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Public Safety, Transportation

Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you and your families well and enjoying the summer. On Friday, June 20, 2014, I was honored to be a featured guest on Hawaii News Now's Sunrise Morning Show for their "on the road in Kapolei" segment. During my interview with Steve Uyehara, I was able to talk about our vibrant new city of Kapolei, including exciting updates in our community, such as new schools, new infrastructure, and the rail project. I was also able to highlight the many wonderful businesses in our community. The interview can be seen at hawaiinewsnow.com.

On the back page of this newsletter is information on hurricane preparedness. June 1, 2014, marked the beginning of hurricane season in the Central Pacific and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration is anticipating a busy season. Knowing what to do in the event of a hurricane is imperative.

Please contact me at 586-8500 or via email at rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov should you have any questions or concerns. I thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your state representative.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

RAIL PROJECT REACHES MILESTONE

The rail project reached an important milestone on June 12th with the completion of the 100th rail support column for the project along the rail route between East Kapolei and the edge of Waipahu (Fort Weaver Road). Tremendous progress on the project has been made since construction resumed in September 2013, after federal lawsuits against the project were resolved. Column work is now moving eastward into town. A total of 422 columns are in the first 10-mile section (from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium).

On June 5th, Representative Har visited a work site in East Kapolei to view the beginning of the guideway installation process with other elected officials. The concrete segments that make up the elevated portion of the rail guideway are being produced just a few miles away at a casting yard in Kalaeloa.

When completed, rail will provide a convenient and efficient transportation option for West Oahu residents into urban Honolulu. A ride from the East Kapolei Station (near the Kroc Center) and Ala Moana Center is only anticipated to take 42 minutes.



Left to right; Sen. Espero, Councilmember Harimoto, Lance Wilhelm - Kiewit Senior Vice President for Hawaii Operations, Rep. Cullen, Rep. Har, Mayor Caldwell, Councilmember Pine, HART CEO Dan Grabauskas, HART Board member Ivan Lui-Kwon, HART Board member Damien Kim.

The first 10 miles of the rail system from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium is expected to open in 2017, with the full 20-mile line (from Kapolei to Ala Moana) ready for service in 2019.

We appreciate your patience as HART continues its nightly utility relocation work on Farrington Highway between Old Fort Weaver Road and Kualakai Parkway. For more information on the project, please visit honolulutransit.org.

KAPOLEI MIDDLE SCHOOL PO'OKELA AWARDS

Rep. Har visited Kapolei Middle School on May 29th and June 13th to present certificates to Kapolei Middle School Po'okela award recipients in recognition of their achievements in a variety of categories, including academics, art, STEM, and Honor Roll. A total of 192 students in 4 tracks at Kapolei Middle School were honored. Congratulations to all of the hard working and talented Po'okela award recipients!



Rep. Har and Rep. Cullen congratulate honors student Ariel Villanueva, Jr., who was recognized for excelling in Academics, STEM, and ART.



Rep. Har and other officials presented awards to 92 Po'okela award recipients in Tracks 1 and 4 at the Po'okela awards ceremony on May 29, 2014.



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS AND SAFETY TIPS-KNOW WHAT TO DO

June 1, 2014 marked the beginning of hurricane season in the Central Pacific. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is predicting 7-10 hurricanes in the Central Pacific this season with an 80 percent chance of normal or above-normal hurricane activity. This outlook is based upon the expectation of El Niño developing during the 2014 hurricane season. El Niño decreases the vertical wind shear over the tropical central Pacific, favoring the development of more and stronger tropical hurricanes.

We have been fortunate that a severe hurricane has not struck Hawai'i since Hurricane Iniki made landfall in 1992, but hurricane preparedness is paramount when living in the islands. Planning ahead can reduce the chances of injury or major property damage should a hurricane strike.

What to do

If a Hurricane warning is 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:

- Fuel and service family vehicles.
- Prepare to cover all windows and door openings with boards, shutters or other shielding.
- Check food and water supplies. Have clean, air-tight containers on hand to store at least two weeks of drinking water (14 gallons per person), and stock up on 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.
- Stock up on extra batteries for radios, flashlights, and lanterns.
- Store and secure outdoor lawn furniture and other loose, lightweight objects, such as garbage cans and garden tools.
- Check and replenish first-aid supplies.
- Have on hand an extra supply of cash.

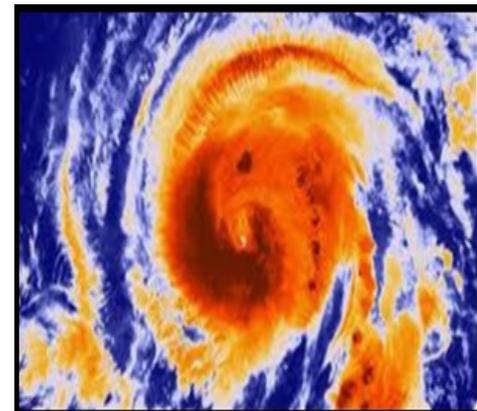


When a Hurricane or Tropical Storm Warning is issued:

- 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 6 emergency shelters in our community: They are located at Kapolei High School, Kapolei Middle School, Kapolei Elementary School, Mauka Lani Elementary School, Makakilo Elementary School, and Barber's Point Elementary School.



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