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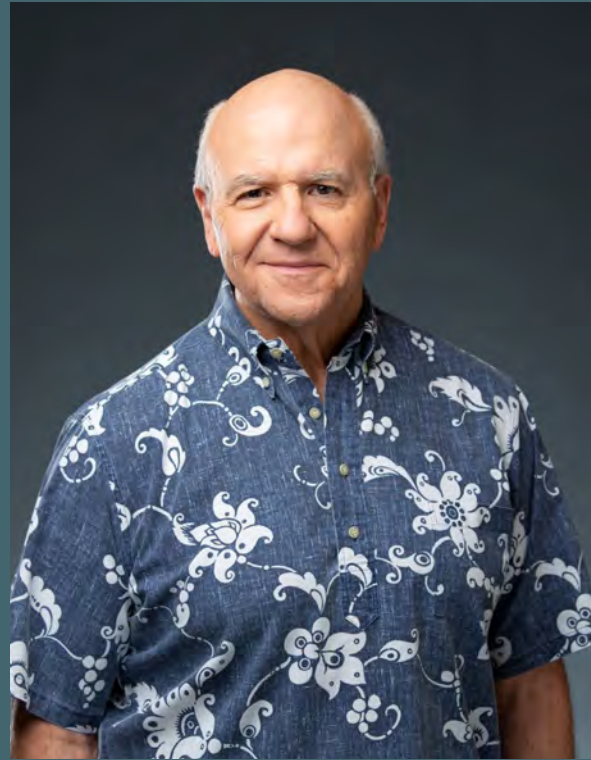
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Candidates for Mayor Speak on Waikiki Issues



Waikiki Improvement Association shares the mayoral candidates responses to questions that address issues that most directly affect Waikiki.

QUESTION 1: Waikīkī is without question the economic driver of O‘ahu. The COVID-19 Pandemic has completely closed Waikīkī down. What would be your thoughts/plan for reopening of Waikīkī to pan pacific tourism?



Keith Amemiya: My “Recovery Plan for a Healthy Honolulu” outlines the steps my administration will take to ensure that O‘ahu has a healthy people, healthy economy, and healthy environment. Understanding that Waikīkī is the economic driver of our island, it is important that we create an environment within which tourism can safely operate, both to protect workers, visitors, and the community that lives in Waikīkī.

I commit to doing everything I can to avoid further shutdowns and providing an environment that allows for reopening tourism safely, including filling Department of Health gaps by funding testing, contact tracing, and isolation and quarantine facilities. At this point, our State and City have put efforts into expanding the measures necessary to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. As Mayor, I will continue to support these measures. Supporting these systems will prevent our community from having to yo-yo between openings and closures, which harms our local businesses and hospitality industry.

To facilitate a safe version of tourism, our goal is to attract visitors that will spend more per person so that we may maintain consistent revenue from fewer people. Supporting industries to complement the hospitality industry, including agriculture, aquaculture, film, and other creative industries, will also allow us to create additional jobs while presenting the best version of our community to the world. Showcasing our values of taking care of our land and people will impart in visitors a deeper appreciation for our islands, increase the likelihood of visitors returning, and allow us to focus on the quality of visitors over the quantity of visitors.

It is also important that businesses and residents alike have access to the information they need to operate safely. My proposed Office of Community Engagement will be a proactive team who will reach out and build relationships in the community. This will allow us to stay up-to-date on our ever-evolving situation, listening to your concerns and shaping responsive policies, and it will allow my administration to get clear, accurate information out to the community in a timely manner. In addition, given the nature of our crisis, I have committed to having regular meetings with the hospitality industry, and I will designate the Executive Director of the Office of Economic Revitalization to serve as the dedicated point of contact in my administration, given the important role the tourism industry will play in our economic recovery.

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Rick Blangiardi: As Mayor, the first step I will take will be to invite representatives of the hotel industry and Waikiki business community to meet with me and my team so we can hear and learn, first- hand, the economic realities of your industry, your concerns, proposals and ideas. One of the tenets of my administration will be informed decision making and I want to meet and hear from industry at the very beginning of my administration.

Second, we must plan for Oahu’s economic recovery and the revitalization of our hotel industry and Waikiki business community now, not later. Given the recent rise in COVID-19 infections and more recent decline following Oahu's economically devastating second Stay-at Home/ Work-at-Home Order, public health and safety must continue to be our priority, but we must be actively planning for a near-term reopening.

To that end, I prefer a solution-based plan that avoids further lock-downs or shut-downs of our business community and I commit to seek out expertise from outside Hawaii where they have successfully controlled COVID-19 cases while avoiding lock-downs. Such expertise exists and can provide best practices as we formulate and implement our plan for Waikiki and Oahu.

