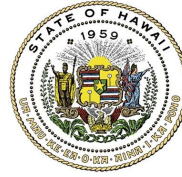


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Ward Launches Coffee and Beer Summits

Staying in touch with the community is most important when the Legislature is in session. Talking with constituents acts as a buffer to special interests which flood the State Capitol on almost every issue when the Legislature convenes in January and adjourns the beginning of May.

So beginning Tuesday, December 4, 2012, Rep. Ward will host a "coffee summit" at Zippy's in Koko Marina Shopping Center every first Tuesday of the month during the 2013 legislative session.

For those who can't make it on the first Tuesday of the month, Rep. Ward will also host a "beer summit" every first Thursday of the month at the Kona Brewing Company pub in Koko Marina Shopping Center. The first "beer summit" is December 6, 2012. All "summits" are from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Come prepared to discuss whatever is on your mind regarding community, county, state or national issues, but you will also be asked to fill out a questionnaire on some 2013 legislation.



For example, what are your views on the following issues likely to surface in 2013:

- How do we get the Hawai'i economy 'unstuck' and growing again?
- What is your opinion about increasing the General Excise Tax in 2013?
- What do you think are the best ways state government can cut spending?
- What is your opinion on physician assisted suicide and same-sex marriage?
- What are the three most pressing problems in our state and/or community that you would like to see resolved?
- What do you like BEST/LEAST about your East Honolulu community?
- Do you support the repeal of the Public Land Development Corporation (PLDC)?
- Should Hawai'i legislators be exempt from the Ethics Code regarding conflicts of interest?

It's also OK if you just want to come and complain about something that our office can assist with/try to remedy.

KA IWI WATCH UPDATE:



As of November 26th, 2012, no applications have been filed for development on Ka Iwi, according to the City's Department of Planning and Permitting.

"GREAT LAWN" STRIP MALL UPDATE:



As of November 26, 2012, Kamehameha Schools still tentatively plans to build a strip mall across from Maunaloa Bay and Foodland is apparently still attempting to locate a supermarket there. Please provide your feedback on these proposals to Kamehameha Schools.

Constituent's Corner

- **The 16th Annual "Festival of Lights" Christmas Boat Parade**

The Hawai'i Kai Marina Community Association is holding their 16th Annual "Festival of Lights" Christmas Boat Parade on December 15, 2012 at Hawai'i Kai Marina. Rep. Ward will have the honor of being one of the judges. People are encouraged to decorate and illuminate their boats. Themes are at your discretion and a panel of judges will decide on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners for best decorated boats. Every Captain that competes and completes the parade will qualify for a prize. To enter, fill out an application and turn it in before the deadline on December 14, 2012. Call (808) 396-2469 for the application to enter and for more information.

- **Traffic Delays Completed**



The above ground emergency bypass sewer pipe project reported in October will be completed by Friday, November 30, 2012. The plastic pipes were removed for easier highway maintenance and the removal of any obstacles during future installation of utilities under Kalaniana'ole Highway.

- **Friends Of Kaiser PTSA - General Membership Meeting**

The PTSA will hold its general membership meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2012 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the administration building conference room at Kaiser High School.

- **Homelessness in Hawai'i Kai?**

Our office has attempted to resolve the sporadic homelessness that has been reported to us. Please continue to report your findings.

- **"The Mikado" Opera Performance**

On Thursday, December 6, 2012, 4th and 5th grade Koko Head Elementary School students will perform "The Mikado." Show times are 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. This event is free and open to the public.

Is A 'Cyber-Pearl Harbor In Our Future?



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In this post-9/11 world, cyberattacks are a new tool in our enemies' arsenals, whether at home or abroad. Just last month, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta warned of a potential "cyber-Pearl Harbor" that would cause physical destruction and the loss of life, an attack that would paralyze and shock the nation and create a profound new sense of vulnerability."

More recently, in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said "If you think that a critical systems attack that takes down a utility even for a few hours is not serious, just look at what is happening now that Mother Nature has taken out those utilities."

See the rest of Rep. Ward's Op-Ed at:

<http://www.civilbeat.com/voices/2012/11/21/17709-is-a-cyber-pearl-harbor-in-our-future/>

Rep. Ward Speaks on the Virtues of Entrepreneurship



On November 1st, Rep. Ward spoke to members of the Hawai'i chapter of the National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) about entrepreneurship in Hawai'i and across Asia.

Rep. Ward is pictured with NAAAP Hawai'i chapter President Wilson Yip and intern Zalina Blenaova.

For more information about the NAAAP in Hawai'i, please visit their website at: www.naaaphi.org.

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