



APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT 5: KAIMUKI, PALOLO VALLEY, ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS, MANOA, MOILIILI, MCCULLY, AND PORTIONS OF ALA MOANA, KAKAAKO, AND MAKIKI



Aloha!

March blew in with heavy clouds and rains causing flooded streets and streams. Many of your properties sustained damages, and with the potential for more rainy weather, I urge you to get informed and prepared.

For those unsure of where to start when assessing your damages, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) categorizes home damages as follows:

- A home is deemed to have major damage if it has structural or significant damage that requires extensive repairs, or if the waterline was above 18 inches or high enough to reach electrical outlets in an essential living space.
- A home is deemed to have minor damage if it has repairable, nonstructural damage and people can safely live in the home while repairs are made. Also, the waterline is below 18 inches and below any electrical outlets.
- A home is deemed destroyed when it is a total loss, where there is a complete failure of major structural components such as the collapse of roof, walls or foundation, and the waterline is at or higher than the roof line.

MY COMMITTEES

- Budget (CHAIR)
- Housing and the Economy
- Zoning and Planning
- Executive Matters and Legal Affairs
- Public Safety
- Kapiolani Park Trust

The City and County of Honolulu published great information on Honolulu.gov of what to do if your property sustained damages (*see the column to the right for information and useful links*).

As always, please stay in touch with any questions or concerns: 808-768-5005 or ckysay@honolulu.gov. My staff and I are here to serve.

REPORTING FLOOD DAMAGE

[HTTP://WWW.HONOLULU.GOV/SITE-DEM-SITEARTICLES/41581-MARCH-2021-FLOOD.HTML](http://www.honolulu.gov/site-dem-sitearticles/41581-march-2021-flood.html)

"The City has developed an [online form](#) that allows Oahu residents to self-report damages to their homes and/or businesses. The purpose of this form is only to collect information that will help local officials understand the damage that occurred and impacts on the community...

Contact your insurance company immediately. Report the event and find out their damage assessment process. Take photos and videos of the interior and exterior of your home and/or business. Include damaged personal property, and label photos and videos by room before removing anything. Be sure to photograph the make, model, and serial number for damaged appliances such as washers, dryers, hot water heaters, kitchen appliances, TVs, and computers...

What if I need to repair my home?

If your home has been damaged and is a health and safety risk, you may begin emergency repair work immediately and apply for a building permit later. You can only repair what was damaged, however, and cannot add to a damaged structure. The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has waived certain fees, such as building permit application fees. Contact DPP: call (808) 768-8000 or email info@honolulu.dpp.org...

What do I do with debris?

NOTE: Effective Thursday, April 1, 2021 the Department of Environmental Services (ENS) will reinstate its two-loads-per-day limit at the three refuse transfer stations."

Other useful links:

<https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/products-tools/know-your-risk/homeowners-renters>

State Hawaii Emergency Management (HI-EMA) site: bit.ly/38YNTNT provides links for "Be Ready" and a portal for services, goods and volunteers

UPCOMING MEETINGS

ALA MOANA NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)

TOWN HALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021
5:30 - 7:30 PM

Join Council Chair Tommy Waters, myself, and the City's Department of Planning & Permitting for an important discussion on the proposed Ala Moana TOD Plan.

The Ala Moana TOD Plan is meant to collect input from the Ala Moana community and their vision for the future, and is intended to serve as a guide for future public improvements and private investments.

Register via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/AlaMoanaTOD>

CITY COUNCIL

- April 14 @ 10:00 am
- May 5 @ 10:00 am

BUDGET COMMITTEE

- April 21 @ 9:00am
- May 19 @ 9:00 am

FOR CITY COUNCIL AND A FULL COUNCIL CALENDAR, PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE: WWW.HONOLULUCITYCOUNCIL.COM

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS

1ST WEDNESDAY @ 7 PM
NB #7 MANOA

2ND WEDNESDAY @ 7 PM
NB #6 PALOLO

3RD WEDNESDAY @ 6:30 PM
NB #4 KAIMUKI

4TH TUESDAY @ 6:30 PM
NB #11 ALA MOANA/
KAKAAKO

1ST THURSDAY @ 6:30 PM
NB #8 MCCULLY/MOILIILI

2ND THURSDAY @ 6 PM
NB #5 DIAMOND HEAD/
KAPAHULU/ ST. LOUIS HGTS.

