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State Representative

District 4, Puna

2016 Legislative Interim E-Newsletter

November 2016

ABSENTEE VOTING!!!

Please mail in ballots before Nov. 5 so that it can be counted on Nov 8th. Absentee ballots may also be hand-delivered on election day at polling sites or on Oct 25-Nov 5 at Aupuni Center.



Same-Day Registration & Early Walk-In Voting: October 25 - November 5, 2016

Monday - Saturday (8:00am-4:00pm)

County of Hawai'i Aupuni Center • 101 Pauahi Street, Suite 1 • Hilo, Hawaii 96720



**Election Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2016
hours 7:00am - 6:00pm**

Q. MAY I WRITE-IN A CANDIDATE?

A. NO, Hawaii is one of six states that do **NOT** allow for any "write-in"s. Doing so spoils the ballot and invalidates the portion of your ballot that has been written on. Checking off too many boxes, spoils your ballot.

For more information contact the Hawaii County Elections Office at (808) 933-1591 or <http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/lb-clerk-elections/> or <https://www.honolulu.gov/elections/voter-info.html>

HIGHWAY 130 UPDATE

- ◆ Shower Drive intersection traffic light-estimated installation June 2017
- ◆ Shoulder lane conversion between Keaau-Pahoa and Shower-estimated completion June 2017
- ◆ Highway 130 4-lane expansion project construction begins 2019 with design starting this year [restriping may occur sooner]

State monies released:

\$1,070,000 (total cost \$5,152,500)	Highway 130 shoulder lane conversion Keaau-Pahoa at Shower Drive intersection-est. completion June 2017
\$360,000 (total cost \$3,860,000)	Pahoa High & Intermediate gym renovations; expand gym to include wrestling and locker/shower rooms-est. completion March 2018
\$285,000	Volcano School of Arts and Sciences plan, design and construct a certified community kitchen-est. completion December 2016
\$1,500,000	Hawaii Community College portable office trailer facility-est. completion July 2017
\$195,000 (total cost \$250,000)	The Food Basket infrastructure repairs to warehouse-est. completion 2017
\$656,994	Hawaii Health Systems Corporation-renovate acute care at Hilo Medical Center-est. completion July 2017
\$1,900,000 (total cost \$5,500,000)	Hilo Medical Center CT Renovation and replacement-est. completion December 2016

Some of what I've been doing this interim

- Walked through Pahoia High/Intermediate and elementary schools; and Keonepoko with DoE engineers to see their needs. Pahoia Intermediate badly needs a covered playcourt and Pahoia Elementary badly needs a cafeteria so that children need not walk across the street to Pahoia High for meals.
- Attended World Conservation Congress, Hawaii tourism conference and met with various community volunteers on ecological concerns - how climate change has effected our policies; and the needs to reforest; prevent spread of Rapid-Ohia Death, etc.
- Attended policy workshop with the Dept of Trans concerning the Road Usage Charge & the next day at HAAS regarding student safety.
- Received assurance from Ed Sniffen, Deputy Director that a crosswalk with signs will be set up as long as the school provides crossing guards. Crosswalk with signs has since been created.
- Met with Dan Brinkman, Regional CEO and HHSC corporate board member of Hilo Medical Center (HMC) who confirmed that HMC wants Puna Community Medical Center (PCMC) to succeed. HMC will help PCMC get through the paperwork needed to keep PCMC afloat and ensure that Department of Health releases the funds set aside for the design of an emergency room.
- Attended Wireless U Communications Policy Seminar to find out how other rural states get broadband. I've also spoken with Representative's from Verizon, Oceanic and HawaiianTelCom to find out their plans for lower Puna.
- Spoke with Kekoa Kaluhia, first deputy of Department of Land and Natural Resource (DLNR), and will continue to talk to DLNR, along with other community leaders, to see if something can be done about the Pohoiki boat ramp/swimming area and whether a State park should be created in Kapoho/Kahena Beach.
- Attended Governor Ige's information session about grant disbursement policy to ensure that the money we allocated for in the legislative process actually gets disbursed.
- Met with the two medical marijuana licensees and I was happy to hear that they both want to provide high-quality lab-tested affordable products and want to provide high-paying jobs.

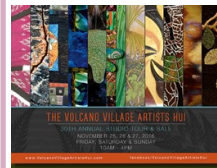


9th Annual Hawaii Island Veterans Day Parade

Saturday • November 5th at 10:00am thorough downtown Hilo. Come out and support our Veterans. For more information visit: www.hivetparade.org



The Volcano Village Artists Hui hosts their 30th annual Art Studio Tour & Sale on November 25 - 27, 2016.



For more information visit <http://www.volcanogardenarts.com/s.html>



Hilo's 31st Annual Christmas Parade "**Christmas Parade of Lights**": Nov. 26, 2016 at 6 pm. For more information visit: <http://inbigisland.com/christmasparade>.

Pahoia Holiday Parade: December 3, 2016 at 9:30am and will run through Pahoia town.

The 13th annual **Keaau Community Christmas Light Parade: December 10, 2016** at 5:45pm at Keaau High school then through the village. This year's theme is "**Local Kine Christmas**".