Tourism represents over 16% of our state’s GDP and broadly impacts every other sector of our economy. There is no recovery without tourism and Oahu’s tourism-related unemployed workforce rightly expects government to work with industry to restore our economy as quickly as possible in a safe and responsible manner. I will step up to that job. That means, in the current environment of indecision, using the authority of the Mayor’s office to bring tourism industry stakeholders to a common table to plan our collective recovery and revitalization, including the hotel industry, WIA, HLTA, HTA, DBEDT, UHERO, airlines, representatives of the restaurant, retail, activities and transportation sectors, union representatives, the state’s economic navigator, DOH, HIEMA, community representatives and others, including federal agencies and resources. As Mayor of the county representing nearly half of all hotel rooms in the state, I accept it as my obligation to lead and draw upon my experiences in the private sector to find real, implementable solutions by working collaboratively with all stakeholders.

Third, I will aggressively support the tourism industry and Waikiki business community by making sure our neighborhoods and public spaces are clean, safe, well-maintained and inviting for our tourists, residents, businesses and local workforce. A recovery plan that includes job- stimulating projects presents many opportunities to fix our existing city infrastructure, including roads, sidewalks, parks, public space and venues, etc. But we must do more. We must view recovery as an opportunity to

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Rick Blangiardi, QUESTION 1 CONTINUED: stimulate and revitalize, to make things better than they were before. To do otherwise would be a waste of an opportunity. As your Mayor, I commit to a recovery plan that does more than just recover lost ground. With the right team and the right attitude, we can and will gain ground along the way and come out better and stronger in the end, to the benefit of all Oahu residents and businesses.

Fourth, I will make sure all city departments and agencies understand our singular and collective commitment, as public servants, to serve our communities with a “can-do” attitude. For example, understanding the critical value of our local workforce to the hotel industry, I will work with Oahu Transit Services (OTS) and the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) to make sure Oahu’s public transit system is efficiently serving the transit-riding community who rely upon public transportation to live their lives, including commute to and from jobs in Waikiki.

Finally, as Mayor, I will be proactive in the city’s search for additional funding sources to support Honolulu’s economic recovery and revitalization. We are an island economy but this is a global pandemic, meaning it offers many opportunities to tap resources beyond our state and county tax base. We must aggressively fight for federal funds and seek out key investments in Honolulu’s future. Done right, Waikiki, Honolulu and Oahu can and should lead the nation in recovery and revitalization.

QUESTION 2: In the last 5 years, real property tax rates on hotel properties have increased 12% and property valuations have increased 65%, resulting in exponential tax increases. During the same span of time property tax rates on non-hotel commercial properties have remained stable. Do you support continuing to widen this disparity? And if so, while taxes continue to rise, how do you intend to help the hotels manage this heavy tax burden as they lose their ability to compete with other major tourist destinations?



Rick Blangiardi: Let me state initially, that during my 40+ years running businesses in the private sector, I always had to operate within budgets and I believe government should operate similarly. I do not view any particular private industry or sector, including Oahu's hotel industry, as an appropriate "target" for disparate real property tax increases because the government fails to exercise fiscal discipline and live within its means. This principle is even more true in an economic crisis where the tax base is economically distressed.

Current economic forecasts from UHERO indicate Hawaii's road to recovery may be long and slow. Complicating matters, I have no information regarding the extent to which COVID-19 will impact real property tax collections in FY21, FY22 and beyond, nor do I know to what extent the federal government is going to appropriate additional federal stimulus funds to the City and County of Honolulu (including additional CARES Act funds, federal infrastructure stimulus funds, etc.).

I can share with WIA that my preference is to not raise real property tax rates during an economic crisis and if a situation arises where the city is forced to do so, I will absolutely be fair in my allocation of acceptable increases across the tax classes. I can also advise that there are many opportunities and initiatives the city can and must explore to reduce its expenses and/or increase its revenue base before finding itself with no alternative but to raise real property taxes. As Mayor, I commit that my administration will be transparent, open, informed and fair, meaning I will not unfairly target any particular industry or any particular tax class for disparate treatment.

Finally, I understand the compounding effect of tax rate increases on top of significant increases in real property valuations and I commit to give this issue my personal attention. I want to fully understand the different tax classifications and why the city (Mayor and Council) historically treated some classifications differently and I intend to call for relevant information from the city's financial staff.

If elected as your Mayor, I also commit to sit down with WIA and the hotel industry to review the industry's real property tax and valuation history. After learning more, I welcome a frank discussion regarding what a fair county tax rate plan would look like, especially in light of COVID-19.

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Keith Amemiya: COVID-19 is a crisis that we must confront together. Every family, business, and industry has felt the impacts in one form or another. I contemplate on the enormity of the task at hand on a daily basis, and I understand that the hospitality industry has been one of hardest hit during the current crisis. Raising property taxes is not my go to for solving our economic woes. One of my first priorities for increasing revenue will be passing a vacant home tax, and I will focus on enforcing our vacation rental law. I will also (1) continue to support small business relief; (2) support commercial rent relief, which would help local businesses pay rent for commercial space in hotels and other areas; (3) support the use of outdoor space, including municipal parking lots and landscaped areas, so business and visitor activities can be done in a safe, open environment; and (4) work with stakeholders to make other improvements, such as better utilizing the Kūhiō Beach pavilions. Finally, I will continue to meet with your members to engage and collaborate on how the City can ease the burden the hospitality industry is facing.

