



FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT 5: KAIMUKI, PALOLO VALLEY, ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS, MANOA, MOILIILI, MCCULLY, AND PORTIONS OF ALA MOANA, KAKAAKO, AND MAKIKI



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Aloha!

Welcome to 2022 - the Year of the Tiger. While we continue to deal with the effects of Covid-19 and its impacts to our workforce, schools and families, our hospitals, and our daily lives, I am hopeful that together we can overcome these challenges. As 2021 closed, we noted an increase in community voices expressing concerns about illegal fireworks and homelessness in our neighborhoods and parks.

The Year of the Tiger is associated with achievements - it's a time to get stuff done. With that in mind, and with the help of the community, we aim to focus on positive actions and solutions for District 5. This month's newsletter shares a few recent highlights from your neighborhood. I'm also sharing information on how you can help to contribute to positive changes by sharing your concerns. Mahalo to all of you for being so engaged in 2021 - let's make 2022 even better!



The Ground Breaking & Blessing of the Residences for Innovative Student Entrepreneurs (RISE) at the Charles Atherton House was held on Thursday, January 13, 2022. This space will be an innovation and entrepreneurship center/student housing facility on the site of the former Atherton YMCA across University Avenue from UH's flagship campus. With a completion date goal of 2023, RISE will house an innovation center, incubator spaces, classrooms, offices, retail space, and dorms, making it an integrated live, learn, work, and innovation center.



Through their hard work and dedication, the University Laboratory School Varsity Girls Volleyball Team, and your coaches and supporting staff, for winning the 2021 New City Nissan Girls/HHSAA Division II Volleyball State Championship. The team completed an overall season with 13 wins and four players were named to the Division II All-Tournament Team. Great job!



The exhibition titled "Alfred Preis in Hawai'i: Vienna Émigré, Architect and Advocate" is on display at the Lane Gallery at Honolulu Hale through February 25, 2022. This exhibit celebrates the life and work of Alfred Preis who designed over 180 built projects and landmark buildings in Honolulu, including the entrance to the Honolulu Zoo and the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor. He was the founding Executive Director of the State Foundation for the Culture and the Arts (1963 to 1980).

my committees:

- Budget (CHAIR)
- Housing and the Economy (VICE CHAIR)
- Zoning and Planning
- Executive Matters and Legal Affairs
- Public Safety
- Kapiolani Park Trust

legislative highlights:

- **Annual Budget:** The Mayor will release his budget by March 2, 2022 and must be adopted by the City Council by June 15, 2022.
- **Bill 49(21):** To address the taxation of vacant residential properties and issues concerning the use of revenues realized from the taxation of those properties.
- **Bill 50(21):** To expand the application of the ordinances relating to the disposal of weeds, garbage, trash, and waste from property.
- **Bill 41(21):** To better protect the City's residential neighborhoods and housing stock from the negative impacts of short-term rentals by providing a more comprehensive approach to the regulation of transient accommodations within the City.
- **Bill 48(21):** Relating to Red Hill. The City Council finds that no underground storage tank or tank system that contains a large volume of petroleum product should be allowed to operate above a sole source aquifer on O'ahu unless it can be established that the tank will not release any regulated substance during its operating life.

upcoming meetings:

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CITY COUNCIL

- February 23 @ 10:00am
- March 16 @ 10:00 am

BUDGET COMMITTEE

- February 9 @ 9:00am
- March 2 @ 9:00 am

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS

- 1st Wednesday @ 7 pm | NB #7 Manoa
- 1st Thursday @ 6:30 pm | NB #8 McCully/Moiliili
- 2nd Wednesday @ 7 pm | NB #6 Palolo
- 2nd Thursday @ 6 pm | NB #5 Diamond Head/Kapahulu/ St. Louis Hgts.
- 3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 pm | NB #4 Kaimuki
- 3rd Thursday @ 6 pm | NB #10 Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/ Tantalus
- 4th Tuesday @ 6:00 pm | NB #11 Ala Moana/ Kakaako

Cartwright Neighborhood Park

You may have noticed some new artwork on the Cartwright backboards! Mahalo to Malama Kipuka Hawaii for your work to re-engage our community and breathe new life into our public spaces. The artwork on the backboards depict the kolea bird, representing the giving nature of strangers - when our community needs help, we come together as one Ohana.



Kamānele Park Cleanup

35 volunteers from Mānoa Outdoor Circle, Mālama Mānoa, and Mid Pacific Institute’s 8th & 9th grade National Honor Society joined forces to remove invasive vegetation at the heiau under the supervision of two archaeologists from OASES. They gathered 51 bags of green waste and two bags of rubbish. Mahalo volunteers!



Pictured: Officer Ed Ho, Sandy Fong, and CM Say

Neighborhood Watch

Congratulations to Market City Business Security Watch for your achievements in activating community members to help keep the neighborhood safe. Under Marvin and Sandy Fong’s leadership, and with the assistance from Community Police Team members Officers John Mau and Ed Ho, concerned residents spent a year organizing, meeting regularly and training how to deter homeless activity on Market City’s commercial businesses and restaurants.

The St. Louis Heights Community Association also has an active Neighborhood Security Watch (SLHCA NSW) and have been working hard to keep a watchful eye on suspicious activity around the area.

Reporting your concerns

Illegal Fireworks

Aerial fireworks were banned statewide in 2000. The Star Advertiser reported that Gov. David Ige in 2019 signed into law Act 248, lowering the threshold of probable cause for an arrest to include statements from people who witness violations even though they are not law enforcement officers; and allowing photos, video or other recordings showing the commission of the offense authenticated by one or more witnesses. However illegal fireworks continue to be a concern as offenses are difficult to prove. Please continue to report these offenses to HPD and your councilmember.

Private Property and Neighbor Relations

HPD, and the City as a whole, have limited jurisdiction over private property. However, if you report your concerns, we will try our best to find a good solution.

Noise

Call 911 to enforce Department of Health noise complaints. Include the time, place, type of noise, number of people involved, and the period of time of the violation.

Traffic

- Potholes: Report potholes through the Honolulu 311 app (this is not a phone number like 911) or go to <https://www.honolulu.gov/dfm/pothole.html>. You can also view the scheduled road repaving on the Department of Design & Construction's website: www.honolulu.gov/ddc/.
- Speeding: If you have concerns about frequent speeding in your neighborhood, please contact your councilmember. When applicable, we will work with the Department of Transportation Services to conduct a traffic study.

Homelessness

Being homeless in public parks and on sidewalks is not a violation in itself. However, littering, restricting access on sidewalks, disturbing the peace, and alcohol and drug use in public areas are reportable illegal incidents. Report these violations by calling 911, and you may also contact your councilmember. When possible, include information such as the date, time, place, and description of persons and illegal activity. Also, the City's new CORE (Crisis, Outreach, Response and Engagement) Program launched its hotline: 808-768-2673.