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NEWS AND UPDATES FROM Representative Troy N. Hashimoto

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Aloha!

I hope that you and your family had a restful and enjoyable holiday season! The new year brings many new exciting opportunities, including what the 2020 Legislative Session will bring. The session begins on the third Wednesday of the month, this year, on Jan. 15.

Thousands of bills are introduced spanning a variety of topics. My staff and I are committed to keeping you updated on the progress of issues that directly impact our community.

If you have any ideas or would like to share your priorities, please do not hesitate to contact me either by email at rephashimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov or by phone at (808) 586-9444. It truly is an honor serving as your representative and I look forward to the upcoming year!

Mahalo,



With the 67th Annual Chrysanthemum Festival Wailuku residents, Queen Emma Endo (L) who attends H.P. Baldwin High School and Princess Cassidy Hanano (R) who attends Kamehameha Schools Maui.

The H.P. Baldwin High School Cheerleading Squad, who won the Hawaii High School Athletic Association, Large Division, Cheerleading State Championship in November. Congratulations!



At the Maui Family Support Services, Inc. 39th Anniversary, pictured with Executive Director Edeluisa Baguio-Larena.



All mail voting begins in 2020

Beginning in the 2020 election, pursuant to Act 136 (2019), all mail voting will be conducted throughout the State of Hawaii. All properly registered voters will automatically receive a mail ballot prior to election day and *all traditional precinct locations on election day will no longer exist.* See below for tips from the Hawaii State Office of Elections.

What you need to know about Vote By Mail:

 $\sqrt{}$ Keep your voter registration record is up to date.

 $\sqrt{}$ Ballots are mailed to a voter's mailing address associated with their voter registration record. Voters who have moved, changed their name or mailing address, must update their voter registration. Voters may check online or call their Clerk's Office to confirm that their voter registration is current.

 $\sqrt{\text{Not yet registered}}$ Register online or complete a Voter Registration Application and submit it to the Maui Clerk's Office. Online registration is available at: *https://olvr.hawaii.gov/*

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 $\sqrt{}$ All properly registered voters will receive a mail ballot packet approximately 18 days prior to the election. If registered voters do not receive a mail ballot packet, contact the **Maui County Clerk's Office at (808) 270-7749**.

 $\sqrt{1}$ The Maui County Clerk's Office will establish voter service centers that will be open 10 days prior to each election for walk-in voting. The tentative Maui location is at the Wailuku Community Center. Additionally, this service center will provide accessible voting and same day registration.

For more information visit elections. hawaii.gov or call (808) 270-7749

Wailuku Town infrastructure upgrades

According to the County of Maui, construction of the County's Phase 1A of the Wailuku Town Improvements are anticipated to begin in January, with work on Church and Vineyard streets. Infrastructure work had originally been planned to start in September, but was delayed due to permitting issues.

Phase 1A work will include: upgraded water and sewer lines; new storm drain system; overhead power and telecom lines placed underground; new sidewalks on both sides of Church Street and Lower Vineyard Street; new sidewalks on the Waikapu side of Upper Vineyard Street; Church Street changed from one-way street to a two-way street; traffic signal added at the intersection of Main and Church streets; street trees planted; and new road surface installed. Construction on Church Street from Main to Vineyard streets will begin first and will take approximately five to six months to complete. During this time, the Municipal Parking Lot will remain open. Construction on Lower Vineyard Street from Market to Church streets will begin thereafter, followed by work on Upper Vineyard Street from Church to High streets. Work on each will take approximately six months to complete with parking available at Wells Park and portions of the Municipal Parking Lot.

During construction all existing parking along the section of the street being worked will need to be removed. Controlled one-lane access will be open at all times. The public's cooperation in using alternate routes through the area while construction is underway is greatly appreciated.

The Department accepted construction bids for Phase 1B of the Wailuku Town Improvements, which encompasses the four-level parking structure. Hawaiian Dredging Construction Co. Inc. submitted a low-bid of \$28,194,000. The 428 stall parking structure will replace the existing municipal parking lot and will double the amount of parking currently available. The Contractor for Phase 1A of the Wailuku Town improvements is Mira Image Construction LLC. For updates on Wailuku Town's improvement projects, visit *www.WailukuLIVE.com*.



Waikapū Development Venture Affordable Housing Project

At the Waikapū Community Association's December General Membership meeting, an update was given on the Waikapū Development Venture Affordable Housing Project. The project received approvals through the state's 201H fast-tracked affordable housing process, which a project can seek to be exempt from planning, zoning and permit costs and must receive a decision by the Maui County Council within forty-



five days. The project was voted on by the Maui County Council's Land Use Committee in August 2018 and the Maui County Council in September 2018.

With the housing entitlements secured, the Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Maui was approved to subdivide their 25-arce parcel in Wailuku by the state Land Use Commission in December 2018 to allow the affordable housing project to proceed.

Waikapū Development Venture will develop sixty-eight single-family detached units, twelve duplex units and a neighborhood park on its portion of the parcel. The project will be 100 percent affordable to qualified residents earning 70 to 140 percent of Maui's median income, with half of the units priced to families earning 101 to 120 percent of the median.

Three-bedroom, two-bathroom single-family homes will range from about 1,200 to 1,800 square feet. The duplex units will have two bedrooms, one bathroom, and range from 700 to 900 square feet. Lot sizes will range

from about 3,200 to 6,500 square feet and each lot will include its own parking. The homes will need to break ground by September 2020 and the housing units must be completed and ready for occupancy by September 2022. For interested buyers, a lottery is anticipated to be conducted in the summer of 2020.

