



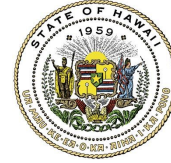
# Representative

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## Gene Ward

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## November Report

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### DREDGED MARINA MATERIAL AND KAMILONUI VALLEY COLLIDE?

It has been over 15 years since the Hawaii Kai Marina was dredged to keep its waterways open and navigable. The dredging project started a few months ago was recently halted due to dump site permitting problems but the dredging contractor, American Marine, is seeking a dump site in Hawaii Kai and possibly considering upland Kamilonui Valley according to its CEO, Scott Vuillemot. Members of the community and the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board were assured that the dredging project would not be going forward without all permits and compliances in place prior to restarting the dredging.



But there still exists the possibility that Kamilonui Valley could be used as a dump site and has alarmed Mariners Cove and other Hawaii Kai residents who have been trying for years to shut down Kamilonui Valley as a dump site - more specifically on the parcel designated as a "cemetery." The City and County of Honolulu has been using this dump site allegedly for "temporary" stockpiling of post-construction debris and asphalt from



Asphalt mountains

City and County projects. Residents have been frustrated by dumping and grading on and off again without proper permits dating as far back as 2006. If this dilemma between our communities were not enough, our office learned last week that that there has been a request for another stockpiling permit from the "cemetery" landowner's to stockpile an additional 50,000 cubic yards on this property. The present size of the asphalt pile has been estimated to be between 15 and 20 ft high by about 400 feet x 300 feet. If only 15 feet high, this material would fill Hahaione Elementary School cafeteria 36 times.

We encourage all parties and members of our community to reach a consensus on all plans of action before proceeding. A zero sum game is not an acceptable solution.

#### KA IWI WATCH UPDATE:



**- No Permits Filed -**

As of November 22nd, 2013, no applications have been filed for development on Ka Iwi, according to the City's Department of Planning and Permitting.

#### GREAT LAWN UPDATE:



**- Shopping Center on Pause -**

As of November 22nd, 2013, KS/BE has not changed their postponement of the development of the Great Lawn.

## CONSTITUENTS' CORNER

### MAUNALUA BAY UNDER DOUBLE CONSTRUCTION



You may not have noticed it, but the restrooms AND the boat wash down area at Maunalua Bay have been under construction and at an amazingly fast pace. The restrooms look like they will likely be open by January 2014 and that's good news after a three-year closure. And if you've seen the new paving of the parking lot and the new wash down stations for fisherman and boaters, you will be surprised to learn that they went from 4 wash stations to three wash stations. Talks with DLNR Chair Aila have commenced, and the fishermen are expected to make their case for parity between the new and the old boating amenities having identified a safety concern because the new wash down pad is located directly adjacent to the bypass road. Please stay tuned for final outcomes for both projects.



### AND THE WINNER IS...Greg Knudsen

Last month's newsletter announced a photo contest for the best Ka Iwi Run & Walk photo. Chair of the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board, and champion of the Maunalua - Makapu'u Scenic Byway and amateur photographer is our winner! Congratulations Greg, what a great shot of the coastline and the many runners in the inaugural event held October 6, 2013. We look forward



to seeing what you will "shoot" next year at this annual event!

### SEE YOU AT THE SUMMIT! (Talk story over a Coffee or a Beer)

**Want to speak with Rep Ward in a relaxed and unstructured environment?** Come to a monthly "summit" at Koko Marina Shopping Center:

**COFFEE SUMMIT** - Tuesday, December 3, 2013 - 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Zippys (inside at the far right corner)

**BEER SUMMIT** - Thursday, December 5, 2013 - 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Kona Brewing Co. (outside on patio entrance)

## SHOT HEARD 'ROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

Hawaii Kai is the home of the only public shooting range on Oahu. Due to a bullet that passed through the kitchen window of a house 2.5 miles away on a Sunday morning, a new rule has been put into effect as of November 1, 2013. Shooting practice at the Koko Head Rifle Range is now limited to targets placed at 100 yards or closer. The bullet in question was examined by a Range official who said it appeared to be "scuffed," however no proof has been given that this bullet came from the Koko Head



Rifle Range. This is on the agenda for discussion at the next Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board meeting, November 26, 7pm, at Hahaione Elementary School and the public is urged to attend.

### SPECIAL SESSION HOLDS MARATHON HEARINGS

The State House of Representatives made legislative history on November 6, 2013 after hearing 57 hours of public testimony (approximately 80% opposed and 20% for) on the marriage equality bill, SB1. This is the longest recorded hearing ever held by the Hawaii House of Representatives. On November 8th the House then voted 30 to 19 in support of SB1 HD1. After the Senate passed SB1 HD1 the bill was signed into law on November 13, 2013. Representative Ward



voted against the measure due to too few and the lack of clarity of the exemptions in the bill. **Passage of this bill makes Hawaii the 15th State plus District of Columbia to allow Marriage Equality.** Under the new law, gay couples could get married in Hawaii as soon as December 2, 2013 although clergy would have the right to refuse to perform gay weddings. Churches and other religious organizations would also be able to decline to provide goods, services and facilities for gay weddings and celebrations if it violates their religious beliefs. One controversy with the passage of the bill is the status of curriculum in Hawaii's schools. Looking towards the future, it will be incumbent on all of Hawaii's civic and government leaders to help bridge the gap between Hawaii's gay and faith communities and promote more mutual understanding and respect following the strong opinions expressed during the Special Session.

### QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

Would you or your organization like to participate in a beautification project for Kuapa Parcel (the Great Lawn)?  
E-mail your response to [p.altonn@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:p.altonn@capitol.hawaii.gov)