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First Sneak Preview of Waikiki nei Moved to Thursday, July 10

Waikiki nei's first sneak preview show will take place on Thursday, July 10.

Waikiki nei is an innovative, multi-media theatrical production designed to cultivate for each member of the audience a personal, spiritual connection with the Hawaiian Islands. With a strong emphasis on the Hawaiian culture and sense of place, Waikiki nei relies on evocative action and gorgeous visual imagery to create a stunning journey through the legendary evolution of Waikiki from its historic, diverse past to its present status as a world-renowned paradise destination. For more information, please call (808) 931-6100 or visit www.waikikinei.com.



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Revitalization and new store openings highlight activities at Royal Hawaiian Center

Tropical Iceland—refreshingly cool

Royal Hawaiian Center, formerly known as Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center, is proud to welcome Tropical Iceland with the very best in natural and fresh shaved ice desserts in Waikīkī. The 690 sq. ft. store is located on the second level of Building C.

“Royal Hawaiian Center is the perfect location to bring shaved ice to Hawaii’s visitors and kama’aina,” said James Ting, owner and president of Tropical Iceland. “We bring a new twist to a familiar local favorite, dressed with fresh ingredients to tantalize the palette.”

Tropical Iceland is on a mission to bring happiness and satisfaction to people with its frozen treats. Made of all-natural and fresh ingredients, the menu provides unique desserts of all types including finely shaved ice, exotic fruit and all-fruit sorbet. These refreshing and tasty treats are fat-free, additive-free, 100 percent fresh and creamless.



As the only purveyor of shaved ice in the heart of Waikīkī, Tropical Iceland is sure to become a fast favorite with flavors including mango shaved ice, strawberry shaved ice, kiwi shaved ice and a deluxe combo consisting of a mixture of any two fruits and the super combo of a selection of any three fruits. These sizeable treats are large enough to be a meal in itself and diners are encouraged to share.

Tropical Iceland is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. For more information call the store at (808) 926-4774.

Honolulu Cookie Company causes a sweet sensation

Pineapple-shaped cookies sprout up at Royal Hawaiian Center as Honolulu Cookie Company opens its new location on the ground level of Building B between ABC Stores and L’Occitane. The 693-square-foot Honolulu Cookie Company invites guests to try its delectable sweets at its convenient sampling station. The shortbread cookies come in a variety of flavors including pineapple, lilikoi, mango, Kona Coffee, and macadamia nut. Each cookie is individually wrapped to ensure crisp, oven-fresh quality.

Along with the new location comes the addition of new flavors. Chocolate lovers can now indulge in premium dark chocolate dipped butter macadamia, dark chocolate Kona coffee, and dark chocolate triple chocolate cookies. Dark chocolate lilikoi will be available mid-July.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Honolulu Cookie Company to Royal Hawaiian Center,” said Marleen Akau, general manager for the Center. “With our revitalization, we’re bringing a new mix of tenants to the Center. Because of our prominent location on Kalākaua Avenue, we need tenants that appeal to our visitor markets. We also want to draw our community back to Waikīkī. We have the best parking rates in the area and great shopping and dining options that everyone can enjoy.”

Honolulu Cookie Company has been confecting its unique cookies since 1998 and its popularity keeps growing. With a variety of gift boxes, bags and totes, the pineapple-shaped cookies are popular for gifts or party favors. For more information about Honolulu Cookie Company visit www.honolulucookie.com or call the store at (808) 931-3330.

Royal Hawaiian Center shops are open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. For more information on Royal Hawaiian Center’s shopping and dining options, call Lei ‘Olu Guest Services at 808-922-2299.

Royal Hawaiian Center has the largest garage in Waikiki with 10 levels of parking and more than 600 stalls located adjacent to the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. Guests of the Center can enjoy dining validations of \$4 for four hours and merchant validation of \$2 for two hours with a maximum of six hours of validation. Additional parking over six hours will be \$2 per 20-minute increment. No minimum purchase is required for validation.

More ... Revitalization and new store openings

ABC Stores renovates; new Kaimana Kea Rolex and LeSportsac stores now open

Royal Hawaiian Center celebrated its completion with week-long festivities from June 14-20. In addition, it is also proud to announce its newest merchant openings and renovations.

“We are excited about the positive changes inspired by our revitalization,” said Marleen Akau, general manager of Royal Hawaiian Center. “Several merchants have remodeled, new tenants are also attracted to the newly-revitalized Center. It’s a thrilling time to be here, at the crux of activity with the revitalization of three major blocks in Waikīkī.”

