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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

School has begun and our keiki are crossing busy streets to get to school. Mahalo for helping to keep them safe by driving more alertly. Here are some of the events and meetings I have attended since my last newsletter.

AUGUST:

- 22nd: Tour of new Sheriff's booking station on Keawe Street and UH Cancer Research Center.
- * 24th: Attended the Walk Wise Campaign unveiling at the Capitol.
- 25th: Rehab of the Pacific Foundation
- 27th: AYSO Opening Ceremony in Mililani at 16 Acres Park.
- 29-30th: Mililani Mauka 3rd graders visit the Senate Chamber and the Capitol
- 29th: Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance military awards presentation by Riki Ellison
- * 30th: Reapportionment meeting in Kapolei.
- * 31st: Special Session for confirmation of Judge Karen Nakasone to the First Circuit Court.

SEPTEMBER:

- * 1st: Visit with Pastor David Kieffer from Mililani Lutheran Church to discuss how Mililani Lutheran Church can assist in the Mililani Community.
- * 2nd: USS Missouri 66th Anniversary Ceremony.
- 7th: Cyber Bullying meeting with Chris Duque, retired HPD, Internet Safety and Security Consultant.
- * 15th: Attended the Reapportionment meeting at Waipahu High School.
- * 16th: Spoke to the Farm Bureau South Oahu County Region re agricultural CIP projects.
- * 17th: Participated in the hugely successful "Eat the Street" as an MTA Board member.
- 19th: Senate Majority Caucus to review bills still pending.

Me ke aloha,



On board the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Sept. 2nd for a ceremony paying tribute to our brave soldiers and veterans in recognition of the 66th anniversary of the surrender agreement when Japan formally surrendered to the allied nations which ended World War II. The signing took place aboard this ship in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945.

"...a world dedicated to the dignity of man and the fulfillment of his most cherished wish—for freedom, tolerance and justice." (General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, September 2, 1945)

Citizens on Patrol

Interested in getting involved with making your community safer? With your kokua, we hope to build a safer and active community.

If you are interested in joining Citizens on Patrol Call: 808-586-7100

Let our office know that you would like to be added to the Citizens on Patrol list.

We need your name, phone number and email address.

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We will contact you once we are ready to hold our first Citizens on Patrol meeting.



STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FINANCING

On August 30th Senator Kidani met with Kalbert Young, Director of Budget and Finance to learn more about the State of Hawaii bond investment process. The presentation included information on general obligation bonds needed to implement capitol improvement programs authorized by the legislature.

- Hawaii State has not sold any bonds since January 2010.
- The State normally sells between \$200 to \$300 million in bonds twice a year in \$5,000 increments.
- The State is anticipating selling approximately \$700 to \$800 million in bonds at 3.6% in November 2011, making this the largest funding ever by the State of Hawaii.

The State will also be refinancing \$300 to \$500 million in outstanding general obligation bonds to take advantage of better interest rates.



On August 29th and 30th Senator Kidani and her staff welcomed Mililani Mauka 3rd grade students to the Capitol. They visited the House Chamber Gallery, the Governors' Ceremony Room, and ended with the Senator in the Chamber Gallery.

Senator Kidani enjoys speaking to the children about the legislative process, Hawaiian history, and providing information on the Senate Chambers.

The students are very eager to raise their hands and answer questions from the Senator to show how much they have learned.

Thanks to teacher Kim Baker for coordinating this visit.

MTA SPONSORS NATIONAL "MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY" OCTOBER 11th

Mark your calendars, MTA needs volunteers! We are hoping to match or surpass the over 300 volunteers we had last year. We will be out in the Mililani community on Saturday, October 22, 2011, beginning at 7:30am, painting out graffiti, re-painting entire walls, and beautifying Mililani! In addition, we will be collecting canned food for donation to the Hawaii Food Bank and will also be collecting your recyclables. This recyclable collection helps the community in cleaning up and the participating recycling company donates the funds generated to local non -profit and charitable organizations. This recycling collection is in conjunction with Aloha Aina Earth Day

Please make an effort to drop off a canned food donation! We will be collecting your donations in the Rec. 3, Rec. 6 and Rec. 7 parking lots, from 7:30am to noon. For the Recyclable Collection, we will collect computers, monitors, keyboards, TV (one TV per car only) and scrap metals. You can drop these items off at Recreation Center #7 only, from 7:30 am to noon.

All organizations, clubs, church groups and individuals are urged to join us! Let's all work together to Make a Difference in Mililani and show our Mililani Pride!

MDAA Hawaii Reception of Champions

On August 29th, the Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance held an awards ceremony to recognize sailor's ,soldier's and airman in Hawaii that provide our nation's missile defense.

In 2002, **Riki Ellison**, former San Francisco 49ers Linebacker, founded the Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance, a non-profit organization whose mission is to advocate for the continued testing, deployment and development of the missile defense system. MDAA seeks to educate the public and government leaders on the importance of missile defense systems to protect our country and our allies.

The Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai is the number one high tech and third highest overall source of jobs on the island of Kauai, providing over \$135M annually to the economy of Kauai. Each missile defense test held on Kauai provides an additional \$2M to \$3M to the economy. For more information, visit







Dean Hazama, Mililani Mauka Neighborhood Chair, enjoying shaved ice at Mililani Town Association's "Eat the Street" event on September 17th at Rec. Center VII. It is estimated that over 6,000 people attended this first-time event sponsored by Mililani Town Association. Picture on right is Paige Kane, daughter of Mililani Town Association President, Will Kane. Great job MTA!

Miss Hawai'I, Lauren Cheape, will be sponsoring an event this Friday August 23rd to support Kapiolani Chldren's Miracle Network

Where: Pilates Advantage 3465 Waialae Ave. Suite 101 (808) 735-3533

Time: 6:00—8:30pm

Music by Michael Cheape, food, Pilates demonstrations, bake sale, artwork by the kids and hula from our own Miss Hawaii Lauren Cheape.

Donations can be made at https://missamericaforkids.org/m.aspx?i=5945AEC9276EC7

Faith/Community-Based Disaster Preparedness Training

Hawaii State Civil Defense in partnership with its faith-based supporters are looking for proactive faith/community leaders and citizens who are willing and able to do the following:

- 1. Educate and motivate their families, friends and neighbors to prepare and practice their family disaster plan, and
- 2. Serve their community in the event of a natural disaster.

The course offers planning considerations for you and your family in the event of a disaster. Therefore, preparedness must be a part of citizens' daily lives, and as such, can be something that will improve their neighborhoods and communities in the process.

- Learn how to avoid chaos and confusion during a disaster.
- Learn to take care of yourself and your family in the event of a disaster.
- Be a part of a team that will help your community to develop and deploy an emergency operational plan in the event of a disaster.

People, it's not a matter of *if* something happens, it's a matter of *when* something happens. Are you ready?

Date: Thursday, October 27th Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Place: Mililani Missionary Church, 95-801 Kipapa Drive

FREE EVENT - sponsored by Hawaii State Civil Defense and Hawaii Family Forum

Space is limited so please RSVP to Claudie at <u>mililanimissionary@hotmail.com</u> or call (808) 623-4469 by Tuesday, October 25th.