

Aloha e Friends,

October is when our cold and flu season really ramps up! So you might be interested in getting the latest medical facts. Queen's Medical Center – West O'ahu will host the "Speaking of Health: Sinusitis vs. The Common Cold" free lecture in their hospital lobby in Ewa Beach (91-2141 Fort Weaver Road) on October 17 from 6pm to 7pm. Reservations are required via the Queen's Referral at 691-7117. As always, please feel free to contact me at 808-586-6830 or sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov if I can help you or your family in any way. You can also follow me on Twitter @senmikegabbard, Instagram @sengabbard, or Facebook www.facebook.com/senmikegabbard.

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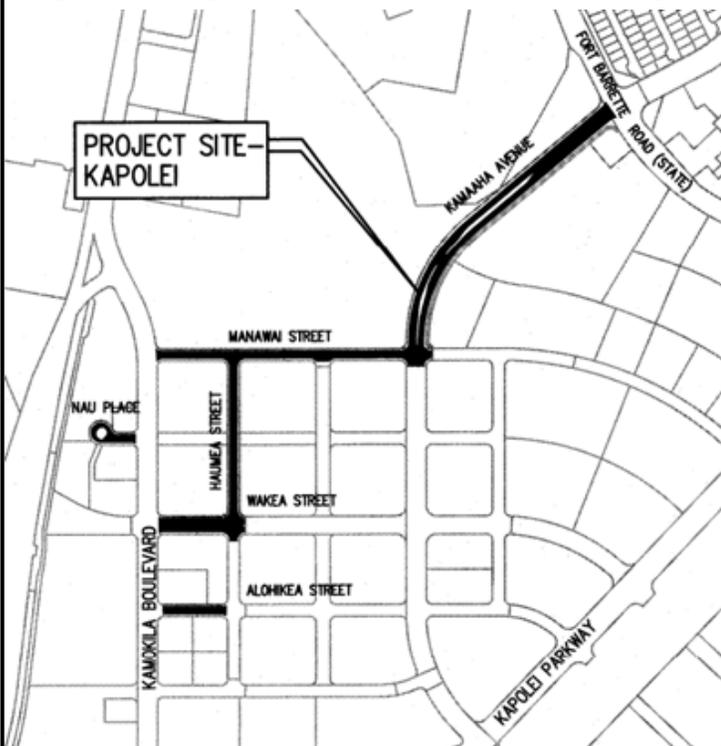
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City Road Improvements in Downtown Kapolei



The City has contracted Grace Pacific LLC to do road improvement work in downtown Kapolei over the next five months. So expect some delays! The road improvement project will include Kama'aha Avenue, Manawai Street, Haumea Street, Wakea Street, Nau Place, and Alohikea Street. Improvements will be: rebuilding broken pavement, resurfacing, fixing manhole covers, rebuilding curbs & sidewalks, putting in pavement markings, improving vehicle detectors to make stoplights more efficient, and pruning & removing dying trees.

USDA Disaster Assistance for Farmers

As the Agriculture and Environment Committee Chair, I'm happy to let you know that as of September 11, agriculture producers affected by natural disasters in 2018 and 2019 can apply for assistance through the United States Department of Agriculture's Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus

(WHIP+). WHIP+ will be available for eligible producers who have suffered eligible losses of certain crops, trees, bushes or vines in counties with a Presidential Emergency Disaster Declaration or a Secretarial Disaster Designation. Disaster losses must have been a result of hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic activity, snowstorms or wildfires that occurred in 2018 or 2019. This includes:

- ◆ Tropical Storms Gita, Maria and Olivia;
- ◆ April flooding of Kaua'i and Honolulu Counties;
- ◆ Lava and VOG impacting Hawai'i County after the volcano eruption;
- ◆ Hurricane Lane; and
- ◆ Typhoons Mangkhut and Yutu

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Sen. Gabbard was given a tour of GoFarm at CTAHR Research Station in Waimanalo by Dir. Janel Yamamoto. Go Farm's mission is to help grow Hawai'i's food security and economy by increasing the number of local farmers.

facility. The owner of BTT, LLC is Michael Kitchens and the design of the facility will be done by Driven International, Ltd. The land is zoned as industrial but they will still need a conditional use permit from the City to move forward. They are looking at doing a 1/8 mile drag strip, 1.5 mile road course, and ¼ mile dirt track. The project is planned to open in 2022 and will likely cost \$10-\$15 million to complete. BTT, LLC made a formal announcement of this plan and presented to the Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Neighborhood Board on September 25.

