

Senator Kurt Fevella

November 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Aloha Family and Friends,





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Senate District 20: 'Ewa Beach, Ocean Pointe, 'Ewa by Gentry, Iroquois Point, and portion of 'Ewa Villages



Senator Fevella with other community members.



Concerned residents speaking with Mayor Blangiardi.

We are almost at the end of the year! There is still work that needs to be done, prior to the start of the legislative session of 2024, regarding new legislation that we are currently working on that would impact our community and our islands. For those of you who have been contacting our office relating to issues within our 'Ewa Beach community and West side, thank you for reaching out to us and providing your concerns. With the increase of violence in O'ahu, we hope that you all remain safe, especially during the upcoming holidays.

Let us continue to be thankful for the blessings we have and work together in keeping our communities safe for our ohana and for our future generations. May you all have a safe and HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Aloha and God bless, always.

Sincerely,

Kurt Fevella

Sign Waving and Press Conference Against Gun Violence on the West Side November 6, 2023

Community members and state-elected officials attended the sign waving at Honolulu Hale that was held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a press conference at 10 a.m. Senator Fevella, along with other elected officials and community members, sign waved to raise awareness of the increase incidents of gun violence and called on the Wai'anae district's elected officials to address this issue. Mayor Rick Blangiardi visited the area to speak with residents of their concerns. You may find the KITV news article of the sign waving event here.



A press release distributed by Sen. Fevella's office as an advisory of the sign waving event and press conference.

TOWN HALL MEETING Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. James Campbell High School's Cafeteria Join us to discuss important issues relating to our community!

This month's topic will be on Ocean Era - an offshore aquaculture company.



In the Community

Trick or Treating at the Ewa Beach Shopping Center October 21, 2023



Along with some candies, vendors provided food and activities for our keiki.

The Ewa Beach Lions Club hosted a trick or treating event for the keiki at Ewa Shopping Center. Thanks to the event sponsors: Ewa Beach McDonald's, Ewa Weed and Seed, Ewa Beach Boys and Girls Club, Freylynn Kahalehili-State Farm Insurance, and Ewa Beach Domino's Pizza, many families stopped by and visited the booths for some candy, refreshments, and entertainment. The event began at 5 p.m. and ended at 8 p.m. in the parking lot of the shopping center. The vendors provided great activities for our keiki. I believe it was a successful turnout! Community events help bring us together and enables us to get to know more about our community. Stay tuned for the next community event happening during the Christmas season.



Families gathered with their keiki in costumes to join in the truck or treating event.

"Stop the Violence" Sign Waving October 18, 2023



Students also sign waved in support of stopping gun violence.

Many sign waving events have occurred on the West side due to the rise of gun violence. Just recently, there was a stabbing incident that occurred at Makaha Elementary causing a student to be hospitalized and another in police custody. To prevent another incident like this from happening, we need to begin at home. Our keiki are like sponges; they absorb everything around them.

Our keiki's mind is in a state where it may exponentially grow due to the vast amount of knowledge and information they are exposed to, especially with having access to social media. Having conversations with our keiki that relate to violence may help them understand what is right from wrong.



Residents with Sen. Fevella joined in the sign waving.

Town Hall at West Oʻahu Amvets Center October 18, 2023

The town hall in October was at the West O'ahu Amvets Center. In summary, Senator Fevella spoke on pressing issues that arose in the Ewa Beach community: the Pohakupuna Cluster project, advocating for safety in our schools, dry brush in Ewa Beach, and the Ewa Estates cesspool/sewage project. Discussions among our community members, in-person and online, sparked some questions for our guest speakers to return for a follow up. Director Roger Babcock of Department of Environmental Services spoke on the Pohakupuna Cluster project and the Ewa Estates cesspool/sewage project. The Honolulu Fire Department attended the town hall and spoke on the dry brush in Ewa Beach. There were questions about safety in schools relating to a violation of our amendments.



Capitol Update

"Lights on After School" Rally October 25, 2023

Lights On Afterschool is an annual event that celebrates afterschool programs and its vital role in our communities. It first started in October 2000 and is currently the only celebrated nationwide event that commends afterschool programs and its effort in supporting our keiki and investing in our community. The Afterschool Alliance



Elected officials, including Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke, participated in one of the rally's performances-Zumba.

organized this event to showcase the importance of afterschool programs and its progress in helping our students learn new skills. Many of our own schools implement afterschool programs and just like years prior,



Sen. Fevella with other elected officials and supports attended the rally.

its staff and our keiki have attended this year's celebration of "Lights on Afterschool" in support of continuing these quality programs for our keiki. Students had the opportunity to tour the Hawai'i State Capitol and sign waved in the rotunda. During the rally, students have also spoke on their testimonies about how impactful the afterschool programs are and provided performances. Thanks to all the sponsors and our very own, Hawaii Afterschool Alliance, for organizing another successful event. Please visit the <u>Afterschool Alliance's website</u> for more information.

University of Hawai'i Cancer Center - Legislative Visit October 16, 2023



The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center located on Ilalo Street.



Senator Moriwaki opened the presentation with the welcome speech.

The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center invited the state senators and representatives and staff for a legislative visit. The presentation began with a welcoming speech followed by presenters speaking on their respective topics: building a sustainable clinical trial program, cancer disparities in Hawai'i, Hawaii Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition, and Kū Ola Project. The Cancer Center strives to fulfill its mission and vision in significantly reducing the cancer burden in Hawai'i and all the Pacific.



Those who attended the visit were given a tour of the UH Cancer Center.



Dr. Loic Le Marchand, Associate Director for Pop Sci and COE Office, presented on the cancer disparities in Hawai'i.



Faculty Director Dr. Kevin Cassel spoke on the Community Outreach and Engagement Office.



Important Dates & Contacts

<u>'Ewa Neighborhood Board</u>

Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. 'Ewa Beach Public and School Library Visit: <u>https://www.honolulu.gov/nco/boards.html</u>

<u>Veterans Holiday</u>

(Observed) Friday, November 10 Mahalo to all our veterans!

<u>Thanksgiving Holiday</u>

Thursday, November 23 Have a happy Thanksgiving!

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

Senator Kurt Fevella's Town Hall

Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. JCHS Cafeteria Subject: Ocean Era

Central Pacific Hurricane Season

June 1-November 30, 2023

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