

FROM THE OFFICE OF

SENATOR STANLEY CHANG

East Honolulu Community Newsletter

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Kalama Valley Road Repaving

Since Senator Chang was on the City Council, he has been pushing for funding to repave the streets in our neighborhoods, such as Kalama Valley. The City has repaved more than 1,447 lane miles since it was announced in January 2013. While adjacent communities such as Kamehame Ridge had been repaved years ago, the much needed resurfacing work in Kalama Valley had been put on hold due to delays with Hawaiian Electric's underground utility work. After awaiting resurfacing for over 15 years, on Monday April 24th, the City began repaving work in Kalama Valley.



Road and Highway Builders, LLC has been contracted to complete the project, which includes cold planing reconstruction and resurfacing of the asphalt roadway. Pre-paving activities include reconstruction of identified curbs, gutters and driveways; installation of new storm drain inlets; and tree trimming, root pruning or removal as identified and coordinated by the city's arborist.

Work hours for the project will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and residents and businesses are advised that on-street parking will be prohibited at all time. Signs will be placed around the area to remind drivers that certain areas will be tow-away zones. The contractor is responsible for coordinating local traffic for residents, mail, trash collection, TheBus, emergency services and business deliveries during construction. The project has started at the back of the valley and will make its way down Kalama Valley.

The resurfacing work is expected to be completed by the end of August, with additional post paving work until the end of the year. Post-paving activities include the adjustment of utilities to finish grade, installation of permanent pavement markings, and replacement of vehicle loop sensors.

"Kalama Valley residents have patiently waited for this repaving project for more than two decades. Many roads have been badly degraded by traffic from heavy vehicles, and repaving will significantly improve the daily quality of life for everyone in Kalama Valley." –Senator Stanley Chang

Road and Highway Builders, LLC will make every effort to minimize the inconvenience, and the City greatly appreciates your assistance, support, patience and cooperation. Any questions about this project should be directed to Road and Highway Builders, LLC at **808-691-9401**.



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Pothole Hotline
808-768-7777

Abandoned Vehicles
808-733-2530

Building Permit
808-768-5555

Trash Collection
808-768-3200

Street Light Repair
808-768-5300

**Lawyer Referral and
Information Service**
808-537-9140

Current Bill Status
capitol.hawaii.gov

IN THE COMMUNITY



Public Relations Society of America

► May 31, 2017 – Senator Chang and Representative Takashi Ohno participated in a panel discussion with the Public Relations Society of America. Senator Chang and Representative Ohno discussed human services, health, consumer protection, rail, education, and other hot public issues.



The Paris Agreement

► June 6, 2017 – Senator Chang and other members of the Legislature watch as Governor David Ige signs SB 559, which requires the State to expand strategies and mechanisms to reduce greenhouse gas emissions statewide in alignment with the principles and goals adopted in the Paris Agreement.



The Hōkūleʻa's Return Home

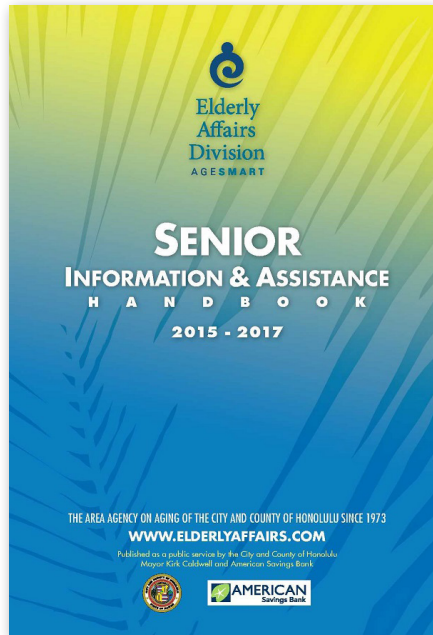
► June 17, 2017 – Senator Chang and thousands of members of the public gathered at Magic Island to welcome back the Hōkūleʻa from its three year journey around the world.



Hawaii Kai Lions Club

► June 18, 2017 – Senator Chang celebrated Father's Day with the Hawaii Kai Lions Club at its annual Pancake Breakfast hosted by Kaiser High School.

