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Artist's rendering of the coming Hoakalei Country Club clubhouse.

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The **Ocean Pointe fire station** will arrive in two years and replace the existing Ewa Beach Station, built in 1954. Costing an estimated \$6.5 million, it'll be green and gender neutral—everything one would expect from a 21st-century building. "We're going to be changing a lot of attitudes as far as how stations are going to be built and operated in the future," says Capt. Robert Main, of the Honolulu Fire Department's Administrative Services Bureau. One of the attitudes is what Main calls the "barracks mentality."

Current stations (such as the 1954 one) were built with the idea that all firefighters would be male: there's one large bathroom area and one large sleeping area. The Ocean Pointe Station will feature individual sleeping

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cubicles and three full baths and two half baths.

The new station will also be green. There will be Energy Star appliances, solar water heating and a heat-recovery system that uses hot air generated by the air conditioning to heat water.

Another change: no pole. But, then again, the building will be one story, which is the Fire Department’s preferred structure for new stations.

The **Hoakalei Country Club** opens Jan. 12 and 13 with the inaugural Els Hoakalei Cup charity golf tournament. The club features a golf course designed by professional golfer Ernie Els and will include a clubhouse, hotel, resort spa, resort residences and marina.



The new Hoakalei golf course.

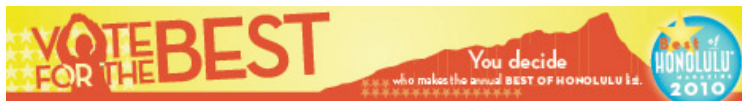
The course is par-72, 7,400 yards and covers 248 acres. “[Ernie Els] set out to design a course that all players of all skill levels can enjoy but is still challenging enough to potentially attract a PGA event,” says Kristopher Kitt, head golf professional and general manager of Hoakalei Country Club.

To build the course, Els’s team reengineered the flat Ewa plain to have hills and valleys, digging down more than 20 feet in some places. The course uses a special grass for the hot, dry climate—Sea Dwarf seashore paspalum. It is irrigated with a mix of brackish and reclaimed water and requires half the amount of water as other turfs, but still uses 500,000 gallons each day.

Club membership starts at \$30,000 to \$45,000 for initiation fees.



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