honolulu, along with special guests Paula Fuga and John Cruz. All proceeds from the Songs For Maui album and The Republik show will benefit fire relief efforts and help provide ongoing support for Maui. Tickets go on sale Sept. 8.	2023/09/06 at 7:33 am
Schatz outlines impact of devastating Maui fires, calls for continued federal support	US Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawai'i) delivered remarks on the Senate floor discussing the impact of the deadly fires on Maui last month and underscoring the need for continued federal support in the months ahead.	2023/09/06 at 5:45 am
Maui wildfire recovery: Resources and updates for Sept. 6	There are 115 confirmed fatalities with 55 individuals now identified publicly following notification of next of kin. EPA has completed work in Kula and has completed removal of hazardous material at 268 properties in total, which is roughly 15% of the total number of properties. The Salvation Army has prepared 55,303 meals and coordinated a total of 352,597 meals through local and nonprofit partnerships at 39 feeding locations during the initial phase of the relief effort, now transitioned from shelters to local hotels.	2023/09/06 at 4:51 am
The Salvation Army pivots to long-term recovery on Maui	Activated from the first moments of the Maui fires on Aug. 8, 2023, The Salvation Army has prepared 55,303 meals and coordinated a total of 352,597 meals through local and nonprofit partnerships at 39 feeding locations during the initial phase of the relief effort.	2023/09/06 at 4:31 am
Kaiser continues to offer services at Nāpili Park, Royal Lahaina Hotel and Hyatt Regency	Kaiser Permanente now has two mobile health vehicles (at Nāpili Park and the Royal Lahaina Hotel) and one first aid station (at the Hyatt Regency Maui) providing care on Maui.	2023/09/06 at 4:20 am
Top 20 Things to do on Maui Sept. 7-13: Free concerts, wildfire fundraisers, lam Tongi to debut new song	This week on Maui, there will be several free concerts, a variety of fundraisers for wildfire victims with music from jazz to Hawaiian, and Lahaina Grown band founder performs in Kula. Find our comprehensive listing HERE.	2023/09/06 at 2:00 am
County restrictions lifted for Lahaina Gateway and Walgreens parcels in West Maui	Restrictions at the Lahaina Gateway and Walgreens in West Maui were lifted Tuesday.	2023/09/05 at 7:09 pm

Restrictions lifted at Lahaina Gateway and Walgreens parcels in West Maui	County of Maui restrictions, triggered by fire evacuation orders Aug. 8, were lifted on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023, for two West Maui parcels: Lahaina Gateway, 325 Keawe St., and Walgreens, 342 Keawe St.	2023/09/05 at 6:55 pm
Gov. Green encourages wildfire survivors to check policies for vehicle loss	Governor Josh Green, M.D. is announcing a vehicle replacement program for survivors of the Maui wildfire disaster, as an option toward recovery. The governor has worked with Avis Budget Car Rental, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, and Hertz to make additional vehicles available for purchase. Interested individuals can visit https:// Hertzcarsales.com, or for Avis Budget or Enterprise, reach out to any local Maui automobile dealership for more details.	2023/09/05 at 6:09 pm
One more Lahaina wildfire disaster victim identified Tuesday, bringing the total to 55	The Maui Police Department released the name of another victim from the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire. Police today confirmed the identity of: Louise Abihai, 97, of Lahaina.	2023/09/05 at 6:03 pm
Goodwill Hawai'i launches free programs for victims of Maui fires	Goodwill Hawai'i will be distributing upwards of \$400,000 total in emergency vouchers for impacted residents to redeem for clothing and household goods at any Goodwill Store in Hawai'i. The vouchers are being distributed to fire victims thru the nonprofit's outreach at its emergency response centers on Maui, O'ahu, and Hawai'i Island and in partnership with other government and nonprofit partners.	2023/09/05 at 5:52 pm
Solar shower bags available today for Upcountry residents in Unsafe Water Advisory areas	Upcountry Strong is distributing one solar bag per household member while supplies last at its headquarters located at the Pukalani Terrace Shopping Center. The location is open from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.	2023/09/05 at 5:36 pm
Hawaiian Electric suspends disconnections for all Maui customers through Oct. 17	Hawaiian Electric has suspended service disconnections so all Maui customers who are financially challenged by the devastating wildfires will not have to worry about their electric service.	2023/09/05 at 4:27 pm
Maui wildfire recovery: Resources and updates for Sept. 5	There are 115 confirmed fatalities with 54 individuals now identified publicly following notification of next of kin. EPA has completed work in Kula and has completed removal of hazardous material at 268 properties in total, which is roughly 15% of the total number of properties. Food and supplies will be distributed to West Maui residents at Lahaina Gateway, 325 Keawe St.: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6. The ion and quantity of items will be reduced in preparation for a move to a new location at Kahana Gateway, 4405 Lower Honoapi'ilani Road. On-site mobile health vehicle.	2023/09/05 at 1:25 pm

Local nonprofit launches fund to prevent displacement of Native Hawaiians impacted by Maui wildfires	Hawai'i Community Lending today announced the launch of the Kānaka Anti-Displacement Fund to prevent displacement of kānaka maoli (Native Hawaiians) from Maui after the tragic wildfire that destroyed thousands of homes and businesses in Lahaina.	2023/09/05 at 12:02 pm
SBA to open Business Recovery Center in Honolulu to help businesses impacted by Maui wildfires	The US Small Business Administration has partnered with the Hawai'i Small Business Development Center to open an SBA Business Recovery Center in Honolulu to provide a wide range of services to small businesses impacted by Maui wildfires that began Aug. 8. SBA representatives continue to be available at the Business Recovery Center in Kihei to provide information on SBA disaster loans and business assistance on the dates and times indicated.	2023/09/05 at 9:18 am
Unsafe Water advisories remain in place for parts of Kula and Lahaina	Unsafe Water Advisories remain in effect for parts of Lahaina and Upper Kula. Check the advisory map to see if you are located in the affected area. Addresses are searchable on the top left.	2023/09/05 at 8:56 am
Maui Canoe Club invites Maui fire victims and recovery teams to paddle	Maui Canoe Club has been looking for ways to help Maui Nui residents and recovery teams who have been affected by the recent fires. The Maui Canoe Club is offering all of those directly affected the opportunity to paddle in outrigger canoes with the club.	2023/09/04 at 8:45 pm
Local businesses offer free guided kayak tours for displaced Maui residents	In a gesture of support for displaced Maui residents, Hawaiian Paddle Sports, Maui Kayak Adventures, and Aloha Kayaks Maui will provide free "Mālama Maui" guided kayak tours every weekend in September.	2023/09/04 at 7:45 pm
Lahaina & Kula Strong Back to School Beach Bash, Sept. 16 at Hoʻokipa Beach	The Ian Walsh Menehune Mayhem Foundation hosts a Lahaina & Kula Strong Back to School Beach Bash on Sept. 16 at Ho'okipa Beach.	2023/09/04 at 4:41 pm
Food distribution at Lahaina Gateway will move to new site in Kahana later this week	The food and supply distribution site at the Lahaina Gateway Center continued service today (Sept. 4) and will operate on Wednesday, Sept. 6, with a reduced ion and quantity of items in preparation for a move to Kahana Gateway later this week.	2023/09/04 at 4:20 pm
Maui police request public help to file unaccounted for missing person report	As of today, Monday, Sept. 4, 2023, MPD has 110 missing person reports relating to the Lahaina wildfire, 41 of which are actively being investigated and are considered open. "As we move forward, a missing person report will be necessary to assist with this investigation," police said.	2023/09/04 at 3:55 pm

CNHA opens Kākoʻo Maui Resource Hub in Kahului to support fire victims		
Paramedics concerned about quality of care under new ambulance contract on Maui and Kaua'i	Advocates of the current service say "flaws" in the new contract would diminish the Emergency Medical Services systems, and called the diminished standards "grossly irresponsible," "negligent" and "profoundly hurtful" in the wake of the worst mass casualty in Hawai'i's modern history.	2023/09/04 at 10:28 am
Maui Hope and Hawai'i Autism Foundation help Lahaina family impacted by fire	Two nonprofits, Maui Hope and the Hawai'i Autism Foundation, presented a \$1,900 check to Lahaina resident Jhuendel Sabalo and her 8 year-old daughter who has autism. The funds were raised through a Gofundme campaign, and will help the family to purchase a car after they lost their home, vehicle and all their belongings in the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire tragedy.	2023/09/04 at 7:00 am
Student hopes to rebuild smoke damaged Becca's Closet Maui in time for prom season	Student hopes to rebuild smoke damaged Becca's Closet Maui in time for prom season: The chapter's 300 dresses were destroyed by smoke damage from the Kula fire.	2023/09/04 at 6:00 am
Lahaina's famed banyan tree showing signs of life three weeks after destructive wildfire	Thousands of leaves on the 150-year-old Lahaina banyan tree are scorched but its multiple trunks show little sign of being singed during the Aug. 8 firestorm that devastated this historic, coastal West Maui community.	2023/09/03 at 7:02 pm
EPA completes work on 197 parcels to remove hazardous materials	The US Environmental Protection Agency has completed work on 197 parcels as part of Phase 1, to remove hazardous material, including large pieces of asbestos, from the 5-square-mile burned area from the Lahaina fire.	2023/09/03 at 4:53 pm
Four more Lahaina wildfire disaster victims identified Sunday, bringing the total to 54	The Maui Police Department released the names of four more victims from the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire. Police today confirmed the identity of: Nicholas Turbin, 71; Anthony "Tony" Simpson, 43; Glenda Yabes, 48; and John "Thumper" McCarthy, 74. All are from Lahaina. Edit Quick Edit Trash View	2023/09/03 at 4:03 pm
Restriction lifted for late night access to Lahaina via Honoapi'ilani Highway	Restrictions for late-night vehicular access into West Maui via Honoapi'ilani Highway have been lifted. The Maui Police Department will continue to cite and tow vehicles parked at the Lahaina Bypass, where no-parking signs are posted.	2023/09/03 at 3:58 pm

Unemployment help available for people who lost work due to the Maui wildfires in August	Workers, business owners and self-employed residents of Maui who became unemployed or had reduced work hours due to the August wildfires may be eligible for disaster unemployment benefits.	2023/09/03 at 3:09 pm
27 days later, the Lahaina fire is now 100% contained	The destructive fire in Lahaina that started 27 days ago on Aug. 8, 2023, is now 100% contained according to an update issued by the County of Maui.	2023/09/03 at 2:28 pm
Maui Fire Department says Lahaina fire 100% contained	The Maui Fire Department said the total estimated amount of acres for the Lahaina fire is around 2,170.	2023/09/03 at 12:36 pm
Power restored for some businesses in West Maui; Temporary poles aid in restoration	As the Maui community discusses what the future of its energy delivery system will look like, overhead poles are being used as an interim solution in order for customers in Lahaina to safely receive electricity.	2023/09/03 at 11:14 am
Feline, Finn, reunited with his family after Lahaina fires	"I cried everyday feeling guilty I couldn't break down the door to save them," Finn's owner, Danielle told the Maui Humane Society. Since Maui Humane Society has received access into the burn zone, the organization has brought back more than 90 animals to the shelter and have had more than 20 of those animals reunited with their families.	2023/09/03 at 8:57 am
\$390,000+ raised for Maui's restaurant, bar and hospitality workers	More than \$390,000 has been raised for the Kokua Restaurant & Hospitality Fund for restaurant, bar and hospitality workers displaced by the devastating Maui wildfires.	2023/09/03 at 8:03 am
Critical incident stress management workshop offered as complimentary service	The Lehua Foundation is offering three workshops on Critical Incident Stress Management for those who remained behind during the recent wildfires on Maui.	2023/09/03 at 8:00 am
MEO Maui Fires Transitional Housing program in need of draft leases	Maui Economic Opportunity's Maui Fires Transitional Housing program is in need of draft leases for available rental units for no less than six months to facilitate matches with families and individuals displaced by the devastating wildfires last month.	2023/09/03 at 7:28 am
Navigating FEMA: Critical Needs Assistance vs Individual Assistance Grants	FEMA is providing information to make it easier for the public seeking assistance to differentiate between Critical Needs Assistance and Individual Assistance Grants.	2023/09/03 at 6:56 am
House Speaker Kevin McCarthy tours Lahaina; pledges help to rebuild — and an investigation	On Saturday, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy toured ravaged Lahaina — a place he has visited several times while on family vacations — and was moved by the "sheer devastation."	2023/09/03 at 12:23 am

Maui firefighters faced blackout conditions, limited water, extreme wind during deadly Aug. 8 Lahaina wildfire	Captain Peter Gand and Firefighter III Cody Cordeiro knew Aug. 8 would be a busy day from the moment they woke up and drove over the 'Pali' section of the Honoapi'ilani Highway to work in Lahaina. "Half of my crew lost their houses in this fire. They knew that their houses were gone, and they just didn't stop. They kept on going, pushing through and they didn't hesitate throughout the night," said Capt. Gand.	2023/09/02 at 5:39 pm
EPA workers finding many batteries during hazardous material cleanup of Lahaina burned area	The US Environmental Protection Agency has been working since Aug. 29 to remove hazardous material, including large pieces of asbestos, from the 5-square-mile burned area from the Lahaina fire. Crews are finding a lot of batteries.	2023/09/02 at 2:00 pm
'We all hurt': Lahaina's many fire victims mourned during vigils on Maui, across the state	On Friday, 25 days after the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire caused unimaginable loss of life, vigils were held from sunrise to sunset on Maui and across the state to mourn all the people who died, including those whose names are not yet known.	2023/09/02 at 12:07 pm
Maui Economic Opportunity seeking draft leases for fires transitional housing program	Maui Economic Opportunity has created a Maui Fires Transitional Housing program for families and individuals displaced by the disaster and is in need of draft leases of at least six months for available rental units.	2023/09/02 at 8:46 am
Benefit concerts for Maui wildfire survivors on Maui, Oʻahu and mainland in September	Several fundraising events for Maui wildfire victims and survivors will take place in September on Maui, Oʻahu and the mainland.	2023/09/02 at 7:34 am
Mission set up to remove fire caused marine debris, destroyed vessels from Lahaina Harbor, waterways	Unified Command for the Lahaina fire in West Maui has established a mission to assess, remove and dispose of hazardous materials, oil discharges, marine debris and sunken or displaced vessels from Lahaina Harbor and waterways.	2023/09/02 at 7:05 am
Maui Ocean Center offers discounted kama'āina admission on weekends to promote healing	The Maui Ocean Center is offering discounted admission every weekend to all Hawai'i residents, aiming to support community recovery and selfcare in the aftermath of the recent wildfires.	2023/09/02 at 6:27 am
Hawai'i congressional delegation urges immigration support to those impacted by wildfires	Senators Mazie K. Hirono and Brian Schatz, along with House Reps. Ed Case and Jill Tokuda, have called on US Citizenship and Immigration Services to expand efforts in aiding immigrant community members impacted by the Maui wildfires.	2023/09/02 at 4:30 am
Updated FBI list: 385 people remain unaccounted for following the Lahaina wildfire	After some names were removed and others were added, there is little change to the number of unaccounted for individuals following the Lahaina Wildfires Disaster on Aug. 8, 2023. The Maui Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation today released an updated list showing 385 individuals who have been reported unaccounted for.	2023/09/01 at 6:54 pm

One more Lahaina wildfire disaster victim identified Friday, bringing the total to 50	The Maui Police Department released the name of one more victim from the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire. Police today confirmed the identity of Tim Nakamoto, 69, of Lahaina.	2023/09/01 at 5:52 pm
MPD Chief Pelletier: "Not just on the 8th, but each day since we have countless heroes"	Maui Police Chief John Pelletier discussed the department's response to the devastating wildfire in Lahaina on Aug. 8 that left a burn scar covering 2,170 acres, destroyed more than 2,200 structures in its path, and claimed at least 115 lives.	2023/09/01 at 4:55 pm
Free cancer support for Lahaina by Maui Cancer Resources	Cancer survivors who have been impacted by the Lahaina fire can schedule free one-hour medical consultations with Dr. Bridget Bongaard, Medical Director of Maui Cancer Resources.	2023/09/01 at 2:44 pm
Kākoʻo Maui Resource Hub to open at Maui Mall, for access to aid for fire victims	The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement will open the Kākoʻo Maui Resource Hub on Monday, Sept. 4, 2023 at the Maui Mall in Kahului, providing a cultural approach for streamlined access to aid and services to fire victims. The hub will be managed by Lahaina resident, Kukui Keahi who lost both her home and job as a result of the fires.	2023/09/01 at 12:18 pm
Hawai'i congressional delegation calls prompt additional request for \$4B in supplemental disaster relief	President Joe Biden sent an updated request to Congress to increase the supplemental Disaster Relief Fund by \$4 billion, bringing the new request total to \$16 billion. Congress is set to consider the funding request In the coming weeks.	2023/09/01 at 9:29 am
Kaiser Permanente to open second mobile health service at Royal Lahaina Hotel	Kaiser Permanente will add a second mobile health trailer in West Maui to provide medical services at no cost to its members and the public.	2023/09/01 at 9:29 am
SBA expands disaster relief to businesses in other counties impacted by Maui wildfires	Low-interest federal Economic Injury Disaster Loans are now available to small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations in Hawai'i, Honolulu and Kaua'i counties as a result of wildfires that began Aug. 8 in Maui County.	2023/09/01 at 7:00 am
Hawaiʻi Tourism Authority board approves \$2.6M for Maui Marketing Recovery Plan	The Hawai'i Tourism Authority Board of Directors took decisive action at its monthly board meeting Thursday to approve \$2.6 million in funding to launch the Maui Marketing Recovery Plan. The plan is centered around a new Mālama Maui campaign and prioritizes rebuilding travel demand from the United States market to Maui in the wake of the devastating Lahaina wildfires.	2023/09/01 at 5:31 am

