



Lori M.K. Kahikina



Timothy Houghton



The City & County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services employs nearly 900 men and women in job-related fields covering environmental quality, treatment & disposal, collection system maintenance, refuse and administration.

ENV'S NEW ADMINISTRATION: KAHIKINA, HOUGHTON

Two familiar faces are at the helm of the Department of Environmental Services under Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Administration.

Lori M.K. Kahikina takes over the directorship while Timothy Houghton will serve as Deputy Director.

Kahikina, who spent the Peter Carlisle Administration as the director of the Department of Design and Construction, takes over the reins from Tim Steinberger who returned to the private sector.

The mother of three boys began her career in the City with ENV's Collection System Maintenance Division as its assistant chief.

Other titles Kahikina has held are acting chief of CSM and deputy director of DDC.

She also held a number of offices in the HWEA, including its president (2008-09).

Houghton, making his second stint as ENV's Deputy Director, has been with the City since 1991.

He has served as ENV's executive assistant since 1998 working on the department's long-range financial planning, asset management, information technology, and human resources programs.

He holds an At-Large seat on the NACWA Board of Directors and is a member of various other water/wastewater related organizations.

ENV MISSION STATEMENT

"THE MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES IS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT BY PROVIDING EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF WASTEWATER, STORM WATER AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU."

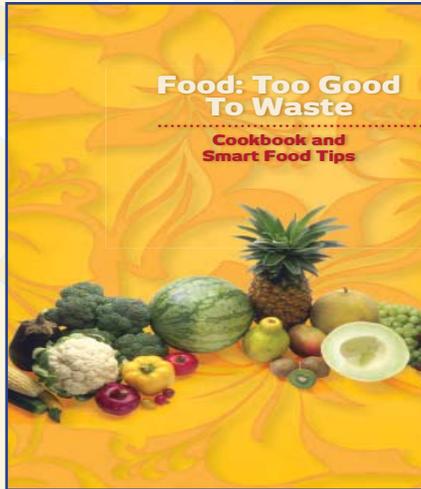
ENV is serious about its responsibility to lay the best plans for the future, while working within fiscal constraints of the present to educate the public on measures protecting the public health and the environment.



ENV COOKBOOK TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE

ENV's Refuse Division received a thumbs up recently from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on its production of a new guidebook to encourage island residents to reduce food waste.

The book entitled "Food: Too Good to Waste" Cookbook and Smart Food Tips was developed based on EPA's Food Recovery tool kit. This unique cookbook offers recipes for remaking leftovers and smart food handling tips that prevent spoilage and waste.



The book incorporates recipes and profiles from local Oahu restaurants and will be

distributed throughout Oahu, free of charge, to promote the continued reduction of food waste on the island.

The Food Recovery Challenge is part of EPA's Sustainable Materials Management Program, which seeks to reduce the environmental impact of food and other widely-used everyday items through its entire life cycle, including how they are extracted, manufactured, distributed, used, reused, recycled or composted, and disposed.

MAUKA TO MAKAI EVENT HUGE HIT DURING EARTH MONTH

The Mauka to Makai event at the Waikiki Aquarium during April's Earth Month drew 3,303 keiki and families.

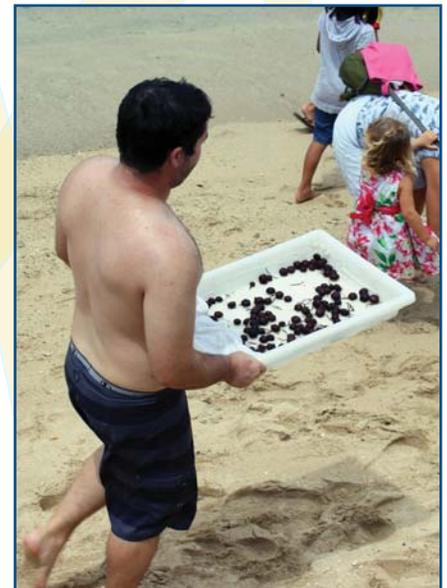
ENV's Storm Water Quality Branch co-sponsored the event with the State Department of Health and the aquarium.

Numerous booth from the likes of DLNR, NOAA/ Pacific Services Center, Hui Koolaupoko, Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, HPD and a host of others provided games, prizes and loads of information. Awaloa provided the entertainment.

In the past, the moi release was well received. This year, sea urchins were released into the water near the aquarium to devour invasive algae in the vicinity.

The Mauka to Makai event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 2014.

Photos: (Right) Sea urchins ready to be released into the wild. (Below) - Booths lined the Waikiki Aquarium by dozens of water agencies to promote water quality and educate the public.



MONSTERS OF THE OCEAN: "OPALA EXPRESS" CLAIMS DRAGON BOAT TITLE

They came. They saw. They kicked some okole! ENV's "Opala Express" Dragon Boat team captured first place at the recent 2013 Dragon Boat Races held in Waikiki.