10th Anniversary Paradise Studio Tour

December 3 & 4, 2016
Saturday & Sunday 10am-4pm

This is a great opportunity to visit local artists in their home studios in Hawaiian Paradise Park. Seven studios featuring 20 local artists with a variety of art styles will be available for viewing and purchasing. 10% of proceeds are donated to three (3) Puna District public high school's art departments.

For more information: www.paradisestudiotor.com or call (808) 982-5150

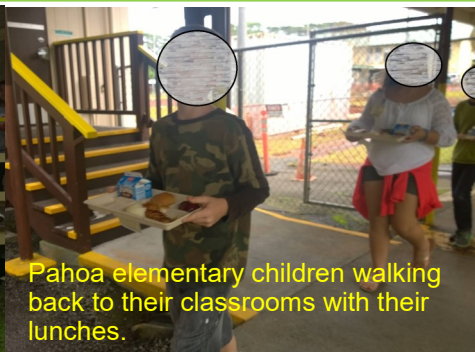




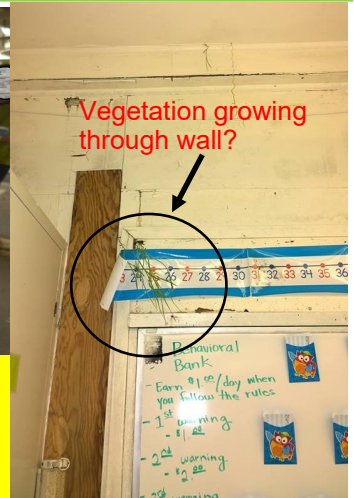
Attended the first medical marijuana working group. Some of the things we discussed: Status of the Department of Health approvals, and the need to assure the university that Federal funding won't be jeopardized if medical marijuana is studied and its labs are used for testing. Possibly re-allowing caregivers to grow because of dispensary delay, transportation concerns, etc.



Vice-Principal Kim showing me the new covered walkways even though the portables next to it need new roofs.



Pahoa elementary children walking back to their classrooms with their lunches.



Walked with Dept. of Ed engineers through Pahoa High & Intermediate where most of the buildings need new roofs.

Some of the other disturbing issues brought to my attention are:

- Pahoa Elementary needs a cafeteria, I saw the elementary children at Pahoa H&I to get their lunch. They then walked back to their classes to eat at their desks.
- Vegetation is growing through walls and the concern is that major rot is behind the patched plywood.

At the largest lowland forest in the state. Pictured with a plant registered in the national database as endangered. Discovered in Nanawale but only found in lower Puna's lowland forests.



At Puna's lowland forest



CALL TO ARTISTS!!!

LILI'UOKALANI GARDENS CELEBRATES ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

In April 1917, land for a garden was dedicated to Queen Lili'uokalani with construction beginning in November of that year.

2017 marks the 100th anniversary of Lili'uokalani Gardens, and the Friends of Lili'uokalani Gardens presents the **1st Annual Queen Lili'uokalani Art Stroll on January 14, 2017.**

Artists are invited to enter this juried exhibition honoring Queen Lili'uokalani. The juror for this special event will be esteemed Maui watercolorist and instructor Dick Nelson.

Submission deadline: November 30, 2016 @ 5:00pm.

For more information & registration application: Jelena Clay at 960-8848

or email her at elenaclay@msn.com



REMINDER * LITTLE FIRE ANT (LFA) CONTROL TRAINING *** REMINDER**

BIISC has planned a Puna-based LFA control training at HPPOA Activity Center Pavilion. Training will be on **October 29 from 9:00am-1:00pm** and will include mixing and application of bait.

Registration is **REQUIRED** and there are just a few more spaces left to register or for more information call 933-3340 or email biisc@hawaii.edu.

If you wish to participate in the hands on training using the Tango gel bait, please wear long sleeve shirt, long pants, sturdy covered shoes.

BIG ISLAND INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE (BIISC) hands-on trainings and workdays.

- **November 2, 2016 (Wednesday) at Kalapana Sea View Estates – Workday & Training begins at 9am. Meet at the Community Park pavilion.**
- **November 19, 2016 (Saturday) Workday & Training at Hawaiian Paradise Park Community Center meet at 9am.**

Please wear/bring: long pants; long sleeved shirts; sturdy, closed-toe shoes, sunscreen, mosquito repellent and water.

The little fire ants may be in the area so it is recommended that you also bring a hat and towel or cloth to protect your neck and collar line.

Hatchets, hardhats, and gloves will be provided, although if you have your own it would be useful for them to bring on this day.



Please email your attendance so that they can make sure to have enough equipment: biisc@hawaii.edu
Visit their website at <http://www.biisc.org/albizia-workshop-in-hpp-this-saturday/>

The Pahoia Music & Art Walk will be taking place from 5pm-10pm on **Saturday, November 12th** at Pahoia Village. Featuring local artists, live music, and lots of fun!!
This event is scheduled to occur on the second Saturday of each month.



If you have a community event that you want featured in my newsletter/e-newsletter e-mail us at b.iwasaki@capitol.hawaii.gov. No guarantee that it will be included; however, we will do our best.

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