Ftsteps to Transition Fair

Saturday, November 2, 2019
Kapolei Middle School



Footsteps to Transition Fair 2019

Footsteps to Transition 2019 is a free event with the goal of assisting students with disabilities to make the important transition from the Department of Education into post-graduation and adulthood. This event brings together various state and private agencies to share information about their services to students, parents, and families. The event will take place on November 2 from 8:30am to 12pm at the Kapolei High School cafeteria. The keynote speaker will be Leolinda Parlin of Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center. She'll explain the transition process in easy to understand steps.

To register as a participant and for access accommodations, please go to footstepstotransition.weebly.com or call 586-8126 by October 8. If you have any questions, please contact District Educational Specialist Jody Agpalsa at 675-0443.



Sen. Gabbard makes toffee for his fellow legislators. Each year, every Representative and Senator receive a packet of homemade toffee and a hand-written note from the Senator wishing them a happy birthday.

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Producers in counties that did not receive a disaster declaration or designation may still apply for WHIP+, but must provide supporting documentation to establish that the crops were directly affected by a qualifying disaster loss. The USDA's Farm Services Agency will hold 12 customer outreach meetings throughout Hawai'i and the U.S. Territories in the Pacific to discuss WHIP+. The Natural Resources Conservation Service will also be on hand to discuss programs they offer to producers and landowners. An outreach meeting for O'ahu will take place on October 9, 4-6 p.m., FSA Office, 3375 Koapaka St., Suite b-211. For more information, please contact FSA at 861-8538 or visit farmers.gov/recover.

Motorsports Facility Coming to Campbell Industrial Park

I was recently notified that BTT, LLC is moving forward with the development of a privately funded, privately owned motorsports facility called Circuit Hawai'i in Campbell Industrial Park to serve the local, national, and international community. For many years, the auto racing community on O'ahu has been wanting a race track, so this is definitely music to their ears. BTT, LLC has obtained a license agreement to lease 51 acres of land owned by Par Hawai'i to build the motor sports



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Waipahu Aloha Club's 7th Annual Benefit Fundraiser

The Waipahu Aloha Club, which provides psychiatric rehabilitation program for adults living with serious mental illness, is hosting its 70s' Night Fever 7th Annual Benefit Fundraiser on October 18 from 5:30pm to 9pm at the Elk's Lodge (2933 Kalakaua Ave.) Tickets are \$100 per person. Please call Norman Mison at 675-0093 or email waipahualo-haclub@hawaii.rr.com if you're interested in attending.



9th Annual "Bowl for Boobies" No-Tap Bowling Tournament

The 9th Annual "Bowl for Boobies" No-Tap Bowling Tournament will be at Barbers Point Bowling Center in Kalaeloa on October 27 from 10am to 2pm. Proceeds from this event will go toward the fight against breast cancer. The entry cost is \$30 per person/\$120 per team before October 6 and \$40 per person/\$160 per team after that date. Entries will be limited to the first 16 teams/64 individuals. T-shirt orders must be turned in by October 1 to guarantee shirt size. For more information, call 673-2695.



Mauka Lani Funtastic Carnival

The Mauka Lani Funtastic Carnival will be November 2, 4pm-8:30pm, Mauka Lani Elementary School (92-1300 Panana Street). The event is open to the public and the proceeds will go towards student activities and services. Wristbands, which includes unlimited access to all rides, will be available for \$20 (pre-order up until October 25) or \$25 for on-site purchase. Single food, game, and ride tickets will be available for purchase on-site for \$1 each (cash only). To pre-order wristbands or for other information, call 305-8800.

2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honors students in grades 5-12 for making meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service. The deadline for West O'ahu youth to apply for the 2020 Prudential Spirit of Community awards is November 5. Applications are now

available. Once an online application (available at spirit.prudential.com) has been completed, entrants must then get it certified by their school principal or the head of participating organizations, such as YMCA or Red Cross. The state middle and high school winners will be announced on February 4, 2020 and each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, a silver medallion and an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. for a recognition event, May 2-5, 2020.



