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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.

SEPTEMBER

- * 29th: Rail Transit Meeting - Highlands Intermediate
- * 30th: Mililani High School Homecoming Parade

OCTOBER

- * 2nd: 42nd Hui Makaala Fashion Show at Sheraton Waikiki
- * 3rd: Mock Legislative Hearing at Aiea High School
- * 4th: Domestic Violence Awareness Certificate Presentation
- * 5th: Dept. of Agriculture Meeting w/ Director Russell Kokubun, Senator Nishihara
- * 6th: Mililani Library New Parking Lot Dedication Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- * 7th: National Day of the Republic of China Reception at Hilton Hawaiian
- * 13th & 20th: Met with volunteer police officers re Citizens on Patrol for Mililani
- * 15th: Congratulations to my son, Shane Kidani and my new Daughter-in-law, Shelly on their Wedding Day!
- * 17th: Majority Caucus regarding Sustainability
- * 18th: Girls Volleyball Championships - Go Mililani!!!
- * 19th: APEC Training
- * 20th: MTA Luncheon
- * 22nd: Mililani Make a Difference Day
- * 25th: West Oahu Capitol Improvement Project Site Visits



Me ke aloha,

Mililani Public Library



Photo Courtesy of Paul H. Mark, HSPLS

On October 6th Friends of Mililani Library gathered to officially dedicate the new parking lot area. The Capital Improvement Project appropriated \$424,340 for plans, design and construction which provides 33 new parking stalls. This project also created a second entrance/exit for the library on the Meheula Parkway side and expands the current Makaimoimo Street entrance/exit.

Pictured on the left At the Mililani Library New Parking Lot Dedication & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Blessing from Left: Wendi Woodstrup Branch Manager, Ann Thornock, Representative Marilyn Lee and Senator Michelle Kidani.

Mililani High School Homecoming Parade



*Senator Dela Cruz
Senator Kidani*



Senior Homecoming Trolley



Homecoming Court



Go Trojans



*Senator Kidani
Miss Hawaii Lauren Cheape--
('95 MHS grad)
Representative Ryan Yamane*



*Mililani's
Mascot & Cheerleaders*



*Senator Kidani
Representative Marilyn Lee*



*Mrs. Hawaii Christy Oclaray--
('92 MHS grad)
Senator Kidani, Miss Hawaii*

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.

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

MTA SPONSORS "MILILANI MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY"

On Saturday, October 22, 2011, MTA sponsored the 2nd annual Mililani Make a Difference Day. Over 400 volunteers painted out graffiti, including re-painting entire walls, and beautifying Mililani! In addition, MTA collected 15 large boxes of canned food for the Hawaii Food Bank. They also collected e-waste and Hi-5 recyclables in conjunction with Aloha Aina Earth Day. This recyclable collection helped the community in cleaning up and the participating recycling companies donated the funds generated to local non-profit and charitable organizations.

Mahalo to all the organizations, clubs, church groups and individuals who came out to help.



MTA Treasurer, Roger Babcock and MTA President, Will Kane



Mock Legislative Pre-Conference Held at Aiea High School

Pictured with Senator Kidani at the Aiea High School Library are high school students from around the State. Sitting to Senator's left are three students who represented Mililani High School: Rachel Sakuma, Rachel Yonamine and Holly Tanaka.

Senator Kidani was invited to mentor and critique students during their Pre-Conference Mock Legislative Assembly on October 3rd. Students from across the state gathered to work on resolutions which will be brought to the annual Secondary Student Conference to be held on November 30—December 2nd at the Hawaii State Capitol. They collaborated, shared feedback on the quality as well as the topics of the resolutions and then voted on which issues will move forward based on what they believe are of most importance to them. Senator Kidani provided input and support to the students to strengthen the content of their draft resolutions. The goal of the conference is to help the students achieve their full potential as delegates in bringing forth ideas both on the topic of the resolution and the language of the resolution.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



On October 4th, Senator Kidani presented a certificate to the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and to congratulate them for their commitment to raise awareness of the plight of many victims in Hawaii.

As we recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month across the United States, let us rekindle our hope and our commitment that while domestic violence has long been an issue within our society, we must continue to work towards seeing it come to an end.

Thirty-five years ago, in 1976, Hawai'i opened its first shelter for abused spouses. The services to these victims have been much enhanced due to the diligence and commitment of the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

West Oahu Site Visit

Site visits are an important part of being a fiscally responsible Legislator. By visiting sites that are requesting funding and/or have received funding, a legislator can get valuable information on the needs of the community and evaluate that tax money is being utilized in the most effective way.

On Tuesday, October 25th Senator Kidani, fellow senators from the Ways and Means committee and staff visited two sites on West Oahu, University of West Oahu (UHWO) and Nanakuli High and Intermediate. At UHWO the Senators received a tour of the construction site and was able to get information on the progress of the project. UHWO is happy to report that they will be open for classes on August of 2012.

Nanakuli High and Intermediate school gave a tour and a progress report on how their New Tech model implemented in 2009 with the help from Kamehameha schools have motivated their 9th and 10th graders to make significant strides in meeting milestones.



Hawaii Energy Forum:

Hawai'i News Now and the Hawai'i Energy Policy Forum are partnering to produce and broadcast "Hawai'i: The State of Clean Energy" -- a six-show series airing through 2011-- to inform and engage the public on energy issues, challenges, and actions to advance Hawai'i's clean energy future.

For previous shows please visit their website at:

<http://www.hawaiienergypolicy.hawaii.edu/hnn-clean-energy/index.html>

October 30 (KGMB) 4:30-5:00pm

November 13 (KHNL) 8:30-9:00pm

**A Training Series featuring Ruth Myers, M.D. and Stephen Myers, Ph.D.
Sponsored by the Department of Health
Developmental Disabilities Division**

**Queen's Conference Center Auditorium
510 S. Beretania Street**

November 15, 16, & 17

Tickets are free

**For Tickets and More Information Contact:
Anne Chipcase at Ohana Health Plan Community**

Outreach— (808) 282-3899 or log on to

Eventbrite.com then search -Enhancing Outcomes for Individuals with Co-Occurring Intellectual and

Developmental Disabilities and Mental Illness.