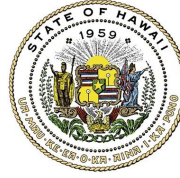


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A SAD FAREWELL TO FOODLAND!



The Ward family found many empty shelves lining the aisles of Foodland on its closing day, Sunday, July 10, 2011.

Auwe! The abrupt closure of the Hawai'i Kai Foodland leaves our community with only one large supermarket to purchase groceries.

Unable to renegotiate its lease with Koko Marina Shopping Center, Foodland was forced to close its doors on Sunday, July 10, 2011.

Over 300 members of the community showed up to voice their concerns and opposition to the closure at a townhall meeting hosted by Rep. Ward and Sen. Slom at Kaiser

Kaiser High School on June 21, 2011, a week after the surprise announcement was made.

The Hawai'i Kai fixture and anchor tenant of Koko Marina Shopping Center since 1963 will be replaced with a Walgreens, which is now under construction and will open in the weeks ahead.

Foodland was founded in 1948 and is the largest locally owned grocery store chain in Hawaii with 32 locations. It's founder, Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan, according to the Foodland website, had a vision that his stores would always be "community-focused and put customers first."

Foodland is considering other options, and has been in discussions with Walgreens to consider subleasing space in its former 33,000 sq. ft. location at Koko Marina Shopping Center.

Rep. Ward and his colleagues will continue to work with Foodland to consider further options in order to re-establish a store in our community. In the meantime, difficult parking at Safeway and Costco is getting even worse.

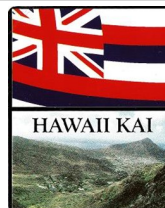
Share your thoughts about the closure of Foodland via e-mail to repward@capitol.hawaii.gov.

KA IWI WATCH UPDATE:



The City's Department of Planning and Permitting stated on July 21, 2011 that no applications have been filed for development on Ka Iwi.

HAWAI'I KAI FARMERS UPDATE:



**KEEP THE VALLEY
VALLEY!**
SAVE KAMILONUI FARMLANDS

As of July 21, 2011, Kamilonui Valley Farmers are about to announce the results of their final negotiations with the Kamehameha Schools (KSBE).

Protect Yourself Against “Cybercrimes”



Retired 30-year veteran of the Honolulu Police Department Detective Duque shares his views as one of the leading experts on cyber security.

Representative Ward participated in an informational briefing on July 12, 2011 to discuss the impacts of Internet related crimes on the residents of Hawai‘i and steps our government can take to address this growing problem.

Presentations were made by Chief Gary A. Yabuta of the Maui County Police Department, the City and County of Honolulu’s Office of the Prosecuting Attorney and other organizations.

“Cybercrime” includes a broad range of issues, including harassment, financial fraud, identity fraud and theft, stalking, bullying and luring underage minors via the Internet. **There were 4.4 million attempts at hacking into Hawai‘i’s computers last year. Twenty minutes is the maximum amount of time for an unprotected or out of date software to cause your computer to be infected.**

A video of the informational briefing is available by viewing the website below:

<http://tinyurl.com/3q349eu>

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Rep. Ward Participates in National Symposium



Representative Ward travelled to Notre Dame in June to participate in “In the Cloud: Effective Governance in the Information Age” hosted by the State Legislative Leaders Foundation and the University of Notre

Dame. No Hawai‘i taxpayers funds were used.

The program explored how government can utilize technological innovation with respect to the development of public policy and the delivery of public services. Rep. Ward will follow up with a meeting with Hawai‘i’s new Chief Information Technology Officer, Mr. Sanjeev "Sonny" Bhagowalia.

Rep. Ward also toured the campus of the University of Notre Dame and explored top-notch facilities that could be replicated here in Hawai‘i.

Why is Garbage Piling Up?



Reports of refuse not being collected in Queen’s Gate were reported to the City and County of Honolulu.

The City’s Department of Environmental Services (the agency responsible for collecting your municipal waste) reports that several refuse collection trucks broke down simultaneously resulting in only two trucks serving the Honolulu area.

The city is repairing the trucks and routine refuse collection service should return to normal shortly.

If refuse has not been collected at your designated time and date, the city advises that you leave your collection bins on the curb until it has been collected.

For more information on the city’s refuse collection program, please visit www.opala.org.

Why Are They Tattooing H-1?



Photo Courtesy - Texas Dept. of Transportation

Why are they embedding hash marks on the freeway between Kaimukī and Kahala? This causes lane closures eastbound on the H-1 Freeway during the weekend frustrating drivers traveling towards East O‘ahu. We’ve heard from a ton of you.

