



Waikiki Wiki-Wiki Wire



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Kuhio Beach Restoration Project Successfully Concludes

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) has completed its project to replenish sand at Kuhio Beach with the distribution and finish grading of the last of the sand it has pumped onto the beach from offshore sand deposits.

DLNR's contractor, American Marine Corporation, a local dredging company, finished pumping the targeted amount of 10,000 cubic yards of sand on December 30 and completed the placement of the sand along Kuhio Beach the following week. Despite short delays due to unseasonable high south swells, the project was completed within the expected 20 to 30 day timeframe.

"This has been a great opportunity to demonstrate the cost-effectiveness of new, state-of-the-art offshore sand pumping technologies to reclaim beach sand from nearshore deposits," said Peter Young, DLNR chairperson. "With proper planning, this technology can be a valid option for beach restoration in other suitable locations that have experienced beach erosion."

Rick Egged, president of the Waikiki Improvement Association, said "The economic importance of Waikiki to the state's economy is well-documented. A project like this is an excellent example of the importance of ongoing beach maintenance at one of Hawaii's best-known beaches and visitor destinations."

The project cost approximately \$475,000, with state funding from the DLNR Land Development Fund.



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DLNR's Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL) planned and managed the project to re-nourish Kuhio Beach and demonstrate the benefits of offshore sand retrieval in Hawaii for future beach restoration projects. One of OCCL's major functions is the protection of the state's beaches.

OCCL administrator Sam Lemmo notes, "Beaches are just as important as wetlands, forests, and parks, but they are quickly becoming endangered from neglect or abuse. In 50 to 100 years, many of Hawaii's beaches may be lost, unless we take steps today to save them. That will require political will, long-term planning and money."

"The renourishment of Waikiki beach is but one of many different ways to save Hawaii's beaches. The OCCL is currently developing a comprehensive beach management plan that will look 50 to 100 years into the future. The plan would identify the state's most threatened beaches and would provide a range of tools within "beach management districts," designed to ensure the survival of the beaches for future generations. These would be called "legacy beaches," Lemmo said.

Some of these initiatives include beach restoration in places such as Waikiki and Ka'anapali, as well as the integration of all shoreline management functions under one agency. Where beach restoration is not feasible on high-energy shorelines like Oahu's North Shore, structures may need to be relocated landward.

For information on the Kuhio Beach nourishment project, and Coastal Lands Division, go to the DLNR Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands web site at <http://www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/occl/waikiki.php>



Star of Honolulu Offers Valentine's Day Cruise



"Wow" your sweetheart this Valentine's Day aboard a Star of Honolulu sunset dinner cruise! It's a unique and romantic way to make this year special, with dazzling views of the Honolulu city lights as you enjoy a delicious dinner and live entertainment. Valentines packages also include private window table, memory photo and bottle of champagne (per couple).

The Star of Honolulu Valentines Day sunset dinner cruise departs from Aloha Tower Marketplace, Pier 8, on February 14th, at 5:30 p.m. For reservations or more information, please call 983-STAR (7827) or visit www.starofhonolulu.com.

Irongate Holds Blessing and Groundbreaking for Trump International Hotel & Tower Waikiki Beach Walk™



The blessing and groundbreaking ceremony for Trump International Hotel & Tower Waikiki Beach Walk™ took place this morning, January 11th, at the corner of Kalia and Saratoga roads. Guests were entertained with traditional Hawaiian music before being welcomed by the developer. The Hawaiian blessing was performed by Na Wa'a Lalani Kahuna O Pu'u Kohola. Among the dignitaries present for the occasion was Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann.

The Trump International Hotel & Tower Waikiki Beach Walk™ marks the first time in 25 years that a new five-star hotel is being developed in Honolulu. It already appears destined to become a landmark in Waikiki and one of the greatest destinations in town.

In November 2006, all of its 464 hotel suites and residences sold out in one day for over \$700 million. Following completion of construction in 2009, condominium owners and hotel guests will enjoy unparalleled service and all the amenities the Trump brand offers.

Allure Waikiki

At right is the latest rendering of the Allure project that is slated for the former site of the Wave Waikiki at the corner of Kalakaua Avenue and Ena Road.



Wyndham Vacation Ownership Opens First Waikiki Resort at Waikiki Beach Walk

Wyndham Vacation Ownership, the world's largest vacation ownership company, has announced the opening of Wyndham Waikiki Beach Walk – the company's 13th Hawaii-based resort and first in Waikiki. The 195-unit timeshare property is a major component of the highly anticipated Waikiki Beach Walk complex – the largest re-development project in the city's history. Wyndham Waikiki Beach Walk, which will be affiliated with the company's FairShare Plus portfolio of vacation ownership resorts, exceeded more than 3,000 individual pre-construction sales prior to opening.