QUESTION 3: Current sea-level rise (SLR) projections suggest additional actions will be required to protect Waikīkī properties. Would you support widening the beach and or adding shoreline improvements where appropriate to preserve Waikīkī Beach?



Keith Amemiya: Waikīkī is situated uniquely to absorb large impacts from large storms, sea level rise, and other components of climate change. I would continue to support beach restoration projects to ensure that Waikīkī Beach is maintained and protected from further erosion. This includes working with stakeholders on projects similar to the Royal Hawaiian Groin project. I also support reducing the impacts of flooding through mitigation measures in the Ala Wai Watershed. As we continue to

confront climate change together, I will continue to rely on science, data, and the hospitality industry's on-the-ground expertise to craft future policy.



Rick Blangiardi: Yes, as Mayor, I will support implementing best practices to protect Waikiki properties. There have been several articles published recently regarding what measures protect property versus cause additional long-term damage to our shorelines. I welcome information, including science-based data and information from SOEST, University of Hawaii, so that together we can make informed decisions

about how to sustainably protect important Waikiki properties, shoreline and beach.

QUESTION 4: The Waikīkī Transportation Management Association TMA was created by ordinance as a Public Private Partnership (PPP) to assist the City in managing transportation in Waikīkī (including parking and loading zones). Will you continue the City's support of TMAs?



Rick Blangiardi: Yes. I am generally familiar with the TMA concept and believe the City is best served by working collaboratively with the WIA, Waikiki hotels, businesses and residents to better and more efficiently manage “local” (Waikiki) transportation, transit and traffic issues, from parking, to loading zones, to curb management to coordinated events. As Mayor, I will see to it that the City moves forward authorizing, empowering and funding the TMA to oversee and manage Waikiki transportation, transit and traffic issues.



Keith Amemiya: I support TMAs, for they help the City in better supporting parking, bicycling, pedestrian use, and loading zone improvements that add to the overall quality of life and experience for Waikīkī residents and visitors alike. I would work with Waikīkī area stakeholders specifically to evaluate loading zone fees, Transportation Network Company (TNC) vehicle fees, and other area improvements.

QUESTION 5: Illegal vacation rentals proliferated up to last year (2019) to the extent that 20 to 25% of visitors to O‘ahu occupied the illegal units. Mid 2019 the city passed new laws to tighten enforcement and allow for very limited “hosted” vacation rentals. Yet as of January 2020 vacation rentals on O‘ahu were only down 13%. What would you do enhance enforcement, or would you propose new legislation?



Keith Amemiya: My “Housing for All Plan” affirms that we must stop the activities that drive up the cost of housing for our O‘ahu residents, including vacant homes and illegal vacation rentals. I will ensure that the Department of Permitting and Planning is fully staffed and supported through the budget process to enforce our laws and return illegal vacation rentals to the market. I also support continued escalation of penalties to include placing a lien on the property if necessary to ensure compliance

from those who flagrantly and repeatedly violate the law. I support prohibiting the addition of any new vacation rentals (TVUs) or bed & breakfast establishments (B&Bs) on O‘ahu, and I support legislation like Bill 89 (2018). While other versions would have potentially provided even more protection, Bill 89 did provide an important framework that allows the City to stop the proliferation of TVUs and B&Bs, better regulate legal operations, and make it easier to crack down on illegal operations in our communities. Short-term rentals drive down the availability of long-term rentals, which in turn increases the rents our local families have to pay due to the housing shortage. They also interfere with the character of and quality of life in our residential neighborhoods. More importantly, Bill 89 provides a safeguard for the many local jobs that rely on the hospitality industry by better managing tourism.



Rick Blangiardi: This is where my leadership as Mayor will make a difference. Short-term rentals (STRs) have been regulated in Honolulu since 1989. In 2019, Ordinance 19-18 (Bill 89) was passed to balance the benefits of STRs for both operators/hosts and guests with a commitment to respect the character of residential neighborhoods across Oahu.

But for the Department of Planning and Permitting's (DPP's) inability to meaningfully enforce STR regulations since 1989, we would not have the proliferation of illegal STRs across Oahu. I will see that the law is enforced and that DPP is provided the tools and resources necessary to do their work. If necessary, my administration will introduce legislation to honor my administration's commitment to enforce our laws. However, I am optimistic that with the right leadership in DPP, coupled with the resources to do their jobs, the hard-working staff in DPP will resolve this long-standing issue.

QUESTION 6: Homelessness continues as a major issue in Waikīkī and throughout O‘ahu. Do you intend to continue the Caldwell Administration’s policy of “compassionate disruption” along with “housing first” or do you have different plans?



Rick Blangiardi: First, I do not believe "compassionate disruption" is a permanent solution to homelessness and, according to the CDC, it is contraindicated during a pandemic as it spreads people throughout the community, breaks connections with service providers and increases the potential for infectious disease spread. Second, while I support Housing First, understand its role in assisting the homeless population find housing, I believe my approach to solving homelessness is distinguishable from the Caldwell administration.

