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Projects Planned for Hawaii Kai Roads



New Trees for Lunalilo Home Road

Lunalilo Home Road will undergo a road replenishing “tree project.” A wealth of information has become available over the last 20 years and it is important to utilize these advances to protect our environment. The project will remove hundreds of trees along Lunalilo Home road and replace them with new tree species’ that the City believes will be better able to flourish along the roadside.

On June 18, a meeting was held at the Hawaii Kai library to discuss the project with residents of the community. The project proposal has also been presented before the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board and Mariner’s Cove residents. The highly regarded “Outdoor Circle” organization is among the many supporters of this project.

Resurfacing for Kalia Highway in 2013

Kalia Highway has been scheduled by the Department of Transportation (DOT) for resurfacing in 2013. The section planned for repaving spans from Lunalilo Home Road in Hawaii Kai to East Hind Drive in Aiea. The DOT has not released specifics regarding the timeline of this 2013 project.

As more information becomes available, we will be sure to keep you posted!

“Party Boats” in Maunalua Bay

On June 19 Rep. Ward met with the Portlock Community Association to discuss the “party boats” in Maunalua Bay. These privately owned boats take passengers on a “booze cruise” in the bay and off the coast of Portlock. Residents in the Portlock community have expressed frustration with regards to the level of noise caused by the boats. Additionally, party boat passengers are at risk of injury due to inebriation and unregulated activities.

No Landfills on Ka Iwi!



Rep. Ward sent a letter to Mayor Carlisle in April noting his strong opposition to the placement of a landfill on the Ka Iwi coastline. The letter was in response to “Uplands Hawaii Kai” being included on a list of potential landfill sites. Mayor Carlisle recently sent a letter in response stating that “prior to any site moving forward, an Environmental Impact Statement will need to be completed and this process will allow for extensive input by all interested parties.”

We will continue to monitor this issue very closely!

KA IWI WATCH UPDATE:

- No Permits Filed -



The City’s Department of Planning and Permitting stated on June 25, 2012 that no applications have been filed for development on Ka Iwi.

Rep. Ward in Geneva for International Aid Conference

Rep. Gene Ward is currently in Geneva, Switzerland to participate in the Global Hope Network International (GHNI) Geneva Institute for Leadership and Public Policy Conference. The mission of this non-profit organization is to “bring help and hope to the hidden and hurting.” Among the countries that have received aid from GHNI are Sudan, Iraq, Kenya, Afghanistan and Ethiopia.



TCD focuses on 5 key areas: sustaining clean water; controlling hunger and malnutrition through nutritious food; facilitating hygiene and disease prevention; generating sustainable income; and providing education for every girl and boy.

Homeless Woman Under Hawaii Kai Marina Bridge

As of June 26, the homeless woman who has been living under the Kalanianaʻole Marina bridge will be issued a final warning to vacate the premises. If she does not leave voluntarily, she will be forced to leave by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) or the Honolulu Police Department (HPD). Her departure is necessary due in part to safety concerns. An officer from DLNR’s Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement has informed our office that the Koko Marina dredging project will start soon and they plan to store equipment under the bridge where the woman currently resides.

Much Needed Improvements for Hawaii Kai Playgrounds

There have been complaints about graffiti, rust and a lack of general maintenance at the Kalama Valley park and Kamiloiki Elementary School playgrounds. Residents have expressed concern about the condition of the playgrounds and frustration with the lack of action to restore them. Maintenance of these facilities is essential to provide a safe place for our keiki. We hope to work with the City Department of Parks and Recreation to address these concerns, including suggesting that plastic tubing be placed around the rusted chains.



Constituent’s Corner

• Thinking about installing a solar energy system?

Solar tax credits under attack were preserved. The credits help to offset installation costs of solar energy systems. Please help Hawaii



move towards energy independence while simultaneously lowering your electric bill by installing a solar energy system for your home.

• Watch out for Pedestrians Crossing the Street

While meeting with constituents, our office was informed of the need for a crosswalk on Kealahou Street near the park. In the past, a boy was hit while crossing the street. Please remember to always be mindful of pedestrians when driving. We are drafting a letter to see what can be done to make the area safer.

• 4th of July Celebration

Please join Rep. Ward in attending the Independence Day at Māunaloa Bay Festival to celebrate the



birth of our great Nation. Live music, a watermelon eating contest, the presentation of colors by the Kaiser High School JROTC and the second annual Keiki Bike Parade, organized by Natalie Iwasa, will also be part of the festivities. For more information on the 4th of July celebration or to make a donation, please visit www.idmbf.com. Hope to see you there!

• Shark Tank at Sea Life Park

A new shark exhibit has opened at Sea Life Park, north of Hanauma Bay. For \$99.99 plus tax, up to six visitors at a time can donate special headgear to breathe underwater and hear a tour guide and observe the sharks from a cage in the tank.