"We've seen a growing demand for timeshare resorts in premier resort locations so we're very excited to unveil Wyndham Waikiki Beach Walk in this highly sought after vacation destination," said Franz Hanning, Wyndham Vacation Ownership president and chief executive officer. "With more than 3,000 pre-construction sales, Wyndham Waikiki Beach Walk is already well on its way to becoming one of our most successful resorts ever."

Formerly the OHANA Reef Towers hotel, Wyndham Waikiki Beach Walk is the culmination of an extensive two-year, \$54-million renovation.

Boasting the warm colors and tropical ambiance of the Hawaiian Islands, the resort features 195 units including 95 one-bedroom, 83 two-bedroom and 17 two-, three- and four-bedroom luxurious penthouse style Presidential suites. Situated within two 15-story towers, each unit features a fully equipped kitchen, whirlpool bath, washer/dryer and a flat-panel television with DVD player. The resort also offers owners and guests a variety of amenities including an expansive sun deck featuring an outdoor swimming pool and whirlpool spa, a spacious exercise facility, family recreation room and a computer library.

"We're delighted to have Wyndham Waikiki Beach Walk be an integral part of this much anticipated redevelopment project," said David Carey, president and CEO, Outrigger Enterprises Group. "Waikiki Beach Walk is an extraordinary hospitality, retail and entertainment complex that truly encapsulates the ultimate Hawaiian vacation experience."

Kuhio Beach Torch Lighting and Hula Show DAILY!

Torch lighting, Hawaiian music and hula shows are performed daily **6:00PM – 7:00PM** at the Kuhio Beach Hula Mound, near the Duke Kahanamoku statue. FREE. Presented by the City's Office of Economic Development (843-8002) and the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Schedule subject to change without notice.

For the month of January:

Mondays & Tuesdays: "Auntie Pudgie" Young & Hawaiian Serenaders

Wednesdays: Ainsley Halemanu and Ka Liko O Kapalai

Thursdays: Val Crabbe and Halau Hula Palena

Friday, January 12: Kale Pawai and Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani

Saturday, January 13: Coline Aiu and Halau Hula O Maiki

Sunday, January 14: Leimomi Ho and Keali'ika'apunihonua Ke'ena A'o Hula

Friday, January 19: Kale Pawai and Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani

Saturday, January 20: Joan S. Lindsey and the Joan S. Lindsey Hula Studio

Sunday, January 21: Kapi'olani Ha'o and Halau Ke Kia'i A'o Hula

Friday, January 26: Moana Chang and the Aloha Boat Days Show

Saturday, January 27: Shirley Recca and Halau Hula 'O Namakahulali

Sunday, January 28: Momi Cruz-Losano and Halau Hula Namakahonuakapiliwale



Outrigger Acquires Hotel Operations of Ala Moana Hotel

ALM LLC, an affiliate of Outrigger Enterprises Group, has announced that it has acquired the hotel operations of the Ala Moana Hotel from Ala Moana Property Development LLC and Ala Moana Services, LLC, both of which are affiliates of Crescent Heights, Inc., for an undisclosed price.

The 1,154-room property at 410 Atkinson Drive will continue to be known as the Ala Moana Hotel. The acquisition includes the front desk, parking, restaurant spaces, meeting and banquet rooms and most retail and office spaces. The hotel's guest rooms are individually owned as condominium units and at least 1,000 of these rooms will be managed by ALM Management Services LLC, which is also an affiliate of Outrigger Enterprises Group, commencing in the first quarter of this year. Until then, Ala Moana Services, LLC, will continue to manage the hotel operations.

"The Ala Moana Hotel has been superbly renovated and is a proud addition to our fine family of accommodations in Hawaii and the Pacific," said David Carey, CEO of Outrigger Enterprises Group. "This landmark property adds more than 1,000 guest rooms to our inventory. It fits perfectly with our strategy of reaching out to leisure, business, and kamaaina travelers with quality moderately priced accommodations."