ABC Stores completed renovations to its 4,389 square foot space on the ground level of Building B in March 2008 and features a warm limestone façade with a Hawaiian basket weave pattern. The interior has been redesigned with a ribbon-like curved designs with rich toned wood display cases. The new lighting fixtures help to highlight the new architectural design and the merchandise. The store has remained open during its renovations. Here you can find anything you need from a refreshing beverage to a souvenir. For more information, visit www.abcstores.com or call the store at 808-923-2069.

Kaimana Kea Rolex opened its new 1,170-square-foot location on the ground level along Kalākaua Avenue in April 2008. This replaces its former shop at the Center, which originally opened in 2000 but closed during the Center’s revitalization. The new store carries only Rolex brand watches, the leading luxury wristwatch symbolizing high performance and prestige worldwide. It is one of only three in the United States to do so and also has the Rolex Name and logo on the store’s exterior. For more information, call the store at 808-971-2986.

The Center is also proud to welcome the new LeSportsac with its 2,801-square-foot location on the ground level of Building C, along Kalākaua Avenue. This new location opened in May 2008 and replaces its former temporary location on the ground level of Building A. The new shop carries a complete range of handbags, travel bags, totes, messenger bags, backpacks, attaches and accessories. The Royal Hawaiian Center location also carries a full line of products in an exclusive Hawai’i print. For more information, call the store at 808-971-2920.

Koa Nani shines

The Royal Hawaiian Center introduces Koa Nani, its newest jewelry merchant, featuring a distinguished collection of contemporary Hawaiian bracelets, pendants, rings and more. Koa Nani’s 800-square-foot shop is located on the first level of Building C, across from Juicy Couture and the new Ferrari store.

“Koa Nani jewelry is a smart blend of old and new styles and our pieces highlight tradition and celebrate innovation,” said Brian Hee, managing director of Koa Nani. “Royal Hawaiian Center is a great place for us to showcase our merchandise. With the new revitalization and better parking rates, we expect a mix of both visitor and local audiences.”

Koa Nani means “brave” and “beautiful” in the ancient Hawaiian language. Its intricately designed jewelry exemplifies this pairing by marrying Hawaiian motifs with European craftsmanship. Koa Nani’s stylish pieces are made of white, pink and yellow gold, or platinum with precious and semi-precious stone such as diamonds, opals and turquoise, and possess a romantic elegance with an edgy urban appeal. As a part of its unique collection, Koa Nani specializes in jewelry for couples. These pieces are made using two interlocking portions that can be shared. Price points range from \$200 to \$20,000.

“Koa Nani is a great unique addition to the Center because it brings a modern look to Hawaiian heirloom jewelry,” said Marleen Akau, general manager of Royal Hawaiian Center. “While the Center has a wide assortment of luxury merchants, we also incorporate local lifestyle brands found nowhere else. Koa Nani’s beautiful collection of Hawaiian jewelry can be enjoyed by visitors and kama’aina, and will be treasured for a lifetime.”

Koa Nani is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. For more information, visit www.koanani.com or call the store at (808) 923-8889.



Two Outrigger Hotels Expand Kamaaina Special

Two Outrigger hotels in Waikiki have expanded their Kamaaina “Free Parking” special, now offering a wider range of room options for Hawaii residents interested in an Oahu sojourn.

Valid through December 21, 2008, the Kamaaina “Free Parking” special at the Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach and the Outrigger Reef on the Beach includes free valet parking daily, with room rates now starting at \$160 per night.

Hawai'i residents who choose to stay at the Outrigger Reef on the Beach can enjoy the hotel's re-built Ocean Tower guest rooms at a nightly price starting at \$160 for a moderate room. This kama'aina special also includes special prices for city view, partial ocean view, ocean view and oceanfront rooms, subject to availability, ranging from \$185 to \$350 per night.

At the upscale Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach, the Kamaaina “Free Parking” Special has been expanded to include an ocean view room and a one-bedroom oceanfront room. Prices range from \$195 per night for a city view room to \$375 per night for a one-bedroom oceanfront unit.

All of the above rates include free valet parking, a savings of approximately \$25 per day. Both properties also offer complimentary long-distance telephone calls within Hawai'i and to the mainland, free high-speed Internet access (wired in-room; wireless in public areas), and no resort fee. A variety of special events, including Aloha Friday Luncheons and music workshops with master musicians, are offered on site throughout the year. For a calendar of events, visit www.outrigger.com.

In addition to overlooking Waikiki Beach, both Outrigger hotels are within walking distance to the new Waikiki Beach Walk® entertainment complex, the Royal Hawaiian Center, and numerous other restaurants and shops along Kalākaua Avenue. Ala Moana Shopping Center is approximately two miles away.

