



**House District 33**  
 'Aiea, 'Aiea Heights  
 Halawa, Halawa Heights  
 Red Hill, Waimalu

# Community Newsletter

from the Office of Representative Heather Giugni

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• Room 324

## Aloha Neighbors,

This is the first of our regular updates on state legislative and District 33 community activities.

I am truly humbled by the opportunity to serve you in the House of Representatives and look forward to meeting and getting to know as many of you as possible over the next several months.

As you may have noted in my recent introductory postcard, my family roots run deep in 'Aiea and the Leeward Coast. My father's mother – my tutu, Kealoha Ho'okano Giugni, was principal of Pearl City Elementary School while my mother's mother, Henriette Eckart Austen, was a first grade teacher. Brought up on the Pearl City peninsula, my parents knew each other from a young age - dated, married as young adults and moved to 'Aiea where they built their home in 1952 - the home where I now live.

With a father whose career took him to the halls of Congress, I was raised on the language of politics and focused on bettering the lives of communities. Over the years I have been fortunate to work closely with and gain firsthand knowledge from many of Hawai'i's leaders. They have helped define my strong commitment to uplifting our young people and making our State a better place in the future. As a 25-year owner of a local film and video business which has produced documentaries highlighting Hawai'i's history, culture and traditions, I have developed a life-long passion for education, technology, media, arts and culture, agriculture and sustainability which will guide my legislative actions.

I look forward to serving each of you and hearing your concerns and hopes for our community. Let's work closely together to achieve a bright and sustainable future for our children and community. Please feel free to reach out to me or my team any time by calling 586-6340, emailing [repgiugni@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repgiugni@capitol.hawaii.gov), or just dropping by the office in Room 324 of the State Capitol.

**Me ka ha'aha'a,**

(With sincere humility)

**Heather Haunani Giugni**



## New 'Aiea Public Library

Since taking office, my top priority has been to ensure this project continues to move ahead on schedule. The new 'Aiea Library will be located on a 2.254 acre site that was part of the former 'Aiea Sugar Mill property. The 17,135 square foot building will contain stack space for approximately 78,000 books along with a circulation desk, workroom and a children's reading room. The project currently is in the bidding stage and a contractor is expected to be selected on April 4th. Construction will begin later this year and completed in about one year. My colleagues and I in the State Legislature are working together towards passing a Supplemental appropriation for \$1.75 million this session to complete the construction.

*Next Meeting on the New Library Project, Monday April 16, 7pm at 'Aiea Public Library.*



Artist Renderings



**Family History**

My grandmother Kealoha Ho'okano Giugni (top row, far left) principal of Pearl City Elementary sits with teachers, circa 1930. Can you help identify the other teachers in this photo?

# Community Developments



Tamamoto Family of 'Aiea at the Halawa Community Center



Making T-Shirts in celebration of The Oahu Hongwanji Council Sangha Day at Halawa Community Center March 4, 2012



Honoring Tom Kurashige Principal of 'Aiea Intermediate School



Rep. Marilyn Lee Interviews Rep. Giugni "The Kukui Connection" 'Olelo Ch. 54

**“Live, Work, Play ‘Aiea” Development (Kam Drive-In Site):** Robertson Properties Group (RPG) released their Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a mixed residential/commercial development at the former Kam Drive-In site on February 8. The Draft EIS raises concerns about increased traffic congestion primarily on Kaonohi Street and Moanalua Road, and the lack of sewer capacity to handle the wastewater. The Draft EIS can be viewed at [www.hawaii.gov/health/environmental/oeqc/index.html](http://www.hawaii.gov/health/environmental/oeqc/index.html) and the public is able to provide comments until March 23. After changes are made to the Draft EIS, the City should accept it this summer. The City Council is expected to hold public hearings on the rezoning application late this year or early next year. I will closely monitor constituent reactions to its impact on our community.

**Capital Improvement Projects (CIP):** Three CIP projects have been submitted as priority projects for House District 33. Detailed above, the supplemental appropriation of \$1.75 million for the new 'Aiea Public Library. The other two projects are: 1) design and construction for campus-wide electrical upgrades at 'Aiea Intermediate School (\$1.725 million), and 2) design, construction, and equipment to improve the administration building and courtyard, including air-conditioning at Pearl Ridge Elementary School (\$3.6 million). As previously mentioned, passage of the supplemental appropriation will be a very high priority of mine.