"We consider Outrigger to be one of the leading hotel-condominium management companies in the state of Hawaii and are extremely pleased that they

will continue our initial strategic plan to reposition this hotel as a premier leisure and business hotel on Oahu," said Kathryn Acorda, regional marketing director for Crescent Heights. "Crescent Heights has put an extreme amount of time and financial resources into this property throughout the conversion process, from both a construction and sales standpoint, to ensure that it is not only renovated and converted properly, but also has the foundation to ensure long term success for the hotel."

Miami-based Crescent Heights acquired the Ala Moana Hotel in October 2004 and extensively upgraded the 36-story property before selling the individual hotel condominium units. Since September 2005, Outrigger Enterprises Group has provided advisory services for the management of the hotel.

"Crescent Heights has done a remarkable job of remodeling the property from top to bottom," said Carey. "The hotel has a clean, contemporary atmosphere, and offers a full range of new and upgraded guest amenities including a fitness center, lounges, retail shops, and banquet and meeting rooms. Its proximity to the Hawaii Convention Center, Ala Moana Center and Ala Moana Beach Park brings a new dimension to Outrigger's portfolio."

Carey says the transition in ownership and management should be seamless for guests, employees, and owners of the hotel units. "As the management consultant for the hotel, Outrigger Enterprises Group is very familiar with the property and understands the unique opportunities it presents. With our affiliate's operational team at the helm, the hotel will benefit from our business relationships, booking technology, and sales and marketing expertise," he said.

"The Ala Moana Hotel has become well established as a result of more than three decades of doing business and is a name that can stand on its own," Carey said.

As required by State law, a Plant Closing Notice was filed today with the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to reflect the change in ownership.

ALM Management Services LLC will offer employment to all bargaining unit employees at the hotel when it takes over management of the hotel in the first quarter of this year. "The employees are the heart and soul of the Ala Moana Hotel and their service through the years is reflected in the good reputation of the hotel," said Carey.



Microtunneling Pit Work Continues

(from www.beachwalkbypass.com, Jan. 8, 2007 update)

Contractors are close to finishing a key portion of what will become the receiving microtunneling pit on the makai side of the Ala Wai Canal, at the corner of Kuhio Avenue and Kaiolu Street, near the Beachwalk Pump Station. Contractors are installing a concrete compression ring around the 24 drill piles to make sure that receiving pit doesn't collapse inward. They will then dig a pit, roughly 37 by 34 feet and 30 feet deep. The receiving pit has to be dug before the microtunneling operation on the mauka side of the canal, near the Ala Wai Community Gardens, can begin.

Contractors have dumped a foot of rock on the floor of that mauka pit, now 44 feet deep, to help with drainage issues. They also installed sump pipes to insure the work can be conducted on dry ground. And a second beam has been installed to make sure the pit doesn't crush inward.

All this prep work is part of the Beachwalk Wastewater Emergency Bypass project, and a prelude to the microtunneling operation, in which a ten foot long machine will bore its way under the canal, and then under Kaiolu Street in Waikiki, pulling with it a series of new sewer pipes.

As part of the microtunneling operation, contractors have set up a large machine to separate the materials that will be tunneled out from under the canal and Kaiolu Street. This machine, called a shaker, takes in a combination of water and bentonite, a type of clay, and the rock and other materials being excavated. The bentonite is mixed in water and injected into the microtunnel hole to make a sort of soup. That allows workers to get all the materials out, and the water and bentonite is then recycled back into



the microtunneling operation. The rock and other debris is separated in the shaker and then hauled away.

The microtunneling process means Kaiolu Street won't have to be trenched. It was on Kaiolu Street that an aging pipe burst last March, leading to a massive wastewater spill. That triggered this emergency project, now in phase two.

The first phase involved construction of an emergency bypass. That is up and running, utilizing a series of pipes and pumps set up temporarily along both sides of the canal.

Check their website, www.beachwalkbypass.com, for weekly updates, or call the project hotline Monday thru Friday from 8am to 5pm. at 808-203-5777.

Erik Berger Appointed General Manager at the Sheraton Moana Surfrider



Erik Berger has been named general manager of the Sheraton Moana Surfrider Resort. He joins the hotel after an extensive career as general manager of the 2,265-room Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

An industry veteran of almost 30 years, Berger was named general manager of the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort in 2003. For his outstanding work, Berger was named "CEO to Watch" by Florida Trend magazine.

Berger is a highly regarded industry veteran who is distinguished for his commitment to financial profitability, efficient operations, exceptional guest service and effective employee relations. His professional affiliations include the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He holds a B.S. degree in business administration from Boston University and a MBA degree from Suffolk University in Boston. Berger is married with two adult children.

