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**A L O H A**

from  
Councilmember  
Todd K. Apo

Our island's limited land is often rich in cultural and historical value, therefore land-use is one of the City's most significant responsibilities. My analysis of land-use issues that come before Council is done with this foundational belief. As many of you are aware, a unique and surprising incident recently occurred at Lahilahi, when iwi were unearthed during a City maintenance job. The situation caused great alarm and concern, and I have spoken to the Mayor's Office as well as various departments to understand what happened and to insure that it would not happen again.

I want to emphasize that since the City acquired the property, the City has indeed made concerted efforts to preserve and protect this area. Through the Capital Improvement Program, the City has budgeted funds to study and mitigate erosion to Mauna Lahilahi Beach Park so that Native Hawaiian Burials are protected. Two such projects are the breakwater and dry stack wall. Planning and design for a protective beach breakwater have been completed and the permitting is underway.

What had happened was that a worker was sent into the area to clear out dead brush cuttings. The dry brush fire hazards required trimming to be done. The worker, in an attempt to do work beyond the original scope, went into the protected areas. While we must appreciate workers for taking initiative and seeking to do greater good, the City

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## Planning for our island's growth to 2050

The growth of our island community always prompts questions and concerns about our culture, our environment and our economy. By taking proactive steps and participating in the planning process, we can ensure that our community is self-sufficient, efficient and conscientious in the years ahead.

The Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Task Force is one of the more recent constituent services provided to the people of Hawai'i that allows residents to express their opinions through constructive dialogue about the future of the Hawai'i.

The task force addresses views and opinions on the direction of Hawai'i as a state, as a culture, as a

destination, as well as a home place.

This task force, comprised of twenty-five members representing interests from both the private and public sectors, works with the people of Hawai'i to create a conscientious and approachable future plan.

This plan is rooted in answers extracted from constituent surveys and aims to address issues through the year 2050. The final stage of the drafting process will conclude on December 14, 2007. This will be addressed by the state legislature.

If you or someone that you know would like to become involved with the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan please visit <http://hawaii2050.org>. ♦



**A NEW  
SUSTAINABLE  
HAWAII**

## 'Ewa Weed & Seed hits national headlines, again!



**TAKE A BITE OUT OF  
CRIME**

**'Ewa Weed & Seed  
2007 McGRUFF  
CRIME  
PREVENTION  
PROGRAM  
of the YEAR  
pop. Under 250,000**

The 'Ewa Weed & Seed was selected as the National 2007 McGruff Crime Prevention Program of the Year for population under 250,000, according to the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC).

'Ewa Weed & Seed Site Coordinator, Gale Bracerros and 'Ewa Beach Lions Club Secretary, Eileen Lynn were flown to Atlanta to receive this award by the NCPC and the 'Ewa Beach Lions Club. The award was received at the 8<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Preventing Crime, Awards Luncheon held on Thursday, October 4, 2007 at the Hilton in Atlanta, Georgia.

Out of 68 nominations submitted to NCPC from throughout the United States, only 6 nominations were recognized. As a result of this award, the Kapolei Police Station is being gifted a McGruff suit so McGruff may be present to "Take a Bite Out of Crime" at our upcoming community events such as the 'Ewa Beach Live and Let Live, Holiday Driving Safety Awareness Campaign.

'Ewa Weed & Seed continues to show great dedication, commitment and teamwork through successful community partnerships, with the mission to reduce crime in 'Ewa Beach and to share what we have learned throughout Hawai'i. ♦



Honolulu City Council  
LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

**Council Review**

At its last meeting held on October 17, 2007, the Honolulu City Council took the following actions:

Adopted civil fines for violations of the ethics law (*Bill 60, CD1*); requested the City's Planning and Permitting Department conduct a study of meeting facilities in industrial districts (*Resolution 07-292, CD1*); urged Congress to implement methods to curtail home foreclosures (*Resolution 07-306*) and established a task force to recommend prevention practices for fires in the wild land/urban interface.

*Bill 53, CD1*, which rezoned the former raceway site from the Agricultural District to the Intensive Industrial District, passed final reading with 8-1 vote. Councilmember Apo cast the only vote against approval, citing public safety concerns and the lack of a racetrack on Oahu.

**Items Under Consideration**

*Highway Master Plans ('Ewa and Central O'ahu) – Resolution 07-338* requests that the Department of Transportation initiate updates to the 'Ewa Highway Master Plan and the Central O'ahu Master Plan. The 'Ewa Highway Master Plan directly impacts what projects are included within the 'Ewa Highway Impact Fee program, which collects monies from project developments to aide in the cost of completing 'Ewa road projects.

*21 St Century Ahupua'a – Resolution 07-327* submits the cities 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ahupua'a plan, which relates to energy and sustainability, to the Council for review.

*Real Property Assessment – Bill's 72 & 73* provides for assessment notification and notice of appeals to be handled electronically.