Hawaii’s per-capita homeless population is one of the highest in the nation and we must take meaningful steps to solve our homeless epidemic by committing to strategies and solutions that address the many reasons our people are on the streets. There is no one solution to Honolulu’s homeless crisis and many of the current policies, such as “compassionate disruption,” only move the problem in circles to other neighborhoods and parks and then back again.

The homelessness initiative I propose is to bring all the disparate stakeholders addressing homelessness on Oahu together (Federal, State, City and County of Honolulu, non-government organizations, non-profits, faith-based community groups, etc.) to agree upon a concerted multi-pronged approach to a multifactorial problem that will be implemented in a planned and structured manner with shared data and metrics tracking performance results. Borrowing from the CDC, it is a "whole community" approach to homelessness.

As the causes of homelessness are many, it is my belief we can only achieve a county-wide solution by bringing all the stakeholders together to understand the importance of their singular role in the collective solution. For example, Honolulu’s Housing First program works for a specific segment of the homeless population, but it does not necessarily work for others, including the service-resistant homeless population on the streets, those who suffer from mental illness, drug addiction and/or psychotic behaviors. Even standard strategies combining social services with incarceration are rarely successful with chronic service-resistant individuals, especially those with substance addiction issues and severe mental issues. This population needs other intervention strategies which are currently being piloted on Oahu, such as the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program and the state's Assisted Community Treatment (ACT) law.

In closing, we simply must resist thinking there are one, two or even three solutions to homelessness. It’s just not that simple and I am convinced that if we bring all the disparate stakeholders together to take a step back, break down the walls, regroup and study the bigger picture, we can collectively implement solutions that will solve Honolulu’s homelessness epidemic. It will take a collaborative leader with a big vision and, as Honolulu’s Mayor, I am willing to step forward and work with others to get it done.

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Keith Amemiya: While I support the sidewalk nuisance and stored property ordinances, I believe that people who are homeless must have a reasonable option for shelter when these laws are enforced in an area. By implementing my “Housing for All Plan,” I intend to address many of the root causes of homelessness. This includes advancing “housing first” policies. We can achieve affordable housing as a community by stopping illegal vacation rentals; implementing a vacant home tax; being innovative

with the technologies we support to build housing; increasing incentives, such as reducing fees, for building affordable units; and utilizing technology and streamlining to speed up the permitting process. Actual housing, however, is only part of the solution for the causes of homelessness. As Mayor, I will also support increased support services, including stabilization beds for mental health and substance abuse treatment. The City must also partner with the State to fill the gaps in the system, including leveraging CARES Act funds to support community health centers and increase available resources.

Waikīkī Beach Sand Replenishment Project Set to Begin December

20,000 Cubic Yards of Sand Will Be Recovered from Offshore Waikīkī Locations

The Waikīkī Beach Special Improvement District Association (WBSIDA) is working in partnership with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) for a beach maintenance project for the Royal Hawaiian to Surfrider Moana beach area as a follow up to the 2012 beach maintenance project. The project is estimated to be carried out in the Fall of 2020 and last approximately 2-3 months. This is a public-private partnership with the WBSIDA providing \$1 million toward the \$3-4 million estimated project cost. This project will complement the recently completed Royal Hawaiian Groin which was completed in early August, 2020 through a similar public-private partnership with the WBSIDA.

The goal of the Waikiki Beach Maintenance Phase II project is to restore and maintain the public beach between the Kuhio Beach Ewa Groin and the Royal Hawaiian Groin, by the replenishment of up to 20,000 cubic yards of sand dredged from nearshore to the beach. The nearshore sand was originally on the beach and eroded offshore through time, thus this project is a form of periodic “sand recycling.”



It is estimated the beach width will be roughly doubled from the current condition in the project area. The 2012 project entailed 24,000 cubic yards brought in from the same nearshore sand source just outside the main “canoes” surf break in Waikīkī. The seaward limit of the restored beach will not exceed the historical position of the beach/water interface. The restored beach will enhance recreational opportunities and facilitate lateral access along the shore in addition to providing much-needed wave run-up mitigation to the adjacent properties. The intent of the project is to restore the beach conditions and shoreline position of the 2012 Beach Maintenance Project.



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OCTOBER 28, WED.

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4:00-4:30 PM BUSINESS MEETING

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Community Effort Brings Life & Beauty to Centennial Park



Landscaped plants surround the Monkey Pod tree inside the park
Photo courtesy of Reese Liggett

September was an incredible action-packed month at Centennial Park Waikiki. The “make it green” Phase 1 on-site construction work by Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company and its subcontractors was substantially completed, with the large trees planted, topsoil and sod ready for landscaping.

On September 18 and 19, a community effort to plant the park’s ground cover brought a hearty group of 76 volunteers together. Rotary Club of Honolulu RAT Pack* co-chair Reese Liggett coordinated the work schedule and volunteers (*Rotary Action Team.)

