



# Prevailing Winds

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The first quarter of the Legislative Session is almost over. The bills that have been introduced run the spectrum from GMO to sexual orientation counseling. Each of these ideas have an advocating constituency, and each is an important subject, which must be addressed.

When listening to the valid arguments on these subjects, I try to keep an open mind and listen for that message, that will help me decide my position on an issue. It may sound simple, but most of the time you have to listen to a hundred people to get that faint thought that resonates loudly.

It's only the first quarter, and proposed legislation has a long way to go. I will be able to report on which legislation survived at half-time and of course, at the end of the session.

I am working with our community leaders and volunteers on a new initiative, the *Manoa Community Disaster Preparedness Plan*. Just like the effectiveness of our *Neighborhood Security Watch*, this is another proactive, strategic plan, which will help prepare our community in cases of disasters in our community or state.

This FEMA program entails planning, training, coordination, and execution. What FEMA has learned from other disasters around the country, is that communities that are prepared, RECOVER faster. I am excited about this project, and I know that with the community volunteer participation, we can make our neighborhood a better and safer place to live.

Sorry, for the short message this month. It seems my 12-hour days are turning to 15-hour days. But 'tis the season. Back at you at half time!



The Manoa Disaster Preparedness Team (DPT) Working Group Volunteers at the Manoa District Park on Saturday, January 25, 2014

Aloha,

# In The Community

## Friends of Manoa Library

### Logo Design Contest



See Attached Flyer and  
[www.friendsofmanoaibrary.org](http://www.friendsofmanoaibrary.org)  
for more information.

Entries must be received by:  
April 15, 2014 Midnight.

## Manoa Community Health Day

**FREE** Informational Event

Manoa Library  
2716 Woodlawn Drive

**Saturday, March 8th, 11am– 3pm**

Learn about different complementary therapies in your community to help achieve your 2014 health goals.

See Attached Flyer for More Information

## Congratulations!



### 2013 Librarian of the Year

## Christel Collins

Library Manager  
Manoa Public Library



Christel will be honored by the House and Senate during Education Week on **Thursday, March 20.**



This Meeting is  
**OPEN** to ALL  
Manoa Residents  
who would like to  
form an NSW.

## Hear How You Can Start Your Own NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY WATCH

*A Meeting Held for Residents Surrounding the Manoa District Park*

With

## HPD District 7 Community Policing Team

Meet your HPD  
District 7 Community  
Policing Team who will be  
presenting the NSW  
Program.

**DATE: MONDAY, FEB. 24, 2014**  
**TIME: 6:30 P.M.**  
**PLACE: MANOA DISTRICT PARK**  
Multi-Purpose Building, back of the New Gym  
Parking at the (upper) lot of the District Park.

### Coming Soon to Your Mailbox

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