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'Ewa by Gentry, Iroquois
Point, and portion of 'Ewa
Villages

Aloha Family and Friends,

We have begun the second month of interim and remain committed to you with the work that we do to advance our community and Hawai'i. Meeting with constituents, colleagues, residents of the state and remaining active in our community are components of building a better tomorrow.

The annual Statewide Fall Prevention Awareness Campaign began on June 22, 2023. This year's campaign features tai chi classes at every O'ahu YMCA and presentations focusing on fall prevention. Times Supermarket is also providing free medication reviews for our kūpuna.

Last month was the beginning of hurricane season. Although hurricanes may happen at any time, hurricanes occur more often from June through November. As it is encouraged by the Office of Public Health Preparedness, residents of Hawai'i should have an emergency plan prepared, emergency kit, and staying informed with updates and news from local stations. Being prepared is a safe measure for us all.

Mahalo for continuing to support me and our community. Take care and God bless.

Sincerely,



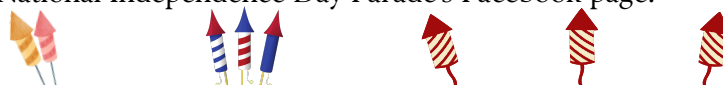
Pūlama Ola

Pūlama Ola is a medical respite kauhale located across Queen's Punchbowl on the Department of Health's parking lot. Through referrals from urban hospitals, homeless patients needing a place to further recover are taken into Pūlama Ola. The purpose of this kauhale is to help resolve the issue of our homeless patients being discharged from hospitals and returning back into homelessness without necessary ongoing care.

James Campbell High School's Sabers Marching Band



Our Sabers Marching Band will be performing at the National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, July 4 at 11:45 a.m. (8:45 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time). Numerous of other marching bands, floats, and participants will be parading through, as well. You may find the livestream on National Independence Day Parade's Facebook page.



The Sabers Marching Band performed on May 18, 2023, to show their appreciation to the sponsors of a check they received to help finance its Washington D.C. trip.



In the Community

Kūpono Solar Town Hall Presentation

June 15, 2023

- Majority of site preparation has been completed.
- Deliveries of PV racking and modules are nearly finished.
- Trenching for underground electrical and inverter foundations are in motion and racking installations are in progress.
- Foundations for Battery Energy Storage System are underway.
- Ongoing safety audits occur every workday.
- Dust control methods are in place.
- Supported the community via donations such as the wood pallets to JCHS and sponsoring events.
- Environmental efforts: hauled waste and cleaned up ~40,000 lbs. of illegal dumping and recycled ~100,000 lbs. of steel.
- Located multiple honeybee colonies and contacted the local bee farm to relocate for continual pollination.
 - Donated the honey to JCHS Alumni Foundation.

SKYLINE - Honolulu's Rail Transit



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On June 26, 2023, the WAM and TCA committees had the opportunity to travel on the Honolulu rail transit, Skyline. With the grand opening on June 30, Skyline is operating from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on holidays. Please visit the [City and County's Skyline website](#) for more information.

Letter to DLNR

Jet Ski Rule Clarification

Currently, jet skis are not allowed within 500 feet of a shoreline or reef, regardless of use. However, there are no similar restrictions for boats. Those on boats are allowed to fish within 500 feet of a shoreline, but jet skis are not, due to their classification as a thrill craft. We have requested a clarification on the rules regarding jet ski use in early June and have yet, to receive a response.

Draft Environmental Assessment/Overseas Environmental Assessment for Red Hill Defueling and Fuel Relocation



(Click the title above to view the assessment)

An Environmental Assessment (EA) was published in June by the Joint Task Force Red Hill and Defense Logistics Agency. The EA is proposing to relocate the fuel to other Department of Defense (DoD) fuel supply locations in the Pacific region or sell the fuel to commercial entities utilizing DoD contracting authorities. The period for the public to provide comments on the EA was from June 9, 2023 to June 30, 2023. A couple of my remarks included:

- Descriptions of mitigation measures to address potential catastrophic events (spills, accidents, etc.) to be included; and
- Exploring every avenue to retain Hawaii's resources should be pursued without jeopardizing the health and safety of our people and our resources.