The Park is a construction zone, designated as “essential work,” so the volunteers were required to work in masks, bring their own tools and water, and were carefully assigned to shifts in widely space areas, using the General Contractors Association of Hawaii COVID-19 guidelines. The Courtyard by Marriott Waikiki Beach generously offered free parking and Hawaiian Electric provided lunches for the volunteers Hawaiian Electric generously provided lunches for the volunteers.

Volunteers included 19 Waikiki neighbors, Councilmember Kymberly Pine and other community volunteers; 42 Rotary Club of Honolulu members, friends and family; and 11 Rotarians and friends from the Waikiki, Honolulu Sunset and Hickam Pearl Harbor Clubs, including six young adults from HPU’s Rotaract Club.

Under the direction of landscape architect John Mossman, the volunteers unloaded a huge truckload of 200 shrubs in 3-gallon containers and thousands of small ground cover plants from Maui. Proper planting lessons by John came next, and by late Saturday afternoon all of the shrubs and flowering plants, including pōhinahina, ti plants, Queen Emma spider lilies, as well as ground cover pothos were



ON-GOING Volunteer Opportunities

Photo courtesy of Howard Wolff
www.howardwolffphotography.com

embedded in designated sections around the park. The coming months are a period of intense maintenance to insure that the newly planted trees and landscaping will be protected and thrive. There are on-going volunteer opportunities. Sign up at www.centennialparkwaikiki.org.

Centennial Park has moved forward with the hard work of many. We offer huge appreciation for the 76 volunteers who came out in September and for the financial support by generous individuals, businesses and Rotary Clubs. If you want to help, go to www.centennialparkwaikiki.org to donate or volunteer. Thank you all for your continuing support!

Next Hands-On Event:
Sunday, October 10

Advanced sign-up required at
www.centennialparkwaikiki.org

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4

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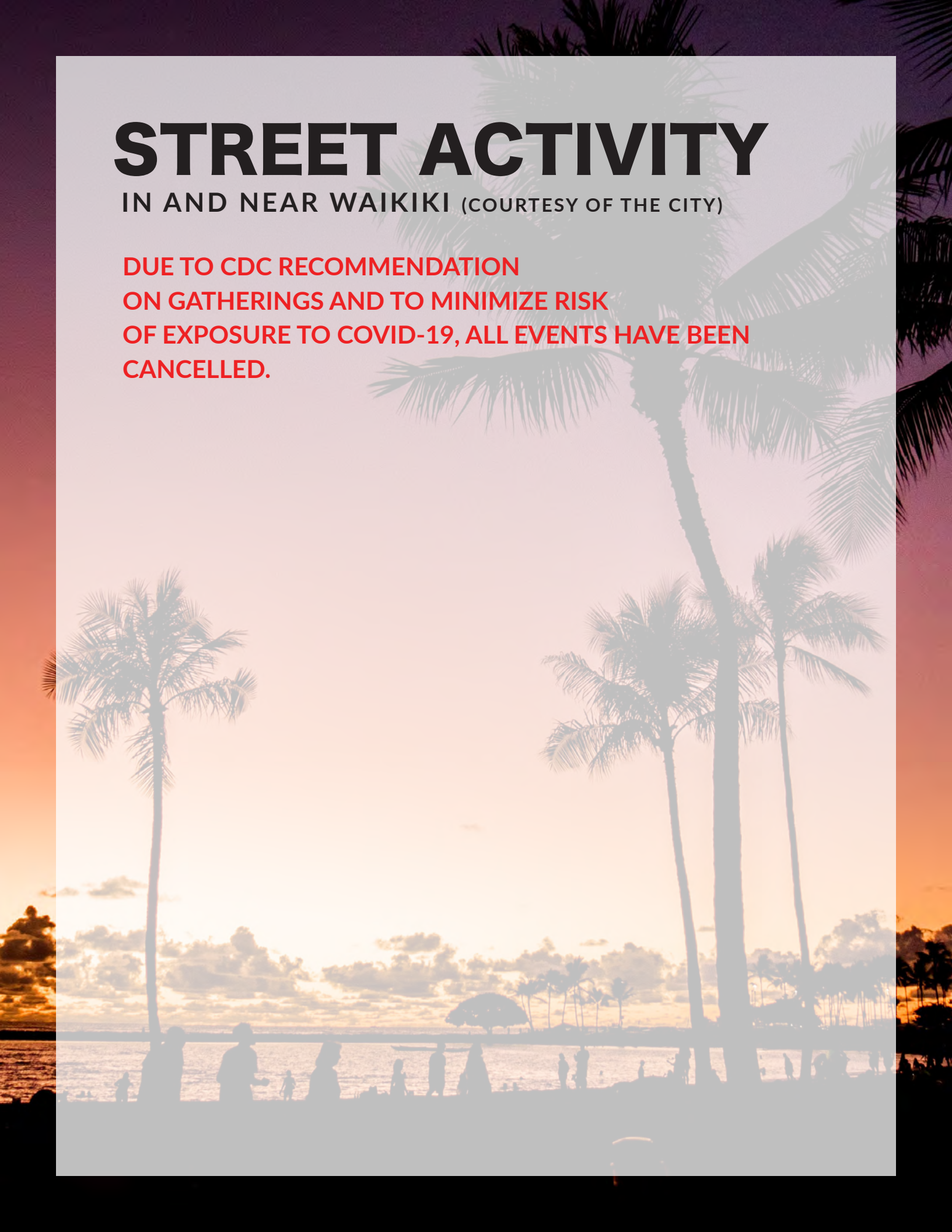
Make a monetary donation

