



REPORT TO THE PEARL CITY 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

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.

Honoring the Pearl City Community Association



Councilmember Elefante honored members of the Pearl City Community Association (PCCA) for their outstanding service to the Pearl City Community. The PCCA, a non-profit organization, was established in 1957 and incorporated in 1959 to promote the health and welfare of the Pearl City community.

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>

Honoring Father Pascual for 20 Years of Ordination



Father Pascual Abaya IV came to Hawaii in July 2006 on a three year “loan” to the Diocese of Honolulu. Prior to that, he spent 10 years of ministry in the Philippines where he served in various capacities with the Catholic Church. In Hawaii, he has served as the associate pastor at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in Honolulu. On January 23, 2011, Father Pascual Abaya was incardinated by Bishop Larry Silva at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. Father Pascual was the former Director of Vocations at the Diocese of Honolulu and is now the Pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Pearl City. Councilmember Elefante recognized Father Pascual Abaya IV on the occasion of 20 years of ordination as a priest. Pictured left to right are Councilmember Elefante, Father Pascual, and his mom, Mrs. Abaya.

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.