*Curbside Recycling – Bill 63, CD1* establishes a curbside recycling pilot program and provides for the reporting of results to the Council no later than June 2008. ♦

**CITY COUNCIL  
CALENDAR  
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER**

**NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING**

Nov 7 9:00 a.m. Weds

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Nov 27	9:00 a.m.	Tues	Zoning
Nov 27	1:00 p.m.	Tues	Planning & Sustainability
Nov 28	9:00 a.m.	Weds	Budget
Nov 28	1:00 p.m.	Weds	Executive Matters
Nov 28	3:00 p.m.	Weds	Aff.Housing/Economic Dev
Nov 29	9:30 a.m.	Thurs	Transportation/Pub Works
Nov 29	1:00 p.m.	Thurs	Intergovernment Affairs
Nov 29	2:30 p.m.	Thurs	Public Health, Safety & Wlfr

**DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING**

Dec 12 9:00 a.m. Weds

**CITY COUNCIL ONLINE**

To view City Council and Committee Meeting Agendas, go to:  
<http://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-897>

To view Bills and Resolutions, go to:  
<http://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-193>

**Makaha hosts conference on sustainability, demonstrating ahupua'a concept**

The 2007 Pacific Rim Annual Conference of Resource Conservation and Development Councils (RC&Ds), will be held from November 6, 2007 thru November 8, 2007 at the Makaha Resort in Makaha, Wai'anae, Hawai'i.

Hosted by the O'ahu RC&D, attendees from Guam, Samoa, CNMI, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada and Hawai'i will tour

various areas and businesses in O'ahu demonstrating the concept of sustainability in an ahupua'a. These diversified agricultural partners are working to expand agriculture on the island of O'ahu while using best management practices to encourage sustainable agriculture.

Attendees will also attend sessions on how sustainability affects each council in their own long-

term operations and the work that they do with their partners in their locales.

Cynthia K.L. Rezendes, chair of the O'ahu RC&D states, "This is a great opportunity for all of the RC&D's to gather and share their experiences to promote sustainability, both for each organization and as their partner with others to promote conservation in their counties, states, or islands." ♦

## District 1 City Parks

### OUR CITY PARKS: Public recreation in safe spaces



Image courtesy of www.50-50.com

#### KAPOLEI SKATE PARK

The completion of the Kapolei Neighborhood Skate Park has received its fair share of publicity since it opened in Fall, 2006. The most recent hasn't been the most positive. While our police force has assured us that their presence will be asserted as they patrol the park grounds more frequently, perhaps we can look to each other to provide a presence in our parks as well. As our second city grows, taking an active role in

cleanup activities, park adoption programs and neighborhood patrols, will help to ensure that our lifestyle and sense of community stays in tact. Most importantly, if you see something that is wrong or illegal, you should report it to the proper authorities.

If you are a member of a community group, private group, or an individual who would like to make a difference, the option to adopt a park is available. If you or someone you know would like to adopt a park or a portion of a park, please feel free to contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at 768-3001 for more information.

Our parks are a great and inexpensive place to relax or even celebrate. With each of us working together, we can ensure that this remains the case. ♦



Concerned skateboarders remove graffiti from Kapolei Skate Park. IMAGE COURTESY OF JEFF GASKELL.

### City Park Maintenance Updates

*Below is an update of park issues that we have received from the community. Some of them are on-going, and we appreciate the community working with us to keep updated on these needs.*

**Kahe Beach Park** – Overgrown Kiawe Brush – fire hazard.  
RESPONSE: *Kiawe Brush Removed in mid-August*

**Mali Community Park** – Overgrown brush along parking lot, fence damaged, stop sign missing, crosswalk needs re-stripping.

RESPONSE: *Request Submitted on 9/14/07 to repair chain link fencing. The overgrown brush area along the parking lot partially belongs to the City. The missing stop sign & re-stripping of the crosswalks have been forwarded to Department of Facilities Maintenance.*

**Kaupuni Neighborhood Park** – Poor irrigation issues, extensive graffiti, extensive broken ceiling panels in outdoor pavilion.

RESPONSE: *Irrigation system is okay; graffiti was removed in mid-August & damaged ceiling panels were repaired in early August.*

**Mauna Lahilahi Cultural Garden Park** – Extensive overgrown brush – fire hazard.

RESPONSE: *Maintenance Support Services is currently working on removing the overgrowth.*

**Makaha Valley Community Park** – Graffiti on playground equipment and run-down comfort station.

RESPONSE: *Graffiti on playground equipment was removed & the comfort station will be repainted.*

**Mauna Lahilahi Beach Park** – Comfort station run-down and vandalized.

RESPONSE: *Comfort Station will be repainted.*

**Wai'anae District Park** – Overgrown bush behind the west end parking lot and repaving of west end parking lot needed.

RESPONSE: *Overgrown brush behind the west parking lot was removed the first week of September. The repaving of the west end parking lot will be requested in the upcoming budget. ♦*

## Low stress on local ferry commute

**TheBoat**  
City and County of Honolulu

The 'regulars' on the City's intra-island ferry, TheBoat, are slowly gaining a unique reputation among city bus operators: Ferry commuters are now known to be some of the happiest bus riders.

