



Ewa Monthly Report for July 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,

It was a pleasure to personally meet and congratulate several newly-inaugurated members of the Ewa Neighborhood Board at a June 27th installation ceremony held by the Neighborhood Commission Office at the Mission Memorial Auditorium. I will be presenting certificates of merit at the Ewa Neighborhood Board's July 9th meeting to these members in recognition of their willingness to serve our community.

Among the bills and resolutions heard by the Council at the July 8th meeting at Kapolei Hale were Resolution 15-143 CD1 and Resolution 15-166 CD1, which request the City to place memorial plaques at Puuloa Beach Park and Ewa-Puuloa District Park, respectively, honoring the numerous contributions made by Auntie Arline Kuuleialoha and Auntie Mary Serrao, both of whom were active members of the community. I'm happy to report that the Council adopted both of these resolutions. It was a pleasure to be able to honor their legacies and to also meet members of their respective families. I would like to commend Councilmember



Councilmembers Menor and Kymberly Marcos Pine with members of the Kuuleialoha and Serrao families and the Puuloa Outrigger Canoe Club after the Council adopted resolutions honoring Auntie Arline Kuuleialoha and Auntie Mary Serrao.

ber Kymberly Marcos Pine for her leadership in getting these resolutions passed.

Speaking of parks, I recently discussed with Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) Director Michele Nekota the conditions at Ewa Mahiko District Park, where there are several dry patches of grass in the playing fields. According to Director Nekota, the irrigation line from the golf course that feeds the park's sprinkler system has been clogged by snails, algae and

other debris. DPR crews are clearing the line and hope to resolve the matter in a few weeks. I will continue to monitor this concern.

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

Council Honors Ewa Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee

The City Council at its July 8th meeting presented the Ewa Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee (Ewa EPC) with an honorary certificate (HC) for organizing the 5th Annual Get Ready Ewa Beach Emergency Preparedness Fair, scheduled for Saturday, September 5, 2015 at Ewa Makai Middle School from 9 am to 1 pm.

As a result of these annual Emergency Preparedness Fairs, Ewa and Ewa Beach residents are now better prepared in the event of any emergency, including natural and manmade disasters.

"The National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) also recognizes our community as a Tsunami Ready and Storm Ready Community," says Councilmember Menor, who co-introduced the HC with Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine. "The Council commends the Ewa EPC for its efforts to equip residents with the skills and knowledge needed to be safe and calm in any emergency."



Ewa EPC members (top row) Rodney Boucher, Patti Harlor, Donald Harlor, Richard Rhode, Kauai Alapa and Ray Cordeiro receive an honorary certificate from the City Council.

Varona Village Update

The deadline for vendors to respond to a Request For Information (RFI) by the City for a redevelopment plan for Varona Village was June 3rd. According to Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) Director Ross Sasamura, one response was received and is presently under review. Upon completion of its review, DFM will determine whether or not to proceed with a Request for Proposals (RFP) which is the next step in the process. The RFI was issued pursuant to

Resolution 12-114 which was introduced by Councilmember Menor to form a working group comprised of community stakeholders, residents, former residents and City officials to address short- and long-term concerns at Varona Village. The working group met in 2013 and issued a subsequent report which was used to prepare the RFI, which was issued on March 20th. Councilmember Menor will continue to monitor the status of this important community effort.

Update on Community Concerns

Renton Road Median

Councilmember Menor sent a Request for Service & Investigation Report (RISR) on behalf of a constituent who complained of the dry grass in the medians along Renton Road. The RISR was referred to DFM which will inspect the condition of the sprinkler system. Councilmember Menor will continue to monitor this concern.

Hoowalea Place/Street Blind Spot

Councilmember Menor sent a RISR on behalf of a constituent to address safety concerns at

the "t-intersection" of Hoowalea Place and Hoowalea Street. Vehicles parked too close to the intersection have caused a blind spot for motorists turning right onto Hoowalea Street. Councilmember Menor requested that the City consider installing "No Parking From Here to Corner" signs to improve the view of motorists. The RISR was referred to the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) and the Department of Transportation Services (DTS). Councilmember Menor will also follow-up on this RISR.

Upcoming Meetings

Committee Meetings

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

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

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

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

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

Thursday, July 22, 2015

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

Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 5, 2015

Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street
Third Floor Council Chambers
• Meeting begins at 10 am

The next meeting for the West Oahu Farrington Highway Rail Business & Community Group is **Wednesday, August 13, 2015** at the Filipino Community Center, Tech Room 2, at 6 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): 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 complaint 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

OUT 'N ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY



(A): Councilmember Menor addresses the media at the mayor's July 2nd press conference announcing the City's homeless facility at Sand Island. (B): Legislative Aide Brian Kanno presents honorary certificates to outstanding students from Ewa Mahiko Middle School at their June 3rd Rites of Passage ceremony. Councilmember Menor could not attend due to the Council meeting. (C): Councilmember Menor with State Department of Education (DOE) Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi (3rd from left), First Lady Dawn Ige (3rd from right), State Senator Will Espero and other guests at Holomua Elementary's Spring Program on June 5th. (D): Councilmember Menor and newly-inaugurated members of the Ewa Neighborhood Board (from left) Amado Yoro, Lynn Robinson-Onderko, Rodney Boucher and Sam Puleasi. (E): Councilmember Menor and Major General Charles Flynn at the 4th of July Ohana Barbecue and Reception at Schofield Barracks.