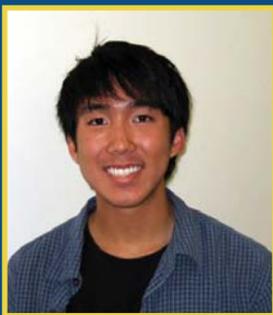
It was the team's second title in recent years. Even Mayor Kirk Caldwell stopped by for a photo opportunity with the defending and eventual champs.

The Opala Express squad has been in the hunt in almost every year the ENV division has assembled a team.

ENV also placed divisional teams from Wastewater Treatment & Disposal and Collection System Maintenance.



CONGRATS REECE!



Reece Teramoto, a student intern with ENV's Storm Water Quality Branch, was awarded both HMSA and HGEA scholarships. Teramoto has been assisting the Storm Water Quality Branch with filing, scanning, and other related duties. The Pearl City High Valedictorian will be attending the University of Portland in the fall to study engineering.

ALOHA MARTIN!



On June 30, 2013, Martin Okabe officially retired after serving 16 years with both the State and the City as an engineer. The gang at Kapolei Hale had a potluck brunch where he was presented a very nice cigar box as a keepsake. He now has more time to work on his wife's "honey-do-list," golf game, and Fantasy Football League cellar-dweller team.

ALOHA ENV EMPLOYEES!

NEW HIRES

Div.	Name	Position
WTD	Everett Arakaki	WWTP Worker
WTD	Robert Arii	Ast. WWTP Operator
WTD	Kirk Cayetano	WWTP Worker
WTD	George Eckles	WWTP Main. Mechanic
WTD	William Haubio	WWTP Worker
WTD	Lydell Herodides	Building Custodian I
WTD	Danny Jarra	Grounds Keeper
WTD	Jason Kaululaau	WWTP Worker
EQ	Ellis Lalau	WW Service Investigator
WTD	James Lancaster	WWTP Worker
REF	Amy Long	Recycling Specialist III
WTD	Henry Marquez	Grounds Keeper
CSM	Floyd McCoy Jr.	Engineer Support Tech I
REF	Michael O'Keefe	Recycling Specialist IV
WTD	Morgan Parker	Ast. WWTP Operator
WTD	Joseph Picon	Electronics Technician
WTD	Dairy Polendey	Ast. WWTP Operator
WTD	Shane Reid	Ast. WWTP Operator
WTD	Shane Robins	Ast. WWTP Operator
REF	Alvin Scott	Scale Attendant
ENV	Mari Suzarwa	Secretary I, Deputy Director
REF	Renny Tanouye	Scale Attendant
WTD	Kevin Tobin	Building Custodian I
WTD	Jon-Justyn Torralva	Ast. WWTP Operator
WTD	Maya Uyebara	WW Pumping Plant Operator
REF	Allan Walker	Electronic Equipment Operator
WTD	Pilani Watts	Ast. WWTP Operator
EQ	Bryan Wienand	Civil Engineer V

IN-HOUSE PROMOTIONS/TRANSFERS

Div.	Name	Position
WTD	James Carreira	WWTP Maintenance Mech.
REF	Joshua DeFreitas	Heavy Truck Driver II
REF	Louise Lewis	Clerk
EQ	Neil Nugent	Civil Engineer V
REF	Michael O'Keefe	Recycling Branch Chief
WTD	Wayne Salas	WW Regional Superintendent
WTD	Paul Stoddard (Tr.)	Grounds Keeper
WTD	Sheldon Sylva	WWTP Operator IV
CSM	Paul Teixeira	Eng. Support Technician II
REF	Shari Yamaguchi	Secretary III
CSM	Allen Young	WW Pump O&M Superintendent
EQ	Zhijun Zhou	Civil Engineer IV

RETIREMENTS

Div.	Name	Yrs	Position
REF	Herbert Antolin	35	Refuse Collector
WTD	Richard Delima Jr.	34	WW Heavy Truck Driver
WTD	Robert Midel	22	Lead WWTP Main. Mechanic
OAS	Martin Okabe	16	Executive Assistant I
REF	James Perry	28	Refuse Collector
CSM	Sylvester Torres	20	WW Pumping Plant Operator
REF	Wendell Ah Nee	31	Refuse Collection Supervisor I

QUOTABLES

Deuteronomic Code (Deut. 23:13) followed: "and you shall have a stick with your weapons; and when you sit down outside, you shall dig a hole with it, and turn back and cover up your excrement." This is thought by many to be the first recorded instruction to mankind regarding sanitation/hygiene.



Faces in the Crowd....



Suzanne Jones



Michael O'Keefe

Suzanne Jones was recently named the new Assistant Chief of ENV's Refuse Division.

She takes over the position after the retirement of Wilma Namumnart. Jones has spent more than a decade with ENV as its Recycling Coordinator prior to the move.

She has championed numerous public education campaigns including "Opalavision" on The Green Channel, Tour de Trash, as well as garnering the Mayor's Laulima Award and the Rosie Award. She was instrumental in the implementation of curbside recycling, too.

Michael O'Keefe was named the new branch chief for ENV's Recycling Branch.

In the past five years, O'Keefe has held the positions of Recycling Specialist III & IV.

He earned his master's degree from UH-Manoa.



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