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Dear Friends:

I hope you and our families are well and are staying cool in this hot and humid weather.

If you live in Kapolei or have driven on Kapolei Parkway and Ft. Barrette Road recently, you may have noticed the traffic improvements that were made in the beginning of July in that intersection. I am proud to have led that effort. State and City entities will continue to monitor the traffic flow with the improvements but I ask that we continue to drive with caution as drivers become acclimated to the restriping.

Finally, as we head into hurricane season, it is paramount to be prepared for any natural weather disaster that may occur due to our location in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. To that end, I have included hurricane preparedness/tropical storm information in this newsletter. I hope you find it helpful.

As always, should you have any questions or comments to share with me, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Mahalo nui loa for allowing me the privilege of serving as your state representative.

Aloha,

Receive helpful information about road closures, grand openings of new stores, free classes and community events. Please visit <http://eepurl.com/N1vcf> to sign up.

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Representative Har participated in a number of community events including the Ko'oloa'ula Groundbreaking (top), the Wakea Garden Apartments blessing (left) and the Kapolei Lofts Lottery (right).



TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS MADE ON KAPOLEI PARKWAY DUE TO REPRESENTATIVE HAR'S EFFORTS

On May 26, 2015, Rep. Har called together all State, City and private sector entities, to resolve the traffic problems on Kapolei Parkway and Ft. Barrette Road. As a result of Rep. Har's efforts, the following improvements have been made at that intersection:

- 1) The two left-turn lanes heading East and West on Kapolei Parkway have been restriped to allow for through traffic as well as left-hand turns, thereby increasing the capacity on Kapolei Parkway;
- 2) Signal modifications; and
- 3) Signage adjustments.

In addition, as Ho'okele Elementary School will open on July 29, Rep. Har requested that DR Horton provide for an off-duty police officer during drop-off and pick-up hours to assist with the traffic flow on the corner of Kunehi Street and Kapolei Parkway. An off-duty officer will be present beginning July 29 and will continue as long as necessary. Furthermore, as a result of Rep. Har's May 26 meeting, DR Horton also agreed to install a crosswalk at the intersection of Kunehi and Kakala Street and at the end of Village Walk while restricting construction traffic on Kunehi Street during drop-off and pick-up times. The State and City will continue to monitor the traffic flows based on these improvements.





HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS AND SAFETY TIPS-KNOW WHAT TO DO

Having been fortunate to have escaped the first storm of this hurricane season, I want to ensure that everyone in our community is prepared and remains safe should we get hit with major weather. It is important that you and your family have all the information you need to survive a threat.

What to do:

Should a Hurricane warning be issued, important emergency information will be broadcast over television and radio stations using the Emergency Alert System. In the event of electrical outages, please keep a battery operated radio and spare batteries on hand. If you live on the shoreline or near the ocean, please be sure to check the coastal evacuation maps in the telephone white pages or visit the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) website at www.oahuDEM.org.

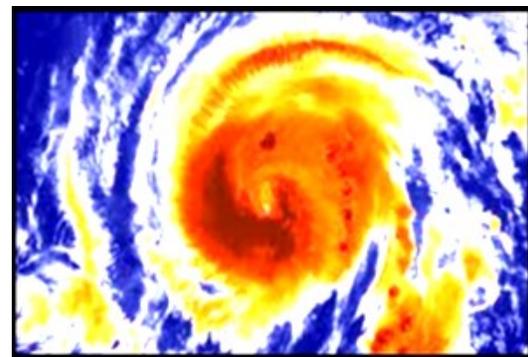
When a Hurricane or Tropical Storm Watch is issued:

- Check food and water supplies. Have clean, air-tight containers on hand to store at least two weeks of food and water. That means at least 14 gallons per person of drinking water and non-perishable canned provisions. Keep a small cooler with frozen gel packs handy for packing refrigerated items.
- Check prescription medicines - obtain at least 10 days to 2 weeks supply.
- Check and replenish first-aid supplies.
- Stock up on extra batteries for radios, flashlights, and lanterns.
- Fuel and service family vehicles.
- Prepare to cover all windows and door openings with boards, shutters or other shielding.
- Store and secure outdoor lawn furniture and other loose, lightweight objects, such as garbage cans and garden tools.
- Have on hand an extra supply of cash.



When a Hurricane or Tropical Storm Warning is issued:

- Follow instructions issued by civil defense. Leave immediately if ordered to do so.
- Complete preparation activities, such as boarding up windows and storing loose objects.
- Evacuate areas that might be affected by storm surge flooding. If evacuating, leave early.
- Notify neighbors and a family member outside of the warned area of your evacuation plans.



For more information on how to prepare for a hurricane, please visit the City's Department of Emergency Management's Website at www.oahuDEM.org or the Hawaii State Civil Defense Website at scd.hawaii.gov.

Please be advised that there are six (6) emergency shelters in our community: Kapolei High School, Kapolei Middle School, Kapolei Elementary School, Mauka Lani Elementary School, Makakilo Elementary School and Barbers Point Elementary School.

For the latest storm-tracking information, please visit: the Central Pacific Hurricane Center at www.prh.noaa.gov/cphc/