REPORT TO THE WAIPAHU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD COUNCILMEMBER BRANDON ELEFANTE JANUARY 2016

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Calendar Of Events & Activities

January 2016

1 New Year's Day Holiday

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

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

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

18 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

27 Honolulu City Council Meeting

February 2016

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

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

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

15 Presidents' Day Holiday

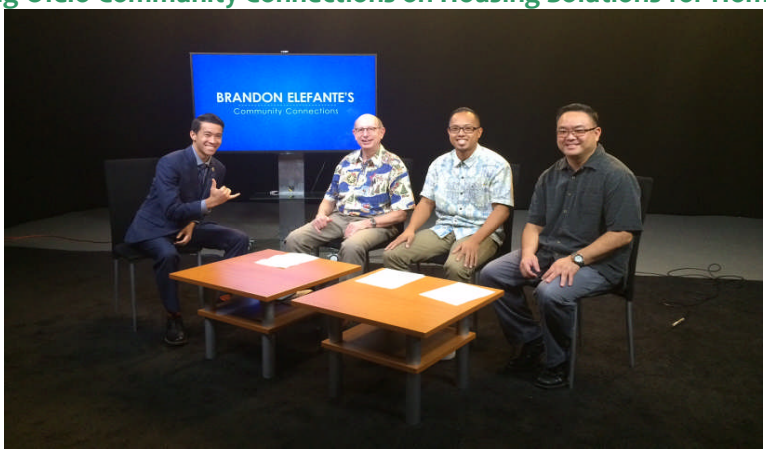
17 Honolulu City Council Meeting

New 2016 Honolulu City Council Calendar can be found online at:
http://www.honolulu.gov/council

Honoring 50 Years of the Pearl City Lions

Councilmember Elefante and the Honolulu City Council Honor the Pearl City Lions on their fiftieth anniversary. Pictured with the nine Honolulu City Councilmembers are left to right: Nadine Nishioka, Chris Tamura, Curtis Lee, Alice Kudo, Ira Tagawa, and Paul Kudo.

Taping Olelo Community Connections on Housing Solutions for Homeless



Councilmember Elefante discusses Homelessness in Hawaii and housing solutions with Jerry Rauckhorst, President and CEO of Catholic Charities Hawaii; Jason Espero, Director of Care-A-Van at Waikiki Health Center; and Bradley Isa, Director of Affordable Housing Management for Locations and Chapter President for the National Association of Residential Property Managers. The program, *Brandon Elefante's Community Connections*, will air later on Olelo, and you can check for times at http://www.olelo.org/tv/. Be sure to tune in!

Healthy Tip of the Month: Battery Safety

Now that you have unwrapped all of your gifts from the holidays, you are probably hunting around for the batteries that were not included for the latest gadgets and toys. The National Safety Council wants to remind everyone that the smallest batteries, also called button batteries, can pose a hazard for children. If swallowed or placed in the nose or ears, button batteries can cause serious injury or death, according to the National Capital Poison Center. More than 3,500 people of all ages swallow button batteries every year in the United States. Most pass through the body and are eliminated, but sometimes they get hung up in the esophagus. An electrical current can form in the body, and hydroxide, an alkaline chemical, can cause tissue burns that can be fatal.

Here are some steps you can take to ensure battery safety:

- Look in your home for any items that may contain coin-sized button batteries
- Whenever possible, select batteries in child-resistant safety packaging
- Keep loose or spare batteries locked away
- Place devices out of sight and out of reach of small children
- Be mindful of toys belonging to older children in the home that might contain button batteries
- Share this life-saving information with caregivers, friends, family members and sitters

Adapted from: http://www.nsc.org/learn/safety-knowledge/Pages/Child-Safety-Button-Batteries.aspx

Mayor's Office of Culture and Arts Seeks Art for the Joint Traffic Management Center

The City and County of Honolulu Commission on Culture and the Arts, as part of its Art in City Buildings Program, will commission a work of art for the Joint Traffic Management Center. **Artists are encouraged to submit their qualifications by the March 6, 2016 deadline.** This project is mandated by city law, which requires that one percent of the budget for construction of any new city buildings be set aside for including artwork. The budget for this project is $300,000.

The artwork will be located at the southwestern corner of the building site, at the corner of King and Alapa'i streets. The artwork must be of an outdoor durable material, suitable for permanent installation within the established area.

For requirements, and images of the project location, please visit http://www.honolulu.gov/moca/moca-news.html.

Applications must be submitted online using the CallforEntry.org™ (CaFÉ™) application system at https://www.callforentry.org/. There is no charge to apply.

For more information, please contact E. Tory Laitila, Registrar, Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts, at (808) 768-4105, or email tlaitila@honolulu.gov.

Hawaiian Humane Society

Beginning at the end of December, the Hawaiian Humane Society (HHS) immediately resumed providing convenient animal services to the community, such as picking up non-dangerous stray dogs and responding to barking complaints. The following services will again be provided by the Humane Society's field investigations and response team:

- stray animal rescue and pick up,
- dangerous dog and dog bite investigations,
- barking dog complaints,
- cat identification law and other law enforcement investigations,
- case work,
- 24-hour rescue and response, and
- 24-7 dispatch.

To make a report, please call the HHS at 356-2250.