Demand for critical services such as our emergency food pantry has increased exponentially since COVID-19 while we've had to cut staffing/budget. A monetary gift gives us the flexibility to use the funds where we most need it.

STREET ACTIVITY

IN AND NEAR WAIKIKI (COURTESY OF THE CITY)

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beer

DRAFT

New Belgium 1554 Black Lager	5
Fort Collins, Colorado 6.0% ABV	
Deschutes Black Butte Porter	5
Bend, Oregon 5.2% ABV	
Stella Artois Lager	5
Leuven, Belgium 5.2% ABV	

BOTTLES

Domestic Beer	3
Budweiser, Bud Light, or Coors Light	
Imported Beer	4
Heineken, Corona, or Sapporo	

wine by the glass

Featured Red, Rosé, White, & Sparkling	5
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Items & prices are subject to change

BASALT

happy hour bites

Pork Belly Buns 8
Charcoal bao buns, pickled vegetables, hoisin sriracha sauce

Adobo Chicken Wings 9
Soy-vinegar glaze, garlic chili dipping sauce

Duck Empanadas 8
Aged goat cheese, brandied cherry, pickled jalapeño, avocado lime crema

Baja Fish Taco 5
Beer battered, chile slaw, pico de gallo

Basalt French Dip Sandwich 6
Shaved prime rib, French roll, au jus
Add-On: (+\$2 each) Grilled Onion, Cheddar Cheese, or Swiss Cheese

Bar Burger 7
4oz wagyu beef patty, cheddar cheese, brioche bun, lettuce, tomato, onion, Hawaiian Isle sauce
Add-On: (+\$2 each) Mushroom, Bacon, Avocado, or Egg

Pork Ribs 8
Hoisin BBQ glaze, soy-chili slaw, fried garlic

Prime Rib Mini Moco 7
Shaved prime rib of beef, red wine demi glaze, steamed white rice, sunny side up egg

French Fries 3 **Garlic Fries** 4

Togarashi Fries 4 **Waffle Fries** 5

Onion Rings 5

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- Fried Rice** **\$4.20**
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- Lobster Tail** **\$16.00**
- Shrimp** **\$7.40**
- Chicken Teriyaki** **\$10.00**



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HAWAII CONVENTION CENTER

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While the Hawai'i Convention Center remains closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is completing several major improvement and maintenance projects to enhance the overall operations of the building and prepare for reopening. Projects include:

- **Cooling Tower Replacement:** Cooling tower replacement will be completed in late 2020, with the installation of two of the four towers already finished. The towers are part of the building's air conditioning system. (Photo below left)
- **Facility Equipment:** The Center has purchased new banquet chairs and décor items to better service events. Tables have also been added to accommodate new social distancing measures. (Photo below right)
- **Security Measures:** New security cameras and archiving systems have been installed, and other security upgrades are planned. Thermal cameras are also being used to monitor staff and guests entering the building as part of the Center's COVID-19 health and safety protocols.
- **Energy-Efficient Lighting:** As part of its commitment to environmental sustainability and its recent Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification, the Center is upgrading its lighting to LED bulbs in select locations.
- **Trellis Replacement:** Several of the Center's wooden trellises will be replaced with a more durable shade system that can be closed to shield against rain or angled to block sun and wind. Lighting will be installed under trellises near gathering and events areas.

Additional maintenance projects are being completed throughout the building, including tiling, Ala Wai waterfall repairs, roof repairs, boiler replacement and chiller repair.

For more on the Hawai'i Convention Center, including its updated schedule, as well as health and safety protocols, visit [HawaiiConvention.com](https://www.hawaii-convention.com).






UPCOMING EVENTS

The Hawai'i Convention Center continues to follow State of Hawai'i restrictions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, remaining closed since March 18, 2020.

All public events previously scheduled during this time are either postponed or cancelled.

The health and safety of our guests and staff are our top priority, and we will post updates to our events calendar at [HawaiiConvention.com](https://www.hawaii-convention.com).