Central Maui Landfill open for Residential Green Waste on Sundays

The County of Maui Department of Environmental Management announced in December that the Central Maui Landfill will begin opening on Sundays for residential green waste disposal. Maui EKO Systems will be open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays at the landfill for residential green waste only. Currently, there are no fees for dropping off residential green waste. Please note that no commercial green waste or commercial/residential trash will be accepted on Sundays. Violators will be turned away and may be fined.

Preserving Nā Wai 'Ehā

An important priority in the upcoming legislative session will be the preservation of 11,020 acres spanning from Waikapū to Waihee in an area known as Nā Wai 'Ehā. The land is currently owned by Wailuku Water Company. For a number of years, the County of Maui has been discussing a possible acquisition, but did not move forward.

Through a county, state and federal partnership, capital improvement funds will be sought from the state's Land Conservation Fund, with additional support being sought from the U.S. Forest Service Forest Legacy Grant Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Land Acquisition Program, along with the County of Maui. The final acquisition price and management of lands are currently being negotiated. The preliminary plan is for the county to manage the existing water systems, while the state will manage all other lands.

The acquisition of Nā Wai 'Ehā would ensure that pervasive issues such as erosion, native species decline, climate change stressors, and invasive species spread is properly managed, which in turn will lead to healthier and more productive watersheds. Nā Wai 'Ehā is home to notable species recovering from population decline including the Hawaiian duck, goose, petrel, shearwater, and hoary bat. Extremely rare plant species are also found



in Nā Wai 'Ehā including the Hawaiian bog orchid, and a Loulu palm. The water system within Nā Wai 'Ehā will also become publicly owned.

Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Consolidates Maui Offices

The state Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) has consolidated the department's Maui offices to a central location in Wailuku. Offices relocated include the Business Registration Division's Business Action Center (BAC) Maui Office, the Office of Consumer Protection (OCP), and the Regulated Industries Complaint Office (RICO) to the Wells Street Professional Center located at 2145 Wells Street, Suite 106, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793.

DCCA Maui offices are open 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday (except state holidays). For more information, please visit cca.hawaii.gov. Information for each office is as follows:

Business Action Center

Office of Consumer Protection

Regulated Industries Compliant Office

employer registrations, obtaining state taxpayer IDs, alleging unfair or deceptive trade practices including and more. Phone: (808) 243-8679 Fax: (808) 243-5807

Provides assistance with state business and Investigates and prosecutes consumer complaints Investigates and prosecutes complaints relating to advertising, refunds, motor vehicle rentals, door-todoor sales, and credit practices. Phone: (808) 243-4648 Fax: (808) 243-5807

licensed professionals and unlicensed activities. Phone: (808) 243-5808 Fax: (808) 243-5807

Be aware, be alert of Coqui Frogs in Wailuku

In May 2019, a coqui frog was located in the Kehalani Community of Milo Court. This is the fourth frog found immediately adjacent to Kehalani over the last 12 months. Two frogs were removed from the Kamani at Kehalani and another was found in the backyard of a Main Street home adjacent to the Kamani perimeter fence.

The Maui Invasive Species Committee (MISC) is tasked by the county and state to help eradicate the coqui and Little Fire Ant. If you hear or spot a coqui frog to please report it immediately to MISC. These recent sightings of coqui frogs are linked to plants from a Maui nursery. Though the nursery has responded and taken care of the issue, MISC asks that you be aware of the plants and trees you buy. It only takes a few coqui frogs to start an infestation, so be vigilant and report any you see or catch. You can either report coqui by calling the Maui Invasive Species

Committee at (808)-573-6471 or by visiting the mauiinvasive.org, which also lists coqui-free businesses.

Five tips to catching Coqui from MISC

- 1. Look in the right spot: coqui tend to hide in green waste and between the leaves of bromeliads, bananas, and ti leaves.
- 2. Turn off house lights and flashlights, then listen and move closer.
- 3. Stay quiet or try whistling softly to encourage frog to call back.
- 4. Don't turn on your flashlight until you have pinpointed the frog's location, then spray with citric acid where you hear the frog until it's quiet.
- 5. Wait a few minutes to see if frog continues to call. If you are trying to hand-capture a frog and miss, come back in 20 minutes; frogs typically return to the same spot.

Online Refuse Payments Now Accepted by Solid Waste Division

The County of Maui Department of Environmental Management, Solid Waste Division announced that it is now offering Debit/Credit Card payments from any web-enabled devices. Visit https://client.pointandpay.net/web/MauiSolidWasteDivision to make a payment using the online service. A 2.35 percent convenience fee will be added to the total payment amount.

Bills can still be paid in-person from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at the Solid Waste Division Office located in the One Main Plaza Building, Suite 200 in Wailuku. Checks can be deposited in a drop box located at the Solid Waste Division Office from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday. After-hour drop-offs will be processed the following business day, excluding holidays.



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If you would like to be added to our email list. Please email us, and we will gladly add you.

Wishing you the best in 2020!

From my family to yours, wishing you and your entire family a successful, healthy, and happy 2020! Let me know if I can ever be of any assistance! Take care and thank you for the opportunity to serve you!







County of Maui anticipated resurfacing schedule

The following roads are anticipated to be repaved in District Eight, courtesy of the County of Maui. This schedule is tentative and is subject to change at any time. Any questions can be directed to the County of Maui Engineering Division at (808) 270-7745.

Year	Streets
2020	Mill Street: Pavement Reconstruction (Market to Lower Main)
2021	Imi Kala Drive, Pumehana Street, Waihona Street, Wailupe Drive (West Kaena Place to 750 Wailupe), Halia Nakoa Street
2022	Kalama Street, Leleihoku Street, Kaiulani Place, Kapiolani Street, Kilinoe Place, Honua Place, Nuna Place, Kilohi Street, Alani Place, Pakahi Street, Liko Place, Kanaloa Avenue, Lower Main St (Waiehu Beach Road to Hala Place).