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Supplemental insurance, banking assistance event at Whaler's Village Sept. 1-2	This second event aims to provide insurance and banking assistance to the Maui community, featuring representatives from various insurance companies and financial institutions. Last weekend's event was cut short due to an evacuation.	2023/08/31 at 8:51 pm
Disaster Recovery Center opens Sept. 1 in Lahaina	A Disaster Recovery Center will open Friday, Sept. 1, in Lahaina to help residents who were affected by the wildfires learn about local, state and federal assistance programs.	2023/08/31 at 8:25 pm
State, county launch Support Call Center for Maui disaster information	The State of Hawai'i and Maui County have launched the Maui Disaster Support Call Center to provide a central assistance hub for community members affected by the Maui wildfires.	2023/08/31 at 8:00 pm
Nonprofit research organization to investigate state and county response to Maui wildfires	Hawai'i Attorney General Anne E. Lopez has selected UL's Fire Safety Research Institute to assess the policies and performance of state and county agencies in preparation and response to the deadly and destructive Maui wildfires of Aug. 8, 2023.	2023/08/31 at 7:00 pm
Mayor Bissen provides further insight on timeline relating to Maui wildfire disaster	Maui County Mayor Richard Bissen offered a video message on Thursday evening, with remarks related to the Maui wildfire disaster. In his address, he provided further insight into the timeline relating to the Aug. 8 wildfire in Lahaina.	2023/08/31 at 6:06 pm
Hawaiian Electric took proactive steps to safely keep energy on during Red Flag Warning	Hawaiian Electric has stationed active monitors who are physically surveying electrical infrastructure in more than 30 areas identified as high wildfire risk in Maui County, on Hawai'i Island and O'ahu to help to ensure safe and reliable service during current Red Flag Warning.	2023/08/31 at 6:00 pm
Hawai'i communities joining daylong vigil Friday for healing of people suffering on Maui	Communities across Hawai'i are joining in Kīpuni Aloha no Maui, a daylong vigil on Sept. 1 that centers on emotional and spiritual healing and cleansing for the great loss that so many are suffering on Maui.	2023/08/31 at 5:40 pm
One more Lahaina wildfire disaster victim identified Thursday, bringing the total to 49	The Maui Police Department released the name of one more victim from the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire. Police today confirmed the identity of Leroy Wagner, 69, of Lahaina.	2023/08/31 at 4:51 pm
More than 1,700 students from Lahaina public schools have not enrolled since the wildfire	Department officials tell Maui Now that of the more than 1,700 outstanding students, some may have moved out of state, enrolled in private schools, or have taken a pause while they await the reopening of their Lahaina campus.\	2023/08/31 at 4:25 pm
DOH continues response to Maui wildfires	The state Department of Health's Maui District Health Office continues its response to the Maui wildfires. Through its Maui District Health Office and local partners, the Department provided updates on behavioral health services, emergency prescription assistance, unsafe water advisories, and the prevention of respiratory and vector-borne diseases.	2023/08/31 at 1:54 pm

Maui wildfire impacts and recovery challenges explored in latest UHERO report	The University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization issued a new report, "After the Maui wildfires: The road ahead." The report finds that businesses in Lahaina generated more than \$70 million per month in revenue and they employed about 8,500 individuals. Roughly 2,000 homes in Lahaina were lost in the fire, representing 3% of Maui's entire residential housing stock. Residential structures within the burned area were valued at \$550 million.	2023/08/31 at 9:59 am
Oprah Winfrey and Dwayne Johnson launch 'People's Fund of Maui'	In response to the devastating wildfires and immediate needs in the community, media moguls Oprah Winfrey and Dwayne Johnson announced the establishment of "People's Fund of Maui" to distribute cash directly to those who were displaced and affected by the fire. The fund is launching with an initial \$10 million donated by Winfrey and Johnson and a call to action for others to contribute to this meaningful and ongoing relief effort.	2023/08/31 at 7:50 am
Upcountry wildfire survivors grateful to volunteers, discuss recovery with governor	Upcountry wildfire survivors discussed the loss of their homes and the unwavering support of community volunteers who came to their aid in the days following disastrous wildfires on Maui. "It only takes a spark to start a fire. Sometimes you just need that one little spark to get a response going, and the community has been the fuel for that," said volunteer, Kyle Ellison.	2023/08/31 at 5:05 am
Rep. Tokuda: "We're going to fight like hell" to ensure FEMA is funded for Maui recovery	US Representative Jill Tokuda (HI-02) and Democratic Whip Katherine Clark (MA-05) announced a shared legislative priority for Congress to approve funding for FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund as Maui continues recovery from the Aug. 8 deadly wildfire in Lahaina.	2023/08/31 at 2:18 am
Ocean water testing begins off Lahaina	"Due to the old infrastructure of Lahaina, storm water does not flow into settling basins or modern infrastructure, so it flows as quickly as possible into the ocean. So, that's a huge concern with the amount of potentially toxic substances on the land now," said Russell Sparks, an aquatic biologist with the DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources.	2023/08/30 at 9:31 pm
Survivor Assistance Teams do outreach to link Maui residents with services, relief	To meet survivors' needs, teams are going to neighborhoods, visiting temporary housing sites and are making themselves available to answer questions at Disaster Recovery Centers.	2023/08/30 at 7:47 pm
Maui Ola benefit concert series for Maui relief continues with "The Green"	The second Maui Ola concert will feature local favorite band, The Green, who will perform live on Sept. 3, 2023, at the Tom Moffatt Waikīkī Shell. The band will offer free live streaming of their performance on mele.com from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.	2023/08/30 at 6:44 pm
AARP survey reveals opportunities for older adults to increase disaster preparedness	Less than one-third (29%) of those surveyed have yet to create a comprehensive emergency plan for natural disasters, while just 1 in 10 have embraced modern tools such as disaster-related apps or text notifications from official national disaster resource agencies. And only 10% of older adults follow national disaster resource organizations on social media such as FEMA, American Red Cross and The Salvation Army.	2023/08/30 at 3:00 pm

Maui wildfire disaster update for Aug. 30	Maui Wildfire Disaster updates for Aug. 30 are posted HERE. Maui police plan to release an updated list on Friday, of unaccounted for individuals from the Lahaina wildfire disaster. Multiple lists were merged into a pool of more than 1,000 names earlier in the investigation. That was narrowed to 388 last week to focus on individuals where a first and last name was available as well as a verified contact number for the person who reported them missing.	2023/08/30 at 2:58 pm
President Biden announces \$95M to harden Hawai'i's power grid	President Biden announced the Department of Energy is providing \$95 million through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to harden Hawai'i's electric grid. The funding will replace wooden poles with fire-resistant material and strengthen critical transmission lines, including two on Maui.	2023/08/30 at 11:19 am
Kāhala Nui donates \$74K to the Maui Strong Fund for wildfire recovery relief	Thanks to the generous contributions of its Residents and Associates, Kāhala Nui recently donated \$74,842 to the Hawai'i Community Foundation Maui Strong Fund. The total donation includes a \$10,000 match by Kāhala Nui Senior Living Foundation's Community Outreach Fund.	2023/08/30 at 10:16 am
Hawai'i Realtors Charitable Foundation to distribute \$1.5M in Maui housing support	Homeowners and renters whose primary residence was damaged or destroyed by the fires may apply for up to \$3,000 in initial assistance per household. Applications are open through Dec. 31, 2023, and are available at https://www.hawaiirealtors.com/mauirelief/.	2023/08/30 at 9:50 am
Lahaina District Courthouse to reopen Sept. 5	"We were very fortunate that our courthouse was not affected during the devastating wildfires earlier this month," said Second Circuit Chief Judge Peter T. Cahill. "Unfortunately, our Lahaina employees have suffered significant losses. I am inspired by their resilience and deeply appreciate their public service, and we in the Judiciary are committed to supporting them and the Lahaina community."	2023/08/30 at 9:12 am
Maui United Way effort begins to fulfill requests from Maui wildfire survivors	Maui United Way's Emergency Financial Assistance program has received more than 7,000 unique individual requests for financial help. The program offered a one-time \$1,000 financial assistance payment, not to exceed \$5,000 per household, for adult fire survivors living in the impacted fire zones in Lahaina and Kula. It was made possible by the many generous donations from local kama'āina, mainland friends, and people from around the world.	2023/08/30 at 4:49 am
Maui County, HECO and State trio vow to work together against future weather emergencies	Three weeks after the devastation of Lahaina, crews are still working to recover and to strengthen defenses against windstorms and wildfires. With high winds and severe drought conditions continuing to threaten parts of Maui, the trio vowed to work together to minimize the risk of wildfire and ensure public safety.	2023/08/30 at 4:37 am
Top 20 things to do on Maui Aug. 31-Sept. 12: Kū Mai Ka hula competition, Buddhist temple grand opening, punk rock band Fear	A premiere hula competition, a Bon Dance and a gathering of New Age performers may seem worlds apart from each other, but all three have something in common: helping Maui wildfire victims. Find our comprehensive listing HERE.	2023/08/30 at 2:00 am

Three more Lahaina wildfire disaster victims identified Tuesday, bringing the total to 48	The Maui Police Department released the names of three more victims from the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire. They are: Joseph Lara, 86, Gwendolyn Puou, 83, and Edward Sato, 76, all of Lahaina.	2023/08/29 at 11:00 pm
US Sen. Brian Schatz focused on supplemental appropriations to help in the wake of Lahaina wildfire recovery	Congressional leaders are focusing on supplemental appropriations needed to help rebuild Lahaina Town, according to US Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawai'i) who is visiting Maui for assessments in the wake of the Aug. 8 wildfire disaster.	2023/08/29 at 10:17 pm
Sounding sirens for wildfires in Hawai'i may soon be standard emergency protocol	Talks are underway with officials from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency and all four counties about codifying a new emergency response protocol to use sirens during wildfires everywhere in the state. It could become official "within days."	2023/08/29 at 7:50 pm
County distributes 1,800 solar shower bags to upcountry water stations	Starting at 9 a.m. tomorrow, a shower trailer with one shower stall and one washer and dryer will be available for public use in the parking lot of Anytime Fitness at 24 Kiopaa St. in Makawao.	2023/08/29 at 6:55 pm
EPA begins months-long work of removing hazardous material from 5-square-mile burn area in Lahaina	The US Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday began the next phase of the Lahaina recovery effort: removing and disposing of hazardous materials in the 5-square-mile burn area.	2023/08/29 at 6:50 pm
Lahaina public schools expected to open after fall break, pending environmental clearances	The state Department of Education has set a tentative goal of welcoming students back to the three West Maui campuses after fall break in mid-October.	2023/08/29 at 5:12 pm
FBI Underwater Search & Evidence Response Team begins probe in Lahaina waters	The FBI is using specialized equipment to pick up any belongings or identifiable items to assist in the continuing effort to identify people who remain unaccounted for, from the Aug. 8 fire which leveled most of the town.	2023/08/29 at 2:55 pm
Live stream: County of Maui wildfire disaster press conference, Aug. 29	Interim Maui Emergency Management Agency administrator Darryl Oliveira said, now that the ground search is complete, the next step is EPA hazardous waste removal. After that has been completed, crews will start the "Return to Lahaina phase," which is a re-entry effort.	2023/08/29 at 1:34 pm
AlohaCare responds to Maui wildfire disaster	With more than 9,000 members on Maui, AlohaCare has coordinated with client DHS Med-QUEST, other Medicaid health plans, providers and Maui staff to ease the hardship and create flexible options for affected members.	2023/08/29 at 12:21 pm

Kīpuni Aloha no Maui: statewide one-day vigil to help Maui heal, Sept. 1	Native Hawaiian cultural practitioners will lead a statewide, one-day vigil on Friday, Sept. 1, to aid the emotional and spiritual healing of those on Maui who suffered devastating loss from wildfires that swept through Lahaina and other areas of the island. "There's an urgent need for prayer, cleansing, and reflection so that together, we can help Maui and Hawai'i heal," Holt-Padilla said. "This vigil will help to create a space for grief and healing and the opportunity for Hawai'i to be united."	2023/08/29 at 11:28 am
ALTRES Foundation launches online portal to help Maui workers displaced by wildfires	ALTRES Foundation today announced it has launched an online portal for unemployed Maui workers affected by the unprecedented wildfires. The newly launched portal, HireMaui.org, went live on Aug. 28, and offers a way for displaced Maui workers to connect with job vacancies offered by businesses statewide.	2023/08/29 at 11:00 am
FREE Disaster Legal Hotline available for residents impacted by Maui wildfire	The Disaster Legal Hotline is a FREE legal hotline to provide legal assistance to the residents of Maui and the Big Island and any others adversely affected by the wildfires. People can call toll free 888-533-2773 to speak to a volunteer attorney.	2023/08/29 at 10:04 am
US Army Corps of Engineers selected for Phase 2 of Wildfire Debris Removal on Maui	The State of Hawai'i and the County of Maui have selected the US Army Corps of Engineers to lead efforts to remove fire-damaged debris from areas across Maui affected by historic wildfires that began on Aug. 8.	2023/08/29 at 9:25 am
Maui wildfire disaster updates for Aug. 29: land search complete, volunteers still helping	Maui Wildfire Disaster updates for Aug. 29 are posted HERE. An estimated 11,010 FEMA assistance registrations have been received, with some \$14.6 million in federal housing and individual assistance provided, according to the County of Maui. According to the governor, there are more than 6,000 people now being temporarily housed in hotels and Airbnb units.	2023/08/29 at 7:46 am
Maui Health delivers toys to keiki affected by fires; seeking kids who lost 'ukeleles, musical instruments	Due to the generosity of the local community, including a sizable donation of toys from the Friends of the Children's Justice Center, Maui Health delivered hundreds of toys to bring some joy to keiki and their families on the west side of the island.	2023/08/29 at 6:00 am
Lahaina wildfire recovery Day 20: land search is complete, survivors are no longer expected	"There will be no survivors that we will discover at this point," said Gov. Green on Day 20 of recovery following the devastating wildfire in Lahaina. "The seven day mark was significant—that's when the road opened. The 14 day mark was quite significant because that was the day that everyone got out of the [congregate] shelters. The 20 day mark is very significant, because as you're hearing, essentially, the search and rescue, at least on land, is done." Another milestone update is expected at the one month mark.	2023/08/28 at 11:20 pm
Two more Lahaina wildfire disaster victims identified Monday, bringing the total to 45	Maui County officials identified two more victims in the Aug. 8 Lahaina fire Monday, bringing the total to 45.	2023/08/28 at 8:50 pm

