

**Community Update** 

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### Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

The flu season is starting and it will last through the fall and winter. It is important to remind family, friends and neighbors of what they can do to prevent the flu. Remember to take precautions, stay informed and do not forget to get yourself and your family vaccinated to help keep our community and ohana healthy.

On a lighter note, the holidays are around the corner! Please have a fun and safe Halloween.

If you have any comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Firde Schingen

#### **Halloween Safety Tips**

- Remind trick-or-treaters to stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- Don't assume right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing trick-ortreaters.
- Notify law enforcement officials of any suspicious or unlawful activity.
- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective.

# Red Hill Fuel Storage Tank Project Update Meeting

#### Thursday, October 6, 2016 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Moanalua Middle School 1289 Mahiole Street

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Hawaii Department of Health, the U.S. Navy, and the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) will be sponsoring a meeting on October 6, 2016 to provide an update on the progress being made to evaluate and implement upgrades to the infrastructure and operations and maintenance procedures for the Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility.

An update on the ongoing work to investigate and monitor the groundwater under and around the facility will also be presented. The meeting will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions related to the project work under the Administrative Order on Consent with the U.S. Navy and the DLA.

Information about the ongoing work at Red Hill and the AOC between the U.S. Navy and DLA with the regulatory agencies can be found at:

https://www.epa.gov/red-hill http://health.hawaii.gov/shwb/ust-red-hill-project-main http://www.cnic.navy.mil/redhill

If you have any questions about this meeting, please contact the regulatory agencies by sending an e-mail to redhill@epa.gov or calling Thu Perry at 808-586-4226.

## **Be Prepared for Flu Season**

- Get vaccinated.
- Stay healthy—eat, rest, drink plenty of fluids, and exercise.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with the inside of your elbow or a tissue and encourage others to do the same.
- Wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home if you are ill, and keep your children home from school if they are ill.

## **Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Phone Scam Alert**

The IRS has seen an increase in "robo-calls" where scammers leave urgent callback requests through the phone telling taxpayers to call back to settle their "tax bill." These fake calls generally claim to be the last warning before legal action is taken. Once the victim calls back, the scammers may threaten to arrest, deport or revoke the driver's license of the victim if they do not agree to pay.

In the latest trend, IRS impersonators are demanding payments on iTunes and other gift cards. The IRS reminds taxpayers that any request to settle a tax bill by putting money on any form of gift card is a clear indication of a scam.

#### The IRS will never:

- \* Call to demand immediate payment over the phone, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
- \* Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
- \* Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
  - \* Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer.

\* Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

#### If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money and you do not owe taxes, please consider doing the following:

\* Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately.

\* Contact Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) to report the call. Use their "IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting"

(https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact\_report\_scam.shtml) web page or call 800-366-4484.

\* Report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the "FTC Complaint Assistant" (https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov) on FTC.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

\* If you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS directly at 800-829-1040.

## **Community Meeting Schedule**

Moanalua Gardens Community Association 7:00pm Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at Moanalua Middle School

Moanalua Valley Community Association

6:30pm Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at Moanalua 99 (Formerly Ranch 99)

### Neighborhood Board No. 18 (Salt Lake/Aliamanu/Foster Village)

7:00pm Thursday, November 10, 2016 at Oahu Veterans Center