3RD THURSDAY @ 6 PM
NB #10 MAKIKI/ LOWER
PUNCHBOWL/ TANTULUS

MAKIKI STREAM CLEANUP UPDATE

Dept. of Facilities & Maintenance (DFM) had to reschedule this stream's cleanup over three Saturdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, due to heavy rains that made cleanup unsafe. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Flooding can be distressful and damaging to our homes and businesses. To help prevent major flooding, The City Council has proposed an increase in funding for the FY22 budget to facilitate timely and more frequent stream cleanups island-wide.

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COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM



The City and County of Honolulu kicked off their Complete Streets project for Keeaumoku Street with a self-guided walking tour of the Keeaumoku corridor. CM Say staffer Janel Denny walked with members from the United Korean-American Association: David Suh, Oggi Kim, Bong Yong Park and Sang Gie Heo, to share their thoughts on intersections and environments that can improve this primary urban core thoroughfare. Dedicated bikeways and elevated pedestrian walkways, low impact shade trees were among suggestions. Feedback from the walking tour will help inform preliminary designs for Keeaumoku Street modifications which will be discussed and conceptualized during virtual meetings in April.



The purpose of this project is to transform Keeaumoku Street into a Complete Street with a street design that balances the needs of people of all ages and abilities whether they are walking, using a wheelchair, riding a bike, riding transit, or driving a car.



The City and County of Honolulu would like to hear from you. Share your input and ideas:

- Complete a 10-15 minute virtual walk audit survey for the project study area: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DG5KJXH>
- Visit the Keeaumoku Street Wiki Map to leave comments about issues you encounter as you move around the area, or ideas you have to make the area safer and more accessible for all: <https://cchnl.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7d2b873517db4311ae0f301b7bf0140>
- Submit comments or questions by e-mailing: completestreets@honolulu.gov, or find them on Instagram @hnl.completestreets or Facebook @hnlcompletestreets.

EAGLE SCOUTS

Cole Nagata of Aiea and Kyan Tomihama of Manoa were honored with Congratulatory Certificates from CM Say for their Eagle Scout Badges on March 9, 2021 at the Moiliili Community Center (MCC). Executive Director Nadine Nishioka explained their Eagle Scout Service Projects that greatly benefited the community. Both young men have ties to MCC through their grandfather, who supported and stressed the important role the center plays in the lives of our Kupuna.

Cole, a 2020 Punahou School graduate, started and completed his Eagle Scout Service Project in 2019. He proposed to rehabilitate the center's inner yard space by replacing the dirt and weeds with artificial turf grass for the community center's keiki and kupuna to benefit from a clean and safe outdoor recreational area. Cole secured in-kind donations from generous and supportive contractors for grading work, acquired financial contributions for the cost of the turf grass, and relied on his fellow Boy Scout volunteers to assist with installing the turf grass.

Kyan, a junior at Punahou School, started and completed his project in 2020. For his Service Project, Kyan proposed an MCC project that would benefit the Kupuna Support Program (KSP), a daycare for frail seniors, currently located on the third floor but moving to the ground floor classroom with sufficient storage from two prefabricated (10 feet by 8 feet) storage sheds for tables and chairs now stored in the third floor classroom. After much planning and organizing, the needed storage space and the concrete curbing and caulking to weatherproof the sheds to protect the stored items were completed, and fulfilled MCC's "wish list". Kyan also built two six feet wooden benches for the kupuna use.

Both Cole and Kyan brought lasting contributions to an appreciative community of families, kupuna, and neighborhood members. Thank you and good wishes for further future community benefits projects!



118TH YEAR OF KOREAN IMMIGRATION TO HAWAII

Ned Schultz, Bong Yong Park, Mariko Ahn, and Gina Kim Nakamura join CM Say at the Korean Studies Center at UH Manoa.

The City Council congratulated representative organizations for the 118th year of Korean immigration to Hawaii. Councilmember Calvin Say acknowledged the Korean community's continuing contributions to civic life and wished them many more years of success in their active citizenship. Honorary Certificates were presented to the Korean American Foundation Hawaii (Ned Schultz), the Hawaii Korean Chamber of Commerce (Gina Kim Nakamura), The United Korean Association of Hawaii (Mr. Bong Yong Park), and the Hawaii Korean-US Citizens League (Ms. Mariko Ahn).

Recently, with the help of State and City officials, the Hawaii Korean American Nurses Association, and volunteers, the United Korean Association of Hawaii (TUKAH), organized a COVID-19 mass vaccination for approximately 300 Korean seniors (70years or older) at Christ United Methodist Church in Makiki. Thank you, TUKAH!