

# 'Ewa Monthly Report for April 2019 CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

'Ewa, 'Ewa Beach, Mililani, Waikele, Village Park, and Royal Kunia

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# Message from Councilmember Ron Menor

Ewa Weed & Seed and the Honolulu Police Department are hosting the annual **Kupuna Health and Safety Fair** on **Friday, April 26 from 8:15 am until 1:30 pm at Ewa Mahiko Gym**. This event, which I always attend, is free to seniors aged 62 and older but space is limited. Please contact Gale at **376-7005** or send an email to **info@weedandseedhawaii.org** to reserve a spot. Light refreshments and lunch will be provided to attendees.

The voting period in the **2019 Neighborhood Board Elections** will begin on Friday, April 26 and will run through Friday, May 17. Voting sites will be available at Kapolei Hale, Kapalama Hale Suite 160, and at the Key Project in Kahaluu from 8:30 am through 4:30 pm. Online voting will also be available. One week before the election, registered voters will receive a passcode in the mail to access their online ballot. If you live in an area with an uncontested seat, you will not receive a passcode. For more information, please visit www.honolulu.gov/nco.

In closing, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your City Councilmember. For more details about my activities as your councilmember, please log on to: facebook.com/CouncilmemberRonMenor. If you are ever in need of assistance, you may contact me at any time at 768-5009 or via email at: rmenor@honolulu.gov. Mahalo!

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On March 25, a delegation from Okinawa Prefecture of Japan including Governor Dennis Tamaki, holding honorary certificate, visited the Honolulu City Council. Hawaii and Okinawa have a long history together dating back to 1900 when Okinawan immigrants first arrived in Hawaii. Recognizing the importance of this relationship, Honolulu and the Okinawan capital City, Naha, formed a Sister City relationship in 1960 that remains to this day.

## **OUT 'N ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY**



(Left photo) Councilmember Menor presented an honorary certificate to Rodney Boucher, center, who was named an American Red Cross Hero. The presentation was held at the American Red Cross Heroes Breakfast on March 16 at the Waikiki Beach Marriott. Also pictured is City Emergency Medical Services Director James Howe. (**Right photo**) Councilmember Menor attended the 15th Annual Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Awards presentation on March 30. James Campbell High School Principal Jon Henry Lee was one of the exemplary public school principals who was nominated for this award.

### **UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

### Student Bus Pilot Program

On April 4, Councilmember Menor organized a meeting between Department of Transportation Services Director (DTS) Wes Frysztacki, DTS Mass Transit Administrator Eileen Mark, Campbell Complex Area Superintendent Sean Tajima, and administrators of both James Campbell and Kapolei High Schools to discuss a pilot project to provide free City bus service to students pursuing internship and job training opportunities. I will be introducing legislation that would authorize DTS to establish and administer this pilot program.

### **Tree Planting Program**

The City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has requested additional funds in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 City Budget for a Community Forester position as well as three Nursery Worker positions to oversee the City's planned tree planting project. This project aims to plant 100,000 trees by 2025. When planted, these trees would increase the island's tree canopy by 35%. Councilmember Menor will seek to have many of these trees planted in areas where they are needed in Ewa.

### Ewa Mahiko Park

Councilmember Menor and his staff person conducted a site visit on April 9 at Ewa Mahiko Park. They met with members of Ewa Beach Little League's administration to discuss a number of possible upgrades at the field including bleachers and equipment storage. Councilmember Menor will try to include monies in the budget for these items.

### Kaunoa Street Overgrowth

Councilmember Menor was contacted by a resident of Kaunoa Street in Ewa Beach who reported that the foliage behind his home has become overgrown and is encroaching into his property. The resident also noted that the property was previously maintained by the City but reported that City work crews have not been seen in a long time.

Councilmember Menor submitted a Request for Investigation and Service Report requesting the City to address the resident's concerns.

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(**Top photo**) Councilmember Menor and Department of Community Services Director Pam Witty-Oakland met with Ewa Villages community leaders to discuss the restoration of the Ewa Plantation Manager's House in Ewa Villages. The meeting was held on March 30 at the Franciscan Vistas Library in Ewa. (**Bottom photo**) Councilmember Menor attended the Sariling Gawa Youth Conference which was held at Camp Erdman on March 24.

# **Upcoming Meetings**

### **Committee Meetings**

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

### Tuesday - April 23, 2019

- Parks, Community Services, & Intergovernmental Affairs: 9 am
- Planning: 10:30 am
- Executive Matters & Legal Affairs: 1 pm

### Wednesday - April 24, 2019

Budget: 9 am
Public Infrastructure, Technology, & Sustainability: 1 pm

### Thursday - April 25, 2019

- Zoning & Housing: 9 am
- Transportation: 1 pm
- Public Safety & Welfare: 2:30 pm

### Council Meeting

Wednesday - April 17, 2019 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:
  - ⇒ 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 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