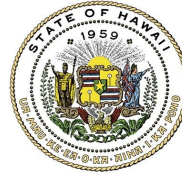


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Some 2012 Year-End Updates of Major Community Concerns

- **“Great Lawn” Strip Mall Update** - As of December 27, 2012, Kamehameha Schools still tentatively plans to build a strip mall across from Maunalua Bay and Foodland is apparently still attempting to locate a supermarket there. Please provide your feedback on these proposals to Kamehameha Schools (ksinfo@ksbe.edu).
- **Hawai'i Kai Farmers Leases** - Kamilonui farmers are secure for another 15 years following intense lease negotiations that ended up being costly, but most farmers are still on their land.



- **Ka Iwi Watch Update** - As of December 27th, 2012, no applications have been filed for development on Ka Iwi, according to the City's Dept. of Planning and Permitting. This has been our consistent observation throughout the year.
- **Dangerous Left Turn in to and out of Koko Marina Shopping Center** - Center management, Rep. Ward and the State Dept. of Transportation will meet in early January to discuss traffic solutions. It will be the first such meeting in over 10 years.

- **Road Resurfacing** - Some of our roads have been re-paved such as Keahole St. and Kaluanui Rd. Roads in Mariner's Cove are projected to be re-paved in 2013. The City has not provided exact start dates. Roads in Kalama Valley are in the design phase and will be advertised for bids in late 2013 (however many of our streets in Hawai'i Kai still look like “third world” roads).
- **Slow Traffic on Kalaniana'ole Highway** - After the successful “tattooing” of the freeway in Kaimukī followed by sewer pipe removal, traffic has come back to normal as of late November. Re-paving of the highway between West Hind Drive and Hanauma Bay Road could begin as early as Winter 2013 or early 2014.
- **Twenty-four Month Toilet Closure** - Believe it or not, the City is projected to re-open the Maunalua Bay rest-rooms in early 2013, but delays could occur due to the change in City administration. The project is still in the planning stage within the City's Dept. of Design and Construction.



- **Mariner's Ridge Update** - In early December, Kamehameha Schools installed a series of poles linked by a chain at the “trailhead” located at Mariner's Ridge. Please kōkua and encourage hikers to refrain from entering abutting homeowners' private property, and to ensure hikers' dogs are kept on leashes. Also, campfires are strongly discouraged as they pose a risk to the entire Mariner's Ridge community.
- **No Landfills on Ka Iwi!** - Our office remained vigilantly opposed throughout the year to any and all active or inactive proposals to relocate a landfill in Hawai'i Kai.

- **Homelessness at Park & Ride and Maunalua Bay** - Outreach programs have been contacted to provide services to the homeless and encourage them to enter a shelter.
- **A Costco Gas Station?** - Rumor surfaced again and died in 2012 that there would be a gas station built on the existing Costco premises (and jam up traffic even worse than it is now).

Our Small Businesses In Hawai'i Kai



Last month, Smart Business Hawai'i's monthly Sunrise Breakfast meeting featured speaker was Hawai'i Kai's own **Tyler Roukema**, Proprietor of Outback Steakhouse. In 2011, Tyler was

named SBH's Young Entrepreneur of the Year. He speaks as well as he cooks!

Merry Boat Parade Christmas



On December 15th, Rep. Ward had the honor to be a judge of the Hawai'i Kai Marina Community Association's (HKMCA) 16th Annual "Festival of Lights" Christmas Boat Parade.

Pictured with Rep. Ward are: (top row) **Mike Buck** (Master of Ceremonies), judges: **David Griffith** (Vice President, American Marine Corp.), and **Theresa Clark**, (bottom row) HKMCA Marina Manager **Beverly Liddle**, judges: **Jackie Collins-Buck**, and **Barbara Aguilar** (Vice President, Servco Pacific, Inc.).

Photos of the winning boats and the boat parade will be available soon on the HKMCA website: (www.hawaiikaimarina.com).

Constituent's Corner



• Keahole Right Turn Comments Sought

Did you know that the new right turn lane on Keahole Street on to Kalaniana'ole Highway allows motorists to make a right turn on red after stop?

Motorists should exercise caution when making the right turn on red on to the highway. Please send us your comments and feedback on how the new right turn lane has affected your driving experience.

Senator Inouye was the Gyroscope of the Islands



Rep. Ward issued the following statement regarding the passing of Senator Daniel K. Inouye:

"The State of Hawai'i has lost a true son and national hero. Senator Inouye was

bigger than life and a living legend. He connected Hawai'i's past with its future by what he stood for and what he did.

He will be remembered for being the gyroscope of our economy and our politics. He stabilized us and gave us momentum in just about every situation. His impact will be felt even more in his absence, as we realize all the things he did, and without grandstanding.

I was very fortunate to have known him and worked with his office throughout the years.

Community Survey:

Is your street/neighborhood mysteriously losing trees?

Please call, fax, or e-mail the name of the street or neighborhood where trees are being removed or "over-trimmed" by the City and County of Honolulu.

Coffee and Beer Summits

Got a beef? Got advice? Got any issue you need to share with Rep. Ward on legislation or a community concern? Join him at his monthly coffee and beer summits during the 2013 legislative session, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Coffee Summits will be held at Zippy's in Koko Marina Shopping Center every first Tuesday of the month. **January coffee summit skipped due to closure of Zippy's on January 1st.**

Beer summits will be held every first Thursday of the month at the Kona Brewing Company pub in Koko Marina Shopping Center.

Happy New Year to All!

Need a monthly update on what is going on in Hawai'i Kai? Call 586-6420 to sign up for Rep. Ward's newsletter.