As an optional add-on, kama'aina guests may also reserve a rental car from Dollar for an additional \$29 per day for a compact vehicle, \$36 for mid-size, and \$46 for full-size.

Room rates for the Kamaaina “Free Parking” special are based on double occupancy and are good through December 21, 2008. Package may not be combined with other offer, and is subject to room availability, change and taxes. Some restrictions may apply.

For reservations or information, call toll free 800-OUTRIGGER (1-800-688-7444) or visit either www.outriggerwaikiki.com or www.outriggerreef.com. You can also e-mail reservations@outrigger.com.

SUNDAY SHOWCASE

This free weekly program takes place every Sunday afternoon (weather permitting) from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the Plaza Stage at Waikiki Beach Walk. **NOTE: Sunday Showcase performances on June 22, July 6 and July 20 will take place an hour earlier, from 4 to 5 pm.



JULY SUNDAY SHOWCASE

July 13 - Te `E`a o Te Turama (Tahitian Dance & Drums) – 5-6 pm The drum beats of Te 'E'a o Te Turama beckons you to the Waikiki Beach Walk Plaza stage to experience the upbeat and exciting dance and drumming of Tahiti. During select days of the week, you'll also find them at Mana Hawaii located on the second floor of Waikiki Beach Walk.

In keeping with the free line-up of Hawaiian entertainment offered at Waikiki Beach Walk, residents and visitors are welcome to the Waikiki Beach Walk Plaza Stage every Tuesday afternoon for the weekly program called Ku Ha'aeo, “To Cherish with Pride.” From 4:30 to 6:00 pm, kumu hula and cultural advisor Blaine Kamalani Kia leads his hula halau in a performance featuring both adult and keiki (children) hula dancers, a unique blending of contemporary and traditional elements focusing on island traditions, cultural beliefs, classic hapa haole tunes, and historical moments in Hawai'i, all told through song and dance.

Valet parking for up to four hours is available for \$6.00 at the Embassy Suites-Waikiki Beach Walk (201 Beachwalk) and the Wyndham Vacation Ownership-Waikiki Beach Walk (227 Lewers Street), with any same-day purchase from any Waikiki Beach Walk merchant.

Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa July Calendar Alert

(Open to the public unless noted. Validated parking available when visiting restaurants and lounges.)

Mondays—Fridays: Live Hawaiian Music
Venue: Moana Terrace
Time: 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Every Saturday in July:
Moana Terrace's "Old Hawaiian Nights" Concert Series is the perfect place to rekindle memories of traditional Hawaiian music superbly performed by some of Hawaii's greatest musicians and singers.

Catch a different performance every Saturday, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

July 5, 12, 19 – Mark Caldera
July 26 – Mike Keale

Sundays:
George Kuo, Martin Pahinui, & Aaron Mahi – Classic Hawaiian slack key music perfected with true, traditional flair. An evening to enjoy!
Venue: Moana Terrace
Time: 6:30-9:30 p.m.

The logo for "Sunset on the Beach" is written in a stylized, cursive font with a yellow-to-orange gradient and a drop shadow effect, set against a yellow background.

is on hiatus and returns
August 23

Waikiki Hula Show at the Kūhiō Beach Hula Mound

Authentic Hawaiian music and hula shows are **performed nightly except Mondays**, 6:30PM – 7:30PM, by Hawaii's finest hula hālau (troupes) and Hawaiian performers at the Kūhiō Beach Hula Mound, near Duke Kahanamoku statue, beachside Uluniu & Kalākaua Ave. in Waikīkī.

These are outdoor performances with seating on the grass or on beach chairs or beach mats. Cameras are welcome.

Presented by the City's Office of Economic Development (843-8002) and the Hawaii Tourism Authority. **FREE**. Schedule subject to change without notice.

For the month of JULY:

