



Representative Bertrand Kobayashi Community Update

DIAMOND HEAD, KAHALA,
KAIMUKI, KAPAHULU

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ILLEGAL HOMELESS CAMPS MOVED OUT OF DIAMOND HEAD STATE MONUMENT

The State has identified at least 40 camps or rubbish locations on Diamond Head. After six months of outreach to homeless individuals living on the slopes of Diamond Head, crews from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Divisions of State Parks and Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE), along with a private rubbish contractor removed tons of debris from illegal camps within Diamond Head State Monument on March 22, 2017. They were joined by state outreach representatives.

Across the southeast flanks of Diamond Head, parks and outreach workers have found abandoned clothing, food containers, camping equipment, cans and bottles. Social workers and DLNR staff hiked to each camp and provided outreach services. During previous outreach trips since last October, workers have informed people at about 36 camps, in person and in writing that they would need to vacate their camps sometime in mid-March. Some homeless have been placed into transitional housing. DOCARE officers issued six citations for violations of being in a closed area.

Scott Morishige, the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, has been conducting ongoing outreach and notification to the estimated 30-35 people living in the area since October. His efforts have resulted in housing two veterans who had been homeless for a decade. They have worked closely with state service providers: Kalihi-Palama Health Center, Institute for Human Services, and the CHOW Project, to build relationships with people experiencing homelessness and connect them to housing.

Diamond Head is Hawaii's best-known natural landmark enjoyed by kama'aina and visitors. Other than the established walking paths in Diamond Head crater, the area is off-limits because it is not managed for public access and therefore not safe.



ROCKFALL MITIGATION WORK STARTS ON DIAMOND HEAD SLOPES

Traffic along Diamond Head Road and Beach Road may experience delays while a contractor carries out work to remove rockfall hazards along the makai side of Diamond Head crater. Prometheus Construction was hired by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to address three areas of rockfall hazard potential on the exterior and interior of Diamond Head State Monument.

The first stage of work took place on the exterior ocean side of Diamond Head Crater, from March 28 through April 7 in the area where Beach Road meets Diamond Head, for a total distance of close to 200 yards. The crater slope above the road had been identified as a location of possible rockfall risk. Rock scaling work will keep the natural appearance of the slope while reducing the hazard.

A second phase of work will take place April 10 to 14 above the Kahala Tunnel entrance to the crater. Rock scaling above the Kahala Tunnels is needed to remove rockfall hazards while keeping the natural appearance of the slope above the Kahala Tunnel. This should have minimal impact to daytime public access into the crater since most of the work will be done after the crater closes.

A third stage of work will begin Fall 2017 (dates not yet set), along the interior Diamond Head Summit trail, and will involve rock scaling and shotcreting with anchoring, as needed, in areas identified as rockfall hazards. Trail closures may be necessary at that time. Total project cost is \$1.72 million.



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Our mission is to encourage residents to live happier, healthier lives through nutrition education and supporting a healthy and active environment.

REMEMBER... HAWAII 5-2-1-0

Five or more fruits and vegetables

Eat the colors of the rainbow – whether its fresh and locally grown in Hawaii, frozen, or canned; include five or more fruits and vegetables in your daily diet.

Two hours or less of screen time

Watching too much TV or playing video games, can be unhealthy. Enjoy the natural beauty of our islands and encourage your family to sit less and move more.

One hour or more of physical activity

Activity that makes your heart pump faster and your body breathe harder make you strong, helps you feel good and think clearly.

No drinking sugary beverages

Rethink your drink. Hawaii is blessed with water that is among the best in the world. Turn on the tap and drink more water.

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Kaimuki Resident Expresses Gratitude for the Home Fire Program

100-year old Kaimuki resident Eunice Masumura and her daughter Muriel Masumura were happy to have Red Cross volunteers, the Honolulu Fire Department, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 1186, come to their home to install free smoke alarms and share fire safety information with them. “We are both seniors and so I know it’s important to have smoke alarms,” said Muriel. “I am so grateful that the Red Cross has this program.”