Lahaina wildfire survivors: "It's hard knowing all of Lahaina needs help."	"We can rebuild, and we're going to rebuild. We're going to be back. But we cannot bring people back, and that's the tough part Trying to cope with that part of life now. This is the normal, and this is hard to get used to. We're trying to as people, but we just need all the support we can get at this point," said Lahaina resident, Connor Mowat.	2023/08/28 at 5:44 pm
Hawai'i Attorney General urging Lahaina, Kula residents affected by fires to report unsolicited property purchase offers	Hawai'i Attorney General Anne Lopez is urging owners of real property in Lahaina and Kula ZIP codes 96761, 96767 and 96790 to make formal reports of any unsolicited offers that were not asked for or requested to purchase an interest in that property.	2023/08/28 at 2:21 pm
Mokulele Airlines continues free shipments of donated supplies to Kapalua on Maui	Mokulele has collected and shipped more than 40,000 pounds of supplies since resuming its daily service flights to Kapalua Airport on Maui on Aug. 11, three days after the devastating wildfires in Lahaina.	2023/08/28 at 12:28 pm
Peru Consulate to replace documents for fire survivors Monday and Tuesday	The Consulate of Peru is processing passport and identification replacements for nationals impacted by the wildfires on Aug. 28 and 29 at Maui Economic Opportunity in Wailuku.	2023/08/28 at 11:51 am
Doctors On Call Urgent Care reopens in West Maui	Doctors On Call Urgent Care and Testing Center reopened on Aug. 28 at the Times Market Plaza in North Ka'anapali/ Honokōwai.	2023/08/28 at 8:39 am
AirMedCare Network implements 120-day grace period for subscribers affected by Maui fires	AirMedCare Network, a national air ambulance membership network, announced Monday it has implemented a 120-day grace period for active subscribers in Maui whose memberships are expiring within that time frame.	2023/08/28 at 8:27 am
Labor Dept. awards \$10.5M to support disaster related jobs after Maui wildfires	The funds allow the Hawai'i Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to provide people with temporary jobs focused on cleaning up debris and repairing damage caused by the fires, and providing humanitarian assistance to the wildfire survivors.	2023/08/28 at 5:19 am
Tale of two Mauis: West Maui/Lahaina devastated by fire; rest of Maui reeling from loss of tourists who fuel economy	While West Maui and fire-affected parts of Kula remain no place for visitors — with teams still searching for remains from the Lahaina fire and the recovery in the early stages — the rest of the island was unharmed by the fires but now is reeling from the abrupt loss of tourists that is causing people to lose their jobs and businesses to struggle.	2023/08/28 at 5:00 am
Maui wildfire disaster updates for Aug. 28: Efforts continue to locate 'unaccounted for' people	Maui Wildfire Disaster updates for Aug. 28 are posted HERE. The number of confirmed fatalities has remained at 115 for several days with 43 people publicly identified by police.	2023/08/28 at 2:57 am
Hawaiian Electric responds to lawsuit filed by County of Maui over Lahaina fire	The company outlined a list of factors related to the Aug. 8, 2023 events, saying that at around 3 p.m., "power lines in West Maui had been de-energized for more than six hours" when a second fire in the afternoon began in the same area—in a field near Lahaina Intermediate School.	2023/08/28 at 2:30 am

Hōkūle'a crew pays tribute to Lahaina: "We voyage with Maui in our hearts."	The people of Lahaina and the rest of Maui were on the forefront of everyone's minds as Hōkūle'a symbolizes hope and resilience to many of the Native Hawaiian community who were present at the welcome event. In honor of Lahaina, crew members wore red Hōkūle'a shirts and red ceremonial kihei. They also hung special pink feather lei hulu at the top of the mast. The crew also placed over Hōkūle'a's canvas, a "Lahaina Strong" banner created by members of Seattle's Native Hawaiian community.	2023/08/27 at 4:08 pm
Maui police confirm the identity of three more Lahaina wildfire disaster victims	Maui police have identified 43 individuals publicly following notification of next of kin, including three additional individuals on Sunday afternoon. The names of victims of the Maui wildfire disaster released today include: David Nuesca Jr., 59, of Lahaina; Poomaikai Losano, 28, of Lahaina; and Carolyn Ono, 73, of Lahaina.	2023/08/27 at 2:29 pm
Wailea Golf and Tennis, Chan Foundation donate \$125,000 for Maui disaster relief	The Wailea Golf and Tennis Clubs, along with the Chan Foundation, have pledged \$125,000 in contributions to aid Maui's wildfire disaster relief efforts, distributing the funds to five local nonprofits.	2023/08/27 at 12:13 pm
Talk Story Nights at Ocean Organic Vodka, Aug. 29-30 in support of Maui Strong Fund	Maui's Ocean Organic Vodka and Southern Rounds TV present a music event to support the Maui community. The Talk Story Nights event offers healing through music, food and friends at a private intimate gathering to support the Maui community. Nashville artists along with Hawai'i musicians perform this Tuesday Aug. 29 and Wednesday Aug. 30 from 5 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Ocean Organic Farm & Distillery in Kula, Maui.	2023/08/27 at 11:26 am
Central Pacific Bank Lahaina branch to reopen with full service, Aug. 28	Central Pacific Bank announced the Lahaina Branch will reopen to serve the West Maui community on Monday, Aug. 28, 2023. The branch, which has been closed since Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023, will provide a full range of business and personal banking services when it reopens on Monday.	2023/08/27 at 10:21 am
Maui fire survivors now eligible for federal program to lower cost of phone, internet	The Federal Communications Commission has temporarily waived certain eligibility rules to ensure that people receiving federal disaster assistance due to the Maui fires can easily apply for and enroll in Lifeline, a federal program that helps lower the cost of phone and internet service for those in need	2023/08/27 at 10:10 am
Injured Maui firefighter returns home for recovery	Maui Fire Department and responders from other agencies welcomed home the department member who was injured on Aug. 8, fighting the fire in Lahaina. He had spent the last two weeks in the hospital on Oʻahu.	2023/08/27 at 9:31 am
First of several paddle out events on Maui held in memory of Lahaina wildfire victims	Nearly 100 people paddled out Saturday at Cove Park in Kīhei to honor the memories of the victims of the Lahaina fire. The event was the first of several planned on Maui in the coming days.	2023/08/27 at 8:50 am
Maui Humane Society accesses Lahaina burn zone in effort to find live animals	Maui County officials permitted the Maui Humane Society to access the Lahaina burn zone on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 26, in a coordinated search and rescue effort to find live animals.	2023/08/27 at 8:20 am

Maui attorney convenes legal experts for in-person presentation on the Lahaina wildfire disaster	The three firms filed a lawsuit on Aug. 17 alleging that the fire started when the electrical infrastructure and power lines came into contact with vegetation.	2023/08/27 at 8:12 am
Maui Nui Marine Resource Council: Lahaina recovery update, land care webinar	The Maui Nui Marine Resource Council is asking for support from the community as the nonprofit continues to work with partner agencies on Maui to protect vulnerable ecosystems.	2023/08/27 at 8:00 am
Maui wildfire disaster updates for Aug. 27: More than 11K register for FEMA assistance; 20 hotel shelters housing displaced residents	Maui Wildfire Disaster updates for Aug. 27 are posted HERE. To date, 11,010 FEMA assistance registrations have been received, with some \$14.6 million in federal housing and individual assistance provided.	2023/08/27 at 6:40 am
Teenager starts 'Give Aloha' to raise funds, provide hope to Maui fire survivors	Teenager Chanel Higa knows what it is like to lose everything, and be supported, so ever since she has been giving back and now has started "Give Aloha" for Maui fire survivors.	2023/08/27 at 6:00 am
Updated: Remembering the many lost lives of the Lahaina fire	Almost every day, more names are released by the Maui Police Department of people who died in the fire $-40\mathrm{so}$ far. We honor their memory.	2023/08/27 at 5:00 am
Local residents push forward amidst chaos	Various local volunteers help community in Lahaina after fire disaster.	2023/08/27 at 5:00 am
Maui police identify two more victims of Lahaina fire	On Saturday, the Maui Police Department released the names of two more Lahaina residents who died in the deadly Aug. 8 fire: 75-year-old Pablo Pagdilao III and 59-year-old Coleen Jones.	2023/08/26 at 4:33 pm
UPDATE: Kāʻanapali brush fire 90% contained; Hawaiian Electric reports power restored to all customers	Firefighters on-scene continue to reinforce containment lines. As of 5 p.m., the evacuation order was lifted and residents were free to return home.	2023/08/26 at 1:33 pm
Frequently asked questions about FEMA disaster assistance	For Maui residents who were affected by the wildfires that began on Aug. 8, FEMA has answers to frequently asked questions.	2023/08/26 at 11:14 am
Insurance association urges caution hiring contractor, public adjuster for fire destruction	As residents slowly begin the clean-up and rebuilding process following the Maui wildfires, the American Property Casualty Insurance Association urges caution when hiring a contractor or public adjuster to avoid losing insurance proceeds or getting caught in scams and other fraudulent activity.	2023/08/26 at 10:44 am

State partners to offer ID proofing for unemployment insurance claimants	The Hawai'i State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations today announced a partnership with the US Department of Labor and the US Postal Service to offer unemployment insurance claimants the ability to provide the identity proofing required to continue or initiate a claim for unemployment insurance benefits through two new sources – Login.gov and USPS in person proofing.	2023/08/26 at 9:00 am
Fundraisers for Maui wildfire victims in Hawai'i, California, Washington	Several entertainment fundraisers on Maui, Oʻahu, California and Washington are scheduled this weekend and into September to benefit Maui wildfire victims, including a Maui Jazz and Blues Festival and country western concert, both in Kula.	2023/08/26 at 7:29 am
Kula residents receive water update at community meeting	Maui County Water Director John Stufflebean addressed Kula residents during an Aug. 25 meeting and explained what was being done and what would be done to provide clean, drinkable water for areas affected by the recent fires.	2023/08/26 at 7:06 am
Binhi at Ani launches Tulong for Lahaina Fund	"Tulong means help in the Tagalog and Ilokano languages," said organization President Melen Agcolicol, who will lead the coordination. "And Binhi at Ani wanted to create a fund to help our kababayans, our fellow Filipinos, which comprise at least 40% of Lahaina town."	2023/08/26 at 7:00 am
Renters can apply for FEMA assistance	FEMA Individual Assistance is available to renters, including students, as well as homeowners. Federal grants can help pay for temporary housing. The initial rental grant is for a onemonth or two-month period and can be reviewed for additional assistance.	2023/08/26 at 7:00 am
Maui wildfire disaster updates for Aug. 26: 38 fire victims publicly identified; 99% of burned area searched	Maui Wildfire Disaster updates for Aug. 25 are posted HERE. County officials released a list of 388 people who have been reported as unaccounted for from the Aug. 8 Lahaina wildfire disaster.	2023/08/26 at 6:19 am
Community meetings scheduled to discuss Lahaina public schools, Aug. 30	Maui families and community members are invited to meet with principals of Lahaina public schools and Hawai'i Department of Education leaders to share input and discuss the latest updates for reopening schools and providing educational opportunities in West Maui. Both meetings will be open to the public.	2023/08/26 at 6:00 am
Maui wildfire survivor Tom Liu says with FEMA's help, he will rebuild	"I'm 82, and 'Why rebuild?' It will probably take at least two years, but with FEMA, with SBA and the immediate family—the 'ohana—that's why I'm going to rebuild," he said.	2023/08/26 at 5:48 am
Lahaina Keiki Relief Fund raises over \$80,000 in Benefit Concert	The Lahaina Keiki Relief Fund has distributed more than 1,000 filled backpacks for the keiki of Lahaina and raised well over \$80,000. The funds were raised in large part through a Lahaina Keiki Relief Fund Concert held Aug. 19 at the Azeka Shopping Center and Nalu's South Shore Grill.	2023/08/25 at 6:00 pm

Darryl Olivera, former Hawai'i Fire Chief and Civil Defense Administrator named interim MEMA Administrator	Former Fire Chief and Civil Defense Director for Hawai'i County, Darryl Oliveira was named the interim Administrator at the Maui Emergency Management Agency during a press conference on Friday evening. He fills the spot left vacant by the resignation of Herman Andaya on Aug. 17, 2023, who cited health concerns as the reason for his departure. "We are honored to []	2023/08/25 at 5:32 pm
Maui police confirm the identity of three more Lahaina wildfire disaster victims	There are 115 confirmed fatalities with 99% of the entire search area completed by Friday evening. Maui police have identified 38 individuals publicly following notification of next of kin, including three additional individuals on Friday evening.	2023/08/25 at 5:19 pm
Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher accommodations available for families displaced by Lahaina and Kula fires	Families who currently have a federal Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher with the County of Maui and who have been displaced by the Lahaina and Kula fires will not lose their housing assistance.	2023/08/25 at 2:20 pm
Maui crews installing dust screen around Lahaina	The state Department of Transportation is installing nearly 30,000 linear feet of dust screen for the protection of highway users on Honoapi'ilani Highway (Route 30) and the Lahaina Bypass (Route 3000).	2023/08/25 at 1:45 pm
Lahaina District Court cases temporarily addressed at Hoapili Hale; Free legal assistance available	Lahaina District Court cases and services are being addressed at Hoapili Hale, the main courthouse in Wailuku located at 2145 Main St.	2023/08/25 at 12:23 pm
Federal Resource Fair for those impacted by Maui wildfires, Aug. 26 in Lahaina	Representative Jill Tokuda and Senator Mazie K. Hirono announced that their offices are holding a federal resource fair for constituents on Maui impacted by the devastating fires. The resource fair is happening this Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023, in Lahaina from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	2023/08/25 at 11:14 am
Maui wildfire survivors transition to hotels, timeshares and Airbnb units	FEMA will conduct eligibility reviews by mid-September, after which survivors who have registered for FEMA assistance and whose homes are deemed uninhabitable, may remain in a hotel until they find their own housing solution or do so with the help of a dedicated caseworker.	2023/08/25 at 10:34 am
State activates disaster recovery jobs portal for Maui workers impacted by wildfires	The Hawai'i State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations today announced the availability of a disaster recovery jobs portal for Maui to help workers and businesses impacted by the wildfires. The portal provides access to all currently available jobs on Maui as maintained by the DLIR.	2023/08/25 at 9:18 am
Kaiser Permanente announces schedule changes for its community first aid stations	Kaiser Permanente is moving its mobile health vehicle from its current location at Lahaina Gateway Center to Nāpili Park beginning Monday, Aug. 28, 2023. The decision to move the mobile health vehicle was driven by a higher demand from the community for medical services in the Nāpili area.	2023/08/25 at 8:58 am

Maui Health Updated West Side Outpatient Clinic Schedule	Maui Health's Community Response Team continues to provide first aid, health and wellness checks, and pharmacy services for community members on the west side at its outreach clinic located at the Hyatt Maui. Care is provided free of charge to all community members in need, regardless of health insurance.	2023/08/25 at 8:41 am
Kamaka Air gives aid amid Maui crisis: 65,000 pounds of supplies airlifted to Lahaina	Kamaka Air facilitated 10 evacuation flights and multiple free cargo flight deliveries with more than 65,000 pounds of essential supplies, such as food, clothing, medicine, and household goods for citizens affected by the crisis.	2023/08/25 at 7:33 am
Maui wildfire disaster updates for Aug. 25: list of 388 unaccounted for released; 10K registrations for FEMA help received	Maui Wildfire Disaster updates for Aug. 24 are posted HERE. County officials released a list of 388 people who have been reported as unaccounted for from the Aug. 8 Lahaina wildfire disaster. An additional FEMA Disaster Recovery Center will fully opens today at the Hannibal Tavares Community Center, 91 Pukalani St. in Makawao. To date, more than 10,000 FEMA assistance registrations have been received, with nearly \$13.2 million in federal housing and individual assistance provided.	2023/08/25 at 3:47 am
Upcountry Maui Disaster Recovery Center opens Aug. 25	A Disaster Recovery Center will open Friday, Aug. 25, in Upcountry Maui to accommodate residents affected by the wildfires learn about local, state and federal assistance programs.	2023/08/24 at 10:08 pm
County says 388 individuals have been validated as unaccounted for after Lahaina wildfire disaster	Maui County officials say they have validated 388 individuals who have been reported as unaccounted for from the Aug. 8 Lahaina wildfire disaster. "We're releasing this list of names today because we know that it will help with the investigation," said Police Chief John Pelletier. "We also know that once those names come out, it can and will cause pain for folks whose loved ones are listed. This is not an easy thing to do, but we want to make sure that we are doing everything we can to make this investigation as complete and thorough as possible."	2023/08/24 at 9:44 pm
DLIR accepting Disaster Unemployment Assistance benefits applications	"Individuals that do not qualify for regular unemployment insurance may be eligible for DUA benefits beginning the week of Aug. 13, 2023, as long as the individual's unemployment continues to be a direct result of the disaster," said Governor Josh Green, M.D.	2023/08/24 at 7:48 pm
Displaced Lahaina residents offered free PO Boxes at any Maui Post Office	Vacant PO Boxes at Post Offices across Maui will be temporarily made available at no charge to Lahaina residents who lost their homes or their Lahaina Downtown Post Office PO Boxes to the recent wildfire.	2023/08/24 at 6:59 pm
Legal help for Maui wildfire victims offered Sept. 9 at MEO	Legal assistance for those impacted by the Maui wildfires on specific issues ranging from immigration to insurance claims will be offered by attorneys in private practice and a University of Hawai'i Law Clinic program from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sept. 9, at Maui Economic Opportunity in Wailuku.	2023/08/24 at 6:47 pm

