

June 2016

REMINDER: You are invited to an evening of discussion with....



Representative San Buenaventura

Senator Ruderman

Pahoa Community Center Thursday, June 9, 2016 5:00pm — 7:00pm

Some of the topics to be covered.....

- End of the 2016 Legislative Session; and
- Future of Medical Marijuana Dispensary

For more information call (808) 586-6530 or (808) 586-6689



UPCOMING HANDS-ON TRAININGS, WORKDAYS, AND WORKSHOPS, MEETINGS

Hawaiian Paradise Park: Saturday, June 18, 9am - 10:30am Albizia Informational Session at HPP Community Center

Little Fire Ants (LFA) - Workshops: Leilani Estates on June 14, Kalapana Seaview Estates on June 16 and Ainaloa Subdivision on June 21. For more information or if your community would like to set up a meeting contact Franny Brewer at fbrewer@hawaii.edu or call her at 933-3340.

For more information click on <u>http://</u> www.biisc.org/

MEDICAL HEALTH SCREENING / DENTAL / OPTOMETRY AND MORE **TROPIC CARE 2016 Army Reserve** Innovative Readiness Training in cooperation with Hawaii State Department of Health and **County of Hawaii** Hours: FREE SERVICES Tuesday-Friday Medical Health 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Screenings Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. School Sports Physicals • Dental Services Locations: Pahala: Eve Exams May 31 - June 4 Hearing Screenings Ka'u High School Hawaiian Ocean View Estates: Nutritional Services May 31-June 4 Veteran Services Ocean View Community Center Prescription Eye Kea'au June 7-11 Glasses Kea'au High School Please come prepared with: ks Current Glasses Snacks **Current Medications** Water First Come, First Served - Be prepared for a long wait For more information please contact the PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE AT 808-974-6035 HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Oahu-based 1984th United States Army Hospital, will conduct a two-week Innovative Readiness Training mission providing medical care to underserved communities of Hawaii. Working closely with the Department of Health, State of Hawaii, and other private corporations, the 1984th USAH, along with other military units, are proud to serve the people in the community.

Obon Festivals: In Hawaii, summertime = bon dance. Obon festivals draw hundreds of participants each year. Some bon dance etiquette:

Anyone can join the dance, but the number one rule, whatever you do "don't stop". Don't hold up the line.

If you're a newbie, watch a couple of dance numbers to get the feel of it. Then dance behind someone who looks like they know what they're doing.

Make sure there's enough space between you and the dancers next to you. But the ultimate..... HAVE FUN!!!

2016 Bon Dances in east Hawaii:

Puna Hongwanji Mission: 7 p.m. - July 1 and 2; 16-592 Old Volcano Road, Volcano; services at 6 p.m. both nights. Call 966-9981 for more information.

Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin: 7 p.m.- July 8 and 9; 398 Kilauea Ave., Hilo;

services at 6 p.m. both nights. Call 961-6677 for more information.

Hilo Meishoin: 8 p.m. - July 16; 97 Olona St., Hilo; service at 7 p.m. Call 935-6996 for more information

Hilo Hooganji Mission: 7:30 p.m. - July 23; 457 Manono St., Hilo; service at 6 p.m.

Toro Nagashi (floating lantern ceremony), 7 p.m. - July 24 at Wailoa Small Boat Harbor. Call 935-8331 for more information

Hilo Daijingu: 7 p.m. - July 29; 10 Anela St., Hilo; service at 6 p.m. Call 959-8611 for more information Taishoji Soto Mission: 7 to 10:30 p.m. - July 30; 275 Kinoole St., Hilo.

Toro Nagashi, 5 p.m.-July 31; Wailoa Small Boat Harbor. Call 640-9956 for more information.

Hilo Higashi Hongwanji Mission: 7 p.m. - Aug. 13; 216 Mohouli St., Hilo. Call 935-8968 for more information.

Life Care Center of Hilo: 6 p.m. - Aug. 19; 944 West Kawailani St., Hilo; Call 959-9151 for more information.

Pahoa Kaikan: 7:30 p.m. - Aug. 27; Pahoa Village Road, Pahoa; service at 6:30 p.m. Call 966-9981 for more information.



Pahoa Music & Art Walk The Pahoa Music & Art Walk will be taking place again on Saturday, June 11 at Pahoa Village. Featuring local artists, live music, and lots of fun!!

This event is scheduled to occur for the rest of the year on the second Saturday of each month.

June 1 - November 30 is HURRICANE SEASON; what can we do to be prepared? Below are just a few preparation tips when a hurricane or tropical storm threatens:

- Tune in to your local radio/television station to find out if there is an evacuation order and for shelter locations nearest you.
- Review your Emergency Plan- escape routes in your home, meeting location, emergency phone numbers, and your Emergency Kit (items in your kit should include 7 days of food, water and medications, battery or solar powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries, plastic bags and ties for waste, whistle, matches, blankets and tarps, personal hygiene items, and a first aid kit).
- Keep important documents such as your passport or driver's license, banking and credit card information, insurance information, healthcare directives, copy of property titles/deeds, prescriptions and dosages, list of family and important numbers, etc. in a sealed plastic bag.
- Store and secure outdoor lawn furniture and other loose, lightweight objects, such as garbage cans and garden tools that might be blown away by high winds, and become flying debris.
- Boats should be moored securely, or moved to a designated safe area well before the storm arrives.
- Windows should be boarded up.
- Make sure you have gas in your car and some cash on hand.

For more information, click on the link http://www.scd.hawaii.gov/

EVACUATION CENTERS - PUNA DISTRICT

Keaau Elementary **Keonepoko Elementary** Keaau Middle Mountain View Elementary Keaau High

Pahoa Elementary Pahoa High and Intermediate



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WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT 19TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

I was fortunate to receive a scholarship to attend the Women in Government Conference. It was very enlightening how well the state of Washington has been able to reduce crime and income taxes and jobs by regulating marijuana. Also learned about cybercrime, disability access and the need to increase STEM graduates to fill huge employment vacancies.



Hawaii Representatives: Lauren Matsumoto, Donna Mercado Kim, Dee Morikawa and Joy San Buenaventura



Went to Microsoft and learned about cybercrime. Most common are those offering tech support. 71% of companies have been hacked and it take 140 days to find it. Do NOT believe any person or popup claiming your computer has malware or you need a driver update.



At HELCo's blessing of the only level 3 fast charge station in east Hawaii. Photo on right is the payment slot, \$7.00 for an EV charge. It should take only 1/2 hour to fully charge an electric vehicle making the time similar to gas up a regular car.



Congratulations to Pahoa High School class of 2016!!



Pahoa High School graduation, where Senator Ruderman graciously allowed me to present Senate Certificates.

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City and County of Honolulu, Office of the City Clerk, Elections Division absentee mail sorting machine:





Big Island County Clerk, Stewart Maeda and Elections Program Administrator, Patricia Nakamoto watch as the absentee ballot sorting machine is explained. Signature verification and sorting are done manually on the Big Island.



After visiting the City and County Elections Office, we returned to the State Capitol.

Getting a better understanding, from Chief Election Officer, Scott Nago, of how the votes from the outer islands are transmitted to Honolulu.



UPDATE on Highway 130

- Shower Drive intersection traffic light construction begins 2016
- Fixing Southside of shoulder conversion between Shower and Kea'au will be completed in 2017
- Highway 130 4-lane expansion project construction begins 2019 with design starting this year

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