

SEPTEMBER 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 the summer months! This month's newsletter highlights my visit with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) at two of their sites that are located in District 5. I got to meet some of the keiki that attended and see all the fun activities the hard-working DPR staff put together to keep participants engaged.

There were also a lot of you doing great things in District V this month. I really appreciate the effort of our community leaders and neighbors who are out there making a difference.

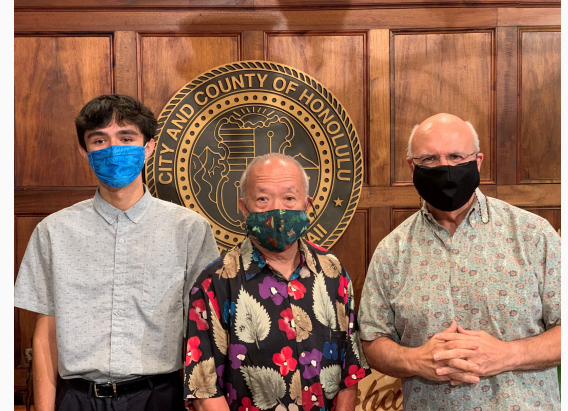
Last month, we held a town hall meeting with David Matlin and Jan Gouveia from the University of Hawaii to share and talk about the community impact of football games. While fans won't be allowed at the earlier games in the season, UH shared a lot of information on how they hope to mitigate traffic congestion and other safety concerns.

MY COMMITTEES

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

Lastly, as our COVID-19 cases continue to rise, I'd like to again encourage each of you to get vaccinated, practice social distancing, wear your mask, and take other precautions to help curb the increasing numbers. Visit <https://www.oneoahu.org/vaccine> for more information on where you can get your vaccine.

Honolulu Youth Commission



At the start of August, the inaugural members of the Honolulu Youth Commission began their terms. Approved by the voters in 2020, the Honolulu Youth Commission will serve to provide youth on Oahu with a voice and presence in local government.

Congratulations to Daniel Pruder, a junior at Punahou School, who is this year's District V appointee. There are fifteen commissioners total, including those selected by each of the nine council members and six selected by the Mayor.

This first group of youth commissioners have the exciting opportunity to set the pace and tone for the commission over the next several years, as they develop organizational structure and discuss policy they'd like to tackle.

A big mahalo for all those that applied this year. It was tough to select just one out of the many qualified young leaders that applied, and I urge you all to keep engaged with your communities and government. And keep on the look out for the next opportunity to apply next year.

Mahalo for joining our

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

DAVID MATLIN AND JAN GOVEIA FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SHARED AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT:

- UPDATED PLANS FOR ON CAMPUS FOOTBALL GAMES
- TRAFFIC MITIGATION
- GENERAL COMMUNITY CONCERNS

DID YOU MISS IT? WATCH IT HERE:

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

CITY COUNCIL

September 8 @ 10:00am
October 6 @ 10:00am

BUDGET COMMITTEE

September 22 @ 9:00 am
October 20 @ 9:00am

REAL PROPERTY TAX SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

EXEMPTION FILING DEADLINE

COUNTY TAX CREDIT FILING DEADLINE

VISIT
[HTTPS://WWW.REALPROPERTYHONOLULU.COM/](https://www.REALPROPERTYHONOLULU.COM/)
FOR MORE INFO

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	

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 and look at the agendas for upcoming meetings for more information.

Oahu Real Property Tax Commission

Pursuant to Resolution 17-112, which re-established the The Oahu Real Property Tax Commission, Commissioners began meeting in late July and will continue to meet through the end of the year to conduct a systematic review of the City's real property tax system's classes, exemptions, credits, and minimum property tax, using such standards as equity and efficiency. Their written recommendations will be submitted to the Council by December 1, 2021.

Throughout the process, **agendas will be posted at <https://www.honolulu.gov/council/bc/oahu-real-property-tax-advisory-commission.html> - the public is welcomed and encouraged to provide written or oral testimony.** For more information, please contact Commission staff George White at 808-768-3861 or george.white@honolulu.gov.