Blackstone is giving \$1.5 million to support Maui fire relief	Blackstone is providing \$1.5 million in Relocation Relief & Assistance Payments and charitable donations to support employees and residents at Blackstone's Maui real estate properties and the people of Maui.	2023/08/24 at 6:21 pm
Maui police confirm the identity of eight more Lahaina wildfire disaster victims	Maui police have identified 35 individuals publicly following notification of next of kin, including eight additional individuals on Thursday evening.	2023/08/24 at 5:37 pm
Applications open for Ad 2 Hawai'i's Pro Bono marketing campaign assisting Maui-based nonprofits	Ad 2 Hawai'i invites Maui-based nonprofits to apply for its 2023-2024 Public Service Campaign, offering pro-bono marketing services with a focus on aiding Maui's wildfire-affected community.	2023/08/24 at 3:00 pm
Maui Department of Water Supply releases first test results from Lahaina, Upper Kula	While the initial results are reassuring, the Maui DWS' Unsafe Water Advisories remain in place at this time. The process to amend the Unsafe Water Advisory will be based on a comprehensive review of multiple lines of evidence.	2023/08/24 at 2:53 pm
Maui County sues Hawaiian Electric Company for civil damages caused by wildfires	Today, the County of Maui filed a lawsuit against Maui Electric Company, Hawaiian Electric Company, Hawai'i Electric Light Company and Hawaiian Electric Industries for civil damages allegedly caused to the County's public property and resources as a result of recent Maui fires, including fires in Lahaina and Kula.	2023/08/24 at 11:06 am
Top 20 things to do on Maui Aug. 24-30: 3 concert fundraisers for fire victims, free Makana performance; Kahaiali'i and Kai at ProArts	Scores of artists rally to create three fundraising jazz, blues and Hawaiian concerts for Maui wildfire victims. Also this week on Maui, critically acclaimed guitarist-singer Makana performs a free concert, and David Grace Jr. sings his classic soul and country songs — one of them with more than 690,000 views. Find our comprehensive listing HERE.	2023/08/24 at 9:38 am
Maui wildfire disaster updates for Aug. 24: underwater search, temporary school sites announced	Maui Wildfire Disaster updates for Aug. 24 are posted HERE. Today, crews are conducting an underwater search of a four mile stretch of shoreline from Puamana Beach Park to Wahikuli Wayside Park, looking for human remains associated with the Aug. 8 wildfire in Lahaina. Six more people have been identified out of the 115 confirmed dead; and more than 1,000 remain unaccounted for. The state Department of Education has identified temporary school sites in Central and South Maui for displaced students who had been enrolled at one of four public schools in Lahaina.	2023/08/24 at 4:16 am
US EPA begins hazardous waste removal work at Kula wildfire site	The US Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday began work to remove and dispose of hazardous waste from properties affected by the wildfires in Kula. Hazardous waste removal efforts in the Lahaina disaster area will start after search and rescue responders allow EPA crews to enter the area.	2023/08/23 at 6:53 pm
Maui police confirm the identity of six more Lahaina wildfire disaster victims	Maui police on Wednesday evening confirmed the identity of six more individuals as victims of the Lahaina wildfire disaster.	2023/08/23 at 6:25 pm

Central and South Maui schools designated as temporary school sites for impacted Lahaina students displaced by wildfire	Students already re-enrolled at other schools or in distance learning are unaffected. Family and community meeting scheduled for Aug. 30.	2023/08/23 at 5:39 pm
Wildfire recovery includes underwater search for human remains off Lahaina Harbor and breakwall	Underwater search efforts for human remains that began last Saturday, continued today in near-shore waters near the Lahaina Small Boat Harbor and along the Front Street breakwater.	2023/08/23 at 4:26 pm
Public warned of scams related to collection of DNA samples in wake of Maui wildfire disaster	The Family Assistance Center has received reports about Maui community members receiving calls from individuals or organizations claiming to be with "DNA Services." These telephone calls are scams, and anyone receiving them should hang up immediately and report them to the Maui Police Department's non-emergency number at 808-244-6400.	2023/08/23 at 1:20 pm
Maui police confirm report of remains brought to police station from wildfire disaster	Maui police are now confirming a report of a Lahaina family who had located their son's remains within their residence and brought him to a nearby police station.	2023/08/23 at 12:56 pm
Emergency distribution center for fire survivors closes at Nāpili Plaza without explanation to volunteers	The Napili Plaza emergency distribution center for Lahaina fire survivors started organically with a group of retired and current firefighters who lived in the area wanting to do something.	2023/08/23 at 12:00 pm
Salvation Army enters recovery phase on Maui, continues food service at hotel shelters	Activated from the first moments of the Maui fires on Aug. 8, 2023, The Salvation Army prepared 26,284 meals and coordinated a total of 153,997 through local and nonprofit partnerships at 34 feeding locations during the initial phase of the relief effort, though feeding sites are now transitioning to non-congregate shelters at local hotels.	2023/08/23 at 11:14 am
Maui Visitor Industry Hand Delivers Charity Walk checks to nonprofits	"Maui nonprofits are a needed support system for our communities," says Lisa Paulson, Executive Director of the Maui Hotel & Lodging Association. "With the hardships of the recent wildfires, it was crucial to make this hard-earned money available to them immediately."	2023/08/23 at 10:13 am
Sen. Schatz urges additional federal action to support Maui wildfire recovery	Schatz expressed gratitude for the presidential visit, but is calling on the federal government to take additional actions including the release of more federal funds, support for expanded financial assistance, unemployment benefits, air and water safety, and help with making the FEMA assistance application process easier for those in need.	2023/08/23 at 8:31 am
Servco Foundation pledges \$120,000 for Maui wildfire recovery	The Servco Foundation has committed an initial aid of \$120,000 to recovery efforts on Maui, including contributions to the American Red Cross Hawai'i and assistance for displaced families with children.	2023/08/23 at 7:54 am

Three Hawaiʻi Credit Unions unite to kōkua Maui	Aloha Pacific, Hawai'iUSA, and Hawaiian Financial Federal Credit Unions have partnered to gather essential supplies for Maui community members affected by the recent natural disaster, accepting donations of various items at select Oʻahu branch locations.	2023/08/23 at 7:44 am
Maui wildfire disaster updates for Aug. 23: FBI says unaccounted individuals is more than 1,000	Maui Wildfire Disaster updates for Aug. 23 are posted HERE. Today, consolidation is underway at county-run distribution supply sites. The phased reopening of King Kekaulike High School is underway. Eight more people have been identified out of the 115 confirmed dead; and more than 1,000 remain unaccounted for. A second mobile substation has been energized in Lahaina, with 1,800 still without power.	2023/08/23 at 4:27 am
People displaced by the Lahaina fire can sign up for emergency housing: Airbnb registration details	The Hawai'i Department of Human Services reminds the public that the Airbnb registration will continue Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023 through Friday, Aug. 25, 2023 at the Lahaina Gateway Center. The registration area is located next to the Kaiser Permanente tents.	2023/08/22 at 10:23 pm
Maui officials plead for public's help to ID the dead, find the reported missing from the Lahaina fire	Two weeks after the fast moving fire burned down much of Lahaina, the death toll is at 115; the remains that have been identified is at 43; and the number of "unaccounted for" is between 1,000 and 1,100, according to officials.	2023/08/22 at 8:40 pm
Administrative leave for staff at Lahaina schools extended through Aug. 25	Staff at all four public schools in Lahaina will remain on paid administrative leave through Friday, Aug. 25 as clean up and safety assessments continue at Princess Nāhi'ena'ena Elementary, Lahaina Intermediate and Lahainaluna High.	2023/08/22 at 8:17 pm
County of Maui distribution sites will be transitioning locations, times, days, focus	County of Maui-facilitated distribution sites will be transitioning locations, times, days and focus, according to an announcement released on Tuesday evening. The sites offer food, water and supplies to people impacted by Maui wildfires.	2023/08/22 at 8:11 pm
Maui police confirm the identity of eight more Lahaina wildfire disaster victims	Maui police on Tuesday evening confirmed the identity of eight more individuals as victims of the Lahaina wildfire disaster. To date, police have identified a total of 21 individuals publicly following notification of next of kin.	2023/08/22 at 5:43 pm
View: FBI speaks on efforts to identify remains recovered in Lahaina wildfire aftermath	County and federal officials joined in discussing the process involved in accounting for individuals who have been reporting missing, as well as the process involved in identifying remains recovered in the aftermath of the Lahaina wildfire disaster. *View the full press conference at our Maui Now Facebook page.	2023/08/22 at 5:12 pm
Kamaʻāina offered a weekend of self-care at Maui Ocean Center	Dozens of wellness providers, such as massage therapists and counselors, have volunteered their services for a free community pop-up clinic this Friday, Aug. 25, and Saturday, Aug. 26. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at the parking lot outside of Maui Ocean Center. The two-day clinic will be followed by free admission to Maui Ocean Center for kama'äina from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (last entry at 4 p.m.) this Sunday, Aug. 27.	2023/08/22 at 2:04 pm

Areas of Upcountry Maui remain under unsafe water advisory	The County of Maui is urging residents in a number of Upcountry areas, including Upper Kula and Kēōkea, to stop using tap water, effective immediately, while an unsafe water advisory remains in effect. Several structures in the Upper Kula area were destroyed by the Kula wildfire, causing the water system in the area to lose pressure. The loss of pressure may have allowed harmful contaminants, including benzene and other volatile organic chemicals, to enter the water system.	2023/08/22 at 1:31 pm
Health updates for Maui wildfire areas including: air and water quality, runoff, vital records, medical services	Heavy rainfall after a wildfire can greatly increase the risks of other dangers such as flash floods, debris flows, landslides and rockfalls. DOH reminds the public to avoid storm drainage and natural drainage channels due to rapid flowing waters.	2023/08/22 at 12:02 pm
Maui Ola benefit concert raises nearly \$1M for Lahaina community in wake of wildfire disaster	In the 24 hours since the broadcast of "Maui Ola: A Benefit Concert for Maui," donation portals, including Maui United Way, Hawai'i Community Foundation, Hawai'i People's Fund and the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, received nearly \$1M in donations toward Maui aid.	2023/08/22 at 9:47 am
Mayor Bissen: List of missing narrowed from thousands to 850	The number of missing and unaccounted for individuals on Maui has been narrowed from the thousands of names first compiled in the wake of the deadly Lahaina fire on August 8. According to Mayor Bissen,the list of missing persons still unaccounted for has been narrowed to 850 individuals.	2023/08/22 at 8:56 am
Hawai'i defense innovation community collaborates to restore Maui connectivity after devastating wildfires	In the aftermath of the catastrophic wildfires that swept through Maui, a community-driven collaboration between Pacific Impact Zone, SMX, and the Maui Tech Hui worked to rapidly deploy satellite internet connectivity at key locations in West Maui.	2023/08/22 at 8:00 am
HHFDC housing referral program ends first week with 900-plus dwelling options for displaced Maui residents	The objective of HHFDC's Hawai'i Fire Relief Program is: Connect those with available living arrangements with displaced residents. While it is hoped that property owners will charge minimal or no rent, it is up to the owners and residents to agree on rents and other terms as part of standard rental agreements.	2023/08/22 at 7:36 am
Photo gallery: President Biden visits Lahaina wildfire disaster area on Maui	View photo galleries of the presidential visit to Lahaina Maui. President Joe Biden and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden visited Maui on Monday to assess the damage of the wildfire disaster area in Lahaina and meet with survivors and first responders who were impacted by the fires.	2023/08/22 at 5:49 am
Maui wildfire disaster updates for Aug. 22: Teams transition to search of multi- story residential and commercial properties	Maui Wildfire Disaster updates for Aug. 22 are posted HERE.	2023/08/22 at 3:35 am

Biden tells Lahaina to applause: 'We're gonna build back better but what you want'	President Joe Biden drew applause at the Lahaina Civic Center when he told about 400 survivors of the fire: "We're gonna build back better. Better than you had. But what YOU want. What YOU need."	2023/08/22 at 3:00 am
MEO puts hold on fires housing program with all funds committed	Maui Economic Opportunity's Maui Fires Relief Transition Housing program today was put on hold after committing all funds received to housing those displaced by the wildfires. The program matched those displaced by the fires to available rental units for up to six months.	2023/08/21 at 4:57 pm
Maui Interscholastic League develops tentative schedule amid wildfire recovery	The Maui Interscholastic League announced plans to release a Fall Sports schedule in the near future, with tentative games for West Maui schools that have yet to reopen following the Aug. 8 devastating wildfires.	2023/08/21 at 4:46 pm
Dept. of Transportation to use \$3M in quick release funds to maintain safe access to West Maui	The Hawai'i Department of Transportation shares that it will use the \$3 million dollars in quick release Emergency Relief funding from the Federal Highway Administration for necessary work to maintain safe access to West Maui via Honoapi'ilani Highway (Route 30) and the Lahaina Bypass.	2023/08/21 at 4:24 pm
HIDOE launches hotline to support families and staff of Lahaina schools	The Hawai'i State Department of Education today launched a support hotline for families and staff of the four Lahaina public schools — Kamehameha III Elementary, Princess Nāhi'ena'ena Elementary, Lahaina Intermediate and Lahainaluna High — impacted by the wildfires.	2023/08/21 at 12:31 pm
Update: President and First Lady visit Maui town devastated by wildfire	During a stop at the inundation zone, President Biden said, "I want you to know, that on behalf of the United States of America and all the nation, the American people stand with you To my left is the banyan tree, beloved by this community for over 150 years. Here in the former capital of the Kingdom of Hawai'i, where it stood for generations as a sacred spot of exceptional significance." "Today it is burned but it is still standing. The tree survived for a reason. I believe it's a very powerful symbol of what we can and will do to get through this crisis. For this, as long as it takes, we're going to be with you. The whole country will be with you," he said.	2023/08/21 at 9:36 am
Hōkūle'a crew sends message to Maui following wildfire devastation	Bidding them farewell from Vancouver was First Nations Squamish elder Bob Baker, who spoke of living on Maui for 16 years and getting involved with Hawaiian canoe paddling and sailing through the late Pwo Navigator from Lahaina Chad Kalepa Baybayan and Hōkūleʻa veteran voyagers from Lahaina Snake Ah Hee and Archie Kalepa, both of whom survived the fires along with their families and their homes.	2023/08/21 at 5:50 am
IRS announces tax relief for victims of Maui wildfires	The Internal Revenue Service announced today, victims of wildfires in parts of Hawai'i that began on Aug. 8, 2023, now have until Feb. 15, 2024, to file various individual and business tax returns and make tax payments.	2023/08/21 at 5:11 am

Maui wildfire disaster updates for Aug. 21: President Biden visit	Maui Wildfire Disaster updates for Aug. 21: HERE. President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden will visit Maui today, to observe the impact of the Maui fires and join the state in mourning the devastating loss of life and land that has occurred across the island, as well as to discuss next steps in the recovery efforts. While on the ground, the President, First Lady, and Governor Josh Green, M.D., will meet with first responders, survivors, and federal, state and local officials.	2023/08/21 at 3:10 am
Police release the names of five more individuals identified as Maui Wildfire Disaster victims	The number of confirmed fatalities remained at 114 souls this weekend. Maui police have identified five more individuals publicly today, following notification of next of kin, bringing the number of public ID confirmations to 11.	2023/08/20 at 5:17 pm
American Red Cross provides update on status of shelters for wildfire disaster survivors	As of Sunday morning, Aug. 20, approximately 1,800 individuals are reported to be sheltered at six hotel locations around Maui, with the American Red Cross and volunteers assisting with the transition from congregate shelters to hotels. Displaced individuals still at congregate shelters has dwindled to just 16 people.	2023/08/20 at 4:39 pm
Kōkua for Maui efforts are underway at Queen Kaʻahumanu Center	Queen Ka'ahumanu Center on Maui alongside their operating manager, Pacific Retail Capital Partners, and the portfolio's 21 retail properties across the nation, have come together to raise awareness and support for those affected by Maui's wildfires.	2023/08/20 at 3:33 pm
County of Maui prepares for potential storm impacts from post-tropical cyclone Fernanda	Even with protective measures in place, runoff from heavy rains could still result in dangerous ocean water quality conditions along shoreline areas between Kā'anapali and Olowalu Landing. Landscapes that have been severely impacted by wildfires are also at heightened risk for flooding during periods of heavy rain, as vegetation that would typically absorb rainfall has been burned away, increasing the possibility of flash flooding or mudslides.	2023/08/20 at 2:56 pm
Interview: Maui Fire Chief Brad Ventura discusses Lahaina wildfire response	Maui Fire Chief Brad Ventura shares details regarding wildfire response to the deadly fire in Lahaina that started on Aug. 8, 2023.	2023/08/20 at 2:29 pm
Nalu's benefit raises \$40,000 for Lahaina Keiki Relief Fund	Nearly \$40,000 was raised on Saturday at the Lahaina Keiki Relief Fund Concert at Nalu's South Shore Grill in Kīhei.	2023/08/20 at 12:11 pm
Rental cars pile up around Kahului Airport, reminiscent of COVID-era scene	With many travelers leaving West Maui amid the disastrous wildfires first reported on Aug. 8, the overflow of rental vehicles are piling up again around the Kahului Airport. This time around, government leaders are choosing their words carefully to prevent unwanted economic impacts for the rest of the island and the state.	2023/08/20 at 10:16 am
MEO Human Services and Maui Bus ADA Paratransit to resume trips to West Maui	Maui Economic Opportunity Human Services and Maui Bus ADA Paratransit buses will resume trips to, from and within West Maui beginning Tuesday, Aug. 22.	2023/08/20 at 9:37 am

