



## Waikiki Wiki-Wiki Wire

# Waikiki Parade Bill Passes

On Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, the Honolulu City Council passed on final reading Bill 84 (2004) limiting the number of street closures and parades in the Waikiki Special District. Bill 84 limits the number of street closures to 39 per year, but does not limit events that involve the exercise of free speech under the First Amendment. The bill will take effect on January 1, 2007.

Bill 84 recognizes 14 “legacy” parades that have gone on in Waikiki for at least 15 consecutive years. These legacy events are “grand-fathered” into the permitting process, provided they meet the normal requirements for a street-closure permit. Other event organizers may apply for an additional 15 street closure permits following procedures that will be defined and administered by the Department of Transportation Services. Also, the Mayor has the option of issuing 10 additional exemptions. These provisions result in a total of no more than 39 street closures in a year, not counting any additional First Amendment events that may arise.

The measure was introduced by Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu). “Although Waikiki certainly welcomes parades, and even the occasional protest, we need to strike a reasonable balance between those who want to use Waikiki’s streets as a parade ground and those who want to use Waikiki’s streets as a street. I am excited about this new legislation that



2006 Pan-Pacific Hoolaulea

will limit the growing number of street closures and parades in Waikiki.” stated Councilmember Djou.

WIA President Rick Egged was on hand and testified in favor of Bill 84. “Our primary concern involves the delicate balance between the value of Waikiki as a gathering place for the community and the safety and accessibility to the businesses and residents of Waikiki. As a place to celebrate or commemorate Waikiki ranks as the most desirable venue in Honolulu. Events add interest and excitement to Waikiki as a destination making them a valuable part of Waikiki’s allure.” said Egged. “Traffic realignments and concerns over the

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continued proliferation of street closures caused the Waikiki Improvement Association to support legislation to cap the number of such activities." He credited Mayor Mufi Hannemann and Councilmember Charles Djou for their hard work that make the parade bill possible.

In 2005, Waikiki experienced 58 street closures for parades, athletic events, protest marches and similar activities. Officials anticipate over 60 Waikiki street closures in 2006.



## Jet Grouting Strengthens Emergency Sewer Project

from [www.beachwalkbypass.com](http://www.beachwalkbypass.com)

Contractors on the Beachwalk Wastewater Emergency Bypass team are turning to a technology with a proven track record in sewer work. Residents and visitors along both sides of the Ala Wai Canal will be watching over the next couple of months as contractors "jet grout" roads and pits, a prelude to putting a wastewater pipe underground.

"Jet grouting is a means of stabilizing bad soils," said Craig Nishimura, deputy director of the City Department of Design and Construction. "A grout mix is injected into the ground to create a relatively solidified soil layer."

The jet grouting machine drills down, often very deep, and leaves behind a concrete column of underground pillars. Contractors use a silo capable of storing 52 tons of cement. One of those silos now

sits in a city park being used as a temporary construction yard, near Ala Wai Elementary and Iolani schools.

Residents along the mauka side of the Ala Wai Canal will see jet grouting machinery over the next two months as contractors work to solidify and make water proof a huge pit that will be used to launch the micro tunneling machines.

Jet grouting on Kaiolu Street in Waikiki will start sometime next month. Last month, contractors jet grouted the Diamond Head entrance to Ala Moana Beach Park to seal out groundwater during installation of a 48-inch sewer pipe.

Check [www.beachwalkbypass.com](http://www.beachwalkbypass.com) for weekly updates, or call the project hotline, 808-203-5777, Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm.

### Grand-Fathered "Legacy"

#### Parades/Street Closures

(fifteen or more consecutive years)

1. Pan Pacific Parade W i k i k i
2. Kamehameha Day Celebration Floral Parade
3. Aloha Festivals Waikiki Hoolaulea
4. Aloha Festivals Floral Parade
5. Honolulu Marathon
6. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade (*First Amendment*)
7. Salute to Youth Parade #1
8. Salute to Youth Parade #2
9. SBU Toys For Tots Caravan Waikiki
10. SilvaMartz 5K Run
11. St. Patrick's Day Parade
12. FILCOM Filipino Fiesta Parade
13. Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade Waikiki (*First Amendment*)
14. Straub Women's 10K Run

## Cultural Guest Programs Earn Outrigger Hotels “Keep It Hawaii” Honors

The Hawaii Tourism Authority has recognized two Outrigger hotels in Waikiki for honoring and perpetuating the Hawaiian culture and community. Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach and Outrigger Reef on the Beach received Certificates of Merit at the 2006 Keep It Hawaii recognition awards.

Sponsored by Hawaii’s state agency for tourism, Keep It Hawaii applauds individuals and companies who provide exceptional opportunities for visitors and residents to experience the islands’ true culture. Acknowledged by many for being among the largest corporate supporters of Hawaiian culture, Outrigger’s hotels have now amassed a dozen Keep It Hawaii honors since 2001.

“This recognition by Keep It Hawaii means a great deal to us, both as Hawaii’s largest kama’aina (locally based) hotelier and to me personally,” said Kimberly Agas, vice president of operations overseeing both the Outrigger Waikiki and Outrigger Reef. Agas, one of the few women to have served as general manager of a major Waikiki hotel, is of native Hawaiian ancestry, born and raised in Hawaii.