Mondays: No show

Tuesdays and Thursdays: Joan "Aunty Pudgie" Young and Puamelia

Wednesdays: Ainsley Halemanu and Hula Halau Ka Liko Ka Palai

Friday, July 11: Moana Chang and the Aloha Boat Days Show

Saturday, July 12: Coleen Aiu and Hālau Hula O Maiki

Sunday, July 13: Shirley Recca and Halau Hula O Namakahulali



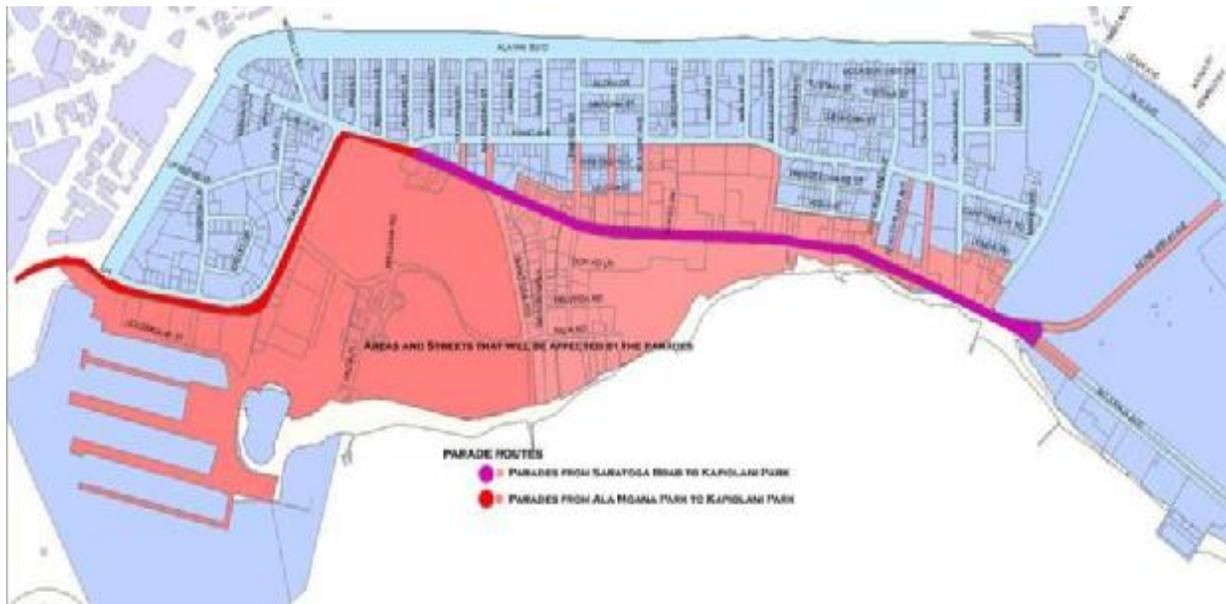
Waikīkī parade watch (courtesy of the City) and more ...

July 20, 2008 Sunday
5:20AM Starts
11:00AM Ends

28TH ANNUAL TINMAN TRIATHLON sponsored by Tinman Unlimited. The event is expected to have 1,000 participants. Swim: Queens Beach, Queen Kapi'olani Park. then : Bike: Transition area, to Kalākaua Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kahala Ave., to Kealaolu Ave., to Kalaniana'ole Hwy., to Lunalilo Home Rd., to Hawaii Kai Dr., to turnaround at Kealahou St., to Hawaii Kai Dr., to Lunalilo Home Rd., to Wailua St., to Keahole St., to Kalaniana'ole Hwy., to Kilauea Ave., to Elepaio St., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kalākaua Ave., to transition area in Queen Kapi'olani Park, near bandstand. Run: Transition area, to Kalākaua Ave., to Kapahulu Ave., to Paki Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to 18th Ave., to Kilauea Ave., to Elepaio St., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kalākaua Ave., to end at Honolulu marathon finish line. Contact: Olga Caldwell 595-5317 Fax: 595-5317. E-mail: tinmanhawaii@hawaii.rr.com For more info, visit their website: <http://www.tinmanhawaii.com/>

July 12, 2008 Saturday
1:50 AM

ROYAL HAWAIIAN BAND will perform in Kapi'olani Park for the Korean Festival. For performance updates, call 922-5331



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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Check out our website at:
www.waikikiimprovement.com

HULA FESTIVAL



Queen Kapi'olani Park Bandstand August 9 and 10, 2008

Saturday, August 9		Sunday, August 10	
10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	Hālau Hula O Nāwahine	10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	Royal Hawaiian Band
11:00 - 11:50 a.m.	Nā Wahine O Ka Hula Mai Ka Pu'uwai	11:00 - 11:50 a.m.	Puanani Alama Hula Studio
Noon - 12:50 p.m.	Ka Hale I 'O Kahala	Noon - 12:50 p.m.	Leilani Alama Hula Studio
1:00 - 1:50 p.m.	Hālau Hula O Hōkūlani	1:00 - 1:50 p.m.	Hālau Hula O Pua 'A'ala Hone
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Hālau Kawaipuilani	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Ka Pā Hula Hawai'i

Beginning in 1941, DPR's Nā Hula Festival has celebrated the artistry and grace of Hawai'i's premiere dance form - Hula. The festival is Hawai'i's longest running annual non competitive hula event.

Please bring your hāli'i (covering, spread), and enjoy a beautiful, relaxing day of hula at the park. Food and craft vendors will be available. Admission is free.

For more information, please contact Kaiulani Kauchi, Culture and Arts Coordinator at (808) 768-3041



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