

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD REPORT

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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

As we begin to wrap up the 2013 Regular Session, the first biennium of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature, I would like to thank you for your continued support. I am humbled to be given this opportunity and it is my honor to serve our community. At this time, I would like to share a few highlights of events that impact our community.

Kaleiopuu Elementary at the State Capitol:

To educate the importance of government and policy, I was given the opportunity to meet and speak with the 5th grade students of Kaleiopu'u. Mahalo to Mr. Honda for coordinating our meeting. It was a pleasure to meet young students interested in learning about the legislature.



Waipahu High School's 75th Anniversary:

In celebration of the marauder spirit, Waipahu High School celebrated their Diamond Anniversary on Friday, April 5, 2013. WHS has come a long way since it was first founded in 1938. Since then, Waipahu High School has distinguished themselves in the district, state and national art and science competitions. In addition to their acheivements,

In addition to their acheivements, WHS was one of the first public schools in the state of Hawaii to create a program called "Pathways," or small learning communities, which allows students to engage in activities relevant to their specific career interests.



Muka Lani Elementary Student Government:

To encourage children to voice their opinions, I met with the Student government of Mauka Lani Elementary to discuss issues that affect our community and community service. Mahalo to Mrs. Arisa Domingo for coordinating our meeting.



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Village Park Association Easter Egg Hunt:

On Saturday, March 30, 2013, the Village Park Association hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt. There was a great turn out. Members of the community showed tremendous participation in all activities. Mahalo to the Village Park Association for a coordinating this successful event and the community for donating canned foods to the Lighthouse Outreach Center food drive.





Budget Conference:

As we begin to wrap up the first biennium, we commenced conference for the state budget on Thursday, April 11, 2013. Under the chairmanships of Representative Luke of the House Finance and Senator Ige of the Senate Ways and Means Committees, both chambers work diligently to close the budget on April 23, 2013. The budget is currently making its way to final decking on Friday, April 26, 2013.

Village Park Clean Up:

On Saturday, April 13 2013 my office and the Village Park association held a "Community Clean Up". There was a great turn out of volunteers. We were able to target areas, such a Kapuna Loop and Kupohi Street that are most affected by illegal dumping and litter. We were also able to paint over unauthorized graffiti on walls and HECO boxes. Mahalo to the Village Park Association for working with my office to coordinate this successful event. Most especially, Mahalo to those who took the time to participate.



Announcements:

Congratulations to Principal Keith Hayashi of Waipahu High School For receiving the 2013 Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership award!

Legal Line:

Every Wednesday evening from 6pm – 7pm attorneys are available via telephone to provide legal information. <u>The legal line phone</u> #: (808)537-1868

Pothole Problems:

To file a vehicle damage claim with the state visit:

http://hawaii.gov/forms/department-of-accounting-and-general-services/rmtc/view

To file a vehicle damage claim with the city and county of Honolulu:

Call the Department of the Corporation Counsel at **(808) 768-5193.**State Pothole Hotline: **(808) 536-7852**

City and County of Honolulu Pothole Hotline: (808) 768-7777

AARP- Caring for Your Parents:

A free workshop for families engaged in caring for elders

Saturday, April 27, 2013 8:00am to 1:00 pm Catholic Charities Hawaii 1822 Keeaumoku St. Register online at

http://aarp.cvent.com/carehnl or call toll free 1-877-926-8300