“Our employees play a very key role, at or outside of work, to ensure that our guests have ample opportunity to experience a truly authentic island experience,” Agas said. “They bring their love of our island home to the workplace and are proud to share our heritage with others.”

This year, the Keep It Hawaii awards recognized Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach for its



Hawaiian Medicinal Plants

La’au Lapa’au (Hawaiian medicinal plants) program, a series of special activities and free monthly workshops led by a third-generation kumu (teacher) of la’au lapa’au.

The Outrigger Reef on the Beach was honored for its Hawaiian Quilting Program, which encompasses workshops, classes and exhibits that not only share the beauty of Hawaii’s distinctive quilts, but teaches guests about the history and Hawaiian values embedded in this beautiful art form.

Outrigger’s beachfront properties offer cultural education programs year-round to guests. Collectively called the Kalakaua Experience, the award-winning program offers festive special events and fascinating workshops covering a broad range of topics such as Hawaiian history, music and dance, healing, ocean voyaging, warrior arts, crafts and fine artwork, the environment and island cuisine. Many of the programs feature hands-on learning, and are free to registered guests of the Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach and Outrigger Reef on the Beach on the island of Oahu, and Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort on Hawaii’s Big Island.



Hawaiian Quilting

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## Aloha Free Deals Year Round at ResortQuest Hawaii

ResortQuest Hawaii, formerly Aston Hotels & Resorts, is offering guests an opportunity to experience Hawaii through its “Aloha Free Deals” program when they stay at any of the company’s 25 participating resorts on the islands of Oahu, Maui, Kauai and Hawaii.

As part of the Aloha Free Deals lineup of offers, guests receive a Fifth Night Free with the purchase of four consecutive nights at special program rates available in select room categories. There’s also a Two-for-One Tihati Luau offer for guests to enjoy a spectacular evening revue featuring Hawaiian and Tahitian dance, thrilling fire knife dancers, and a fabulous dinner of traditional Hawaiian and island contemporary cuisine.

Any stay in Hawaii wouldn’t be complete without experiencing all that the islands have to offer. As an added bonus, ResortQuest Hawaii’s complimentary Aloha Book, presented at check-in, provides guests with myriad opportunities to explore cultural and historic attractions, top island activities, Hawaii’s unique multi-cultural cuisine, golf and outdoor recreation, and much more!

As part of the Aloha Free Deals “plus” program, select properties also throw in more value for guests during their stay. At the ResortQuest Waikiki Beach Hotel, guests are presented with the hotel’s complimentary signature Breakfast on the Beach, which is served daily with a variety of “hot and cold” items to go in keepsake coolers. Select properties offer morning coffee service or daily complimentary continental breakfast.

## Hyatt Concierge Mark Omori Receives Guest Informant’s “Above And Beyond” Award

Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa concierge Mark Omori was honored with Guest Informant’s “Above and Beyond” award at the 11th Annual Aloha Spirit Awards dinner. Each year, Guest Informant presents awards to the state’s top concierges. Winners were selected on stories submitted by the concierge’s supervisors and were recognized in a variety of categories including “Oahu’s Best,” “Kauai’s Best,” “Big Island’s Best,” “Above and Beyond,” “Most Creative,” “Most Humorous Story,” and “Most Romantic Story.”

Omori’s supervisor, Benjamin Tanji, submitted the winning story about Omori babysitting a 14-month old baby during an evening shift. Omori was working at the lobby concierge desk when he received a call from the security department requesting his assistance with a Japanese-speaking guest. Arriving at the guestroom, he was surprised to learn that this guest was a hysterically crying baby. Apparently, the girl’s parents went shopping and left their sleeping child behind in the room.

Even with virtually no experience handling children, Omori took charge of the situation. He returned to his workstation in the lobby with the crying baby in one hand and a pen in the other, and assisted guests with their requests for several hours without a glitch. Omori’s courteous service never changed, with his usual, “Aloha, how may I assist you?” To surprised guests who asked, “Is that your baby?” Omori replied, “No, but isn’t she cute?”

When the baby’s parents returned hours later, a security officer escorted them to the concierge desk where the little girl and her parents were reunited to Omori’s relief. The couple was informed of Hawaii state laws forbidding children being left alone, and they responded with numerous bows and apologetic remarks. Omori says he will never forget the crash course in childcare he learned that evening.

Omori began his career as a concierge at the Hyatt in 1986. A true professional, he strives to provide hotel guests with wonderful service with “aloha” and an exceptional guest experience. Omori was selected as Hyatt’s “Employee of the Year” in 2005 and has also been featured in an articles in the Honolulu Advertiser and Concierge Magazine.

## Other Waikiki Events

**Daily:** 4:30PM-5:30PM, Star of Honolulu's Pier-Side Hula Show - Free! (Fronting the Star of Honolulu at Aloha Tower Marketplace, Pier 8); 6:00PM, Torch Lighting Ceremony, (Renaissance Ilikai); 6:00PM, torch-lighting ceremony followed by a hula show by the Super Pool (Hilton Hawaiian Village); 6:15PM-6:45PM, Changing of the King's Guard - Rifle Drill Exhibition (King's Village); 6:30PM-9:30PM, Hawaiian Entertainment at the Aloha Lounge (Outrigger Reef on the Beach).