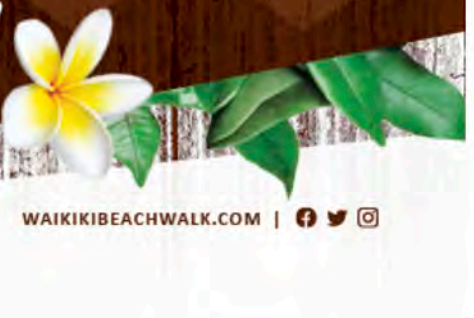


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For more on the Center's new health and safety program, visit <https://blog.hawaii-convention.com/reopening-protocols-and-guidelines/>



Talk Story



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Aloha from Waikiki Beach Walk,

With Halloween only a few weeks away, we are excited to celebrate this year with Waikiki Beach Walk's Trivia and Treat!

Play along in our mini trivia game through our [Instagram](#) stories on Halloween day and claim your prizes! It's sure to be a sweet treat!

Waikiki Beach Talk

If you haven't stopped by Waikiki Beach Walk recently here's the talk of the town.



Join Us Online
For Ku Ha'aheo
Tuesdays | 5:30 p.m.

Live Music Every Tuesday at 5:30 P.M.

Tuesdays just feel brighter with some live music! If you feel the same join Kumu Hula Blaine Kamalani Kia every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in his Kailua home for live Hawaiian music.

Tune in to Ku Ha'aheo today, at 5:30 p.m. on our Waikiki Beach Walk [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts!

Waikiki Beach Walk Take Out & Delivery Options

Bring home the delicious dishes from Beachwalk Café, Taormina Sicilian Cuisine, and Yard House.

Use promo code CIAO for ordering takeout from Taormina and receive 10% off from Yard House by showing your valid state ID.





Oktoberfest at YardHouse Waikiki

From September 21 – October 18, celebrate the world's largest beer festival with six Oktoberfest beers and souvenir steins. Prost! Learn more [here](#).

Oktoberfest beer growlers available at YardHouse To Go Bar.

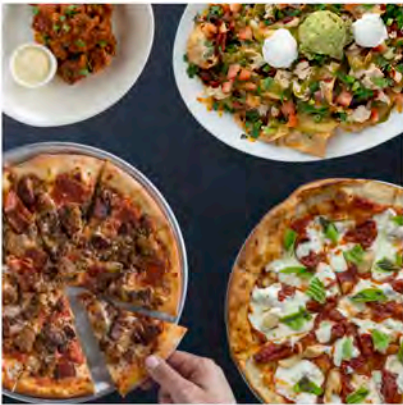
30% Off Pasta & Pizza at Taormina Sicilian Cuisine

For a limited time only [Taormina Sicilian Cuisine](#) offers 30% off their pizzas and pastas when you order for lunch from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Online orders available for curbside pick-up.

LUNCH
11AM~3PM

*ALL
PASTA AND PIZZA
30% OFF
(Online ordering only)
(Link in bio)*



Weekly Favorite: Tailgate Takeout Pack from YardHouse Waikiki

Bring the watch party home with YardHouse's new [tailgate takeout pack](#).

Each pack comes with: Signature Chicken Nachos, 2 Pizzas toppings of your choice, and one order of Traditional, Boneless, or Gardein Chicken Wings.

Free 3 Hour Valet Parking and Curbside Pick-Up

Parking and take out has never been easier in Waikiki.

Simply place your order online or over the phone and pick up on Lewers St.

For parking instructions [click here](#).

FREE PARKING FOR OUR KAMA'AINA

FREE PARKING FOR 3 HOURS WITH ANY WAIKIKI BEACH WALK* PURCHASE
*Must present receipt/proof of purchase. Validation time will be capped at regular rates.

June 30, 2020
EXPIRES

SHOW/RESTAURANT VISITED _____

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FREE PARKING LOCATIONS
Validated valet parking located at Rainbow Sitters Pet's Care and Wynolani Vacation Ownership
*\$4 per 1/2 hour after 3pm.

Discover over 45 one-of-a-kind boutique shops, weekly activities, live performances & award-winning restaurants.

SKELE-FUN AT ROYAL HAWAIIAN CENTER



Royal Hawaiian Center has conjured up a spook-tacular season of fall fun, fashion, and food!



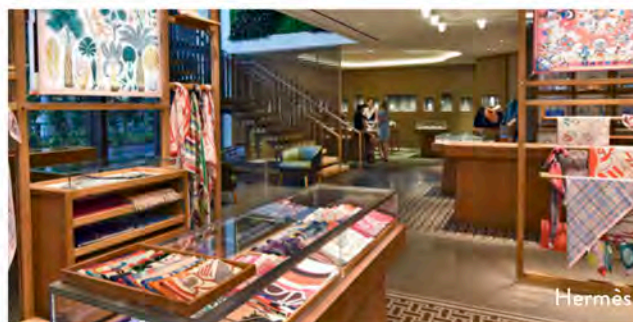
The largest costume contest in Waikīkī goes virtual this year and is sure to be a wickedly good time for the entire family! The Halloween Keiki Costume Contest is open for keiki from infants to 10 years old and their parents competing for fang-tastic prize packages. Upload photos or videos showcasing your child's creativity, originality, and personality to the Royal Hawaiian Center website from October 1 to 23, 2020. Judges will award prizes for the **Most Adorable** (Infants to 2-year-olds), **Most Creative** (3- to 5-year-olds), **Most Original** (6- to 10-year-olds), and **Best 'Ohana** (Parent and Child Costume Combo, infant to 10 years). This year the community will also get their chance to vote for their favorite and award the People's Treat! Winners will be announced on October 29, just in time for the spookiest day of the year. For the devilish details or to register for the contest visit www.RoyalHawaiianCenter.com/Events.

