



Ewa Monthly Report for April 2017

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

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



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Message from Council Chair Ron Menor

Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

Happy Easter! I hope that all of you have a blessed holiday. In the time since my last report, I have recognized a number of outstanding individuals for their accomplishments.

Fifteen students from **James Campbell High School** submitted research projects to the **32nd Annual Leeward District High School Science & Engineering Fair**. In recognition of their hard work, Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine and I co-sponsored Certificates of Merit for each of the participants.

Two teams from **Ewa Elementary School** finished in first and second place in the **SeaPerch Hawaii Oahu Regional Competition** which tasks students with building an underwater, remotely-operated vehicle. **Chariel Medeiros, Jadon Koa Dumlao, Keanu Laforteza, and Brennan Dupio** finished in first place as part of the Ewa Killah Whales. **Sharey Romero, Hayley Gooman, Aydan Lobetos, and Josel Alfred Osorio** finished in second place as part of team Ewa Kapolioka'ehukai. These students will travel to Georgia to represent Hawaii at the National SeaPerch Challenge in May.

On March 26, **Lions Clubs International** and the **District 50 Hawaii Lions** celebrated their 100th year of humanitarian service. I presented an honorary certificate on behalf of the City Council at the Japanese Cultural Center on March 26.

I will also be presenting an honorary certificate to an impressive young man named **Danten Kaheaku**. Danten, an Ewa Elementary School student, has achieved many accolades in the sport of boxing including winning the 2016 Junior Olympic National Championship.

Finally, my office has recently received requests for information on how to develop accessory dwelling units. For more information on this process, please visit hawaiiadu.org.

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



Chair Menor presented honorary certificates to honorees at Weed & Seed Hawaii's 2017 Service Award Luncheon at the Hawaii Okinawa Cultural Center on April 1. Pictured from left are, Weed & Seed Executive Director Gale Bracerros, former Hale Pono Clubhouse Director Frances Rivero, former U.S. Attorney Florence Nakakuni, and Council Chair Emeritus Ernie Martin. Other honorees included Judge Steven S. Alm and former Weed & Seed Hawaii Executive Director Maile Kanemaru.



Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice in partnership with Habitat for Humanity built an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) model on the lawn of the Hawaii State Capitol as part of Habitat for Humanity's annual Build-A-Thon event. Chair Menor, who worked closely with Hawaii Appleseed Center to establish ADUs in the City and County of Honolulu, is pictured above offering remarks in front of the completed ADU at the April 3 press conference unveiling the model.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

The following is an update on several of the many community issues that Council Chair Menor has been addressing:

Ewa Beach Skate Park

The Association of Skateboarders in Hawaii and Complete Construction Services recently completed the construction of the new obstacles at Ewa Beach Skate Park at Ewa Beach Community Park. A site visit has been organized for April 17 to view the new obstacles.

The City Department of Design and Construction will soon be requesting bids on the resurfacing project which is set to begin early this summer. Chair Menor will continue to provide the necessary updates regarding this improvement project.

Student Bus Pass Pilot Program

Council Chair Menor previously organized a meeting between City transportation officials and school administrators to discuss the feasibility of a program that would allow West Oahu students to use their school-issued ID cards as free bus passes.

The proposed program was modeled after a similar program that has been implemented in Nashville, Tenn., and would give students access to off-campus educational opportunities like internships, job shadowing, and would also make possible collaboration between schools with different learning academies.

Several school officials, including

James Campbell High School Vice Principal Shayne Greenland, recently traveled to Nashville to gather more background information on this program. Chair Menor will be organizing a follow-up meeting in the near future to discuss establishing a pilot program for James Campbell High School students.

Ilima Intermediate School

Ilima Intermediate School Principal Christopher Bonilla recently contacted Chair Menor regarding a number of issues associated with the City bus stop that is currently in front of the intermediate school's campus.

Principal Bonilla has expressed concerns that unwanted visitors may be cutting through the campus to reach the City bus stop rather than walking around the Ewa Beach Boys and Girls Club. These individuals may be causing litter on the school's campus as well as at the bus stop.

Chair Menor has organized a site visit with Ilima Intermediate School administrators and City officials to discuss possible solutions to this longstanding issue. He will provide updates as this issue is addressed.

City Budget

The City Council continues to review and amend the City budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. The second round of budget amendments are due on April 28. There will then be a public hearing on May 16 to discuss the proposed amendments.

Upcoming Meetings

Committee Meetings

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

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

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

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

- Budget: 9 am
- Public Works, Infrastructure, & Sustainability: 1pm

Thursday, May 4, 2017

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

Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 26, 2016

Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street
Third Floor Council Chambers

- Morning Session: 10 am
- Afternoon Session: 1:30 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): 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 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



Pictured above are participants in the 32nd Annual Leeward District Science and Engineering Fair. Chair Menor co-sponsored Certificates of Merit for each student who submitted a research project to the fair.