Darin Mar, Department of Transportation Services Project Manager for the city ferry, credits this continued observation to the dedicated bus lines serving TheBoat. Seamless bus transfer service reduces wait time and the common stressors associated with commuting, explained Mr. Mar. No driving, less waiting, less stress.

Five new bus routes have been created to shuttle commuters directly to and from the Kala'eloā and Aloha Tower docks. Efficient scheduling has riders at the dock 10 minutes before TheBoat's

arrival at Kala'eloā. Upon ferry arrival at Aloha Tower, buses are already waiting at the pier. Two lines are available, taking commuters through town to Waikiki or to the University of Hawai'i.

Ferry commuters can also drive to the docks. Kala'eloā has 23 stalls available for High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV), carpools of 3+ occupants. Parking for non-HOVs (and others who cannot park at Kala'eloā) is available in Kapolei, at the corner of Kamokila Boulevard and Ulu'ohia Street (entrance on Ulu'ohia). A ferry bus shuttle stop is at the Ulu'ohia driveway.

On TheBoat, commuters can utilize the free Wi-Fi service or purchase coffee or small food snacks. Bicycles can also come on board TheBoat. For schedules, to receive email alerts, or to make suggestions or comments, go online and visit [www.trytheboat.com](http://www.trytheboat.com). If you have questions, you can also call Darin Mar at 768-8353. ♦

## TREATS FOR TEETH 2007



On Halloween, the offices at Honolulu Hale annually receive visits by young trick-or-treaters from the nearby Early Education Center.

This year, Councilmember Apo's staff was able to give out special "Treats for Teeth" to the kids: dental care goodies of toothbrushes and toothpaste, courtesy of Dr. Russell Masunaga and his staff.

Dr. Masunaga's office is also a regular participant in the National Give Kids A Smile Day, an annual event which gives free dental screenings to keiki in 'Ewa Beach and Wai'anae.

Thank you, Dr. Masunaga and staff for your generosity and continuing to support public health for our keiki.

## Land-use issues

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must insure that important information, especially protected area boundaries for known cultural sites, is passed along to those doing the job. I spoke with the Administration about this issue, so that in an attempt to do better, we do not run into incidents like this again.

In other areas of land-use, the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill (WGSL) continues to be a major topic at various West Oahu community meetings, as the City has proposed for an extension of WGSL's land-use permit beyond May 1, 2008, the current permit end-date.

Neighborhood Boards have held special meetings concerning the landfill:

- On Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 voted to not support any extension or expansion of WGSL.
- On Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 similarly voted to not support any extension or expansion.

I want to restate that it is my firm desire to close WGSL as soon as possible, with no new landfills on the Leeward Coast or anywhere else on our island. 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.

As both the City Administration and Council work towards that goal, we must have a concrete plan in place before seeking and extension of the landfill.

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 complete the plan and implement the technologies to handle island waste: curbside recycling; increased waste-to-energy through H-Power and alternative technologies; and, to the extent needed, shipping to out-of-state landfills that want our trash until these new technologies can be implemented.

The Mayor and I recently sat down to discuss the issue. He again affirmed his desire to find the solutions to our landfill issues and has committed his departments to work towards those solutions. As we begin the implementation of curbside recycling, process the alternative technology proposals and look at exportation, the City will continue to push for better ways to handle our waste. I will continue to keep the community updated on this very important issue, and will continue to work with the Mayor and his Administration on these solutions.

To read updates on the web or receive a monthly electronic newsletter, please visit my City website at [www.toddapo.org](http://www.toddapo.org). Additionally, you may watch "Westside Solutions" on OIelo Channel 54, every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns you can always call my office directly at 547-7001 or email me at [tapo@honolulu.gov](mailto:tapo@honolulu.gov). Mahalo! ♦

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## community event notes...

### Wai'anae Coast Christmas Parade

*The Wai'anae Coast Community's 2007 Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, November 24, at 10:00 am. Sponsored by the Wai'anae Coast Rotary Club the parade will begin at the Wai'anae Boat Harbor, continue down Farrington Highway through Wai'anae Town, ending at the Wai'anae Mall, where a spectacular Ho'olaulea will be enjoyed by all.*

### Kapolei City Christmas Lights Parade

*The annual Kapolei City Christmas Lights Parade will be held on Saturday, December 8, at 6 pm. Organized by Ms. Maeda Timson and a host of other dedicated community volunteers, the parade will start at the corner of Fort Barrette and Kamokila Boulevard, travel down Kamokila ending at Kapolei Hale where the annual Christmas tree lighting will follow.*

### 'Ewa Beach Christmas Parade

*Organized by long-time 'Ewa Beach resident, Dee White, the 'Ewa Beach Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 15, at 5:30 pm. As in years past, it will start at the 'Ewa Beach Boys and Girls Club and circle through the surrounding 'Ewa Beach community and return to the 'Ewa Beach Boys and Girls Club facility.*

# WATCH

## WESTSIDE SOLUTIONS

with  
Councilmember  
Todd Apo



# 54

**THURSDAYS, 8:30 pm**  
**'Olelo Channel 54**

'olelo: building community