

Kalihi Palama Neighborhood Board  
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City & County Contact Information:

- Fire, Police, Ambulance: **911**
- Bus and Handi-Van operations: **768-8300**
- Refuse collection, bulky items, damaged trash bins: **832-7840** or **www.opala.org**
- Report an abandoned vehicle: **733-2530** or **www3.honolulu.gov/csdavcomplaints/**
- Report a pothole: **768-7777**
- File a complaint with City's complaint office: **768-3481** or **complaints@honolulu.gov**
- Report cracked, uplifted, or obstructed sidewalks: **768-8159**
- Motor vehicle registration and drivers licensing: **533-4324** or **532-4325**
- Barking dogs: **911** or **946-2187**
- Crowing roosters (Animal Haven): **779-7791**
- Complaints about public trees: **971-7151**
- Complaints regarding satellite city halls: **532-7747**

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**A is for April and Awareness**

**TSUNAMI AWARENESS MONTH**

*Tsunami Awareness Month* is held in April to commemorate the 159 lives lost to the April 1, 1946, devastating tsunami. A proclamation was signed on the first of April and emphasizes the importance of tsunami awareness and preparedness. Hawaii is the only U.S. state made up entirely of islands and has a history of tsunamis. The Pacific Disaster Center says tsunamis have killed more people in Hawaii than any other natural disaster. Hawaii issued a tsunami warning as recently as October 2012 after a 7.7 magnitude earthquake hit the west coast of Canada.

The Hawaii State Civil Defense, the mayor of the City & County of Honolulu, Department of Emergency Management and National Geographic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service and representatives from the Department of Defense all took part in the proclamation which emphasizes the importance of tsunami awareness and preparedness for residents and visitors of Hawaii.

Fortunately for most residents and visitors, there is a "Disaster Preparedness Guide" available in the Yellow Pages telephone directory that gives directions as to how to respond to such an emergency. Improving the tsunami alert system, especially across the human communication factors, has been a point of concentration for Hawaii and is the key to the state being prepared to take on such devastating naturally occurring events. Lessons learned since the surprise of 1946 has created the alert system used today.

U.S. Navy Capt. Jeff James, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam commander highlights being prepared to deal with the consequences of a tsunami, safeguarding families and evacuating to high ground when the alarm sounds, because things can be replaced, but lives cannot.

"You have to heed the warning," James said. "The science behind a warning is pretty solid. We're prepared; we're ready on the base. We are a tsunami ready base, the first base in Hawaii to become tsunami ready, which means we have a plan, we've looked at it very closely and very critically, are in close communications with city and state civil defense, as well as higher headquarters in the military."

All agencies at the proclamation urged people of Hawaii to take immediate action in the event of a tsunami warning and follow the media, radio, television or social media outlets.

Honolulu Hale has Tsunami Awareness presentations that the public may view.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

April is also *Sexual Assault Awareness Month*. Proclamations held by the Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell and the Honolulu City Council were held on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers. The Council and Mayor also recognized the civilian and military Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs) on Oahu. It was the first time civilian and military SARTs were recognized together. Sexual assault is an indiscriminating, devastating act, and assailants can be strangers, acquaintances or trusted friends. Since each person and situation are different, the responses of survivors are varied, depending on age, social support available; frequency, severity and duration of the assault; level of violence; response of the victims' loved ones, the criminal justice system and the community; and the meaning attributed to the traumatic event. Though survivors will carry the pain of their victimization with them for the rest of their lives, recovery is possible. Hawaii's sexual violence victim service providers support the efforts of national, state, and local partners by encouraging every citizen to engage in public and private efforts, which include conversations defining sexual violence, how to prevent it and how to help survivors connect with services. They also encourage witnesses to acts of violence to report these crimes to the proper authorities. Raising awareness is vital to ending sexual assault.

## Community Clean Up at Ka'ahumanu Homes and Kalakaua Park

Together the Kalihi community and the Weed and Seed agency will have a community clean up on April 20 from 8 - 11 a.m. at the Ka'ahumanu Homes area and Kalakaua Park. This will be the first Kalihi Weed and Seed project for Lorrie Kanno, who has been a part of Weed and Seed for five years. Lorrie was a successful site coordinator at Waipahu before the agency expanded her area to Kalihi this year. Lorrie is very passionate about helping out the community because she knows that the community will benefit greatly even after the agency leaves. Furthermore, she believes that Weed and Seed will provide residents in the targeted communities a chance to learn how to be leaders and how to take charge in the community. "People falsely believe that people don't care about the community, but people do! They just need guidance," Kanno says.

The coordinator hopes that there will be a large turnout in the community clean up effort on April 20, 2013 and expects 60 to 100 volunteers from the community noting they are already expecting volunteers from Kalakaua Intermediate and the City. Furthermore, Kanno asks residents who are planning on helping out not later than today (April 17) in order to account for the cleaning equipment needed.

A part of the things that will be cleaned are graffiti walls, rubbish on streets and park, and the play apparatus on the Kai side of Kalakaua gym, which will be power washed. The Weed and Seed asks help from the City to help with providing the materials needed for the project, and hopes that everyone comes out and participates in bringing their community closer together!

## For Your Information

- Keehi Lagoon Sewer Pipe Leak: Department of Environmental Services tried to repair the sewer line but found out that there was still a small leak but the difficult part is that it is in the submerged part of the sewer line and they will need to do a bypass rather than try to repair it underwater, much like the Ala Wai bypass. They may try to expedite the procurement process but it may take a while.

- Fern Park playground apparatus went up in August or September but still has tape and orange construction tape around it. This is due to the fact that the apparatus is missing a piece and therefore is not completed. The Fern Community Park expects that the apparatus will be finished before summer.

- Mahalo to Mr. Rudy Ibay for requesting to activate a new signal at McNeil and Waiakamilo. The Department of Transportation Services and HECO have activated the signal and on March 22, it was confirmed by our Community Liaison, Dennis Arakaki, that the lights were activated. Mahalo for your request!

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## Citizens' Patrol Group Honorees on March 20 Council Meeting



At the March Full Council Meeting held at Honolulu Hale, two Citizens Patrol groups were honored with Honorary Certificates by both Councilmember Joey Manahan and Councilmember Carol Fukunaga. The two groups were: Hui Ahonui and Richard Lane Citizens Patrol Groups. These two groups were helped birthed by Councilmember Manahan himself when he was a State Representative. The Hui Ahonui Citizens Patrol Group was founded in July 2008 by Faye McCoy and their current members are: Faye McCoy, Sandra Vegas, Carol Matsushita, Linda Kauhini, Vilma, Alan Palma, and Rosita Echalar. They patrol from Ahonui Street to N. School Street, to Kam IV Road to Linapuni and back up to Ahonui Street weekly on Wednesdays. The Richard Lane Citizens Patrol Group was founded in October 2009 after residents of Richard Lane spoke to Councilmember Manahan when he was a State Representative after a purse-snatching incident occurred by the Chevron gas station on King Street near Richard Lane. The group began patrolling once a week every Friday evening and now patrols once a month on the first Friday of the month. The volunteers are: Ed Chang, Federico Doctor, Jr., Myrna Ordinado, Simon Sumoba, Anderson Saquiton, and Rolando Cortes. The Richard Lane residents' patrol route varies but usually stems from Middle Street by Love's Bakery to Kalihi Street to Kalihi Street on N. King Street to N. King Street.