



Ewa Monthly Report for September 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,

This month saw many of us sending our children back to school to begin the 2015-2016 school year. With that in mind, I would like to convey my heartfelt congratulations to the high school valedictorians who were recently honored at the Philippine Cultural Foundation of Hawaii's Awards Night on August 21st. A number of seniors from our district received awards and I was there to present them with Certificates of Merit. On a personal note, my son Anthony Menor was one of the valedictorians honored from Mililani High School. A job well done to all of our recent graduates!

Recently, community leaders, Billy and Cely Villareal and Sister M. Davilyn Ah Chick were honored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 12045 of Ewa Beach at a recognition dinner. I had the privilege of presenting Honorary Certificates to them at the event. The Villareals were selected for this prestigious honor due to their many years of service on behalf of the Filipino community and fellow residents of Ewa Beach.



Councilmember Menor presented Certificates of Merit to high school Valedictorians at the Philippine Cultural Foundation of Hawaii Awards Night on August 21st.

Sister M. Davilyn Ah Chick, current principal of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Ewa Beach, was named Catholic Clergy of the Year for 2015. Besides her work as Principal, Sister Ah Chick has spent the last 30 years tirelessly working to have Mother Marianne Cope of Kalaupapa canonized. Congratulations to both Sister Ah Chick and the Villareals for these honors.

In closing, thank you for the opportunity

to serve you. If you need assistance, please contact me at 768-5009 or via email at: menor@honolulu.gov. Also, log on to: www.facebook.com/RonMenorHawaii for more details about my activities as your councilmember.

Councilmember Menor's Legislation for Accessory Dwelling Units Approved

On September 2nd, the City Council approved Bill 20 (2015) CD1 which authorizes certain homeowners to build and rent an additional dwelling unit on their property. It is estimated that 20,000 Oahu homeowners could create an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU).

The minimum lot size to qualify for an ADU is 3,500 square feet. For lots smaller than 5,000 square feet, the maximum floor area of the ADU is 400 square feet. For lots of 5,000 square feet or larger, the maximum floor area of the ADU is 800 square feet. The sizes were kept small to encourage rents to remain more affordable.

Supporters of the legislation believe that

ADUs would help to address Oahu's housing crisis by creating new affordable rentals faster than government or private developers could build them.

Councilmember Menor said housing advocates have told him, "This bill represents one of the most significant pieces of housing legislation this Council has considered and will pass in years."

A number of the homeowner associations raised the question about whether a new City ordinance would supersede the existing covenants and restrictions of master-planned communities. Officials from the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) have opined that the new City ordi-

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nance would not supersede an existing covenant or restriction. Therefore, if a homeowners' association has a restriction prohibiting an additional dwelling unit on residential properties, homeowners would not be allowed to construct an ADU.

The DPP will need to establish procedures for approving ADUs. If you have questions, you may call Sergy Berhanu of the DPP at 768-8033.

Update on Community Concerns

Renton Road Paving

Councilmember Menor sent a Request for Investigation & Service Report (RISR) on behalf of a constituent who inquired in regards to the paving of a section of Renton Road between Kikoo Street and Fort Weaver Road. According to the constituent, the section of road beyond Kikoo Street had been repaved some time ago and there is one section of the road left unpaved. Councilmember Menor will continue to monitor this situation and will provide updates as needed on this community issue.

Hazardous Intersection

Councilmember Menor sent a RISR on behalf of a constituent who reported a hazardous driving situation at the T-intersection of Ho'owalea Place and Ho'owalea Street. According to the constituent, motorists approaching the stop sign on Ho'owalea Street encounter a blind spot due to cars parking too close to the intersection and blocking the view of oncoming traffic as drivers attempt to make a right turn onto Ho'owalea Street.

After the RISR was referred to the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) and the Department of Transportation Services (DTS), it was found that Ho'owalea Street and Ho'owalea Place are still under the private ownership of the developer.

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Ewa Beach Emergency Preparedness Fair

The Ewa Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee (Ewa EPC) held its 5th Annual Get Ready Ewa Beach Emergency Preparedness Fair on September 5th at Ewa Makai Middle School. With these fairs, the Ewa EPC aims to educate and equip residents with the knowledge and skills to be safe and calm in the event of any emergency. The event, which was free and open to the public, saw attendees from all over the island taking part in seminars and hands-on training sessions led by participants such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).



Councilmembers Menor and Pine presented Don Harlor, Chairperson of the Ewa EPC, and his wife Patti Harlor with an Honorary Certificate at the Ewa Beach Emergency Preparedness Fair on Sept. 5th.

OUT 'N ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY



(A) Councilmembers Menor and Pine honoring the Ewa Beach Lions Club at the September 2nd City Council Meeting. (B) Councilmember Menor presented Billy and Cely Villareal with an Honorary Certificate on August 22nd. (C) Councilmember Menor, Mayor Kirk Caldwell, U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono, and labor leaders at the Hawaii Labor Unity Picnic at the Waikiki Shell on September 6th. (D) Councilmember Menor with Sister M. Davilyn Ah Chick (center) after she was named Catholic Clergy of the Year on August 22nd.

Upcoming Meetings

Committee Meetings

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

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

- Public Health, Safety & Welfare: 9 am
- **Parks, Cmty & Customer Svcs: This Committee meeting has been cancelled.**
- Executive Matters & Legal Affairs: 1 pm

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

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

Thursday, September 17, 2015

- Zoning & Planning: 9 am
- Transportation: 1 pm
- **Business, Econ Dev & Tourism: This Committee meeting has been cancelled.**

Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Kapolei Hale, 1000 Uluohia Street, Conference Rooms A, B and C

- Meeting begins at 10 am

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): 455-9644
- 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 complaints office: 768-4381 or email: complaints@honolulu.gov
- To report sidewalks that are cracked or uplifted: 768-8159
- For concerns regarding park maintenance: 675-6030
- For concerns regarding bus and handi-van 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