



‘ĀINA HAINA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

September 2014

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You are invited to

‘Āina Haina Candidates Night

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

6:00 p.m.

‘Āina Haina Elementary School Cafeteria

Agenda

6:00 p.m.

AHCA General Meeting:

- Update on 1031 Hao Street (Laura Kaakua, Trust for Public Land)
- Organizing the ‘Āina Haina Emergency Preparedness Committee (Danny Tengan)

Meet the General Election Candidates

7:00 p.m.

State House of Representatives Candidates

Susan Halvorsen (R) and Mark Hashem (D)

7:30 p.m.

Honolulu City Council Candidates

Trevor Ozawa and Tommy Waters

8:00 p.m.

U.S. Congressional Candidates

Charles Djou (R) and Mark Takai (D)*

*not confirmed

**BECOME AN INFORMED VOTER,
MEET YOUR CANDIDATES!**

Light Refreshments will be served

‘Āina Haina Be Prepared for the Next One!

by Danny Tengan

If Hurricane Iselle did make it to Oahu, would you have been prepared?

The ‘Āina Haina Community Association is facilitating a Community Emergency Preparedness Planning Committee so that if there is a disaster in ‘Āina Haina, residents will be prepared.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide education and training to the community about the “All Hazard Approach” to disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery, and to reduce the impact of a disaster.

The aim is to empower the community by an internal assessment of capacity and by the effective management of available resources. This plan is geared towards community members assisting

fellow community members until such time as local or state resources are allocated and dispatched.

In the absence of Government Emergency Services, the Community Emergency Team will lead the community response and act as a central point for information and communication for the community.

Other communities are in the process of planning and several communities have completed their plans: Ewa, Hauula, Kailua, and Manoa. (Link to community plans and groups: <http://www.honolulu.gov/demvolunteer/communitypreparedness.html>)

We are looking for volunteers to help in the planning process.

ATTEND OUR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

**Learn more about what we need to do to become a resilient community and
SIGN UP for one of the committees:**

Logistics, Public Information, Training, Communications, Security, Medical, Transport, Search & Rescue, and Pets

Contact Danny Tengan at dstengan@gmail.com to volunteer or for more information

And

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 18, 2014, 8:00 a.m. to noon, Leeward Community College
City Department of Emergency Management is sponsoring a “Meet and Greet,” CERT graduates and committee volunteers are invited
Email Danny Tengan at dstengan@gmail.com to attend

STAY INFORMED. STAY SAFE. NIXLE

Receive alerts from the Honolulu Department of Emergency Management and other local agencies. Hear about Water Main Breaks from the Board of Water Supply, Traffic Bulletins from the Honolulu Police Department, and information from the Department of Public Safety.

Receive notifications by email or by text on your cell phone—sign up free at **www.nixle.com** or text your zip code to 888777.

UPDATE ON UPPER HAO STREET DEVELOPMENT

AHCA continues to work with the Trust for Public Land (TPL), City Councilmember Stanley Chang, Wailupe Ohana, and the Livable Hawai'i Kai Hui to bring about a resolution to development on the 9.5-acre parcel at the end of Hao Street ("the Property").

Councilmember Chang was able to include \$4 million in the latest City budget for the purchase of the Property. TPL has been working to ensure that the funds are released and that the land is purchased. Recall that in 1999, funds were appropriated by the City Council to purchase 95 acres of land. The City purchased 85 acres which now comprise the 'Āina Haina Nature Preserve. For some reason, we are told it was budgetary, funds to purchase the remaining 9.5 acres were not released by the administration. We want to be sure that history does not repeat itself.

In addition to the City's funds to purchase the Property, TPL has set a goal to raise \$50,000 of private funds. All of the partner groups are joining together to help raise money to reach the \$50,000 goal. We are also asking the 'Āina Haina community to help raise money and to donate. The fundraising project is being called the **"Wailupe Community Forest."**

History

Wailupe means "kite water" as it was one of the prescribed places to fly kites in ancient Hawai'i. Wailupe may also be translated as "the water of Lupe," a meaning derived from an ancient mo'olelo about the travels of Gods Kane and Kanaloa along the Wai'alae coast to Wailupe. It was here that Kane struck the coral shelf and gathered fresh water to mix with 'awa brought from a sacred grove in nearby Kuli'ou'ou. Two mo'o (lizards) called Lupe guarded the grove from the overlooking Ko'olau ridge.

To this day, these mo'o and other 'aumakua (family or personal gods or ancestors taking on the

forms of animals) are represented on the Property in pohaku ki'a'i (guardian stones). The property includes a wealth of cultural sites, such as ahu (altars), heiau (traditional places of Hawaiian worship), 'auwai (irrigation channels), pohaku lele (elevated stones), and numerous stone walls, platforms and enclosures.

The various rock structures throughout the property are indicative of its historic religious use closely tied to Kamehameha I's high priest Hewahewa.

Expanding the 'Āina Haina Nature Preserve

The utmost mauka portion of the Property is recognized critical habitat for the endangered O'ahu 'Elepaio – a species revered in Hawaiian culture as the 'aumakua of canoe builders. The State has fenced approximately 9 acres further up the valley to protect O'ahu 'Elepaio and assist in native habitat restoration. Community members are involved in State O'ahu 'Elepaio habitat restoration efforts, advocacy for protection of the Property, and culturally appropriate care of the ancient cultural sites. The Property provides the only access to the state designated Wailupe Valley hunting area and the community and broader public regularly use the Property to gain access to Wailupe Valley for hiking, gathering of traditional plants, recreation, worship, and bird-watching. Wailupe Stream, which runs through portions of the Property, is the only un-channelized stream in East Honolulu, and likely the only stream in East Honolulu that sustains endemic stream life including 'opae kala'ole (native shrimp variety), and 'o'opu (goby fish).

Purchasing the property will preserve public access to Wailupe Valley and will allow for public education and community involvement in caring for the forest.

About The Trust for Public Land

The Trust for Public Land conserves land for people. We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to connect with Hawai'i's special natural places, and that the land-and-people connection is central to health, culture, heritage, economic wellbeing, and quality of life.

In Hawai'i we seek to engage local residents in protecting significant community resources, including coastal lands, working lands that contribute to Hawai'i's self-sufficiency, and lands that perpetuate Hawaiian culture.

Since 1979, we have helped to conserve more than 42,000 acres on the islands of Hawai'i, O'ahu, Kaua'i, Maui, and Moloka'i.



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See you at our meeting on September 24, 2014

**ĀINA HAINA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP DUES & ENROLLMENT FORM**

(Dues are \$10 per adult—July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015*)

TYPE OF ENROLLMENT

___ NEW ___ RENEWAL

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

___ RESIDENT ___ BUSINESS

Amount Paid:

\$ _____

Name of Business: _____

Name of Member(s): _____

Street Address: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Email Address _____ Landline # _____ Cell # _____

ANY SUGGESTIONS? _____

Please send your application with your dues to:

AHCA Membership, c/o Āina Haina Library, 5246 Kalanianaʻole Highway, Honolulu, HI 96821

OR

Bring your application to the meeting on September 24, 2014

***Due to a long-standing misinterpretation of our bylaws, we've been undercharging. \$10 per adult/year would help to improve communication, cover research expenses and a lot of valuable things. For the price of the membership, you get to vote. If you and your family cannot afford \$10 for each adult in your household, we appreciate any contribution you can make, but please understand that only the registered member will be eligible to vote at AHCA meetings. Mahalo for your understanding**