Coordinated Donation Management Center for Maui fire victims opens on O'ahu	The coordinated donation management center will receive, sort and inventory donations collected for Maui residents impacted by the wildfires and store them until they are ready to be transported and received on Maui.	2023/08/20 at 5:57 am
Maui wildfire disaster updates for Aug. 20: recovery crews prepare for wet weather	Maui Wildfire Disaster updates for Aug. 20 are available HERE. The public is reminded that the Lahaina Gateway distribution center for food, water and supplies, and the Wailuku Donation Center at the Queen Ka'ahumanu shopping center are closed on Sunday, Aug. 20. Both will resume operations on Monday, Aug. 21, 2023.	2023/08/20 at 4:37 am
Maui County coordinating help for pets, animals impacted by wildfires	Eleven days after the fire raged through Lahaina, recovery and other emergency response operators have been instructed on Saturday to report any stray animal sightings to the Maui County Emergency Operations Center.	2023/08/19 at 6:48 pm
Maui Health hosting toy drive Sunday for employees' keiki who lost everything in fire	Maui Health will host a toy drive on Sunday for employees and providers who lost their homes and personal belongings in the fires.	2023/08/19 at 3:18 pm
Maui food producers impacted by fires encouraged to take survey for recovery efforts	The Hawai'i Farmers Union United encourages all food producers impacted by fire, severe winds and loss of markets due to the 2023 Maui fires and disaster to complete the Maui Producer Impact & Support Survey.	2023/08/19 at 2:04 pm
Kaiser Permanente update for Maui care locations	Kaiser Permanente will permanently close two mobile first aid stations on Sunday: at the War Memorial Gym at 8 a.m. and and Nāpili Plaza at 4 p.m.	2023/08/19 at 1:41 pm
Maui Relief Storage Facility opens on Oʻahu	Today, the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement has opened the Maui Relief Storage Facility, a coordinated donation management center on Oʻahu to receive, sort and inventory donations collected for Maui residents impacted by the wildfires and store them until they are ready to be transported and received on Maui.	2023/08/19 at 1:13 pm
Maui County providing mobile waste, hygiene facilities to community-led resiliency hubs	The Maui County Department of Environmental Management is offering mobile waste and hygiene facilities to support grassroots resource locations.	2023/08/19 at 12:37 pm
Hurricane Hilary moving toward California; FEMA personnel in Hawai'i will not relocate	As Hurricane Hilary moves toward California, the FEMA administrator said no FEMA personnel responding to Maui recovery efforts would be relocated to the mainland.	2023/08/19 at 11:46 am
Federal resource fair today for disaster relief, lost document assistance	Maui residents in need of disaster assistance or who suffered the loss of personal documents during the Maui wildfires can seek help from a number of federal agencies at a resource fair on Saturday hosted by U.S. Rep. Jill Tokuda.	2023/08/19 at 11:21 am

Unsafe water advisory expands for Lahaina system	The Unsafe Water Advisory for the Lahaina water system was expanded on Aug. 18 to include the area from Kaniau Road to Leiali'i Parkway, according to Maui County.	2023/08/19 at 9:59 am
Guide for federal resources, programs for individuals, businesses impacted by Maui fires	U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz has released a comprehensive guide to help individuals, workers, veterans and small businesses impacted by the Maui fires access federal resources and programs made available through President Biden's disaster declaration.	2023/08/19 at 9:18 am
Hawaiian Telcom called in 40 employees from other islands to help with restoration	Hawaiian Telcom, with the help of 40 employees from neighbor islands, have restored connectivity this week to the company's central offices in Lahaina and Nāpili — and restored service to more than 11,000 customers in West Maui.	2023/08/19 at 8:36 am
Hawai'i Tours seeking volunteers for fire recovery help with clean-up, housing, food	Hawai'i Tours usually conducts Road to Hana tours and transportation to tours and activities around the island of Maui, but since the fires the company has ceased those operations and is focusing entirely on fire recovery efforts and disaster relief.	2023/08/19 at 7:47 am
Significant hazards near burn areas; keep children away, PPE recommended	Maui County officials warn of significant hazards that exist near all burned structures and areas and objects exposed to smoke — and what precautions should be taken to stay safe.	2023/08/19 at 7:20 am
Maui United Way offering \$1,000 to adults suffering loss, damage living in fire impact zones	Maui United Way has activated its Maui Fire Disaster Relief Fund to provide financial assistance to individuals directly impacted by the disaster.	2023/08/19 at 6:49 am
Maui wildfire disaster updates for Aug. 19: Death toll remains at 114; 85% of burned area searched	Maui Wildfire Disaster updates for Aug. 19 are posted HERE. The death toll rose to 114 on Friday with 78% of the area searched. Fires still are burning, but they have not spread for days.	2023/08/19 at 6:08 am
Hawai'i governor and first lady give hopeful, heartfelt online address: 'Lahaina will rise again'	Hawai'i Gov. Josh Green expressed his resolve that the state will not abandon the survivors; he will get to the bottom of Maui's criticized emergency response; and that he will do everything he can to help Lahaina rebuild.	2023/08/18 at 7:36 pm
Nā 'Ohana o Lele calls on Gov. Green to meet demands for Lahaina recovery, rebuilding	Nā 'Ohana o Lele, a coalition of community members in Lahaina, today called on Governor Josh Green to meet three demands for the recovery of the community.	2023/08/18 at 6:00 pm
Maui police make arrest for entry into restricted wildfire disaster area	Maui police arrested a Lahaina resident on Friday for alleged Violation of the Rules and Orders relating to the restricted Lahaina wildfire disaster area.	2023/08/18 at 5:39 pm

Daughter searches for elderly father called Uncle Shadow; he's among hundreds missing from Maui wildfires	Since the Lahaina fire destroyed much of the Maui town on Aug. 8, Kimberly Buen of California been trying to find her father Maurice Buen, who is among the hundreds of people still "unaccounted for."	2023/08/18 at 5:00 pm
Unsafe water advisory remains in effect for fire affected areas of Upcountry and Lahaina	An unsafe water notice is still in effect for fire affected areas Upcountry and in parts of Lahaina. Water sampling will continue today Aug. 18 and Sunday Aug. 20. Water testing will continue for some time to ensure it is safe for drinking. Testing will continue for some time to ensure drinking water is safe.	2023/08/18 at 4:30 pm
FEMA Disaster Recovery Center available at the University of Hawai'i Maui College	Those applying for assistance can speak to FEMA specialists, get assistance registering for disaster assistance, get in touch with voluntary organizations, and have access to other federal and state resources. Those applying for assistance can speak to FEMA specialists, get assistance registering for disaster assistance, get in touch with voluntary organizations, and have access to other federal and state resources. The FEMA Disaster Recovery Center is open at UHMC seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.	2023/08/18 at 4:13 pm
SBA Business Recovery Center available for Maui wildfire relief	If you sustained physical damage to your business of any size, you may be eligible for up to \$2 million in Business Physical Disaster Loans for the repair or replacement of real estate, inventories, machinery, equipment and all other physical losses. If you are a homeowner or renter, FEMA may refer you to the SBA to apply for low-interest loans to replace or repair disaster-damaged real estate and personal property including automobiles.	2023/08/18 at 4:06 pm
FEMA offering help with immigration issues involving wildfire relief on Maui	Maui residents affected by the fires can speak to representatives from the US Citizenship and Immigration Services at FEMA's Disaster Recovery Center at the University of Hawai'i Maui College, 310 W. Ka'ahumanu Avenue, Kahului, Hawaii.	2023/08/18 at 3:57 pm
Benefit concerts are being held to help people affected by Maui wildfires, including 3 on Saturday	Three fundraisers are being held on Maui on Saturday and several more are scheduled in the near future — including benefit concerts on Oʻahu and in Tacoma, Wash. — to benefit people affected by the Maui wildfires.	2023/08/18 at 2:35 pm
President Biden invited to visit Maria Lanakila Catholic Church in fire-ravaged Lahaina	With President Joe Biden scheduled to travel to Lahaina on Monday to meet with fire survivors and first responders, the president has been asked to consider visiting Maria Lanakila Catholic Church. The historic church established in 1846 survived the devastation of a wildfire that swept through historic Lahaina town Aug. 8-9. More than 2,000 buildings were destroyed.	2023/08/18 at 2:23 pm
Musician Marty Dread's search for daughter's missing uncle has good and bad ending	Maui musician Marty Dread's search for a missing relative of his daughter has a happy ending. He survived, as well as his girlfriend and dog, but they lost everything.	2023/08/18 at 11:05 am

Maui police warn there is "zero tolerance" for	"Going forward, and until further notice, there will be zero tolerance for anyone who trespasses, including residents of	2023/08/18 at 9:48 am
trespass into Lahaina Town Disaster Area	the affected area, the news media, and the general public, which could result in a citation or arrest," police said in a news release. "The area is not safe, and it is disrespectful for anyone to wander around without authorization."	
Biden-Harris Administration sends nearly 1,000 federal responders to Hawai'i	Today, the Biden-Harris Administration announced that nearly 1,000 federal responders are on the ground in Hawai'i to help the state recover from the devastating wildfires. In the days since President Biden declared a major disaster declaration for the state of Hawai'i, FEMA has approved more than \$5.6 million in assistance to nearly 2,000 households including more than \$2.3 million in initial rental assistance.	2023/08/18 at 7:58 am
Lahaina Main Post Office to partially reopen on Saturday, Aug. 19	Beginning Saturday, carriers from the Lahaina Main Post Office will resume mail delivery to addresses that are accessible and at which homes and mail receptacles are still standing.	2023/08/18 at 7:30 am
Nonprofit 'Āina Momona distributes over \$1.25 Million for Maui relief	Āina Momona has provided \$1.25 million for relief efforts following the Maui wildfires, offering critical emergency assistance to affected families.	2023/08/18 at 6:37 am
Haleakalā's Summit and Kīpahulu Districts to remain closed through Monday night, Aug. 21	Haleakalā National Park's Summit and Kīpahulu Districts remain closed to the public through at least the evening of Monday, Aug. 21, 2023. Visitors should not plan to drive to or visit the park until it has been officially reopened.	2023/08/18 at 6:30 am
MEO Head Start on Maui beginning new year in wake of wildfires	The first day of preschool is set for Monday, Aug. 21, at Head Start sites at Haʻikū Elementary School, Kīhei Elementary School, Eddie Tam complex in Makawao, UH-Maui College, Wailuku Elementary School and Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Center. The Lahaina center at Lahaina Intermediate School is temporarily closed.	2023/08/18 at 6:17 am
Duo Diorama concert fundraiser for Maui relief, Aug. 19	Ebb & Flow Arts presents Duo Diorama - Minghuan Xu, violin, and Winston Choi, piano - in a concert at Keawala'i Congregational church in Mākena on Saturday, Aug. 19, with donations raised to support Maui disaster relief. Organizers say all donations to this free event will go to the Maui Food Bank.	2023/08/18 at 5:12 am
Paddle Out for Lahaina planned at Kūhiō Beach in Waikīkī on Saturday	Duke Kahanamoku Ocean Festival, together with Nā Kama Kai, invites the public to come together on Saturday, Aug. 19, for family and friends affected by the Lahaina fires with a community paddle out to "Queens" surf break in Waikīkī on Oʻahu.	2023/08/18 at 4:54 am
Maui wildfire disaster updates for Aug. 18: Despite rumors, fires are not spreading forward	Maui Wildfire Disaster updates for Aug. 18 are posted HERE. Today, three of those fires remain active with crews monitoring for flare ups and hotspots. The death toll from the Lahaina fire has risen to 111, with the identity of six victims publicly released by police. An estimated 58% of the burn area has been searched. The wildfire is described as the nation's deadliest in 100 years.	2023/08/18 at 4:22 am

Update on Maui public schools: King Kekaulike students return Aug. 23	Students at King Kekaulike return to school on Wednesday, Aug. 23. In West Maui, Princess Nahi'ena'ena Elementary, Lahaina Intermediate and Lahainaluna High remain closed to students and staff. Phased reopening dates for these schools will be determined once the campuses are confirmed as safe by county, state and federal authorities.	2023/08/18 at 2:51 am
Maui teacher saves former student from wildfires	When Lahainaluna High science teacher Jackie Ellis was fleeing deadly Lahaina wildfires last week, she never imagined a chance encounter at a stoplight would mean saving her former student's life.	2023/08/17 at 7:38 pm
Family Assistance Center moving from Central Maui to Kā'anapali	The Family Assistance Center is moving from its current location at the Kahului Community Center to the Hyatt Regency's Monarchy Ballroom, located at 200 Nohea Kai Drive in Kā'anapali, effective Friday, Aug. 18, at 10 a.m. FAC services at the Kahului Community Center will end as of 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 17.	2023/08/17 at 6:04 pm
Maui Emergency Management Agency Administrator submits resignation effective immediately	Citing health reasons, Maui Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Administrator Herman Andaya submitted his resignation effective immediately.	2023/08/17 at 3:15 pm
Mayor Bissen waives property taxes for improved properties destroyed in Maui Wildfire Disaster	Mayor Richard Bissen announced Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023, that fiscal year 2023-24 property taxes will be waived for improved properties completely destroyed by the Maui Wildfire Disaster in Upcountry, Kīhei and Lahaina.	2023/08/17 at 2:53 pm
Work underway to move those impacted by Maui wildfires from emergency shelters to hotel rooms	The hotel housing is being provided through a FEMA program, which the Red Cross is administering under a contract with the state of Hawai'i, and those impacted by the deadly wildfires will be able to stay in hotels as long as it takes to find long-term housing solutions.	2023/08/17 at 2:11 pm
Hale Mahaolu Eono releases statement on wildfire response and timeline of events	An official statement was released this morning from Hale Mahaolu Eono regarding last Tuesday's wildfire, a timeline of events, and actions taken during the incident.	2023/08/17 at 11:36 am
FEMA launches web page to dispel myths, address rumors, answer questions related to Hawai'i wildfires	FEMA recently launched a rumor control and frequently asked questions web page to keep survivors of the Hawaii wildfires aware of rumors and scams, and to help them better understand the federal disaster assistance programs and processes.	2023/08/17 at 11:03 am
Experts care for historic Lahaina banyan tree after deadly fire	"This is an incredibly important tree," said arborist Steve Nimz of the 150-year-old Lahaina banyan, "but it's a tree. We've got so many people who lost their lives, lost their families, lost their livelihoods that's where the focus should be There's still life under every one of the roots that's where our hope is at, and the rest is up to the tree."	2023/08/17 at 10:55 am

T-Mobile responds to Maui Wildfires: delivers hundreds of devices, charging supplies to displaced residents	All T-Mobile sites impacted by the fire have restored connection except for one that services Lahaina and was severely damaged. However, T-Mobile has the town of Lahaina now covered by a portable COW (cell on wheels) operating at the Lahaina Gateway Center.	2023/08/17 at 5:14 am
County of Maui to air public updates on wildfire disaster at noon daily	With power being restored to more areas of West Maui, County of Maui updates on the wildfire disaster will be aired on Maui radio stations once a day at noon.	2023/08/17 at 4:59 am
FEMA official addresses business leaders in Hawai'i, urges disaster survivors on Maui to register for federal assistance	To date, FEMA has provided more than \$2.3 million in assistance to more than 1,330 households, including more than \$800,000 in initial rental assistance, Hooks said. FEMA wants all survivors to register as soon as possible so that they receive the help they need.	2023/08/17 at 4:03 am
Gov. Green and Mayor Bissen discuss on disaster recovery and economic impacts	"Like we saw in the pandemic, decisions we made can affect everyone across the islands. So what we're saying now is travel should not be to West Maui. But the other parts of Maui are safe," said Governor Green. "And the rest of the state, of course, is also safe."	2023/08/16 at 9:01 pm
Lahaina Keiki Relief Fund Concert to support displaced Maui youth	Azeka Shopping Center and Nalu's South Shore Grill will host the Lahaina Keiki Relief Fund Concert this Saturday, Aug. 19 from 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. at Nalu's South Shore Grill at Azeka Shopping Center Makai. A non-stop lineup of musical guests will perform at this community event to garner funds for keiki on Maui displaced by the Lahaina wildfires. Hawaiian music featuring Sista []	2023/08/16 at 7:32 pm
Police identify three more victims of Maui wildfire disaster	On Day 8 of the recovery effort, Governor Josh green said, "Everyday we're a little more heartbroken because we have to report more of our loved ones are deceased."	2023/08/16 at 6:26 pm
Crews focus on infrastructure repair to support restoration in West Maui	Hawaiian Electric crews working to restore power to customers have completed repair of damaged transmission lines in the Upcountry area. Work continues on infrastructure to support restoration in the West Maui area, where facilities that provide essential needs such as groceries and supplies are located.	2023/08/16 at 1:23 pm
Installation of dust screens begins around Lahaina Town	Following the opening of the Lahaina Bypass on Aug. 15, 2023, the Hawai'i Department of Transportation began installing dust screens around Lahaina Town. The dust screens will reduce the spread of potentially hazardous materials across the roadways. This measure is being taken to protect highway users along Honoapi'ilani Highway (Route 30) and the Lahaina Bypass (Route 3000).	2023/08/16 at 12:46 pm
Council on Aug. 22 to start hearing public input on recovery and resiliency plan	The Maui County Council will take up a resolution at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 22, aimed at developing a comprehensive recovery and resiliency plan following the devastation caused by the wildfires.	2023/08/16 at 11:47 am

