REPORT TO THE PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD COUNCILMEMBER BRANDON ELEFANTE APRIL 2016

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Calendar Of Events & Activities

April 2016

20 Honolulu City Council Meeting

26 Council Committee Meetings:
- Public Health, Safety & Welfare
- Parks, Community & Customer Services
- Executive Matters & Legal Affairs

27 Council Committee Meetings:
- Budget
- Public Works, Infrastructure & Sustainability

28 Council Committee Meetings:
- Zoning & Planning
- Transportation
- Business, Economic Development & Tourism

May 2016

4 Honolulu City Council Meeting

17 Council Committee Meetings:
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- Parks, Community & Customer Services
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30 Memorial Day Holiday

Pearl Harbor Historic Trail Community Cleanup

Councilmember Elefante joined several members of the community for the April Earth Month Clean Up of Pearl Harbor Historic Trail. The event was coordinated by the Department of Facility Maintenance Storm Water Quality Branch. If you would like to participate in a cleanup in your area, please contact 768-3248.

Brandon Elefante's Community Connections

Check out Councilmember Elefante's Interview with Director Misty Kela'i of the Mayor's Office of Culture and Arts (MOCA) and Tory Latilla, Registrar for MOCA. Ep - 4 Interview with Director Misty Kela'i Registrar
http://olelo.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=19&clip_id=54910

Healthy Tip of the Month: Nine Ways You Can Help Protect Your Vision

Taking care of your eyes is a priority just like eating well and being physically active. Healthy vision can help keep you safe and healthy.

1. Get regular comprehensive dilated eye exams with your local optometrist.
2. Know your family's eye health history. It's important to know if anyone has been diagnosed with an eye disease or condition, since some are hereditary.
3. Eat right to protect your sight. In particular, eat plenty of dark leafy greens such as spinach, kale, or collard greens, and fish that is high in omega-3 fatty acids such as salmon, albacore tuna, trout, and halibut.
4. Maintain a healthy weight.
5. Wear protective eyewear when playing sports or doing activities around the home, such as painting, yard work, and home repairs.
6. Quit smoking or never start.
7. When you go outside, wear sunglasses that block 99 percent-100 percent of ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) radiation.
8. If you wear contact lenses, wash your hands before taking out your contacts and cleanse your contacts properly to avoid infection.
9. Practice workplace eye safety.

Adapted from Centers for Disease Control at: http://www.cdc.gov/Features/HealthyVision/

Hawaii Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Business Assistance Program

The SBDC has teamed up with the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to provide on-site business management consulting to businesses affected by ongoing rail construction on Oahu. These services are provided at NO COST through dedicated business advisors at the SBDC, all of whom have many years of professional experience in helping businesses achieve and maintain success. The services provided include: business assessment and identification of key issues; a customized action plan for each business; assistance in executing the action plan; ongoing communication and follow up; and referral services.

The SBDC will come to your business or you can make an appointment at their office located at Leeward Community College. Email at HartAssist@hisbdc.org or call them at 945-1430. Whether you are an established business or someone who is just getting started, professional assistance is just an email or phone call away.

Celebrating the Retirement of Aiea Resident Ernie Libarios Sr.

The Honolulu City Council presented Ernie Libarios Sr. with an Honorary Certificate at the April 20, 2016 City Council Meeting to celebrate his retirement.

Ernie Libarios Sr. embarked on his teaching career in 1967, where he was a counselor at Farrington High School. Two years later, he was hired by Leeward Community College and became the first counselor of Filipino ancestry in the newly established community college educational system. Ernie, an ordained deacon for the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu, has also served many through his faith. He has nurtured the academic and personal growth of students and served as a role model for his peers, and now retires after nearly 50 years of service to his community.