



Ewa Monthly Report for April 2015 CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

Ewa, Ewa Beach, Mililani, Waikale, Waipahu, Village Park and Royal Kunia



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Message from Councilmember Ron Menor

Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

The City Council at its April 22nd meeting will be honoring the James Campbell High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team for winning the 2014-2015 OIA Girls Soccer Division I Championship. Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine and I will be co-presenting an honorary certificate to the team for their accomplishments and for a memorable season.

In another honor for the school, the JCHS Symphonic Band was selected to participate in the 30th Annual Pacific Basin Music Festival, held March 25th at the Hawaii Theatre. The Festival is a yearly event that brings together the most talented junior high, high school, community and college level bands and choirs from the Pacific Basin and beyond. Congratulations to the JCHS Symphonic Band!

On April 4, I attended the Ewa Lions Club Annual Easter Bash at Pohakea Elementary School. It was a pleasure to see familiar faces and area residents. As a long-time member and former president of the Mililani



Councilmember Menor with seniors at the 2015 Kupuna Health and Safety Fair held March 20th at Ewa Elementary School. Sponsored by the Ewa Weed & Seed program, the event provided free vision screenings as well as health and insurance information for seniors. Councilmember Menor thanked seniors and volunteers who were in attendance by passing out several boxes of sweet tangerines.

Lions Club, I have always appreciated the service of Lions Clubs to our communities.

On April 18th beginning at 9:30 am, I will be joining State Representative Bob McDermott and community leaders and volunteers for a petition and canvassing drive along Hanakahi Street to gather sig-

natures to urge the City administration to implement traffic calming measures on the roadway. I have consistently brought to the administration's attention the concerns of residents regarding speeding in the area. If you would like to join us, please contact me or Representative McDermott at 586-9730.

Lastly, I have been invited to attend the upcoming For 'Ewa Pono Community Fair and Ho'ike scheduled for April 18th from 9 am to 3 pm at Hawaii Maoli in Kapolei behind the Kapolei Fire Station. There will be food, crafts, entertainment and fun for the entire family. The event is sponsored by the Ewa Beach Community Based Development Organization (CBDO). Hope to see you there!

In closing, mahalo for the opportunity to serve you. If you have concerns or need assistance, contact me at 768-5009 or via email at: rmenor@honolulu.gov. Also, log on to: www.facebook.com/RonMenorHawaii for more on my latest activities as your City councilmember.

Feral Chickens at West Loch Golf Course

Workers at the West Loch Municipal Golf Course will be trimming the overgrowth and bushes along the edges of the property, starting near the 17th hole, where a large population of feral chickens has been roosting. The work is expected to be done during the month of April. Golf course employees will also meet with homeowners to address their specific requests regarding the trimming work as best as possible.

Councilmember Menor arranged for an early morning site visit on February

26th with City officials and representatives from the West Loch Fairways Homeowners Association to discuss ways of resolving the feral chicken problem. Having all stakeholders present for the site inspection was pivotal in getting the City administration to move quickly on the issue.

Councilmember Menor also raised the issue of feral chickens with Department of Enterprise Services Acting Director Tracy Kubota during a recent City Council Budget Committee meeting.



Councilmember Menor meets with (from left) Customer Services Department Director Sherilyn Kajiwaru, City Managing Director Roy Amemiya and representatives from the West Loch Fairways Homeowners Association to discuss feral chicken complaints.

Update on Community Concerns

FY 2016 Budget Update

The following proposed amendments by Councilmember Menor to the City's FY 2016 operating and capital budgets are still alive:

- ♦ **Homeless Outreach Team: \$100,000**
An outreach team would be established within HPD and a partnership would be created between police officers and mental health professionals and service providers who would work together as a team when making contact with the homeless in the community. The proposal is modeled after a successful program run by the Houston Police Department.
- ♦ **Old Ewa Beach Fire Station: \$100,000**
The money would be used for the planning and design for the renovation of the Old Ewa Beach Fire Station for use by City emergency ambulance services. Currently, the Honolulu Fire Department is using the Old Ewa Beach Fire Station, located at 91-832 Pohakupuna Road, as a storage facility for its antique equipment.
- ♦ **Transit Center for Ewa Beach: \$50,000**
Planning and design funds for a community transit center which would accommodate express, trunk and circulator bus services for Ewa Beach residents.
- ♦ **Weed and Seed Program: \$250,000**
Funds would be expended to support the Weed & Seed Program's on-going efforts to address crime in communities throughout Oahu.