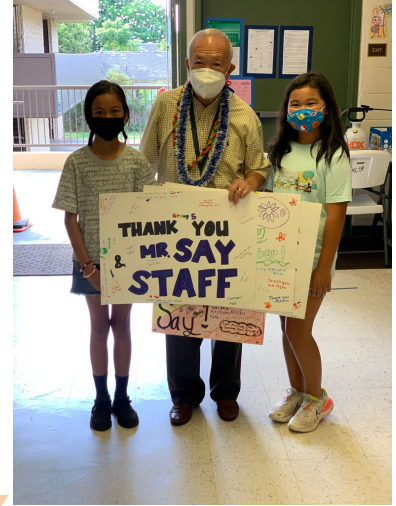


Mahalo to Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for a Summer Fun treat! We got to witness their most popular keiki program at two of their 60 sites, McCully and Makiki district parks, this past July.

McCully hosted 120 keiki while Makiki saw 140 keiki, ages 5-12 years. They all enjoyed a wide variety of activities including: outdoor sports, indoor arts & crafts, exercise and fun galore!

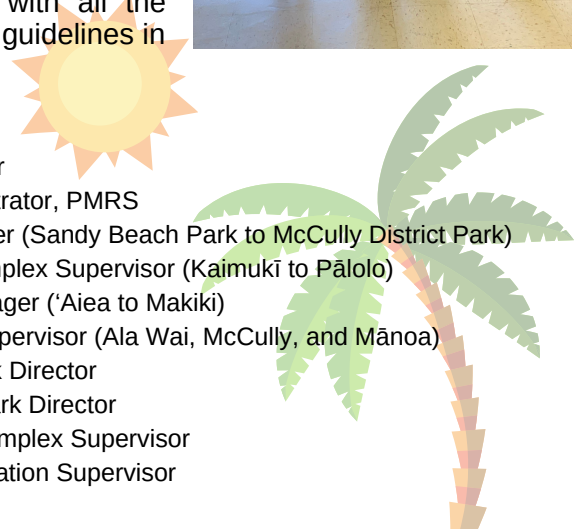
For the second year in a row, this program was offered to O'ahu families for free. DPR also participated in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in conjunction with Summer Fun. The 2021 SFSP is sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture, and provided lunch and a snack to Summer Fun participants.

This year, DPR's Summer Fun provided engaging and educational enjoyment to over 5,400 keiki island-wide. Kudos to the DPR staff for caring for our keiki safely this summer, even with all the additional health and safety guidelines in place!

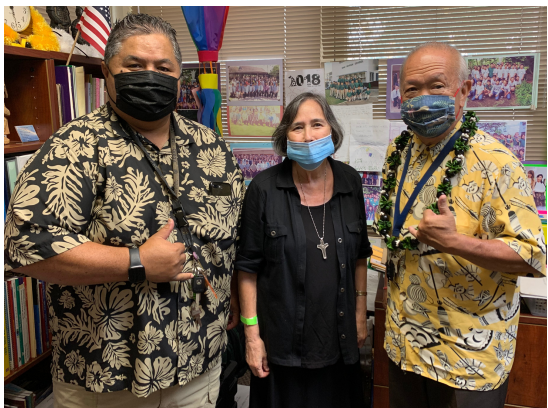


Meeting Parks and Rec staff:

- Kēhaulani Pu'u**, Deputy Director
- Zachary Lee**, Assistant Administrator, PMRS
- Tara Hirohata**, District 1 Manager (Sandy Beach Park to McCully District Park)
- Kathy Cho**, Diamond Head Complex Supervisor (Kaimukī to Pālolo)
- Christine Ching**, District 2 Manager ('Aiea to Makiki)
- Marc Koga**, Mānoa Complex Supervisor (Ala Wai, McCully, and Mānoa)
- AJ Paresa**, McCully District Park Director
- Michael Riley**, Makiki District Park Director
- Russell Distajo (TA)**, Makiki Complex Supervisor
- Brandon Kono**, District 2 Recreation Supervisor



 OUT IN THE COMMUNITY



Kamanele Park Clean-up with Manoa Outdoor Circle
 With staff at Manoa Library
 With staff at St. Patrick's School
 At the VAX clinic by Queens Medical Center and Becky Gardner at Kaimuki Community Park