For more information, please visit the EPA's Red Hill website at: <http://www.epa.gov/red-hill> for letters, materials, and upcoming Red Hill-related events.



Legislative Update

164 Bills Signed Into Law & 12 Bills For Veto

As of June 30, Governor Josh Green signed several more bills into law- one hundred and sixty-four bills total. Twelve bills have been placed on his veto list, including the "budget bill," HB300 HD1, SD1, CD1. The Legislature must act on any veto by Tuesday, July 11, 2023. For more up to date information, please visit the [Hawaii State Legislature website](#).



SB821 SD1, HD2, CD1 (Act 67) Relating to Fireworks.



Establishes the Illegal Fireworks Task Force within the Department of Law Enforcement to stop the importation of illegal fireworks and explosives into the State, promote compliance with the fireworks control laws, and ensure the safety and security of facilities and institutions in the State against the discharge of illegal fireworks and explosives. Requires reports to the Legislature.



HB579 HD2, SD1, CD1 (Act 83) Relating to Human Trafficking.



Establishes the statewide human trafficking prevention program within the department of the attorney general to provide services and assistance to victims of human trafficking and victims of the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Requires reports to the legislature.



SB295 SD2, HD2, CD1 (Act 86) Relating to Child Welfare Services.



Establishes within the Office of Wellness and Resilience the Malama Ohana Working Group to seek, design, and recommend transformative changes to the State's existing child welfare system. Allows the Office to contract with an administrative facilitator to provide necessary support for the working group. Requires the Malama Ohana Working Group to report to the Legislature.



HB948 HD2, SD2, CD1 (Act 89) Relating to Child and Adolescent Mental Health.



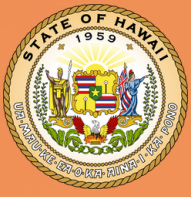
Establishes a two-year child and adolescent crisis mobile outreach team pilot program on Oahu and one neighbor island site to expand existing crisis response services.



SB898 SD2, HD1, CD1 (Act 98) Relating to Kupuna Housing.



Temporarily expands the State Rent Supplement Program specifically for qualified persons who are sixty-two years of age or older and are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. Requires the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority to submit annual reports to the Legislature.



Important Dates & Numbers

Independence Day

Tuesday, July 4

'Ewa Neighborhood Board

Thursday, July 13 at 7:00 p.m.

at Ewa Beach School and Community Library

Prince Lot Hula Festival 46th

Saturday, July 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

at Skygate, Frank F. Fasi Civic Grounds

Senator Kurt Fevella's Town Hall

Wednesday, July 19 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

at Asing Community Park

Subject: Potential Development in 'Ewa Beach

Central Pacific Hurricane Season

June 1-November 30, 2023



Connecting our Community

Emergency Services

Ambulance/Fire/Police: 911

State Emergency Management Division: 808-733-4300

State Highway Safety Hotline: 808-831-6714

Utilities

Hawaiian Electric Co. (trouble only): 808-548-7311

Hawaiian Telcom (customer care): 611

Board of Water Supply (report leaks): 808-748-5000 ext. 1

The Gas Company (trouble only): 808-526-0066

Community Concerns

City Refuse & Bulky Item Collection: 808-768-3200

(Missed) Pickup in 'Ewa Beach: 808-768-9732

Graffiti Hotline (HPD): 808-723-3475

Damaged Sidewalks: 808-768-8159

Public Trees: 808-971-7151

Clean Stream Hotline: 808-768-7890

Medicare Call Center: 800-633-4227

Social Security: 800-772-1213

Potholes (City): 808-768-7777

Potholes (State): 808-536-7852

City & State Departments

Education ('Ewa)

808-692-8000

Handi-Van Operations

808-456-5555

Hawaiian Home Lands

808-620-9531



Health

808-586-4400

Mental Health Hotline

DOH Hawaii CARES

808-832-3100 or

1-800-753-6879

Labor & Industrial Relations

808-586-8844

Land and Natural Resources

808-587-0401

Neighborhood Board Commission

808-768-3710

Parks & Recreation

808-768-3003

Public Safety

808-587-1288

Transportation Services

808-768-3053

Transportation

808-587-2150