Regency Theatres in Lahaina lost to fire; partners to raise funds for Maui Food Bank	With the devastation caused by the recent Maui fires, Regency Theatres who lost its movie theater on Front Street in Lahaina, is hosting a fundraiser for the Maui Food Bank. This weekend, Friday through Sunday, Aug. 18-20, 2023, 20% of all revenue including Concession and Box Office Ticket sales (at select Regency Theatre locations) will be donated to the Maui Food Bank to assist with disaster relief.	2023/08/16 at 9:10 am
Mālama I Ke Ola Health Center disaster relief response	According to the organization, Mālama I Ke Ola Health Center will focus on supporting access to Lahaina and the community in West Maui. In partnership with the Hui No Ke Ola Pono, Mauliola Pharmacy, Maui Medical Group and the Maui District Health Office, Mālama I Ke Ola Health Center will provide outpatient access from the Lahaina Comprehensive Health Center.	2023/08/16 at 8:51 am
Gov. Green extends invitation for President Biden and the First Lady to visit Maui	Gov. Green extended an invitation to the President and First Lady after being advised that the search and recovery efforts will have reached a point that a visit can be done safely and in a way that will support the recovery efforts.	2023/08/16 at 7:54 am
Uncle George Kahumoku Jr. reflects on Lahaina grief, starts GoFundMe for slack- key 'ohana impacted by fires	Uncle George Kahumoku Jr. has started a GoFundMe account and has raised more than \$170,000 to support the slack key ohana and the Maui Food Bank.	2023/08/16 at 7:00 am
President Biden, First Lady coming to Maui on Aug. 21 to meet survivors, first responders, officials of deadly wildfires	In Maui, the Bidens will be welcomed by state and local leaders to see firsthand the impacts of the wildfires and the devastating loss of life and land that has occurred on the island, as well as discuss the next steps in the recovery effort.	2023/08/16 at 4:33 am
Maui wildfire recovery updates for Aug. 16: loss of life grows; displaced survivors navigate change	Wildfire updates for Monday Aug. 16 are posted: HERE Recovery efforts continue on Maui where wildfires decimated the Historic Lahaina Town in West Maui, leaving a path of destruction spanning nearly 3.5 square miles.	2023/08/16 at 1:44 am
HIDOE leaders visit Lahaina schools, plans for students and staff impacted by wildfires underway	While all three campuses (Lahainaluna High, Lahaina Intermediate and Princess Nāhi'ena'ena Elementary) sustained wind damage, the overall structure of campus buildings and classrooms are in good condition, according to department administrators.	2023/08/16 at 12:21 am
County releases first confirmed identifications of Maui Wildfire Disaster victims	The County of Maui and Maui Police Department reports they are saddened to confirm the following identities of victims involved in the Maui Wildfire Disaster. "Our hearts go out to the families, friends and community affected by this devastating event," according to a county officials.	2023/08/15 at 6:43 pm
DMVL opening Lahaina Satellite Office for reissuing Hawai'i driver's licenses	The County of Maui Division of Motor Vehicles and Licensing's Lahaina Satellite Office will be available beginning Wednesday, Aug. 16, to assist West Maui residents whose Hawai'i driver's licenses or Hawai'i State Identification cards have been lost or destroyed by wildfires. The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	2023/08/15 at 6:15 pm

UH Maui College Health Center offers free healthcare, birth control for displaced women	The University of Hawai'i Maui College Health Center is providing birth control visits and women's health exams to women impacted by the Maui wildfires.	2023/08/15 at 6:00 pm
WATCH: FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Task Force continues search efforts in Lahaina after devastating wildfire	Watch members of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Urban Search and Rescue Task Force on the ground in Lāhainā.	2023/08/15 at 5:00 pm
United Health Foundation donates \$500K to aid Maui wildfire survivors	The United Health Foundation is donating \$250,000 to both the Hawai'i Community Foundation and the Maui Food Bank to aid in recovery efforts.	2023/08/15 at 5:00 pm
Hawaiian Telcom providing free community WiFi and phone service at three Maui shelters	Hawaiian Telcom is providing free community WiFi and phone service at three Maui shelters: War Memorial Gym in Wailuku, Kīhei Gym and Hannibal Tavares Community Center in Pukalani.	2023/08/15 at 3:13 pm
Moloka'i Hoe Canoe Race canceled to preserve resources for Maui relief efforts	The Oʻahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association has cancelled the Molokaʻi Hoe Canoe Race due to the unfolding crisis on Maui, emphasizing their responsibility to prioritize community well-being and uphold the spirit of aloha.	2023/08/15 at 2:59 pm
Haleakalā National Park's Summit and Kīpahulu Districts to remain closed through Friday night, Aug. 18, 2023	Haleakalā National Park's Summit and Kīpahulu Districts remain closed to the public through the evening of Friday, Aug. 18, 2023. The National Park Service advises the public: "Please do not attempt to visit the park during the closure as both districts are closed to entry."	2023/08/15 at 2:55 pm
Maui Nui Marine Resource Council supporting relief efforts, taking action for Maui's reefs	The Maui organization is working quickly with its partners to assess the impacts of the wildfires and find solutions to prevent additional harm. While the situation remains dynamic, the council is moving forward on several fronts.	2023/08/15 at 2:00 pm
Central Pacific Bank continues efforts to help people impacted by Maui wildfires	The bank is waiving ATM and safe deposit box fees, expediting debit card and checkbook replacement and has established a hotline for Maui customers.	2023/08/15 at 1:00 pm
Wildfires delay start of semester at UH Maui College	The start of the fall semester at the University of Hawai'i Maui College will be delayed a week because of the devastating impact of the deadly wildfires, according to an announcement by UH Maui Chancellor Lui Hokoana. The semester was scheduled to begin on Monday, Aug. 21, and will now begin on Monday, Aug. 28, for UH Maui College. The start of the fall semester for UH's other nine campuses will remain on Aug. 21, as scheduled.	2023/08/15 at 10:18 am

MEO offering transports for medical needs from South Maui, Pukalani shelters	Maui Economic Opportunity buses will offer transports – at no cost to riders – for medical appointments for those impacted by the fires and sheltering at the South Maui Community Park Gymnasium and Mayor Hannibal Tavares Community Center in Pukalani.	2023/08/15 at 10:09 am
Following deadly fires, UH Maui College comes together to prepare for semester	Less than a week after the deadly wildfires wreaked devastation in Lahaina and Kula, about 200 University of Hawai'i Maui College faculty and staff attended the fall 2023 convocation at the Kahului campus on August 14. The gathering also included the Lāna'i and Moloka'i education centers via Zoom.	2023/08/15 at 10:05 am
Disaster Legal Hotline set up by the Hawai'i State Bar Association to aid those impacted by wildfires	As a community service to aid those affected by the wildfires, the Hawaii State Bar Association is hosting a FREE legal hotline to provide legal assistance to the residents of Maui and the Big Island and any others adversely affected.	2023/08/15 at 8:09 am
Wiwoʻole Maui Benefit Concert, Aug. 19 Livestream	Wiwo'ole in native Hawaiian means 'fearless, brave, bold, and courageous.' In this historic occurrence of unprecedented and catastrophic loss, the unifying and healing power of mele (music) has summoned Maui's celebrated recording artists and hālau to gather for the Wiwo'ole Maui Benefit Concert (Livestream) on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023 live-streamed from Grand Wailea, A Waldorf Astoria Resort.	2023/08/15 at 7:47 am
Maui Council Vice Chair grateful for ongoing government, community support	Sugimura holds the council seat for the Upcountry area, which saw heavy damage from Maui's ongoing wildfires. While West Maui saw the brunt of damage and all loss of life was tied to Lahaina, Upcountry is seeing its share of damage to property amid ongoing wildfire suppression efforts.	2023/08/15 at 7:24 am
Caravan of medical personnel, other volunteers arrive in West Maui to help residents in need	Monday morning a caravan of nurse practitioners, mental health counselors, a psychiatrist and dedicated volunteers arrived in West Maui to support residents in-need from the Lahaina fire.	2023/08/15 at 7:00 am
Good Morning America releases Maui Strong special	ABC News' "Good Morning America" announced today "Maui Strong," a special initiative spotlighting the Maui community with a call to action to raise funds for their recovery efforts following the recent deadly wildfires.	2023/08/15 at 6:57 am
Maui Humane Society estimates 3,000 lost animals from fires; working to rescue, treat and reunite them with owners	Dr. Lisa M. Labrecque, DVM, said in a news conference Monday that there is an estimated 3,000 lost animals due to the Maui fires.	2023/08/15 at 5:00 am
Hawai'i to explore moratorium on sales of damaged or destroyed properties in Maui wildfires	"I've reached out to the Attorney General to explore options to do a moratorium on any sales of properties that have been damaged or destroyed," said Governor Green. "Moreover, I would caution people that it's going to be a very long time, before any growth, or housing can be built. And so, you would be pretty poorly informed if you try to steal land from our people and then build here."	2023/08/15 at 2:35 am

Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands organizes supply drop for Villages of Leiali'i homestead	The devastating Lahaina wildfire consumed two homes at the Villages of Leiali'i homestead, which consists of 104 residential lots. They were among the 2,207 structures damaged or destroyed in the Lahaina wildfire.	2023/08/15 at 1:59 am
Maui wildfire recovery updates for Aug. 15: loss of life grows to 106; displaced survivors navigate change; Gov. signs order to open Lahaina access during specific hours	Wildfire updates for Monday Aug. 15 are posted: HERE. Recovery efforts continue on Maui where wildfires decimated the Historic Lahaina Town in West Maui, leaving a path of destruction spanning nearly 3.5 square miles. The fires were driven by hurricane force winds with 80 mph gusts as system Dora passed well south of the Hawaiian Islands on Tuesday, Aug. 8. The largest fires in Kula and Lahaina are still active burn areas where firefighting efforts continue. The wildfire is described as the nation's deadliest in a 100 years.	2023/08/15 at 1:22 am
HTA: Gov. Green urges visitors to forego travel plans to West Maui	All non-essential travel to West Maui (including Lahaina, Nāpili, Kā'anapali, and Kapalua) is strongly discouraged through the month of August, Gov. Josh Green said in his latest emergency proclamation.	2023/08/14 at 7:55 pm
Families begin to identify relatives who died in Lahaina fire; hundreds more 'unaccounted for'	The names of people who died in the Lahaina fire are now beginning to become public by their family members.	2023/08/14 at 7:33 pm
Funds to help University of Hawai'i students, faculty and staff impacted by Maui wildfires	UH Foundation has set up several funds to benefit students, faculty and staff, and another to support the meals being made at Maui College for evacuees and first responders.	2023/08/14 at 2:49 pm
Catholic Charities Hawai'i working to meet critical needs in wake of Maui wildfire disaster	Serving Hawai'i for over 75 years, Catholic Charities Hawai'i has provided aid to local residents of all faiths and cultures in previous disasters such as Hurricane Iniki, the recent Kīlauea eruptions, and the COVID-19 pandemic. "We will be there again during this time of great need," said CEO and president Rob Van Tassell.	2023/08/14 at 2:42 pm
Just 8 days before Maui fires, federal disaster assistance dollar limits raised significantly	Just eight days before the wildfires on Maui struck, the dollar limits on federal disaster assistance loans to repair and replace primary homes and to reimburse for the destroyed contents of homes, personal effects and cars — including those of renters — was dramatically increased.	2023/08/14 at 1:09 pm
Sentry Insurance announces support for Maui wildfire relief, offers employee match	In response to the devastating wildfires in Lahaina, Hawai'i and throughout Maui, Sentry Insurance today announced an initial contribution of \$275,000 for immediate relief and recovery.	2023/08/14 at 12:56 pm
Tropical Storm Greg not expected to impact Maui or hinder recovery efforts	Tropical Storm Greg will pass well south of the Hawaiian Islands, just like Category 4 Hurricane Dora did, but Greg will not bring conditions conducive for wildfires or hamper Maui recovery efforts.	2023/08/14 at 11:30 am

Spectrum opens out-of- home WiFi access points across Hawai'i to aid in wildfire response	Charter Communications has opened more than 8,000 Spectrum Out-of-Home WiFi access points across Hawai'i to aid the Maui wildfire response. In addition, Charter is providing free unlimited Spectrum WiFi access at four venues serving as community resource centers: War Memorial Gymnasium, Mayor Hannibal Tavares Community Center, War Memorial Stadium, and Iron Maehara Stadium.	2023/08/14 at 11:16 am
Medical options offered for West Maui community	There are now at least three different providers actively aiding in Medical response to the needs of those in the West Maui community.	2023/08/14 at 7:47 am
Upcountry Updates: Fire about 60% contained; shelter open; water unsafe in impacted areas	Firefighters continue to battle the Upcountry/Kula fire that was about 60% contained as of Sunday evening. The water is unsafe to drink or cook with in the impacted areas.	2023/08/14 at 7:15 am
First of 32 generators arrive at a FEMA staging area to support Maui wildfire response	The first of 32 generators have arrived at a FEMA staging area to support the ongoing response to wildfires on Maui. Other supplies that have arrive include meals and blankets. More commodities and supplies are arriving via the port.	2023/08/14 at 5:05 am
Blue Hawaiian shifts operations from tourism to aiding Maui community devastated by wildfires	Blue Hawaiian Helicopters has shifted its operations from tourism to supporting disaster relief efforts in the areas devastated by the wildfires in Lahaina.	2023/08/14 at 4:36 am
Maui wildfire updates for Aug. 14: Placard system SUSPENDED; deaths rise to 99 souls	Wildfire updates for Monday Aug. 14 are posted: HERE.	2023/08/14 at 1:52 am
Maui Prep seeks to enroll West Maui students	Maui Prep would like to accommodate students who are looking to return to school this year	2023/08/14 at 12:36 am
Unsafe water advisory for Upper Kula and Lahaina areas includes new maps	For residents in Lahaina and Upper Kula areas, maps of affected areas in Upcountry and in Lahaina were recently released on the county Department of Water Supply website.	2023/08/13 at 11:32 pm
Gov. Green issues 5th Emergency Proclamation relating to wildfires	Governor Josh Green, M.D., returned from Maui today and issued the fifth Emergency Proclamation (EP) relating to the ongoing devastation created by the wildfires on Maui and in Hawai'i Counties.	2023/08/13 at 9:03 pm
Kamehameha Schools Maui campus and preschools reopen this week	The extended closure and phased return schedule will help prepare kumu, haumāna and families to transition back to school while still allowing for household and community needs to be addressed during this immediate crisis.	2023/08/13 at 8:00 pm

Superintendent Hayashi provides update to Maui staff and families impacted by wildfires	The DOE is reopening most Maui schools this week, welcoming employee teams on Monday and students on Wednesday. King Kekaulike High, Princess Nāhi'ena'ena Elementary, Lahaina Intermediate and Lahainaluna High remain closed and will reopen when it is safe to return. King Kamehameha III Elementary on Front Street was damaged beyond repair. Students and families who were displaced by the fires and are living outside of Lahaina, they are encouraged to enroll in the neighborhood school where they are staying, even if the housing situation is temporary.	2023/08/13 at 7:00 pm
Kaiser to open Lahaina services Aug. 14	Starting Monday, Aug. 14, Kaiser Permanente will be providing medical services to members and non members at several locations in Lahaina.	2023/08/13 at 6:46 pm
Gov. Josh Green provides Maui Wildfire update for Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023	Video message from Gov. Josh Green for Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023	2023/08/13 at 6:15 pm
UPDATE/SUSPENDING West Maui Access Placard launch until further notice	Due to the overwhelming demand from non-essential individuals and non-Maui residents who have flooded the distribution areas Maui police are suspending the placard program until further notice. They will continue with essential workers and West Maui residents as before.	2023/08/13 at 5:32 pm
Mental health, counseling available for people impacted by the Maui fires	There are several ways for people impacted by the Maui fires to get mental health help, counseling and resilience information.	2023/08/13 at 3:00 pm
Crews working to restore power to 5,000 affected customers on Maui	Hawaiian Electric restoration crews have brought back online more than 60% of customers who have been without electricity since Tuesday. Crews are continuing work to restore approximately 5,000 customers in West Maui and Upcountry. The customer outage count has not been adjusted downward to account for structures that have been damaged or destroyed.	2023/08/13 at 1:05 pm
Cades Schutte, Cades Foundation each donate \$35,000 for Maui wildfire relief	The law firm of Cades Schutte, its attorneys and staff have donated \$36,630 to the Hawai'i Community Foundation's Maui Strong Fund and the nonprofit Cades Foundation has approved \$25,000 to the Maui Strong Fund and \$10,000 to American Red Cross.	2023/08/13 at 1:00 pm
Inside West Maui: Volunteer distribution	Volunteer organizers provide an update on volunteer distribution and supply centers. Residents of West Maui who need supplies are being directed to several different sites.	2023/08/13 at 12:50 pm
Hawaiian Telcom preparing to launch community WiFi on Maui	Hawaiian Telcom continues to coordinate with county, state and federal officials to provide phone and community WiFi services to assist the community on Maui. Phone service is now available at the shelter at the War Memorial Gym and Hawaiian Telcom is working to install 1 gigabit speed fiber internet service via WiFi. Hawaiian Telcom technicians are also working to add phone and WiFi service at the shelter at the Kīhei Gym.	2023/08/13 at 12:15 pm