YOUR CONCERNS



Senior Information & Assistance Handbook

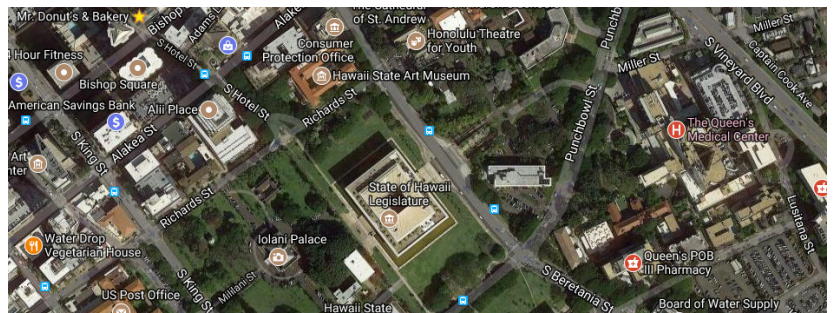
Published by the Elderly Affairs Division of the City and County of Honolulu Department of Community Services and American Savings Bank, this handbook provides a list of services available to senior citizens. Please call our office at **808-586-8420** for a copy.

Hawaii State Capitol Tours

Here are ways for you to tour our beautiful state capitol this summer:

- ▶ **Virtual Tour**
Take a walk through the Hawaii i State Capitol while on the go or from the comforts of home. Learn about the history and the thoughtful creativity behind the Capitol building of the 50th State. arcg.is/2fQTsjl
- ▶ **Self-Guided Tours**
Are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. year-round, with the exception of state holidays. The State Capitol is closed on weekends. Self-guided tour booklets and additional visitor information are available at the Governor's Office of Information Services located in Room 415 on the 4th floor of the Capitol Building. The Senate and House Chambers are not accessible on self-guided tours.
- ▶ **Guided tours for Schools and Other Groups**
Guided tours for schools and other groups are available in the morning each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, when the Hawaii State Legislature is in session from January through May. **From June through December, guided tours for schools and other groups are available in the morning each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.** All group tours require scheduling at least two weeks in advance of your desired tour date. Request for guided tours can be made online using the Tour Request Form. Guided group tours generally begin no earlier than 9:00 a.m., and last 30-75 minutes depending upon the group. governor.hawaii.gov/contact-us/schedule-a-state-capitol-tour
- ▶ **Guided Tours for the General Public**
Guided tours for the general public are given Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. during the months of January to May and at **1:00 p.m., on Monday and Wednesday** in the months of June through December (with the exception of state holidays). Individuals wishing to take the tour are asked to meet in Room 415, located on the fourth floor of the Capitol Building, at 1 p.m. There is no need to RSVP. The general public guided tour may be cancelled because of unavoidable circumstances.

If you need further assistance or experience difficulties using the online group scheduling form, please do not hesitate to contact the **Office of the Governor** directly at **808-586-0221**.



The Hawaii State Capitol is located at 415 S. Beretania Street in downtown Honolulu (source: Google Maps)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Download the new HNL.info Emergency App

Over **11,200** smartphone users have downloaded HNL.info, the new city notifications app, within a week of its launch. Through the app, Oahu residents will receive timely and up-to-date emergency information. Updates include urgent traffic bulletins, emergency information, severe weather alerts, city information, and much more. Users can also register online at: HNL.info.

The app is available for download in Google Play and the Apple App Store.

Want to share your event?

If you have a community event to share with our community, please send it to our office!

Wildfire Preparedness Workshop

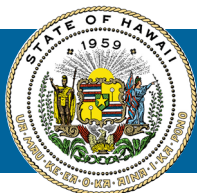
In the past couple of months, Hawaii Kai has experienced several wildfires in the area, including a wildfire that burned around 20 acres of land in Kamilo Nui Valley. Although the wildfires were caused by arson and the suspect has been arrested, the concern is still there as to what measures the community must take to ensure that they are protected.

On June 5, 2017, Senator Chang, Senator Thielen, Representative Ward, and Councilman Ozawa sponsored a Wildfire Preparedness Workshop with the Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization. The HWMO is dedicated to proactive and collaborative wildfire-related education, outreach and technical assistance, project implementation, and research so that communities and natural resources across Hawaii and the Pacific can be protected from the effects of wildfires. With the recent wildfires and the summer among us, the community got together to develop strategies to prevent wildfires and help make Hawaii Kai one of the first certified FireWise communities on Oahu.

To do your part by preventing wildfires, here are just a few tips:

- Clear vegetation 10 feet around campfires and BBQs, keep a shovel and water nearby, and put them out cold before walking away.
- Be sure machinery (chainsaws, weed trimmers) and recreational vehicles have operating spark arrestors and are maintained regularly.
- Heat from vehicle exhaust systems can ignite dry grass—park cars on areas that are paved or where vegetation is trimmed and cleared.

If you would like to help make Hawaii Kai a certified FireWise community, please call us at 586-8420. To learn more visit: hawaiiwildfire.org



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