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22nd WCC Ala Wai Challenge

Honors Two Great Legendary Surf Icons

Sunday, January 28, 2007, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
Ala Wai Neighborhood Park

[Reprinted from the WCC newsletter with permission.]

Once again the Ala Wai Canal will come alive with canoe racing excitement! Join the Waikiki Community Center for their 22nd Ala Wai Challenge, scheduled Sunday, January 28, 2007, at Ala Wai Neighborhood Park!

This fun-filled day starts at 8 a.m. with the Opening Ceremonies Canoe Procession from McCully bridge following ancient Hawaiian protocol. Watch exciting races in the Ala Wai Canal and check out the field as teams participate in Hawaiian Makahiki games. Craft vendors, ethnic foods and entertainment will be available throughout the day.

This year WCC honors Living Surf Legends of Hawaii Peter Cole & Fred Van Dyke, two of the greatest big wave surfers in the history of sport. Peter Cole is a big wave icon. At over 76 (who's counting?), he is the oldest big wave surfer in Hawaii, was at one time the best surfer in the world, and previous Chairman of the Surfrider Foundation.

Fred Van Dyke is a teacher, author, and also a pioneer of big wave surfing. He moved to Hawaii in the

50's to surf the big waves, taught at Punahou School, and has written several books about his experiences. A physical fitness enthusiast, Fred still surfs the 10-footers regularly and gives multi-media presentations on healthy aging and surfing throughout the country.

Waikiki Community Center is proud to be honoring these great legends and invites you to join them January 28th! Form a team of twelve and join the fun! The cost is \$420 and includes event shirt, all equipment and lunch.

Free trolley shuttle will start at 7am, picking up at Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center and the bus depot at Paoakalani Avenue at Waikiki Beach Marriott. Water taxis will pick up guests at Olohana Street.

Enjoy the day at Ala Wai Challenge — entertainment, craft vendors, ethnic food booths and exciting races and Hawaiian games!



Waikiki Beach Walk™'s Ohana Concerts

Bring Local Talent to the Streets of Waikiki

Local residents and visitors alike are invited to enjoy the all-new Waikiki Beach Walk™ Ohana Concerts held nightly at sunset on the plaza at Waikiki Beach Walk. Local artists interact with their audience as they circulate through the common area of Waikiki Beach Walk™. Visitors and residents can listen to a sampling of Hawaii's up and coming talent as well as well-seasoned island musicians while they enjoy Waikiki Beach Walk's collection of brand new retailers.

The Ohana Concerts at Waikiki Beach Walk are held nightly from 5-7 p.m. (schedule subject to change without notice):

January 1, 13, 15, 27, 29; Feb 10, 12, 24 & 26; March 12 & 26, 2007 — Veteran Hawaiian entertainer Gaylord Glushenko and Guitar Institute of Hawaii's Mike Barques come together as the Lukini Duo. Together they perform a variety of songs from Hawaii's past and present. Hawaii-born Glushenko, a Waikiki performer of year's past, returns to the beautiful shores of Waikiki sharing his gift of mele (song) with Waikiki Beach Walk visitors.

January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30; February 6, 13, 20 & 27; March 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2007 — Shoppers and visitors should stop by Waikiki Beach Walk™ every Tuesday to experience the up-and-coming sounds of Hawaiian-music duo, Ualei. The twosome features Kapono Haynes and kumu hula teacher, Ku Souza, both graduates of the Hawaiian Studies program at the University of Hawaii. Enjoy the moving tunes of these fun performers as they get into the sound and rhythm of their original songs.

January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31; February 7, 14, 21 & 28; March 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2007 — Take a break every Wednesday to enjoy the song and dance of gifted local artists Elena Martinez and Wayne Shishido. Martinez, an experienced hula dancer, vocalist and musician is "ohana" to Auntie Irmgard Farden Aluli. She is accompanied by the talented Shishido on the guitar. The couple invites island residents and visitors to come out and partake in the fun.

January 4; February 1; March 1, 2007 — The Nihoa Duo bring an assortment of music to Waikiki Beach Walk. Local boys Andrei Puchert and Mike Barques perform their Hawaiian falsetto style while singing both original and contemporary songs as they stroll amongst the crowds.

January 5, 12, 19 & 26; February 2, 9, 16 & 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2007 — Need a rest from all that shopping? Stop and enjoy the entertainment of longtime performers, Keith & Carmen Haugen, as they exhibit their authentic style of music, hula and

stories every Friday at Waikiki Beach Walk. The Haugens embody the classic beauty and historic knowledge of the kupuna (teachers) here in Hawaii. Allow them to share their laid-back style of life and you'll walk away with a sense of what aloha is all about.

