

REPORT TO THE 'AIEA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FROM COUNCILMEMBER BRANDON ELEFANTE JUNE 2022



Honoring Those Who Served on Memorial Day



Councilmember Elefante joined the Mayor and members of his cabinet to honor those who served during the Punchbowl Memorial Day Services. Pictured left to right: Customer Services Director Nola Miyasaki, Councilmember Elefante, Environmental Services Director Roger Babcock, Facilities Maintenance Director Dawn Szewczyk, Mayor Rick Blangiardi, and Community Services Director Anton Krucky.

Boy Scouts Troop 326 Court of Honor



Councilmember Elefante honored the latest group of Eagle Scouts from Troop 326 in Pearl City. Pictured left to right: Supporters of Troop 326, Pacific Palisades Community Board Member Keone Simon, Caleb Ledesma, Ryan Littlejohn, Logan Choy, Kyle Bueche, Representative Gregg Takayama, and Councilmember Elefante at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Center.

It's Summer!

Get outdoors and enjoy our island's beautiful summer days! Pack some cool water and a hat, and spend some time on a pickleball court, or a hiking trail, or simply lying out at the beach. We are truly blessed with some of the most picturesque landscapes in the world.



FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Abandoned Vehicles 733-2530 City Concerns 768-4381 Environmental Concerns 768-3300 **HART Hotline** 566-2299 **Illegal Dumping** 768-3203 768-7777 **Potholes** Refuse & Recycling 768-3200 Senior Citizen Info 768-7700 Street Light Repair 768-5300 **Tree Trimming** 971-7151 Zoning Info 768-8252

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Council District 8 serving the communities of Lower 'Aiea, Pearlridge, Waimalu, Newtown, Pearl City, Seaview, Crestview, Waipi'o Gentry, and portions of Waipahū

Blessing New Fire Trucks



Councilmember Brandon Elefante and Battalion Chief Jospeh Kostiha attend the blessing of several fire trucks held at 'Iolani Palace. They are pictured here in front of the new 'Aiea Fire Truck, which is named Waiola'a.



Councilmember Augie Tulba, Mayor Rick Blangiardi, and Councilmember Brandon Elefante celebrate the blessing of several new fire apparatuses.

Calendar Of Events & Activities

June 2022

- 1 Honolulu City Council Meeting
- 10 King Kamehameha Day Holiday
- 14 Council Committee Meetings: Transportation, Sustainability & Health
 - Housing and the Economy
- 15 Council Committee Meetings:
 - Budget
 - Public Infrastructure & Technology
- 16 Council Committee Meetings:
 - Zoning and Planning
- 20 Juneteenth Holiday
- 21 Council Committee Meeting:
 - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs

July 2022

- 4 Independence Day Holiday
- 6 Honolulu City Council Meeting
- 14 Council Committee Meeting:
 - Zoning and Planning
- 26 Council Committee Meetings: Transportation,
 - Sustainability & Health
 - Housing and the Economy
 - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs
- 27 Council Committee Meetings:
 - Budget
 - Public Infrastructure & Technology
 - Public Safety
- 28 Council Committee Meetings:
 - Parks & Community Services

Recent College Graduates: Apply for a VISTA Position!

Applications are currently being accepted for City and County of Honolulu AmeriCorps VISTA positions! The City's AmeriCorps VISTA Program was established in 2018 to strengthen our city government's efforts to increase community resilience across the island of Oʻahu, Hawaiʻi. The City VISTA Program embeds VISTA Members in multiple City departments to enhance the capacity of the departments to respond to the challenges of shocks and stressors like high costs of living, natural disasters, and climate change.

Please check out the positions below and share with folks you think may be a good fit.

AmeriCorps VISTA positions:

- With the Resilience Office: <u>Sustainability Data Analyst</u>, <u>Community Food Systems Specialist</u>, <u>Climate Ready Engagement Specialist</u>, <u>Climate Adaptation Analyst</u>, <u>Hazard Mitigation & Disaster Recovery Specialist</u>, and <u>Climate Equity Program Specialist</u>
- With the Office of Housing: <u>Housing Program Specialist</u>
- With the Office of Economic Revitalization: <u>Community</u> <u>Development Outreach Specialist</u>
- With the Department of Parks and Recreation: <u>Community Forestry Specialist</u>

Deadline to apply is June 30 with a start date of August 29 for the period of one year. Applications are at:

https://www.resilientoahu.org/opportunities

If you have questions, please email <u>VISTA@honolulu.gov</u> or visit <u>www.resilientoahu.org/vista</u>.

Free COVID Testing from the City

The City and County of Honolulu continues to offer free COVID-19 testing for all O'ahu residents.

The City's Mobile Lab at the **Daniel K. Inouye International Airport** is open every day of the week, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free tests are available at **Kapolei Hale** on Wednesdays and **Honolulu Hale** on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Register for a free test online at: https://oahucitypass.lumisight.com/

Satellite City Halls Information

Pearlridge Satellite City Hall In Pearlridge Mauka (808) 768-5000

Kapālama Driver Licensing Ctr. 925 Dillingham Boulevard (808) 768-4500

Kapolei Driver Licensing Ctr. Kapolei Hale 1000 Uluʻōhiʻa Street (808) 768-3400

Downtown Satellite City Hall Chinatown Gateway Plaza 1041 Nu'uanu Avenue (808) 768-4103

Windward Satellite City Hall Windward City Shopping Center 45-480 Kaneohe Bay Drive (808) 768-4100

City Installs Cameras At Refuse Facilities

In response to difficulties constituents were having with long wait times, Councilmember Elefante introduced Resolution 20-292 in 2020, asking the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) to implement some efficiences at our City's refuse convenience Centers. We are happy to report that the ENV is following through with Resolution 20-292 by including video surveillance of the lines at convenience centers.

"This is such wonderful news for the community in response to community concerns about the hours-long waits at our convenience centers. This live video streaming is one of several efficiency recommendations we made to assist our residents who do the right thing by disposing of their waste at a city refuse facility," Councilmember Elefante, whose district includes Waipahū, said. "We look forward to islandwide implementation."

Currently, these live video feeds are available for the Waipahū and Waianae Convenience Centers, with plans to go islandwide. Residents can access the link to see how long the lines are here: https://www.honolulu.gov/opala/quick-links/waste-drop-off-locations.html



Councilmember Elefante stands with ENV Director Roger Babcock at the Waipahū Convenience Center while announcing operational efficiencies.