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**NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD UPDATE**

**OCTOBER 2007**

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**Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill**

On Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Councilmember Apo hosted a Legislative Town Hall meeting with State legislators Senator Colleen Hanabusa, Representative Maile Shimabukuro and Representative Karen Awana, with approximately 100 residents in attendance. Councilmember Apo listened to community input and addressed the main city topic for the evening: the City’s proposed extension of Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill (WGSL) beyond its current closure date of May 1, 2008.

Councilmember Apo restated his firm desire to close WGSL as soon as possible, with no new landfills on the Leeward Coast. He emphasized that the City needs to come up with a definitive Solid Waste Management Plan so that the island does not have to do landfilling on a daily basis. Currently, there is no such plan and the City’s request for a land-use permit extension without this plan is not right. The real solution to waste is not “move it somewhere else on the island,” but instead “use better ways to dispose of it.” The City needs to proactively plan and implement the technology we have to handle island waste: recycling; waste-to-energy; and, to the extent needed, shipping to out-of-state landfills that want our trash. Councilmember Apo will continue to push the City to use these solutions.

Most recently, on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 voted to not support any extension or expansion of WGSL. Councilmember Apo’s office will continue to keep the community updated on this very important issue.

**Recycling and beach clean-ups throughout the district**

On Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, community residents from Ewa to the Waianae Coast did their part to help recycle and clean our coastlines. In Waianae, 24,000 pounds of scrap metal, plus several loading containers filled with green waste, HI5 containers, newspaper, cardboard, used tires, computers, and household goods were collected for the Aloha Aina Earth Day Community Recycling Fundraiser. Volunteers from Paiolu Kaiaulu, Nanakuli PTSA, Nani O Waianae, and the community helped make the event successful.

“Get the Drift and Bag It,” the annual statewide beach clean-up, also took place on September 15. Oneula Surf Club hosted the big clean-up at Oneula Beach Park and Nani O Waianae coordinated clean-ups along the Waianae Coast. Many thanks to coordinators Darrell Iha and Katy Kok and all the volunteers for their efforts.

**2007 Live and Let Live**

Honolulu Police Department, District 8 Community Policing Team will partner again with community volunteers for the 2007 “Live and Let Live” activities. The annual campaign educates the community about the deadly effects of speeding, drinking and driving. This year, “Live and Let Live” will run from the weekend after Thanksgiving through the weekend after New Year’s. (Continued on the other side)

**OCTOBER 2007**

**COUNCIL  
CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, Oct 17**

9 am

*FULL COUNCIL*

*Committee Week  
October 23-25*

**Tuesday, Oct 23**

9 am

*Zoning*

1 pm

*Planning & Sustainability*

**Wednesday, Oct 24**

9 am

*Budget*

1 pm

*Executive Matters*

3 pm

*Affordable Housing &  
Economic Development*

**Thursday, Oct 25**

9:30 am

*Transportation &  
Public Works*

1 pm

*Intergovernmental Affairs*

2:30 pm

*Public Health, Safety &  
Welfare*

## **2007 Live and Let Live (cont'd)**

For information on how to get involved, contact Officer Mike Kahikina, 692-4248 (Waianae Coast) or Officer Halani Barboza, 692-4247 (Ewa and Kapolei). The kick-off event schedule is as follows:

- Waianae: Saturday, December 1, 10 am, Waianae Police Substation
- Kapolei and Ewa: Saturday, December 8, 10 am, Kapolei District Station

## **LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Fire Safety**

The Public Health, Safety and Welfare Committee considered two measures, Resolution 07-255 and Bill 64, aimed at increasing fire prevention. Resolution 07-255, specifically addresses fire prevention services on the North Shore. Related to Resolution 07-255 is Bill 64 which initiates guidelines and penalties for agricultural properties that may create fire hazards for surrounding residential areas. Bill 64 is scheduled for second reading on October 17th.

### **At-Risk Youth Programs and Services**

The Intergovernmental Affairs Committee passed Resolutions 07-303, 07-304, and 07-305. These resolutions initiate programs and services for positive youth development and gang and truancy prevention. The full Council will vote on these resolutions on October 17th.

### **Zoning**

Bill 53, CD1 proposes to rezone lands at 91-101 Malakole Street, Ewa, Oahu (former Hawaii Raceway Park site) to from AG-2 General Agricultural District to I-2 Intensive Industrial District, with a height limit of 60 feet. This bill was deferred on September 19 due to various concerns of the Council. Tentatively, it is scheduled for third reading on October 17.

### **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

The Budget Committee is currently in the process of recommending members to sit on the City's Community Development Block Grant and HOME Projects Selection Committee. This committee, which is comprised of only community members, is charged with selecting projects to receive grant funding during fiscal year 2009. The full Council is expected to finalize committee selections at its October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Prescription Drug Plan**

On September 19, the Council passed Resolution 07-262, CD1 and approved the distribution of a prescription drug discount card. This program, which is funded through the National Association of Counties, provides a small discount on eligible prescriptions. Unlike other discount projects, everyone is eligible to receive a card. Over the next few months, the City will work to distribute the discount card to residents Island wide.

*For full text on legislation please visit  
<http://www.honolulu.gov/council/index1.htm>*

*The Office of Councilmember Todd K. Apo regularly sends out electronic newsletter updates. If you would like to receive the E-News Updates, please visit [www.toddapo.org](http://www.toddapo.org) and join our mailing list. If you have any other questions, please feel free to call or email Councilmember Apo at 547-7001 or [tapo@honolulu.gov](mailto:tapo@honolulu.gov).*

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