Cats Complaint

Councilmember Menor has sent a Request for Investigation & Service Report (RISR) to the administration on behalf of a Kauiki Street resident who complained of a stench coming from his next door neighbor's property which

houses over 60 cats. Councilmember Menor will continue to follow up on this concern.

Oneula Beach Park Update

The contract to close the large cesspool and to connect the comfort station to the sewer line is scheduled to go out to bid by April. Construction is expected to begin in September 2015 and end by Summer 2016. When completed, the Department of Parks & Recreation will check the comfort station's fixtures, plumbing and other issues to ensure the toilets and sinks are functioning properly.

Running Red Lights

Councilmember Menor sent a RISR to the administration on behalf of a constituent who complained that motorists are running the red light at the intersection of Geiger Road and Launahele Street. Violations are occurring during morning rush hour traffic from 6 am to 8 am. Councilmember Menor will also follow up on this concern.

West Loch Elderly Village

The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) has determined that the pile of mulch located along a rock wall fronting the West Loch Elderly Village housing complex is coming from several trees that Verizon Wireless is required to maintain. DFM has contacted Verizon officials to notify them of their contractual responsibilities. DFM will pursue more formal remedies if Verizon Wireless does not fulfill its responsibilities.

YMCA Program

The Kalihi YMCA's Grant-in-Aid (GIA) application has been recommended for funding by the Office of Community Services for FY 2016. Councilmember Menor supports the YMCA's GIA application which would offer after-school programs for at-risk teens in Ewa, Ewa Beach and other communities in Council District 9.

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Honolulu Hale, Third Floor Council Chambers: **9 am**

Committee Meetings & Key Dates

Council committee meetings will be held at Honolulu Hale, Room 205, as follows:

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

- Public Health, Safety & Welfare: 9 am
- Parks, Cmty & Customer Scvs: 10:30 am
- Executive Matters & Legal Affairs: 1 pm

Thursday, April 29, 2015

- Budget: 9 am
- Pub Works, Infra & Sustainability: 1 pm

Friday, April 30, 2015

- Zoning & Planning: 9 am
- Transportation: 1 pm
- Business, Econ Dev & Tourism: 2:30 pm

Useful City Contact Information

- For concerns regarding refuse collection and bulky items:
 - ⇒ Pearl City baseyard (Waipahu, Ewa, Waipio Gentry, Royal Kunia, Halawa to Makakilo, Kapolei): 768-3200
 - ⇒ Wahiawa baseyard (Kunia Camp, Mililani, Waipio Acres): 768-3200
- To dispose of household trash and residential waste material: 226-2996 (Ewa Convenience Center)
- To report an abandoned vehicle: 733-2530
- To report a pothole: 768-7777 (City street) or 536-7852 (State road) or email: www1.honolulu.gov/dfm/road/pothole.htm
- To file a complaint with the City's complaint office: 768-4381 or email: complaints@honolulu.gov
- To report sidewalks that are cracked, uplifted or obstructed by overgrowth: 768-8159
- For concerns regarding park maintenance: 675-6030
- For concerns regarding bus and handivan operations: 768-8300
- For concerns regarding motor vehicle registration and drivers' licensing: 532-4324 or 532-4325
- Barking dogs: HPD (911) or the Hawaiian Humane Society (946-2187)
- Crowing roosters: 799-7791
- For complaints regarding public trees: 971-7151
- For complaints regarding satellite city halls: 532-7747
- For permits at City campgrounds: 768-3440
- For updates/ traffic advisories on Honolulu's rail transit project: 566-2299

OUT 'N ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY



(left): Councilmember Menor with volunteers at the 3rd Annual Hire Leeward Job Fair at the UH-West Oahu campus. (right): Councilmember Menor with students from Ilima Intermediate and Ewa Makai Middle School at the "Open Minds" Student Film Festival held March 6th.