



Waikiki Wiki-Wiki Wire



Bottle Bill Amendment Becomes Law



Earlier this week, Governor Lingle allowed SB 1611 CD1 to become law without her signature. The bill amends Act

176, passed by the legislature in 2002, the law commonly referred to as the "Bottle Bill." Retail merchants and other business organizations tried in vain to acquire more lead time to prepare for the implementation of this sweeping measure. Although the Governor was supportive, legislative relief as reflected in SB 1611 was minimal.

The Bottle Bill requires a deposit fee to cover handling and costs and a five-cent refund value for con-

sumers. On October 1, 2004, a deposit fee of one-cent per container will be imposed. The five-cent refund value becomes mandatory on January 1, 2005. Deposit beverage containers include separate, sealed containers 64 ounces or less made of glass, metal or plastic. The law requires retailers to redeem containers in their stores after July 1, 2005.



All of Waikiki falls within a two-mile area covered by a Beverage Container Recycler and is exempt from this requirement. However, it will be difficult for many retailers to tell their customers that they can take the customer's money but not their return. Many retailers may feel it necessary to accept the container as a service to customers.

The costs go up not merely a

nickel a bottle, there are expenses attached to this service. Employees will have to take time to handle the refunds of deposits and store the empties, while additional time will be required for accounting and bookkeeping. Under the law, the deposits are not subject to the four percent general excise or income taxes. Waikiki businesses will be particularly hard hit because of the lack of storage space and transportation difficulties.



For further information, check the Department of Health, Solid & Hazardous Waste Branch website at www.hawaii.gov/health/about/health/environmental/waste/sw/depbevcon.html, or call them at 586-4226.

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RSVP Deadline for the WIA Mid-Year Meeting - July 23!!!

Honoring Mayor Jeremy Harris

Date: Wednesday, August 4, 2004
Location: Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa, Leahi Ballroom
Time: 11:30AM - 2:00PM (lunch to be served at 12:00NOON)
Cost: \$40 per person / \$350 per table of 10
RSVP: Friday, July 23

For more information, please contact **Raina** at 923-1094 or raina@waikikiimprovement.com



Brunch on the Beach—July 18



Go outdoors for a Sunday morning treat and enjoy the sights, sounds, smells and

tastes of Waikiki at Brunch on the Beach on Sunday, July 18. Kalakaua Avenue will once again be transformed into a charming outdoor café, a perfect setting to spend the morning.

For just \$3.00-\$5.00, you can order delicious breakfast specials, omelets, entrees and desserts prepared by Waikiki's finest chefs from these restaurants:



Duke's Waikiki, Hau Tree Lanai, Hyatt Regency, Renaissance Ilikai Waikiki, Royal Steak and Seafood, Royal Yakiniku, Seafood Village, Tiki's Grill and Bar, Pacific Beach Hotel

This month's Golden Chopstick Award special



will feature locally-grown tomatoes.

The **Royal Hawaiian Band Glee Club** will kick-off the entertainment at 9:30AM with nostalgic "Hawaii Calls" songs and other Hawaiian melodies. At 10:30AM, Hawaii's American Idol **Jordan Segundo** will



songs from his newly released album, "Be the One." **Abe Weinstein, Keahi Conjugacion** and the **Honolulu Jazz Trio** will take the stage at 11:30AM with fabulous jazz.



Maunaloa, 2004 Na Hoku Hanohano "Favorite Entertainers of the Year" and "Best Hawaiian Album" award winners will headline at 12:30PM. The entertainment is free and there are prize giveaways too!

Worried about parking? Don't be! Special rates, based on availability, will be offered on Sunday at all participating businesses displaying

the "Holoholo Parking" logo (a "P" encircled by a floral lei). Holoholo Parking is available for special rates at:

- \$3.00 all day at the Waikiki Trade Center

- \$1.00 per hour, maximum of five hours at:

Ohana Reef Tower, Ohana Maile Sky Court, Ohana Waikiki Village, Ohana East, King Kalakaua Plaza, Radisson Waikiki Prince Kuhio, Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center

- \$5.00 flat rate all day at ANA Kalakaua Center and the Waikiki Parking Garage

For more information and special parking rates, call 923-1094 or visit www.co.honolulu.hi.us/events and click on the "Honolulu Events Calendar." Brunch on the Beach is sponsored by the City and County of Honolulu, the Hawaii Tourism Authority and the Waikiki Improvement Association.



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instrumental music of Daniel Ho and Roy Sakuma’s ‘Ukulele Super Keiki. There also will be a Lanikai ‘Ukulele Drawing.

Gates open at 4:35 PM, after the regular zoo hours. Showtime is 6:00 - 7:00 PM at the Zoo's stage lawn. A donation of \$1.00 per person to benefit the Honolulu Zoo is sug-

gested.

For more information on the weekly “Wildest Show in Town,” call AT&T at 526-6610 or visit www.honolulu zoo.org to check out the schedule and all of the other great programs available at the Honolulu Zoo.