**Road Resurfacing Projects:** After being delayed several years for budgetary reasons, the City is moving ahead to resurface a number of streets in 'Aiea, Pearl City and Waimalu this year, including Kaahumanu Street and Moanalua Road. Resurfacing already has begun on the streets in Pearl City. Work on Kaahumanu from Kamehameha Highway to beyond Waiiau Park is scheduled to begin in mid-March and most of the work will be done at night. The reconstruction of Moanalua Road from the H-1 on/off ramps to Pali Momi should begin in mid-April. Again, most of the work will be done at night. Due to the extensive deterioration of Moanalua Road, it will have to be rebuilt in places. Although the work is anticipated to be completed in July, check “Road Work Weekly Report” at [www1.honolulu.gov/dts/traffic.htm](http://www1.honolulu.gov/dts/traffic.htm) website for updates.

**‘Aiea High School Girls Wrestling Team Wins State Championship!:**

Congratulations to the 'Aiea High School Girls Wrestling Team which won three individual titles and the overall team title at the state championships on March 3rd at the Blaisdell Arena. Candace Segi, Samantha Higa and Darcie Manning-O'Brien took individual titles, and 'Aiea topped Punahou by 4.5 points for the overall title. This is a huge accomplishment considering 'Aiea had to compete against much bigger schools in the State.

**Community Traffic Awareness Partnership (CTAP):** In 2004, we set up the CTAP program with the Honolulu Police Department, Pearl City Station to address vehicle speeding in residential areas in 'Aiea. Two CTAP events are typically held each month, and the primary locations are Ulune Street & Aliipoe Drive, Halawa Heights Road & Iwaiwa Street, 'Aiea Heights Drive & Kealakaha Drive, and Kaonohi Street & Iho Place. Vehicle speeding, and to a lesser extent racing, are on-going problems in our community, and this group continues to be dedicated to keeping our 'ohana and residents safe. We encourage your participation at our next CTAP events on:

<b>Dates:</b> Tuesday March 27, 2012	Wednesday March 28, 2012
Times: 4:00pm – 5:00pm	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Places: Halawa Heights Rd. & Iwaiwa St.	'Aiea Heights Dr. & Lower Kealakaha Dr.

**‘Aiea Fire Station Temporary Relocation:** The 'Aiea Fire Station on Ulune Street (across from 'Aiea High School) will be temporarily relocated in mid-March to tents and trailers on the upper portion of the former sugar mill site while the station is renovated. The work is expected to take 6 to 8 months.



Swearing in Ceremony, February 21, 2012



Finance Committee Meeting

## STAY INVOLVED!

### New 'Aiea Public Library Project

Monday, April 16, 7:00 p.m.

'Aiea Public Library

Hosted by Rep. Heather Giugni in conjunction with the 'Aiea Community Association.

### 'Aiea/Pearl City Town Hall Meeting

"UH-West Oahu New Campus Opening, August 2012"

Thursday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.

Pearl Ridge Elementary School

Guest Speaker: Gene Awakuni, Chancellor, UHWO

Hosted by Rep. Heather Giugni in partnership with area legislators Representatives Roy Takumi, Mark Takai, and Aaron Johanson, and Senators Donna Mercado Kim and David Ige.

### State Legislative Activity

I am a member of the House Finance Committee this session which provides an excellent understanding of overall legislative activity. The Finance Committee reviews and votes on approximately 80% of all bills moving through the House of Representatives. Following are some of the key House bills currently moving through the legislature and we welcome any comments you may have:

#### House Bill 2519

Early Learning: Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to support early childhood education.

#### House Bill 2007

Instructional Time: Requires the Department of Education to devise four bell schedules each for elementary, middle, and high schools, except for charter schools and public multi-track schools. The bill also repeals the requirement that public schools include 1080 student instructional hours.

#### House Bill 2527

Education: Requires the Department of Education to establish a performance management system that includes an evaluation component for teachers and educational officers. Requires that teachers entering the DOE system to serve a minimum three year probationary period.