Here's what critical aid FEMA, federal partners are providing for Maui fire response, recovery	As fire containment efforts continue in Hawai'i, FEMA is working with its federal partners to provide immediate relief and lend support to the state-led and locally executed mission on the ground.	2023/08/13 at 11:41 am
Carelon Behavioral Health to provide free counseling services for Maui	Carelon Behavioral Health, a partner with the Hawai'i Medical Service Association, is offering free counseling services to support anyone affected by the wildfires on Maui.	2023/08/13 at 10:00 am
King's Cathedral Maui providing shelter and meeting needs of anyone impacted by fires	King's Cathedral in Kahului has sheltered and provided basic needs for more than 700 people affected by Maui's wildfires, and will continue to do so.	2023/08/13 at 9:30 am
Maui Gold Pineapple launches relief initiative to help feed families, protect local jobs	Maui Gold Pineapple has launched Pineapple Pledge, a relief initiative focused on safety, food and job preservation.	2023/08/13 at 8:30 am
Kaiser Permanente Mobile Health Vehicle now providing first aid at Lahaina Gateway	Starting Sunday, Aug. 13, Kaiser Permanente's Mobile Health Vehicle will provide first aid at the Lahaina Gateway to members and non-members at no cost. The Mobile Health Vehicle will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., no appointment necessary.	2023/08/13 at 6:13 am
Maui wildfire updates for Aug. 13: West Maui Placard system announced; Unsafe water maps released	Wildfire response and recovery updates for Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023 are posted here.	2023/08/13 at 4:41 am
FEMA: Lahaina wildfire was grass-fed, low to the ground, and fast moving; firefighter injured in escape	The wildfire in West Maui likely started as a grass fire, according to FEMA administrators. Combined with 80 mph winds and a low-fuel, FEMA authorities say the fire was low to the ground, fast moving and outpaced firefighting efforts. This resulted in the loss of at least one fire fighting apparatus vehicle, and severe injuries to a firefighter who was attempting to flee.	2023/08/13 at 3:53 am
HTA: Visitors urged to forego travel plans to West Maui	The Hawai'i Tourism Authority reports that vacation travel to West Maui is strongly discouraged for the near future. Visitors in West Maui have largely heeded the call to leave the island. About 46,000 people have flown out of Kahului Airport since Wednesday.	2023/08/12 at 11:12 pm
Governor Green, Federal officials provide updates on Maui damage	Governor Josh Green, M.D., Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator Deanne Criswell and other federal officials joined together on Maui to deliver a united briefing about the Maui wildfires' impacts and round-the-clock efforts for Maui residents and visitors.	2023/08/12 at 9:33 pm

Free shuttle for Central Maui shelters starts Sunday	The on-demand shuttle will be available for same-day rides to most shopping destinations and medical facilities in Central Maui. The shuttle will be available 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (last pickup). Riders will be required to call Roberts Hawaii for reservations at 808-871-4838. Mobility devices, such as wheelchairs, can be accommodated. Luggage and bags will be limited to what can be carried.	2023/08/12 at 8:19 pm
Power restored to more areas of West Maui; Hotels plan to house residents displaced by fire	Hawaiian Electric restored additional circuits today in West Maui, picking up customers along the Kā'anapali Coast, including many of the hotels, resorts and condominiums that had been without electricity since Tuesday. Since Friday, service has been restored to about 5,500 customers in West Maui.	2023/08/12 at 8:01 pm
Update: Lahaina fire is deadliest in US since Cloquet fire in 1918, and death toll likely to rise	With the official death toll rising to 89, the Lahaina fire became the deadliest US fire in the past century. And, Hawai'i Gov. Josh Green said the number of dead "is going to rise."	2023/08/12 at 7:44 pm
Maui-Lānaʻi Passenger Ferry resumes for community assistance	Today, the Maui-Lāna'i Passenger Ferry, operated by Expeditions, resumed interisland service.	2023/08/12 at 5:07 pm
Access Update for West Maui	Maui police say that in the wake of the wildfire disaster in Lahaina, the department "has been working tirelessly to coordinate a thorough and respectful body recovery operation within the affected area."	2023/08/12 at 2:26 pm
Short runway closes at Kahului Airport to support cargo operations; This will NOT impact commercial flights	The Hawaii Department of Transportation will be shutting down Kahului Airport Runway 523 to accommodate cargo operations, assisting in airlifting goods and necessities to Maui. 523 is a short runway that will not affect any commercial flights, but will have an impact on the general aviation community. HDOT will prioritize commercial flights.	2023/08/12 at 1:46 pm
MECO Power Outage Updates for Saturday, Aug. 12	Hawaiian Electric restoration efforts continue today with more than 300 Hawaiian Electric employees and contractors working to safely bring power back to communities in West Maui and Upcountry. Employees from Oʻahu, Hawaiʻi Island, Molokaʻi and Lānaʻi are also providing additional response resources, including staffing, expertise, materials and equipment to expedite and respond to the restoration efforts on Maui.	2023/08/12 at 1:09 pm
Hawaiian Electric Industries' Charitable Foundation pledges \$100,000 to Maui relief efforts	Hawaiian Electric Industries commits to donating \$100,000 in wildfire relief efforts on Maui, aiming to support individuals, families, and community groups impacted by the wildfires.	2023/08/12 at 12:32 pm
FEMA, Federal Family Unite to Support Hawai'i Wildfire Response, Recovery	More than a dozen federal agencies and departments are mobilized to assist state, county, nonprofit and private sector partners to help the people of Hawai'i with recent devastating wildfires. Personnel from FEMA, federal agencies and voluntary organizations are arriving daily to Hawai'i to support active response and initial recovery efforts.	2023/08/12 at 6:40 am

Hawai'i Ag & Culinary Alliance starts Kokua Fund for Maui displaced hospitality workers	Hawai'i Ag and Culinary Alliance has reopened the Kokua Restaurant and Hospitality Fund for Maui, aiming to provide immediate aid to restaurant, bar, and hospitality workers who have been displaced by the wildfires in West Maui.	2023/08/12 at 6:27 am
MEO collecting funds to put those displaced by fires into housing	Maui Economic Opportunity has started the MEO-Maui Fires Fund to facilitate quick housing solutions for those displaced by the Maui fires.	2023/08/12 at 6:23 am
Inside West Maui: Friends pitch in for makeshift pit stop	A tight knit group of friends pulled resources together to stand up a makeshift pit stop at the Lahaina Post Office, providing gas, ice and other necessities to residents in need. "Our kupuna can grieve for us right now, but for all the young people that can help, help," said Kihei, a Lahaina resident who lost his home in the West Maui wildfire.	2023/08/12 at 5:43 am
Maui wildfire updates for Aug. 12: 93 confirmed deaths, 2 Identified; 150 FEMA personnel on Maui	Maui wildfire updates for Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023 are posted HERE. Firefighters continue working to extinguish flare-ups and contain fires in Lahaina, Pülehu/Kihei and Upcountry Maui.	2023/08/12 at 3:26 am
FEMA map shows 2,207 structures damaged or destroyed in West Maui wildfire, \$5.52 Billion price to to rebuild	According to PDC, as of Aug. 11, 2023, damage assessments related to the Lahaina Fire resulted in an estimated total of 2,719 structures exposed; 2,207 structures damaged or destroyed; and 2,170 acres burned. 86% of buildings exposed to the fire were classified as residential.	2023/08/12 at 2:19 am
Inside West Maui: Kāipo Kekona and Nāpili distribution effort	"We're told we won't be seeing power for about two months in Lahaina, and the system to be rebuilt is going to take years. Our whole town is completely gone. It's hard to understand, but that's the reality." Kaipo Kekona, West Maui	2023/08/12 at 1:04 am
Inside West Maui: Interview with Council Member Tamara Paltin	Councilmember Tamara Paltin announced she will have access to phone and email connectivity to respond to constituents, despite the destruction of the West Maui residency area office due to the recent fires.	2023/08/11 at 11:38 pm
State waives wharfage on necessities to aid Maui wildfire relief	Effective Aug. 11, 2023, through Sept. 10, 2023, the Hawai'i Department of Transportation will waive wharfage charges for cargo inbound to Kahului Harbor to support humanitarian relief to Maui.	2023/08/11 at 7:50 pm
Hawaiian Electric restores power to parts of Nāpili, Pu'ukoli'i, Māhinahina	Hawaiian Electric has restored power to one of three main transmission lines serving West Maui and restored service to some customers in Nāpili, Pu'ukoli'i, and Māhinahina where essential public services, such as water pumps, and first responder facilities are located.	2023/08/11 at 6:34 pm
The Shops at Wailea, Hearts of Aloha drive	In support of all the families and visitors affected by the devastating fires on Maui, The Shops at Wailea will be hosting a fundraiser raising donations for all residents and visitors that have been affected by the Maui wildfires. 100% of all donations will be delivered to the Maui County Red Cross.	2023/08/11 at 6:00 pm

Upcountry, South and Central Maui public school campuses to begin phased reopenings next week; West Maui schools to remain closed	Upcountry, South and Central Maui public school campuses to begin phased reopenings next week; West Maui schools to remain closed; School enrollment announced for displaced families	2023/08/11 at 5:20 pm
Honoapi'ilani closed in both directions due to people disobeying orders	Effective Immediately, the road to Lahaina, via Honoapi'ilani Highway is closed in both directions. Police had reports that many people were parking on the Lahaina Bypass and walking into the areas makai of the bypass, which is locked down due to hazardous conditions and biohazards. This zone has been declared as a site for authorized personnel area only. Police say those caught within this zone will be escorted out and may be arrested.	2023/08/11 at 4:40 pm
Unsafe water advisory issued for Upper Kula and Lahaina areas affected by wildfires	The County of Maui Department of Water Supply is issuing an unsafe water alert for areas of Upper Kula and Lahaina affected by wildfires. As a precaution, customers in those areas are advised not to drink and not to boil their water. Instead of tap water, customers are advised to use only bottled water for drinking, brushing teeth, making ice and preparing food.	2023/08/11 at 3:03 pm
DOH advises caution for residents returning to West Maui	The Hawai'i State Department of Health urges caution for residents and business owners who are being allowed to return to their properties in the Lahaina area. DOH recommends the following tips for those returning to the area.	2023/08/11 at 2:05 pm
Lahaina residents can pick up mail at Wailuku Post Office	The Wailuku Post Office is being used as a temporary mail delivery site for those impacted by West Maui fires.	2023/08/11 at 11:49 am
Maui Sunday Market to host donation drop-off events to help Maui families	The Maui Sunday Market will hold two donation drop-off events on August 13 and 20, welcoming contributions of essential items to support fire evacuees in their immediate needs.	2023/08/11 at 11:37 am
Employee Assistance Fund for Maui Health healthcare heroes	In response to the devastating wildfires, the Maui Health Foundation has initiated an Employee Assistance Fund, offering financial aid to affected personnel for immediate necessities such as toiletries, clothing, food, medication, and housing.	2023/08/11 at 11:24 am
A Cup of Cold Water seeks volunteers, donations for Maui's wildfire-affected families	A Cup of Cold Water is seeking assistance in various capacities, from volunteers to financial contributions and donations, to provide crucial aid to Maui families.	2023/08/11 at 10:57 am
Fuel Distribution at Pu'ukoli'i Station, Aug. 11, 2023	The County of Maui is currently setting up a fuel distribution station at the Pu'ukoli'i Train Station in Kā'anapali today, Aug. 11. This fuel is distributed while this current supply lasts. There is no word on how often the distribution will take place, but authorities are aware of the demand.	2023/08/11 at 10:51 am

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Maui Council committee to discuss emergency housing for displaced residents	Councilmember and Presiding Officer Pro Tempore Tasha Kama (Kahului residency district) today announced that the Council's Housing and Land Use (HLU) committee will meet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023 to address emergency housing and shelter for residents displaced by the recent fires.	2023/08/11 at 10:09 am
Lahaina Wildfire Damage Evaluated Using Microsoft's Al Solutions	Microsoft's Al for Good Research Lab has collaborated with the American Red Cross and Planet to employ advanced Al solutions in assessing the damage caused by the Lahaina wildfire.	2023/08/11 at 9:28 am
Limited into West Maui starts for residents at noon; Curfew between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.	BREAKING: 9 a.m., Aug. 11, 2023 ACCESS TO LAHAINA THROUGH MAALAEA TO REOPEN TO RESIDENTS OF WEST MAUI. Motorists need to show proof of residency, and visitors must show proof of a hotel reservation. This starts at noon today (Aug. 11, 2023). ACCESS TO LAHAINA THROUGH MAALAEA TO REOPEN TO RESIDENTS OF WEST MAUI. Motorists need to show proof of residency, and visitors must show proof of a hotel reservation. This starts at noon today (Aug. 11, 2023).	2023/08/11 at 9:25 am
SBA Administrator to travel to Maui, Visit small businesses and communities impacted by wildfires	US Small Business Administration Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman will join FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell and US Fire Administrator Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell on Maui today to visit communities impacted by the recent wildfires and meet with state and local officials regarding ongoing recovery efforts. She will also meet with local small business owners and highlight the SBA's disaster recovery and resilience operation deployed to assist those affected.	2023/08/11 at 6:16 am
Maui wildfire updates for Aug. 11: Death toll rises to 80; Limited access to West Maui closed due to unauthorized entry into restricted areas	Wildfire updates for Friday, Aug. 11, 2023 can be found HERE. Update: 9:03 p.m., Aug. 11, 2023 A fire that resulted in evacuations earlier this evening in the Kā'anapali area of West Maui is now 80% contained as of 9 p.m. Authorities say there are no further fire related evacuations being conducted at this time. Maui authorities have confirmed the death toll from the Lahaina wildfire has risen to 67, becoming the deadliest natural disaster in Hawai'i. Search and rescue efforts continue today in the heavily impacted area.	2023/08/11 at 5:30 am
Road information for Lahaina and West Maui	Update: 6:24 a.m., Aug. 11, 2023. Honoapi'ilani Highway is closed to traffic going north into Lahaina. Honoapi'ilani Highway is closed to traffic going north into Lahaina, Only traffic evacuating Lahaina is allowed. Kahekili Hwy is open to residents of Kahakuloa with ID and for people evacuating Lahaina.	2023/08/10 at 11:15 pm
Airlines add more flights on Friday, for evacuees fleeing Maui	The Hawai'i Department of Transportation has announced additional flights out of Kahului, Maui on Friday, Aug. 11, to support the ongoing evacuation of West Maui. There are additional flights added on Hawaiian and Southwest Airlines to Honolulu from Kahului. Seats are available on scheduled departures from noon through 9:45 p.m.	2023/08/10 at 9:47 pm

County of Maui to air daily public updates on Maui radio stations	With power being restored to more areas of West Maui, County of Maui updates on the wildfire disaster will be aired on Maui radio stations once a day at noon. It was previously aired at 9 a.m., noon and 3 p.m.	2023/08/10 at 9:09 pm
Hawaiian Electric assisting West Maui emergency	Approximately 12,400 customers in West Maui remain without power as access continues to be limited to many impacted areas due to safety and emergency response concerns. Hawaiian Electric is currently coordinating and assisting with State and County emergency response efforts in West Maui.	2023/08/10 at 2:29 pm
Mercy Chefs Responding in Maui to provide meals for communities, volunteers and first responders	Mercy Chefs is partnering with Citizen Church Maui located in Lāhainā to offer meals and resources to those impacted, including community members, first responders and volunteers.	2023/08/10 at 1:52 pm
People helping people in Maui amid wildfire tragedies	Mā'alaea Harbor was busy this afternoon are Maui residents gathered supplies and loaded them into boats to send over to people still in Lāhainā following a wildfire that ripped through the old Hawaiian fishing village.	2023/08/10 at 1:38 pm
Coast Guard continues response to West Maui wildfire, search and rescue continues	"Today, our assets remain actively engaged in the search and rescue response and our responders are operating and searching as though there may still be survivors in need of assistance," said Capt. Aja L. Kirksey, Sector Commander of Coast Guard Sector Honolulu.	2023/08/10 at 1:11 pm
HTA: 14,500 more people expected to be moved off Maui by end of day Thursday	Through efforts of airline, hotel, and ground transportation partners, more than 14,000 people were moved off the island of Maui on Wednesday, Aug. 9, to return home or continue with their vacation elsewhere in Hawai'i. By the end of Thursday, it is estimated that an additional 14,500 people will be moved off Maui.	2023/08/10 at 12:58 pm
Family Assistance Center established to link loved ones with information on unaccounted-for individuals	A Family Assistance Center is open at Kahului Community Center for family members who are looking for information about loved ones who are unaccounted for and may be affected by the wildfires on Maui. The center at 275 Uhu St. is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Friday. Hours after Friday have not been set.	2023/08/10 at 12:42 pm
Maui Fire Map: NASA's FIRMS Offers Near Real- Time Insights into Maui Wildfires	Amidst the ongoing wildfires in Maui, NASA's Fire Information for Resource Management System (FIRMS) steps in as a reliable tool, utilizing real-time data from satellite imagery to assist in tracking the progression of the fires.	2023/08/10 at 7:45 am
President Joseph Biden approves Hawai'i Disaster Declaration	Today, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Hawai'i and ordered Federal aid to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by wildfires beginning on Aug. 8, 2023, and continuing. The President's action makes Federal funding available to affected individuals in Maui County.	2023/08/10 at 7:14 am

