



REPORT TO THE WAIPAHU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD COUNCILMEMBER BRANDON ELEFANTE MAY 2016



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Calendar Of Events & Activities

May 2016

- 4 Honolulu City Council Meeting
- 17 Council Committee Meetings:
 - Public Health, Safety & Welfare
 - Parks, Community & Customer Services
 - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs
- 18 Council Committee Meetings:
 - Budget
 - Public Works, Infrastructure & Sustainability
- 19 Council Committee Meetings:
 - Zoning & Planning
 - Transportation
 - Business, Economic Development & Tourism
- 30 Memorial Day Holiday

June 2016

- 1 Honolulu City Council Meeting
- 10 King Kamehameha Day Holiday
- 14 Council Committee Meetings:
 - Public Health, Safety & Welfare
 - Parks, Community & Customer Services
 - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs
- 15 Council Committee Meetings:
 - Budget
 - Public Works, Infrastructure & Sustainability
- 16 Council Committee Meetings:
 - Zoning & Planning
 - Transportation
 - Business, Economic Development & Tourism

Waipahu High School Early College Credit Students



Councilmember Elefante is pictured with Waipahu High School early college credit students at Leeward Community College in recognition of students of Filipino ancestry in the class of 2016. Also pictured with Professor Raymund Liongson (far left first row), UH Board of Regent Michelle Tagorda (first row second from right), Councilmember Ron Menor (first row far right), and from L to R in the back row: Leeward Community College Chancellor Manny Cabral, Dean Jared Washburn, and Mark Silliman, Director of early college credit at Waipahu HS.

Landas Ng Tagumpay Scholars



Councilmember Elefante joined Councilmember Ron Menor, Chancellor Manny Cabral, Dean Young, and Dr. Niki Libarios to celebrate the next generation of teachers of Filipino ancestry at the Landas Ng Tagumpay ceremony held at Leeward Community College.

Healthy Tip of the Month: How to Get More Comfortable With Change

Over the next few years, you will likely experience some form of change in your life. You may be a recent high school or college graduate. You may be moving, changing jobs, dating someone new, or taking care of an aging relative. These changes will drive other changes too—in your interests, talents, friendships, priorities, and values. That's what growth is. Life is change. It's natural to fear change, especially if we are pretty comfortable with how things are. Change leads to the unknown, and not knowing what will happen next can make our minds uneasy. Instead of fearing change, practice opening yourself up to it. Here are some tips to help you get more comfortable with change.

1. Don't fight it. Change happens. If you resist change ("Why is this happening?" "What if I don't like this?" "You said you would never change!"), you waste time and energy that could better be used managing what you are facing.
2. Stay in the moment. Worrying excessively about what might or might not happen throws fuel on the fear fire. Keeping your attention in the present keeps you ready to do whatever is needed.
3. Trust that you got this. You are more resilient than you think. You have the inner resources to take on whatever change brings your way, especially if you can settle into taking each day as it comes.

Adapted from *Student Health 101 "Mind your Mind"* by Dr. Holly Rogers from University of Hawaii at Manoa at: <http://readsh101.com/manoa.html>

Refuse/Recycling Schedule Change Effective June 6, 2016

Effective the week of June 6, collection routes and schedules will change for approximately 15,000 homes around Oahu. Postcards are being mailed to homes whose schedules are changing. If you did not receive a postcard, then your collection schedule has not been changed.

Please be aware that postcards were mailed to street addresses only and not PO boxes. Those postcards returned undeliverable because the address does not have a mailbox will be hand delivered.

New Collection Schedule Calendars for the rest of 2016 will be posted no later than Friday, June 3. It is available online at www.opala.org. Routes are being restructured to balance workloads and improve efficiency.

With the new route implementation, the Department of Environmental Services, Refuse Division (ENV, Refuse Division) will try to accommodate requests for additional carts but this cannot be guaranteed. Please know that ENV, Refuse Division will make every effort to accommodate requests.

Questions/concerns? Please call the Refuse Division at 768-3200 or 768-5220.



Rail Car Dedication at Rail Operations Center

Councilmember Elefante joined many members of the community for the dedication of the first rail car at the Rail Operations Center in Pearl City.