



# AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER

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



**Aloha!**

I hope you all enjoyed your summer. It has been really inspiring to get to know more people in the community – both businesses and residents – and how each of you are so vital to the community. The willingness to communication with each other and take care of our neighborhoods is what helps to keep our communities clean and safe.

Over the past month, my office has focused on learning about how we can promote being proactive members of the community. We have seen new and re-activated neighborhood security watch groups. We see you cleaning adopted of streams, sidewalks, and blocks. You've shown respect for your neighbors and for yourselves through these engagements. When you extend yourselves beyond your property fence to adjacent areas, it truly reflects how much you care about each other. A big mahalo for your community-minded efforts.

For those others who are not yet involved, I urge to do so. Join your neighbors to care for your streams and sidewalks by picking up litter or marking storm drain sidewalks; this month's newsletter shows how you can get involved and the great things happening in our community by your neighbors. My respect and aloha for all you do!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**THE 'BOWS ARE BACK IN TOWN!**

**VIRTUAL TALK STORY** **TUESDAY**  
**AUGUST 10, 2021**  
**5:30 PM**

**WEBEX**  
**MEETING ID: 146 346 7269**  
**Password: HomeGames**

**HOSTED BY**

Tommy Waters City Council District 4  
 Calvin Say City Council District 5  
 Jackson Sayama State House District 20

**JOIN US AS WE HOST GUESTS FROM**  
 UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ADMINISTRATION AND ATHLETICS TO TALK ABOUT:  
 • UPDATED PLANS FOR THE UH RAINBOW WARRIOR FOOTBALL HOME GAMES  
 • TRAFFIC MITIGATION  
 • GENERAL COMMUNITY CONCERNS

FOR CITY COUNCIL AND A FULL COUNCIL CALENDAR, PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE: [WWW.HONOLULUCITYCOUNCIL.COM](http://WWW.HONOLULUCITYCOUNCIL.COM)

### CITY COUNCIL

August 11 @ 10:00 am  
September 8 @ 10:00am

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

August 25 @ 9:00 am  
September 22 @ 9:00 am

### 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	

This month, the newly elected members of various neighborhood boards took their seats as the first board meetings of the term were convened. In addition to usual business, neighborhood boards were also tasked with electing their officers to serve for the next two years, which includes the positions of chair, vice chair(s), secretary, and treasurer. Furthermore, if you are planning on attending a meeting of your neighborhood board in the future, be aware that some boards are returning to in-person meetings or have opted for a hybrid system. Check [www.honolulu.gov/nco/boards](http://www.honolulu.gov/nco/boards) and look at the agendas for upcoming meetings for more information.

## ADOPT-A-BLOCK ADOPT-A-STREAM LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY CLEAN!

Adopt-A-Block (AAB) and Adopt-A-Stream (AAS) are simple steps that can be taken to ensure that our streams are properly cared for. It's a "hands-on" way for residents and local businesses to support their communities while aiding the environment. Landowners upstream might not be aware of how they can affect their neighbors and water quality downstream by the way they manage their property. Those who choose to adopt would be responsible for a stretch of street or stream as designated under the City's jurisdiction. To adopt, just follow these three easy steps:

- **Gather** a group of individuals that are 12 years or older to commit to participating in ongoing cleanups.
- **Navigate** through the map outlining approved City maintained streets and streams to select a work area.
- **Email** [cleanwater@honolulu.gov](mailto:cleanwater@honolulu.gov) with a completed application and your information to arrange a two year agreement.



You can locate the map and other required paperwork, along with more information regarding AAB and AAS at [www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com](http://www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com). If you ever wanted to get involved in your community and keep it clean, now is your chance to **Be An Everyday Clean Water Hero**.





## STORM DRAIN MARKINGS

### What are storm drain markings?

They are markings you can easily make to help keep pollutants out of your storm drains by spreading watershed awareness!

### Why are they important?

Storm drain markings remind us to carefully watch what we discharge into our storm drain system. Using storm drains to dispose of common debris and even disposing tropical fishes do accumulate and congest downstream waters. Marking your storm drains promotes increased neighborhood stewardship.

### How can you get involved?

You can mark storm drain inlets using the o'opu (native goby) with the message, "No Dumping, Drains to Ocean," in order to spread awareness of this issue. Volunteer leaders are required to complete a mandatory 45-minute training/safety briefing. The City provides additional materials to volunteers. If you want to get involved, you must be 12 years or older, sign a release form, and obtain parental consent with sufficient parental supervision if under 18 years of age.

### Where can you learn more?

To learn more, you can navigate through [www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com](http://www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com) for more information!

## CARING FOR OUR PARKS



**Adopt A Park**

Do you want to help clean our City's Parks?  
Do you need to fulfill Community Service Projects?  
Do you want to make Oahu a better place to live?  
Our Adopt-A-Park program maybe your answer!

Are you interested in finding another way to give back to the community? If so, you can also help with efforts to keep our public parks and recreational areas clean. The Department of Parks and Recreation welcomes volunteers in addition to maintenance staff to contribute to the upkeep of publicly used and community-based areas, such as our parks. The more people who help, the easier the work! You can help your local City park by:

- Picking up litter
- Raking leaves
- Painting buildings and benches
- Removing graffiti

If we work together as a community, we can help to mālama 'āina (respect the land) and maintain the breathtaking beauty of our island. To learn more, or if you'd like to organize a large volunteer effort, you can call the City's Department of Parks and Recreation at (808) 768-3034.