#### House Bill 2874

Broadband: Creates a broadband special fund to support funding public school broadband and laptop initiatives.

#### House Bill 2345

St. Francis Healthcare System: Authorizes the issuance of special purpose bonds of up to \$80,000,000 for St. Francis Healthcare System to finance the construction, improvement, and equipment of its healthcare facilities.

#### House Bill 609

Health: Authorizes the assimilation of Hawaii Medical Center-East into the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

#### House Bill 1875

Foreclosures: Implements the 2011 recommendations of the mortgage foreclosure task force to address various issues relating to the mortgage foreclosures law and related issues affecting homeowner association liens and the collection of unpaid assessments.

#### House Bill 2030

Statewide Traffic Code: Also known as the "Move Over Bill", House Bill 2030 requires motorists to vacate the lane closest to the stationary authorized emergency vehicle or reduce driving speed until safely clear of the stationary emergency vehicle when passing a stationary authorized emergency vehicle on a highway.

#### House Bill 1974

Veterans: Removes the residency requirements for the burial of members of the armed services and their dependents in veteran's cemeteries.

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50th Anniversary Event  
*Aiea High School*  
**Family Fun Fair**



FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2012 4 pm – 9 pm



Save this date! Bring your entire family for a night of FUN & FOOD! It will be an extraordinary event to celebrate *Aiea High School's 50th Anniversary*. We will have:

- Food Booths (hot dogs, fried noodles, teri burgers, SPAM musubi, plate lunches and more!)
- Xtreme Rides & Inflatables
- Craft Fair vendors
- Entertainment
- Petting Zoo
- Pony Rides
- Face & Hair Painting
- Country Store
- Games and much more!

## TICKET INFORMATION



**Xtreme wristband** -- \$20.00 (unlimited Xtreme rides and ONE attempt at rock climbing. Individual Xtreme ride ticket will also be sold the night of the fair for those not wanting to buy the wristband).

**Scrip** (\$.50 each) – used to play games, purchase food, face & hair painting, country store, petting zoo, pony rides, etc..



Lion dance by Wahi Ngipi  
Lion Dance Association

Types of payment accepted:     and DEBIT CARD.



## PARKING

Limited parking available at Aiea Elementary School for a nominal fee. Free bus shuttle will be available. Please look for signs on day of event.



If you are an individual with a disability, please contact Mr. Mark Hackelberg (AHS VP) at (808) 483-7300 ext. 229 to make arrangements for accessibility at least 10 working days prior to the fair. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate your request.

Questions? Please call Nancy S. Hsu @ (808) 382-7713 or email: [AHSFFF@yahoo.com](mailto:AHSFFF@yahoo.com)

## Community Calendar

'Aiea High School, "Family Fun Fair"  
50th Anniversary Event,  
Friday March 30, 4pm – 10pm.

'Aiea Neighborhood Board Meeting  
Monday April 9,  
'Aiea Public Library, 7:30pm.

'Aiea/Pearl City Community Town Meeting  
"Going Green/Sustainability",  
Thursday April 12,  
Pearl Ridge Elementary School, 7:00pm – 8:30pm.

'Aiea Community Association Meeting  
Monday April 16, 'Aiea Public Library, 7pm.

Friends of 'Aiea Library Book Sale  
Saturday April 21, 'Aiea Public Library, 10am-3pm

'Aiea High School, 50th Anniversary  
Celebration Banquet,  
Saturday May 5, Honolulu International Country  
Club, 5:30pm – 10:00pm.  
(For additional information, please visit the 'Aiea  
High School website at [www.aieahs.org](http://www.aieahs.org), and click  
on "Community" and then "50th Anniversary".

'Aiea/Pearl City Community Town Meeting  
"UH-West Oahu New Campus Opening in  
August",  
Thursday May 17,  
Pearl Ridge Elementary School, 7:00pm – 8:30pm.

'Aiea Community Association Meeting  
Monday May 21, 'Aiea Public Library, 7:00pm.

'Aiea Neighborhood Board Meeting  
Monday June 11,  
'Aiea Public Library, 7:30pm.

'Aiea Community Association Meeting  
Monday June 18,  
'Aiea Public Library, 7pm.