The State Department of Transportation, determined to rehabilitate older portions of the freeway, considered several options. A process called “dowel bar retrofit” or DBR was chosen and first utilized on the H-1 Freeway near Kapolei.

This process installs coated dowels across joints, strengthening the freeway. Once the bars are secured in place with concrete, the entire roadway is made smooth. DBR is supposed to increase the longevity of the freeway by 10-12 years without the increased costs or lane closures involved with a full replacement. The \$5.64 million project is entirely funded with federal economic stimulus funds.

Sorry, more weekday night and weekend closures are expected, and construction is tentatively scheduled to be completed by the end of 2011.

Still interested? For the latest information on lane closures, please visit:

www.hawaii.gov/dot/highways/roadwork/oahu

For more information on “dowel bar retrofit” please visit the Texas Department of Transportation:

http://onlinemanuals.txdot.gov/txdotmanuals/pdm/dowel_bar_retrofit.htm

When Will Keahole Right Turn Onto Kalaniana‘ole Hwy Be Finished?



Auwe! The widening of Kalaniana‘ole Highway between Keahole Street and Hawai‘i Kai Drive anticipated to be completed in March has again been delayed.

In order to limit inconvenience to commuters, the State Department of Transportation has been working closely with the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) to coordinate the various factors of the widening project.

Prior to widening, HECO must move high voltage underground lines, street lights and traffic signals. HECO does not expect interruption of power service to the community during construction.

Widening work by the Department of Transportation’s contractor is expected to begin shortly after the movement of HECO’s high voltage underground power lines.

The new anticipated completion date of the widening project is in October 2011.

The project will extend the third westbound lane of Kalaniana‘ole Highway from Hawai‘i Kai Drive eastward to Keahole Street.

The extended lane will provide increased traffic movement from the busy Keahole Street intersection and a sheltered merge for Keahole Street motorists entering Kalaniana‘ole Highway.

For more information on the project, please visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/3caqpgt>

Reapportionment Update



The 2011 Reapportionment Commission is in the process of determining what portions of Hawai'i's population to include when redrawing state House and Senate district lines.

The commission voted to prohibit canoe districts and multimember districts, but voted to include nonresident members of the military (including their families), nonresident students and convicted felons in the population count.

Public meetings take place regularly at the State Capitol, with a preliminary redistricting plan being presented by August 8, 2011.

If you can't attend a meeting in person, you can watch them live on 'Olelo or draw your own boundary lines (see below).

For more information on the Reapportionment Commission, meeting dates and times (including live online broadcasts), please visit:

<http://hawaii.gov/elections/reapportionment/>

Build Redistricting Plans Online!

You can build your own redistricting plans, review, and share them with your friends.

You can even submit your plan to the Reapportionment Commission for review!

Visit the Reapportionment Commission's online redistricting software website and create an account at:

<https://redistricting.hawaii.gov/districting/districting.html>

Tax Credits For Electric Vehicles Extended 6 More Months

The state extended the deadline to January 31, 2012 for residents to apply for rebates on new electric or hybrid electric/gasoline cars and chargers.

From early January to mid-July, 128 rebates have been approved for 68 electric vehicles and 60 chargers, with \$1,068,988 remaining in funding.


Electric vehicles are twice as energy efficient as the average gasoline-powered car. The rebates are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Rebate forms are available on DBEDT's Energy office website at <http://electricvehicle.hawaii.gov>.

Hawai'i residents can apply for state rebates of up to \$4,500 on purchases of electric vehicles and up to \$500 for electric vehicle chargers through the Hawai'i Electric Vehicle (EV) Ready Program. In addition to the State EV rebates, federal tax incentives of up to \$7,500 are also available for highway-capable vehicles (the Qualified Plug-in Electric Drive Motor Vehicle credit, which applies to at least 200,000 units per auto manufacturer before it phases out) and up to \$1,000 for individual buyers and \$30,000 for businesses installing EV charger stations. This allows for the potential of up to \$13,500 in rebates and tax credits for an individual.


The EV Ready Program is funded by \$1.4 million in Federal stimulus funds administered by DBEDT.

Videos of the Month


Townhall Meeting on the Closing of Foodland

 <http://tinyurl.com/6gqqszh>

7th Annual Hawai'i Kai Dog Walk

 <http://tinyurl.com/3uwvbfv>

Informational Briefing on Cybercrime

 <http://tinyurl.com/3q349eu>

For more videos, please visit:
www.gene-ward.com/media/video