



FIN Hearing Agendas  
Thurs. 2/24 & Fri., 2/25

Rep Choy's staff have seized his laptop to write this month's newsletter.

Since last week, Rep. Isaac Choy has been sequestered in marathon Finance Committee hearings—which start in the morning and have gone until the next morning. Yes, they can take bathroom breaks and they do eat.

This past Saturday, February 26, 2011, Rep. Isaac Choy, Sen. Brian Taniguchi and Councilmember Ann Kobayashi hosted the **Manoa Legislative Town Meeting**, and Rep. Choy who was in a House Finance hearing until 3AM the same morning, seemed to hold up well while he gave a state budget presentation and explained some of the bills he introduced to the audience.

One of Rep Choy's bill's introduced is vitally important to the district, relating to home invasion. The support for this bill and the overwhelming response requesting the bill be heard by the House Judiciary Committee was gratifying as the community took an active part in participating in the legislative process. Crime in our neighborhoods is a topic of concern, and in past months, there have been reported home invasions occurring that have alerted the Manoa community. The **Manoa Neighborhood Security Watch Coordinators** spread the word of this home invasion bill and written testimony from many NSW members were submitted as well as several NSW Coordinators who came down in person.



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Mon., 2/28, Tues., 3/1, Weds., 3/2



The **MANOA NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY WATCH PROGRAM** is a network of 18 NSWs scattered all over Manoa Valley. The Volunteer Coordinators, Block Captains and their members are to be commended for their commitment to making their community a safer place to live. Community pride is evident as they wear their Manoa Neighborhood Security Watch tee-shirts as they patrol their neighborhoods and attend the many Manoa NSW Coordinators/Block Captains and Community Town meetings. Thank you to **Upper Woodlawn NSW Coordinator Raleigh Ferdun**, creator of the Manoa NSW Blog. Raleigh updates crime alerts occurring in the valley, meeting notices, resources and so much more and **College Hill NSW Coordinator Norman Wong**, disseminates crime alerts emailed to him by Coordinators all over the valley. As you drive through Manoa, you will see many NSW Street Signs placed on private property and the Manoa NSWs are currently awaiting City approval of these customized signs to be placed on public property and purchased by the NSWs. There is a Manoa NSW Recruitment Team (Raleigh Ferdun, Norman Wong and Peter Kobayashi) in place to assist neighbors who wish to start a new NSW or join an existing group.

**MAHALO AND ALOHA TO ALL THE MANOA NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY WATCHES!**





2010  
**ART AT THE CAPITOL**  
 VISITORS VIEWING ART IN  
 REP CHOY'S LEGISLATIVE  
 OFFICE.

**2011**  
**ART AT THE CAPITOL**  
 FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2011  
 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

The **Hawaii State Capitol** will open it's doors for the public to view the fine artwork that are on display in legislator's offices.

The artwork is acquired by the **State Foundation on Culture and the Arts** for the "Arts in Public Places" program.

The **ART AT THE CAPITOL** will be part of the "First Friday" festivities. Last year, 19 Senate offices and 23 House offices participated. **Senator Brian Taniguchi, Representative Isaac Choy and Representative Mark Nakashima** will be co-chairing this event again.



L-R Rep. Mark Nakashima,  
 Sen. Brian Taniguchi,  
 Rep. Isaac Choy

Sat., Feb. 26, 2011

## MANOA LEGISLATIVE TOWN MEETING



During the 5-day recess period, Rep. Isaac Choy, Sen. Brian Taniguchi and Councilmember Ann Kobayashi held a Legislative Town Meeting to discuss legislation currently taking place and answer constituent concerns.

## NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETINGS



### **McCully/Moiliili Neighborhood Board:**

Date: **Thursday, May 5, 2011 (RECESSED - APRIL)**

Time: **6:30 pm**

Place: **Washington Middle School Cafeteria**

### **Manoa Neighborhood Board:**

Date: **Wednesday, April 6, 2011**

Time: **7:00 pm**

Place: **Manoa Elementary School**

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