Blood Drives in West O'ahu in October

I'm helping to get the word out about the Blood Bank of Hawai'i's blood drives in West O'ahu during October. The requirements to be a blood donor are:



- ◆ Be in good health
- ◆ Be 18 years of age or older (16-17 old donors with signed Blood Bank of Hawai'i parent/legal guardian consent)
- ◆ Weigh 110 pounds or more
- ◆ Bring photo ID with date of birth

Here are the Blood Drives in our area:

October 9	Hale Kalaniana'ole (DHHL), Kapolei	10:15am – 1pm
October 9	Kapilina Beach Homes, Ewa Beach	3pm – 7pm
October 11	Ka Makana Ali'i, Kapolei	3pm – 7pm
October 12	Kapolei Shopping Center	7am – 12pm
October 13	Waikele Center	8am – 12pm
October 14	Waikele Center	3pm – 7pm
October 17	Ilima at Leihano, Kapolei	10:30am – 3:30pm
October 20	Laulani Village Community, Ewa Beach	7am – 12pm
October 23	Kapolei High School	7:45am – 3pm
October 25	Kapolei Commons	2pm – 7pm
October 28	Waikele Center	3pm – 7pm
October 29	Tony Group Autoplex, Waipio	8:30am – 2pm

HONORARY CERTIFICATES

Alema Max Kauhike'imaka'okalani Pa'o Lowe's Court of Honor



I honored Alema Max Kauhike'imaka'okalani Pa'o Lowe with a certificate from the State Senate at his Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony in Makakilo on September 21, 2019. Son of Chris and Fa'i Lowe, Alema has been involved with scouting since the age of 8-years-

old beginning as a Cub Scout, moving on to Webelos, and then setting off on the Boy Scout trail with Troop 265. With hard work and focus, Alema has now earned Boy Scouting's highest honor--Eagle Scout. In addition to earning the 13 required merit badges as well as 11 additional merit badges, Alema proposed, planned, and led a service project building a security fence for the Kapolei Autism Center. Alema has always surmounted obstacles. He survived a very rare optical infection that renders most of its victims blind. He has done well in school despite the infection. He has been known to stay up until past midnight to complete school projects and assignments while also working a part time job. His dedication to his academic studies in high school resulted in Alema graduating Summa Cum Laude. Additionally during his Senior year, Alema donated blood 4 times. Alema truly lives the Scout Law by doing his duty to God and country, and keeping himself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. I wish him all success.

'Ulu'ulu: the Henry Ku'ualoha Giugni Moving Image Archive 10th Anniversary

I joined with Rep. Ty Cullen in honoring the Henry Ku'ualoha Giugni Moving Image Archive—named after Native Hawaiian public servant Henry Ku'ualoha Giugni, Senator Daniel Inouye's longtime legislative aide and the United States Senate Sergeant-At-Arms —with a certificate from the State Legislature upon their 10th Anniversary celebration at UH West O'ahu on September 7. Also known as 'Ulu'ulu, the Hawaiian

word for “gathering” or “assembling,” the archive’s mission is to preserve materials and perspectives of local filmmakers, television journalists, and documentarians. Housed at UH West O’ahu, the archive was first hosted in spare office spaces and television studios around Honolulu. But with support from local museums and content partners, it gained its own full-fledged facility at the UH campus library. The project was initially envisioned in 2007 by Heather Giugni, local filmmaker and daughter of Henry Ku’ualoha Giugni, along with Principal Investigator Chris Lee, Director of the Academy of Creative Media System. The archive honors not just Henry Giugni as the first Native Hawaiian to hold the office of the United States Senate Sergeant-At-Arms, but the memory of kupuna everywhere who have passed and left behind a rich reminder of the Hawaiian culture; and aims to preserve, digitize, and make accessible a moving image history of Hawai’i. The collection includes over 45,000 videotapes and motion picture film reels about Hawai’i from the 1920s - 2000s, containing unique, primary source material not widely available or commercially distributed. The ‘Ulu’ulu team has gathered the most extensive collection of locally produced video and film content in the state, including collections from PBS Hawai’i, Friends of ‘Iolani Palace, Hawaiian Airlines, and the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum. Since 2009, the archive has expanded to over 68 donors and is growing every day. Under the direction of head archivist Janel Quirante, the daily business of ‘Ulu’ulu involves cataloging, digitizing, and identifying content.



Sen. Gabbard honored the Henry Ku'ualoha Giugni Moving Image Archive on their 10th Anniversary, Sept. 7. (Pictured L-R: Rep. Ty Cullen; Heather Giugni; Dir. Director of the Academy of Creative Media System, Chris Lee; and Rep. Henry Aquino.)