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Maui wildfire updates for Aug. 10: Death toll rises to 55; fires still active; FEMA assistance available	As firefighting efforts continue, two additional fatalities have been confirmed this evening amid the active Lahaina fire. This brings the death toll to 55 people. FEMA assistance is available: If you are impacted by the fires in Hawai'i, visit DisasterAssistance.gov, call 800-621-FEMA (3362) or download the FEMA App for more information on available resources.	2023/08/10 at 5:27 am
Lahaina Front Street photo journey: West Maui wildfire aftermath	A devastating wildfire sparked by gusty winds from a passing hurricane, left Maui's Lahaina Town in an unrecognizable state. The popular tourist destination in the historic district of West Maui was described in media reports as being "flattened by fire" with businesses gutted and cars abandoned, leaving charred trees along a now shadeless and shambled path. Remaining is an ashy imprint of a moment in time, captured in these photos of what is now a present day reality.	2023/08/10 at 2:37 am
Maui government leaders issue statement on wildfire emergency	"Today, we offer our condolences and aloha to the 'ohana of those who have lost their lives, and those who have lost their homes and livelihoods to the wildfires on Maui. We share our aloha with our neighbors on Maui as we face devastation in Lahaina and around the island"	2023/08/09 at 10:32 pm
Update: Checkpoint still enforced on Honoapi'ilani Highway	Many residents and visitors spent hours and even overnight in their cars waiting for Honoapi'ilani Highway to reopen for non-emergency responders.	2023/08/09 at 9:31 pm
Central Pacific Bank Foundation donates \$50,000 on behalf of Maui fire victims	The Central Pacific Bank Foundation is donating \$50,000 to the Hawai'i Red Cross to help victims of the devastating fires on Maui.	2023/08/09 at 8:42 pm
Kīhei fire photos: fire suppression efforts continue	Firefighting efforts continue at the in Lahaina, Pūlehu/Kīhei and Upcountry areas. The photos above are from the Pūlehu/Kīhei fire and were taken from the corner of Olukai and Hoalike Street in Kīhei on Wednesday afternoon.	2023/08/09 at 7:54 pm
Coast Guard, partners continue mass rescue operations from Maui wildfires	Tuesday evening, the 45-foot Response Boat Medium crew arrived on scene and rescued 14 survivors from the Lahaina Harbor Breakwall with all survivors reported to be in stable condition.	2023/08/09 at 6:34 pm
Hawaiian Airlines is extending its operations with additional late night flights	Hawaiian Airlines is extending its operations today with three additional late-night flights to Honolulu from Kahului to help evacuate travelers affected by brush fires on Maui. The new flights were timed to meet travelers expected to arrive at Kahului via Maui County buses. Flights are scheduled to depart Kahului starting at 11:10 p.m. today through 2 a.m. tomorrow. Hawaiian earlier today added six extra flights between Honolulu and Kahului to accommodate departures out of Maui, as well as support emergency response efforts. Currently, four extra Kahului-Honolulu flights have been added for tomorrow, Aug. 10.	2023/08/09 at 6:20 pm

West Maui visitors advised to leave Lahaina and Maui; airlines reporting open flights	A mass bus evacuation for visitors will be staged at Sheraton Maui Resort in Kāʻanapali this afternoon and take visitors directly to Kahului Airport. Five County of Maui buses, each with a capacity of 49 people, and five Polynesian Adventure Tours buses, each with a capacity of 50, will provide the transportation, with the first wave of buses scheduled for around 4 p.m.	2023/08/09 at 5:03 pm
Na 'Aikane o Maui Cultural Center destroyed in Lahaina fire	The losses from the Lahaina fire include Front Street's iconic banyan tree, a fishpond and the Na 'Aikane o Maui Cultural Center.	2023/08/09 at 4:00 pm
In-Person or Online: How You Can Support Maui Wildfire Relief	As the Maui wildfires continue to impact the community, there are several ways you can contribute to the relief efforts. Here's how you can make a difference.	2023/08/09 at 3:28 pm
Maui hospital treats burn and smoke inhalation patients during Maui wildfires	Maui Memorial Medical Center has been treating burn, smoke inhalation, and other fire-related injuries as a result of the Maui fires since last night. As of Wednesday afternoon, all patients have been cared for; five have been admitted, including two for critical injuries. Additionally, since last night, seven patients have been transferred to O'ahu for specialty services, including some fire-related injuries. All other patients have been treated and released.	2023/08/09 at 3:21 pm
Hawaiian Telcom customers on Maui affected by intermittent service outages	Due to the fires, some Hawaiian Telcom customers on Maui are experiencing intermittent phone and internet service outages. Affected areas include Lahaina, Nāpili, Kā'anapali, Kula, and Makawao.	2023/08/09 at 2:36 pm
Kahului Airport busy with tourists leaving; one said Lahaina was like 'War of the Worlds'	Tourist Sarah Adams said she could not "morally or ethically" stay on Maui any longer knowing that she would be using resources that were needed by residents.	2023/08/09 at 2:02 pm
Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Centers evacuates Lahaina Shelter during massive West Maui wildfire	More than 140 people were evacuated on Tuesday from the Westside Center shelter operated by Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Centers. Of those evacuated, over 25 were taken by KHAKO staff to the Wailuku shelter for emergency housing.	2023/08/09 at 1:50 pm
List: closed, cancelled or postponed due to Maui wildfires	The wildfires on Maui have resulted in various business and facility closures, as well as event cancellations. Find our comprehensive list HERE, which is updated regularly.	2023/08/09 at 1:20 pm
Maui road closures due to severe weather, fires	Update: 5:33 p.m., Aug. 9, 2023. Honoapi'ilani Highway is open for South Bound Traffic ONLY exiting Lahaina. Honoapi'ilani Highways is open from Kā'anapali Parkway, up Keawe and onto the Lahaina bypass exiting Lahaina.	2023/08/08 at 8:08 am
Emergency proclamation issued due to wildfires sparked by high winds from passing Hurricane Dora	Acting Governor Sylvia Luke, acting on behalf of Governor Josh Green, M.D., issued an emergency proclamation relating to wildfires in Maui and Hawai'i Counties that are being fueled by Hurricane Dora, churning far south of the islands.	2023/08/08 at 6:31 pm

West Maui public school campuses to remain closed through next week	HIDOE's four public school campuses in Lāhainā will remain shut down for an additional week, through Friday, Aug. 18.	2023/08/08 at 6:56 am
High winds result in power outages to thousands in West Maui, Olinda-Pi'iholo	Update: 12 p.m., Aug. 9, 2023. Hawaiian Electric is asking for continued patience from affected West Maui and Upcountry customers without power and for affected customers to plan for extended outages as access to many impacted areas is limited due to safety and emergency response concerns.	2023/08/08 at 6:04 am
Maui wildfire updates: Death toll rises to 36; 271 structures impacted	Update: 10 p.m., Aug. 9, 2023. As firefighting efforts continue, 36 fatalities have been discovered today amid the active Lahaina fire. The 36 total includes the six deaths reported earlier today.	2023/08/08 at 4:57 am
Brush fire on Baldwin Ave. in Pā'ia burns 7 acres	An afternoon brush fire along Baldwin Avenue burned a total of 7 acres before being brought under control Monday.	2023/08/07 at 6:22 pm
Moloka'i home destroyed by fire, two others damaged	A Moloka'i home was destroyed by fire on Monday, and two neighboring residences were damaged, displacing a total of three people.	2023/08/07 at 8:02 pm
High winds knock down utility poles on Kamehameha V Hwy. on Molokaʻi	Kamehameha V Highway on Moloka'i is closed between Mile 8.5 and 10 due to two utility poles knocked down from high winds. There is no estimated time on when the road will reopen.	2023/08/07 at 6:37 pm
Brush fire on Baldwin Ave. in Pā'ia burns 7 acres	An afternoon brush fire along Baldwin Avenue burned a total of 7 acres before being brought under control Monday.	2023/08/07 at 6:22 pm
Cat 4 Hurricane Dora on track to pass "well south" of Hawai'i over the next several days	Category 4 Hurricane Dora is forecast to pass "well south of Hawai'i" over the next several days, according to the Central Pacific Hurricane Center.	2023/08/06 at 9:43 pm
High Wind Warning to bring gusty winds as Dora passes safely south of Hawai'i	The National Weather Service has issued a High Wind Warning for the Hawaiian Islands, saying gusty winds are possible today through late Tuesday night.	2023/08/06 at 9:16 pm
Dora maintains hurricane strength, still on track to pass south of Hawai'i	Even while weakening, Dora is expected to remain a hurricane through the entire 5-day forecast period, according to forecasters with the National Hurricane Center. The National Weather Service advises that "while it should continue to be monitored, guidance shows Dora passing south of the islands." Forecasters with the NWS are anticipating limited showers with trade winds becoming strong and gusty on Tuesday.	2023/08/04 at 7:18 am

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\$117,000 fine issued against Trust for luxury yacht grounding at Honolua Bay in February	The state Board of Land and Natural Resources issued a \$117,471.97 fine against the Albert Revocable Trust for coral and live rock damage caused by the grounding of the private luxury yacht Nakoa at Honolua Bay in northwest Maui earlier this year. The board is still contemplating and is open to seeking any kind of fair and reasonable penalty against the operator, Jim Jones and Noelani Yacht Charters, LLC, for damages done to cultural and natural resources.	7/29/23 12:14 p.m.
Maui police peacefully resolve barricade situation in Maui Lani neighborhood	A barricade situation reported in the Maui Lani area Friday afternoon ended peacefully. Maui police say a man was taken into custody for further medical evaluation, and no injuries were reported.	2023/07/28 at 4:59 pm
Visitor spending on Maui is up; State sees 93.9% recovery in visitor arrivals from pre pandemic levels	Visitor spending on Maui was \$619.4 million in June 2023, compared to \$549.8 million in June 2022 (+12.7%) and \$477.1 million (+29.8%) in June 2019.	2023/07/28 at 8:46 am
Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke visits Wailuku Elementary as public preschool prepares to open	Maui's Wailuku Elementary is one of 11 public preschool classroom sites across the state that are slated to open this school year, thanks to Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke and the Ready Keiki Initiative.	2023/07/27 at 4:59 pm
Schatz secures \$85M grant program to address national housing crisis	"Government needs to change its mentality from intentionally constraining the supply of housing to incentivizing it, and this new grant program will help us do that," said US Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawai'i) who authored the legislation.	2023/07/27 at 2:59 pm
Maui man pleads not guilty to second degree murder, trial set for Nov. 27	John Joseph Smith, 58, of Makawao, entered a not guilty plea in Second Circuit Court Wednesday. The charges stem from an ongoing police investigation into the discovery by hunters on July 5, 2023, of a body wrapped in plastic in a remote area of Kula.	2023/07/27 at 7:49 am
Central Maui Little League senior team advances to Senior World Series tournament	The Central Maui Little League senior team advanced to the Senior League World Series tournament taking place in South Carolina.	2023/07/27 at 7:18 am
Outrigger finalizes acquisition of Kā'anapali Beach Hotel; welcomes Maui Brewing Co. restaurant this summer	Outrigger Resorts & Hotels finalized its acquisition of the iconic Kāʻanapali Beach Hotel on Wednesday. The 11-acre, 432-room property is now rebranded as Outrigger Kāʻanapali Beach Resort. Outrigger today announced that Maui Brewing Co. will be the primary restaurant at the Outrigger Kāʻanapali Beach Resort.	2023/07/26 at 6:34 pm

Maui median home price down in June, but still more than \$1M	Median Sales Price decreased 19.6% to \$1,007,000 for single family homes but increased 21.9% to \$984,450 for condominium homes, according to the latest report released by the Realtors Association of Maui for June 2023.	2023/07/21 at 8:56 am
US Quarter design unveiled featuring the late US Rep. Patsy Takemoto Mink of Maui	The late US Congresswoman, Patsy Takemoto Mink of Maui, is among five women being featured on a new US quarter design. The design was unveiled this week by the US Mint.	2023/07/21 at 7:33 am
Maui ocean water quality monitoring program celebrates 100th sampling session	Maui's volunteer-based ocean water quality monitoring program Hui O Ka Wai Ola has been evaluating water quality in Maui since 2016. This week, the program celebrated a special milestone: its 100th sampling week in South Maui.	2023/07/19 at 1:21 am
"Speeding Catches Up With You" campaign runs through July 31	Hawai'i Department of Transportation launches a Speeding Catches Up With You campaign today, in an effort to reduce speeding and vehicle deaths. "Regardless of the identified cause of a traffic crash, the cause of a traffic fatality is always speed," said Hawai'i Department of Transportation Director Ed Sniffen. "Excessive speed reduces reaction time and increases lethality of impacts. Lets stop speeding and reduce the number of people who die senselessly on our highways.	2023/07/17 at 9:47 am
Update: Body found in Kula identified as Makawao man; murder investigation nets arrests	Another individual has been arrested in connection with an ongoing police investigation into the discovery by hunters of a body wrapped in plastic in a remote area of Kula earlier this month.	2023/07/16 at 11:14 pm
Draft permit to reduce ocean pollution from Maui treated wastewater up for review	Environmental groups on Maui are studying a draft permit by Maui County that proposes using more treated water from its Lahaina Wastewater Treatment Plant for irrigation, which would reduce ocean pollution.	2023/07/15 at 7:22 am
BREAKING: Kahului Airport to get a new TSA checkpoint thanks to \$22M federal grant	The Hawai'i Department of Transportation will receive a \$22 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration to construct a new Transportation Security Administration checkpoint at Kahului Airport. The OGG project will cost \$62.3 million. Work is expected to begin in the summer of 2024 and to be completed by the end of 2025.	2023/07/14 at 1:16 pm
Severe drought now impacting southern and western coastal areas of Maui	Severe drought conditions are now impacting the southern and western coastal areas of Maui. According to the US Drought Monitor weekly reporting, this is the first time the severe drought designation has been noted in Hawai'i this summer.	2023/07/13 at 4:56 pm
South Maui's Kūlanihāko'i High School to officially open in August with a temporary certificate of occupancy	Kūlanihākoʻi High School in Kīhei will officially open next month. The \$245 million state-of-the art campus will open in August with a temporary certificate of occupancy.	2023/07/13 at 1:25 pm

Consolidated Theatres Kaʻahumanu 6 shutters operations after nearly 30 years	After nearly 30 years, Consolidated Theatres at the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center on Maui is officially closed as of today.	2023/07/10 at 8:39 am
Breaking: Kamehameha Schools acquires thousands of acres at Kaupō Ranch and Hāmākualoa, Maui	Kamehameha Schools announced today its acquisition of more than 4,500 acres of land from Kaupō Ranch Ltd. on southeastern Maui for approximately \$21 million. Kamehameha Schools has also acquired 1,053 acres within the Hāmākualoa district of north Maui for \$13 million.	2023/07/06 at 2:57 pm
Unattended death investigation launched amid discovery of possible human remains in Kula, Maui	Police have since confirmed that hunters discovered human remains wrapped in plastic, according to Maui Police Department spokesperson Alana Pico. The investigation remains ongoing.	2023/07/05 at 9:01 pm
Committee agrees to revise proposed renaming of Puamana burial site to include Waianu'ukole	The Water and Infrastructure Committee agreed on a proposal Monday to rename Puamana Beach Park in Lahaina to Puamana Cultural Preserve at Waianu'ukole.	2023/07/04 at 8:57 am
2023 Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards winners announced	The winners of the 46th Annual Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards were announced during a ceremony held Saturday at the Hawai'i Theatre. Big winners this year were Natalie Ai Kamauu and Wehilei.	2023/07/03 at 1:49 pm
Hawai'i-based telescopes, including one on Maui, helping with new space mission to map the universe	After twelve years of planning, the European Space Agency on July 1 launched its Euclid satellite from Cape Canaveral, Fla., with the goal of answering those and many other questions, and it will get a big and colorful helping hand from three observatories in Hawai'i, including one on Maui.	2023/07/02 at 2:00 pm