July 21 performance will be the

Other Waikiki Events



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5:00PM, Kapiolani Park, HAA Craft Fair

Sunday, July 18, 5:00AM-12:00PM, Kapiolani Bandstand, 23rd Annual Tinman Triathlon

Craft Fair

Tuesday, July 20, 5:30PM-8:30PM, Kapiolani Bandstand, Ukulele Festival Rehearsal

Thursday, July 22, 2:00PM-9:00PM, Kapiolani Bandstand, Youth Quake Rally (City Refuge Christian Church)

Saturday, July 17, 8:00AM-4:00PM, Kapiolani Bandstand, Gospel Jam



Saturday, July 17, 9:00AM-

Sunday, July 18, 9:00AM-5:00PM, Kapiolani Park, HAA

Kuhio Beach Torch Lighting and Hula Show DAILY!

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Friday, July 16: Kale Pawai and Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani

Saturday, July 17: Colsen Kanei and the Halau Kawaiianuhealehua

Sunday, July 18: Leimomi Ho and Keali'ika'apunihonua Ke'ena A'o Hula



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Ala Wai Boulevard Project to begin August 2004

Beginning August 2004, the City & County of Honolulu Department of Design & Construction will begin work on a project to upgrade the Ala Wai Boulevard.

The “Ala Wai Boulevard Improvements” project will extend along the Ala Wai Boulevard from Ainakea Way on the Diamond Head (East) end to McCully Street on the Ewa (West) end.



Along the mauka (north) side of Ala Wai Boulevard, the existing curb will be moved outward seven feet into the parking lane for about 100 linear feet at each intersection to create “bulb out” areas. These bulb outs will be landscaped with grass and trees to create increased green space along the canal. Benches and receptacles also will be installed. Twenty-four-hour parking will still be provided between the bulb outs.

Despite the cut of about 60 parking spots along Ala Wai Boulevard, City officials plan to open two municipal parking lots in Waikiki to respond to residents’ concerns, one at Tusitala Street and the other at Aloha Drive.

Along the makai (south) side of Ala Wai Boulevard, new upgraded ADA-compliant wheel

chair ramps and traffic control will be constructed at six intersections including: Paoakalani Avenue, Liliuokalani Avenue, Kanekapolei Street, Seaside Avenue, Lewers Street and Kalaimoku Street.

The five-month project, forecasted to be completed in December 2004, will begin on the Kapahulu Avenue end of Ala Wai Boulevard. Con-



struction of the bulb out areas will take place in three 2,000-linear-foot increments:

- Increment 1- Ainakea Street to Kaiulani Avenue
- Increment 2- Kaiulani Avenue to Lewers Street
- Increment 3- Lewers Street to McCully Street

Lane closures will be required at work areas and traffic control signs and cones will be erected. Work will be done during daytime only, excluding morning and evening rush hours.

Temporary sidewalk closures will occur during construction of the wheelchair ramps on the makai (south) side of the Boulevard and during work on each increment to construct the bulb outs along the mauka (north) side of the Boulevard. Parking will also be prohibited in the work zone on a 24-hour basis.

Notices to motorists will be published and an electronic message board will be set up near the Waikiki Library. For more information on the project, please call the inspector’s information phone at 341-6411 or visit the project information website at www.co.honolulu.hi.us/parks/facility/alawai/index.htm. Traffic updates also will be made on the radio and updates will be distributed via monthly information bulletins to area residents.

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Kuhio Avenue Project Nears Halfway Mark

Construction of the Kuhio Avenue segment of the Bus Rapid Transit project, along with the associated Kuhio Avenue improvements, is nearing the halfway mark, and both contractors are on pace to finish the work by the end of the year. The work is already transforming the pedestrian experience on Kuhio.

The median work on the Kapahulu end of Kuhio is complete, and the monkey pod trees are filling in. Royal Contracting has completed its portion of the mauka sidewalk widening, including Flagstone paving, and is now working on the makai side of the street. Hawaiian Dredging Construction is completing its last portion of work on the mauka sidewalk between Kalakaua Avenue and Kanekapolei. The Flagstone pavement has added a nice accent to the landscape,

which includes new shower and coconut trees and ground cover in planters.

When completed, the sidewalks on both sides of the street will be wider with more trees and landscaping. A second landscaped median will be constructed between Kalakaua Avenue and Olohana. Ornamental traffic signals and street lights will further improve the streetscape.



In addition, concrete bus pads will protect the roadway, and bus pullouts will be added to improve traffic flow. There will be two lanes of traffic in each direction with a turn lane at key intersections.

Due to the traffic controls required for construction on Kuhio Avenue, a passenger and delivery loading area with multiple stalls has been es-

tablished on Seaside Avenue. The City Department of Transportation urges everyone to make use of this efficient and controlled area to avoid congestion and hampering construction.



WIA Mid-Year Meeting Room Changed

The WIA Mid-Year Membership Meeting honoring Mayor Jeremy Harris will now be held in the **Kona Moku Ballroom** (moved from the Leahi Ballroom) at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa. The event will be on Wednesday, August 4, from 11:30AM - 2:00PM. Cost is \$40 per person / \$350 per table of 10.

If you have not yet reserved your seat or table for the meeting, deadline to do so is Friday, July 23. Call or email WIA to RSVP today!

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23, 7:00-10:00PM, Waikiki Yacht Club, The King Pins (classic rock, rhythm & blues, surf, oldies and blues from the 50's, 60's &



70's)

Saturday, July 24, 7:00AM-5:00PM, Kuhio Beach, HASA China's Longboard Classic

Sunday, July 25 and Monday, July 26, 7:00-10:00PM, All Star Hawaii, The King Pins (classic rock, rhythm & blues, surf, oldies and



blues from the 50's, 60's & 70's)

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