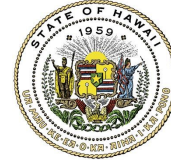




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INAUGURAL KA IWI COAST RUN & WALK A SUCCESS!



Rep Ward and Chief of Staff ,Paige Altonn may not have run a 5 minute mile but were all smiles at 5:30am getting ready for the Inaugural Ka Iwi Run/Walk, October 6 at Sandy Beach! **Yes, both finished, but broke no records, though Rep Ward finished 3rd in his age group with a time of 49min 21 sec. and Paige finished in 1hr 1min 57sec. on the beautiful 4-mile course.** Nathan Carlson crossed the finish line at Maunalua Bay in 20 min 32 sec.!(Can you believe that?) Congratulations Nathan!

Over 1200 people participated in

Hui Nalu Club's inaugural event and it appears to have succeeded without a glitch! Even roads closed for the event were opened earlier than expected (about 8:00am) for which residents were very grateful. This is an event we encourage all the community to get behind and walk/run the beautiful Ka Iwi coast without a single car!

GOT A PICTURE?

Submit a picture to us that you think captures this inaugural event and you could win a prize!

Please email your photo, w/caption (include contact info) to:

COS Paige Altonn at p.altonn@capitol.hawaii.gov



KA IWI WATCH UPDATE:

- No Permits Filed -



As of October 25th, 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 October 25th, 2013, KS/BE has not changed their postponement of the development of the Great Lawn.

WHY ARE PARENTS MORE EDUCATED THAN THEIR CHILDREN?

Recent data suggests that young adults in Hawaii need to be more aggressive in pursuing higher education. We are currently ranked 14th in the world of 25-34 year olds with college level degrees and losing ground when compared to places like Korea and Japan. During the peak of the Great Recession in 2008, only 65% of 23 & 24 year olds with a high school diploma were employed, as compared to 88% of those with college degrees in the same age group. More than being able to get a job, the benefits of higher education go way beyond economics. We can be a stronger nation through higher education and attaining a college education helps address social inequities and improves society. Unless more young Americans embrace the college track, more political and economic decline is likely. As Rep Ward likes to say, "Education is the great equalizer in America".



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CONSTITUENTS' CORNER

MARINA DREDGING HALTED!



The white crane situated across from Maunaloa Bay has stopped. The plan was to deposit the dredged material on 5 sites within the Hawaii Kai area. Three of those sites have been utilized and the remaining 2 are not viable options. The dredging contractor is now seeking a new deposit

site within Hawaii Kai. Our office has been assured that there will be no forward movement on this project until all permits and compliances are in place.

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

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

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

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

CAN YOU HOLD IT TILL JANUARY 2014?



Construction has begun!!! Crews have started working on the repairs to the Maunaloa Bay restroom and the clock has started! Integrated Construction has 240 days from September 16 to complete their work! However, according to DDC, P.E. Director, Chris Takeshige, if all goes according to plan the restrooms could be ready for use by the end of January 2014.

FROM UKRAINE WITH LOVE...

I've had a great opportunity to be an intern in Rep Ward's office through the Professional Fellows Program through the U.S. State Department.

Hawaii's legislative system is quite different from my country and my insights into the work of the people's representatives will be very useful for my own work in Ukraine.



Rep Ward's key to the successful of community development is openness. I've learned he is one of a few Representatives that have public meetings with their constituents where anyone who has a concern or idea is welcome.

It is so easy to participate in the Legislative process here where anyone can send an email or call a Legislator; as opposed to Ukraine where there are so many levels of bureaucracy that people get lost in the procedural process.

I am sure that if Ukrainian people's representatives were as open and in touch with their community and people as the Legislators here, Ukrainian public representatives would be more successful in their legislative process and would be able to make decisions that corresponds more to the needs of the community. I now have a clearer picture of what is necessary to change our legislative system and to work with the people's representatives and plan to start work on it after the end of my Fellowship. Sincerely, Nadiya Pashkova

QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

Have you had any problems with your Board of Water Supply billing or "BackBilling"?

See <http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=e52c563264924a88d8d4d34c3&id=3b0c899dec&e=2550> for more info on the City Council hearing Monday, October 28