Look for more seasonal fun on Royal Hawaiian Center's social media profiles. Holoholo to Hawai'i with our new **Virtual Cultural Lesson Series** launching in late-October. Learn how to weave lauhala, get inspired to create fall floral arrangements, and more right from the comfort of your home. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.



Lauhala Weaving

Stay stylish while staying at home with Fall Fashion Finds from luxury boutiques to local shops. Schedule a private appointment at **Hermès** (Building B, Levels 1 to 3) to shop their Autumn-Winter 2020 collection, which plays with perceptions, materials, and layering for a classic, yet contemporary fashion statement. Strike the perfect balance between city elegance and relaxed sophistication with the Pre-fall 2020 collection from **Fendi** (Building C, Level 1 & 2). Show your Aloha spirit from face to feet with **Island Slipper** (Building A, Level 2) with Hawai'i-inspired face masks and footwear. Get comfy and cozy in Hawai'i exclusive designs from **Stüssy Honolulu** (Building B, Level 1) including zip-up hoodies and classic crewneck sweatshirts.



Hermès

SKELE-FUN AT ROYAL HAWAIIAN CENTER



Take your tastebuds around the world with your favorite dishes from Royal Hawaiian Center restaurants! Travel to the heart of Italy with **Il Lupino Trattoria & Wine Bar** (Building B, Level 1).



Il Lupino Trattoria & Wine Bar

Jump over to Japan courtesy of **Restaurant Suntary** (Building B, Level 3) and **TsuruTonTan Udon Noodle Brasserie** (Building B, Level 3). Take a trip to Thailand with **Noi Thai Cuisine** (Building C, Level 3). Come back to the USA with **Wolfgang's Steakhouse** (Building C, Level 3) and **The Cheesecake Factory** (Building C, Level 1). Dine-in safely at our restaurants or opt to enjoy at home with curbside, delivery and takeout options.



Noi Thai Cuisine

Restaurants

- The Cheesecake Factory
- Il Lupino Trattoria & Wine Bar
- Noi Thai Cuisine
- Restaurant Suntary
- TsuruTonTan Udon Noodle Brasserie
- Wolfgang's Steakhouse

Pā'ina Lānai Food Court (reopening 10/13)

- Curry Cafe
- Kulu Kulu
- Mahaloha Burger
- Pho Factory

Specialty Eateries

- Island Vintage Coffee
- Starbucks



FREE PARKING THROUGH END OF THE YEAR!

Royal Hawaiian Center has extended our popular free parking program through the end of the year! With any purchase from any of the Center's shops and restaurants, you'll receive 3 free hours of parking. Takeout and picking up orders are easy, too, with our Park & Go program. Park in the Park & Go designated stalls on the 3rd floor near the elevators, grab your order, get your ticket validated, and head on out in 20 minutes or less! Park, pick-up, and pau!



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Wikiwiki Wire **GUIDELINES**

Wikiwiki Wire is published on the first Friday of each month. If you would like to share your news with other members, please send your info to: editor@waikikiimprovement.com.

Submission Deadline

Waikiki-related news and information submitted by members (or their PR agencies) for the Wikiwiki Wire newsletter should be received no later than **5 PM THURSDAY, ONE WEEK PRIOR** to the newsletter's publication and distribution on the first Friday of each month.

News & Stories: Please submit any Waikiki-related stories/articles as a Word doc and include photos to accompany stories/ articles. For best results, please upload photos as a separate JPEG attachment - maximum 2 MB each image.

Flyers/PDFs: Waikiki-related flyers are welcome but must look like advertising pieces and not press releases. Please format flyers to an 8.5" x 11" size and submit them in a PDF format.

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Photos: For best results, please upload photos as a separate JPEG attachment - maximum 2 MB each image.



WAIKĪKĪ IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

We are a cross-section of business, government and the community; our members care about the future of this special place - Waikīkī.

For more than 40 years, the Waikiki Improvement Association has remained true to its objective: to improve, enrich and beautify Waikīkī for the benefit of residents and visitors alike and to promote conditions conducive to the economic and cultural good and for the betterment of the entire community.

HAWAIIAN DIACRITICAL MARKS

Waikīkī Improvement Association recognizes the use of diacritical marks (i.e., glottal stop (ʻ), macron (ā) in place names of Hawaiʻi, such as Waikīkī and Kalākaua Avenue and will include them whenever possible. We also respect the individual use (or not) of these markings for names of organizations and businesses

There will also be times when we may not have a chance to add or change the markings in all of the articles submitted and when that happens, e kala mai.