



# REPRESENTATIVE HENRY AQUINO

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



### DISTRICT 38: WAIPAHAU

January 2017

Aloha!

I hope you all have had a wonderful and joyous holiday season! This year will mark my ninth year as a member of the State House of Representatives. I express my sincerest gratitude to the community for your continuous support and confidence.

As we welcome the new year, I will be gearing up for this upcoming legislative session.

Here are a few issues that I would like to address during this session:

- 1) Providing resources needed for our area's public schools
- 2) Homelessness affecting our communities
- 3) Improving our state's transportation systems, freeways, and highways

This newsletter will contain an update regarding the intersection of Hiapo St and Managers Dr, which is located by the Waipahu Uka Neighborhood Park.

A bill that I co-introduced last session regarding moped safety checks and registration has gone into effect this month. The newsletter will contain more information about the new law.

May this year bring you good health and success. Please know that I will continue to work hard to address the needs of our community. Call 586-6520 or send an email at [repaquino@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repaquino@capitol.hawaii.gov) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

#### 2017 Legislative Timetable

##### JANUARY

- 18th Opening Day
- 20th Deadline for organizations to submit grant and subsidy requests to the Legislature
- 23rd State of the State Address

##### FEBRUARY

- 17th First Lateral (Bills)
- 20th President's Day
- 23rd Start of mandatory 5-day recess
- 29th End of mandatory 5-day recess

##### MARCH

- 3rd First Decking for non-fiscal bills
- 9th First Crossover (Bills)
- 13th Budget Decking
- 15th Budget Crossover
- 24th Second Lateral (Bills)
- 27th Holiday: Kuhio Day

##### APRIL

- 6th First Crossover (Concurrent Resos)
- 7th Second Decking (Bills)
- 14th Holiday: Good Friday
- 24th Second Crossover (Concurrent Resos)
- 27th Final Decking (Non-Fiscal Bills)
- 28th Final Decking (Fiscal Bills)

##### MAY

- 4th Adjournment Sine Die (Session Pau!)



# COMMUNITY UPDATE



## **Update on Hiapo St/Managers Drive Intersection and Waipahu Uka Neighborhood Park**

As you know, the City Department of Transportation Services installed lane markers and restriped the intersection last year to address speeding and safety concerns. Over the course of time, the standing lane markers have been damaged.

To address this, new retractable barriers are being ordered to replace the ones that have been damaged. The barriers are designed to deter speeding along Managers Drive.

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) permits the community youth teams to use the park during the fall and spring periods. Football and Little League will share the field on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Permits have also been given to picnic users throughout the year on weekends and holidays.

## **Construction at August Ahrens Elementary School**

A multi-phase construction project is currently ongoing at August Ahrens Elementary School. The roof on J-building is being renovated and being fitted for solar panels.

Classes have been temporarily relocated to different areas of the campus to ensure the safety of students and staff.

Work is delayed in section 1, which consists of J115 A & B and J116 A & B. Construction has begun for Section 2 classrooms, J101 A & B. The work for the STEAM areas will begin after January 23. The remaining work is scheduled for February.

The J-Cafeteria will be closed temporarily beginning January 23. All students will be served and seated in the main cafeteria. The J-Cafeteria is expected to close for two weeks.

The schedule may be modified. Notifications will be sent out as the work start date gets closer.

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## **New Moped Law in Effect Beginning January 1st**

Moped owners statewide are now required to register their mopeds and complete a safety inspection starting this year and annually thereafter.

The new law is designed to make our roads safer. It was introduced during the 2016 legislative session and later signed into law by Gov. David Ige.

Owners will receive a registration notice 45 days prior to the registration deadline. The deadline to inspect and register the moped will be the month that it was originally licensed. The moped must still be registered and inspected even if the notice was not received.

Mopeds will need to be safety inspected prior to registration. The initial inspection will indicate a lack of registration and the owner will be issued a failed safety inspection certificate.

Deficiencies that were discovered during the inspection must be corrected and re-inspected. The failed inspection certificate must be taken to satellite city hall to register the moped and pay the \$32.50 fee (\$27.00 for registration, \$5.00 for plate, \$.50 for emblem). The license plate must be placed on the rear of the moped.

The moped owner must return to the safety inspection with the new registration in order to receive a safety inspection certificate and decal.

An annual registration reminder will be sent to registered owners 45 days before the expiration date.

For more information, please go to [www.honolulu.gov/csd](http://www.honolulu.gov/csd).



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## **Preschool Open Doors**

Applications for the Preschool Open Doors (POD) program will be soon be available for the 2017-2018 school year. They will be accepted from January 23<sup>rd</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. POD provides child care payments for eligible families so their child can get a head start on their education prior to kindergarten. Families affected by the new kindergarten entry age are encouraged to apply. Applications will be available online and must be submitted to the PATCH office before the deadline. For more information, please visit the PATCH Hawaii website.

## **Pauahi Keiki Scholarship**

The deadline to apply for the Pauahi Keiki Scholarship (PKS) is on February 17<sup>th</sup>. This scholarship is provided by Kamehameha Schools. It provides child care subsidies for eligible families who is enrolling their children in one of KS' collaborating preschools. For more information and to access the application, please visit the Kamehameha Schools website.

# 2017 Legislative Session Kickoff!



Rep. Aquino; Rodney Luke, Superintendent of the Waipahu-Pearl City complex area schools (Third from left); and Complex Principals.



Rep. Aquino taking the oath of office (second from left)



Trying to take the perfect family photo... this was the best we got!



House members and guests stand for the national and state anthems



Open ceremony is about to begin!