January 6, 11, 18 & 25; February 8, 15 & 22; March 3, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2007 — Enjoy the silvery tunes of the Hawaiian Style Steel Pan with Greg and Junko MacDonald who perform their rendition of classic and contemporary Hawaiian music through the beat of the steel pans. Their smooth sounds are sure to keep shoppers tapping their feet and swaying their hips as they move between Waikiki Beach Walk's new stores.

January 7, 14, 21 & 28; February 4, 11, 18 & 25; March 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2007 — Visit Waikiki Beach Walk on Sundays to enjoy the music and aloha of the fantastic Joe Wilcox Duo. Hawaiian musicians Joe Wilcox and Robert Keliioomaluu share their contemporary interpretation on traditional Hawaiian songs that you won't want to miss.

January 8 & 22; February 5 & 19; March 5 & 19, 2007 — Take a break and enjoy the festivities of Halau Hula with Blaine Kia. Every Monday, Waikiki Beach Walk will feature a traditional Hawaiian blessing as well as song and dance. Immerse yourself in this uniquely Hawaiian experience.

January 20 — The talented Rick Rickard and special guest Kaimana are featured during this special Saturday performance. Rick and Kaimana perform at various locations throughout Hawaii and will sweep you away with their melodic renditions of classic and contemporary Hawaiian music.

Feb 3 & 17; March 17, 24 & 31, 2007 — Join Kaneohe's talented musician/arranger Cousin Wayne Shishido as he shares the stage with guest musicians such as Dr. Isaac Akuna, Kamaka Tom, Kaouiokalani, Derrick Kam, Tau Grieg and more. Enjoy an evening full of surprises with the sweet and rich harmony of the Kila Brothers Duo.

March 10, 2007 — Hawaii-born Moon Kahele is a talented song writer, musician and master Slack Key guitarist. He now resides on the "island of Arizona," but returns to Hawaii to share his love of Hawaii, her people and music at this special appearance.



Honolulu Zoo Society Offers Twilight Tours

What's Wild in Waikiki? Take a stroll to the Honolulu Zoo and learn the sort of monkey business that goes on after hours. Learn about the lives of the Zoo's remarkable citizens. Tours are held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. *every* Saturday evening! It's a fun evening of education never experienced by day visitors. Special arrangements can be made for large groups. Families are welcome. The tours are appropriate for all ages 5 to 105! Please purchase tickets in advance from the Honolulu Zoo Society (HZS) by calling 971-7195. Walk-ups are welcome if space is available - meet at the Front Entrance at 5:15pm. See www.honzoosoc.org for info.



Waikiki Parade Watch (courtesy of the City)

January 15, 2007 Monday

9:00AM Starts
12noon Ends

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY PARADE sponsored by Martin Luther King Coalition. The event is expected to have 2,000 marchers, 100 vehicles, 20 floats, 6 bands. It will start at Ala Moana Park to Ala Moana Blvd., to Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., end at Waikiki Shell Parking Lot in Queen Kapiolani Park. Contact: Patricia Anthony 384-4038 Fax: 672-4129

February 4, 2007 Sunday

7:00AM Starts
8:30AM Ends

HAROLD CHAPSON 8K RUN sponsored by Mid-Pacific Road Runners Club. The event is expected to have 200 runners. It will start at Kapiolani Park Bandstand at Monsarrat Ave., to Kalakaua Ave., to Diamond Hd Rd., to Kahala Ave., to Paikau St., counterclockwise around Triangle Park, to Diamond Hd Rd., to Kalakaua Ave., to finish at Hon. Marathon Finish Line. Contact John Simonds 373-3609 E-mail: simonds001@hawaii.rr.com

March 3, 2007 Saturday

7:00AM Starts
11:00AM Ends

9th ANNUAL FT. DERUSSY BIATHLON sponsored by Hale Koa Hotel. The event is expected to have 300 participants. Swim: Out and back course Ft. DeRussy Beach. Run: From swim finish transition area to Saratoga Rd. sidewalk, to Kalia Rd., to Army Museum, to Ft. DeRussy, to Paoa Pl, to end at transition area. Contact: Kelly Hupp 955-9151, Fax: 955-9122, E-mail: huppk@halekoa.com

The above is based on the most current information available from the event organizers as of the date of this publication. For more information, call the Department of Transportation Services, 808-527-6009.



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