**Monday to Saturday:** 12:00PM, 1:00PM, 6:30PM & 8:15PM, Fish & Stingray Feeding at the Oceanarium (Pacific Beach Hotel)

**Tuesday to Saturday:** 6:30PM-8:30PM, live island style entertainment (Neptune's Garden, Pacific Beach Hotel)

**Wednesday to Friday:** 5:30PM-7:30PM, Hawaiian ensemble of musicians and dancers (DFS Galleria Waikiki)

**Thursday to Saturday:** 6:00PM-8:00PM, Kawika and Friends Hula Show (Renaissance Ilikai)

**Friday and Saturday:** 7:00PM-9:30PM, Live jazz entertainment in Neptune's Garden Restaurant (Pacific Beach Hotel)

**Every Sunday:** 7:30AM, Marathon Clinic (KP); 6:00PM-9:00PM, George Kuo, Martin Pahinui & Aaron Mahi perform (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa); 7:00PM-9:00PM, Greg MacDonald, steel drum music (International Market Place).



**Every Monday:** 9:00AM-12:00PM, Hawaiian Arts & Crafts (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa); 2:00PM-4:00PM, The Waikiki Swingers (Waikiki Community Center); 5:00PM-7:00PM, Winston Tan performs (Outrigger Waikiki On The Beach); Outrigger Waikiki On The Beach; 6:00PM-7:30PM, ukulele classes (Waikiki Shopping Plaza); 8:30PM-9:15PM, Derek Daniels "Islands of Aloha" (International Market Place).

**Every Tuesday:** 7:00AM-1:00PM, Farmers Market, (Waikiki Community Center); 9:30AM-11:30AM, Hawaiian Quilt Making (Royal Hawaiian Shopping

Center); 10:00AM-12:00PM, Hawaiian Craft Classes (Waikiki Shopping Plaza).

**Every Wednesday:** 7:00AM-7:45AM, Rhythms of the Ocean Exercises (Outrigger Reef on the Beach); 6:00PM-8:00PM Chris Kamaka & Baba Alimoot Perform (Outrigger Waikiki On The Beach).

**Every Thursday:** 5:00PM-7:00PM, Jimmy Kaina on Piano (Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach); 6:00PM-9:00PM, Auntie Genoa Keawe performs (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa); 6:00PM-8:00PM, Chris Kamaka and Baba Alimoot Perform (Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach); 6:30PM- 8:30PM, Puuhonua Performs (Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center); 8:30PM-9:15PM, Derek Daniels "Islands of Aloha" (International Market Place).

**Every Friday:** 7:00AM-1:00PM, Farmers Market, (Waikiki Community Center); 8:00AM-1:00PM, Hawaiian Craft Fair (Pacific Beach); 7:00PM, Aloha Friday King's Jubilee (Hilton Hawaiian Village); 8:00PM, fireworks extravaganza (Hilton Hawaiian Village).



**Every Saturday:** 6:30PM-9:30PM "Old Hawaiian Nights" live entertainment at Moana Terrace (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort And Spa); 7:00PM-7:45PM, Derek Daniels "Voyage Through Polynesia" (Waikiki Town Center).

**Saturday, August 26:** 10:00AM- 2:00PM, Duke Kahanamoku celebration with exhibits, book signing from authors and books about Duke, lei making for the Duke statue (Outrigger Waikiki); 5:00PM-12:00AM, Hot Salsa Summer Night featuring World Salsa Champions, 255-8768 (Elke's Lodge).



**Wednesday, August 30:** 10:00AM-10:45AM, Royal Hawaiian Band (Waikiki Community Center).

## Kuhio Beach Torch Lighting and Hula Show DAILY!

Torch lighting, Hawaiian music and hula shows are performed daily **6:30PM – 7:30PM** 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 August:*

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

**Wednesdays:** Ainsley Halemanu and Ka Liko O Kapalai

**Thursdays:** Val Crabbe and Na 'Opio O Nanakuli

**Friday, August 18:** Moana Chang and the Aloha Boat Days Show

**Saturday, August 19:** Lilinoe Lindsey and Ka Pa Nani O Lilinoe

**Sunday, August 20:** Leimomi Ho and Keali'ika'apunihonua Ke'ena A'o Hula

**Fridays, August 25:** Kale Pawai and Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani



## Waikiki Parade Watch (courtesy of the City)

**August 20, 2006 Sunday**

6:00AM Starts  
9:00AM Ends

**NORMAN TAMANAHA MEMORIAL 15K RUN** sponsored by Midpacific Roadrunners. The event is expected to have 500 runners. The event will start at Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to Paki Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kahala Ave., to Kealaolu St., turn around at end of Kealaolu St (at the service station) to Kealaolu St., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kalakaua Ave., to end at Honolulu Marathon Finish Line. Contact John Simonds 373-3609 For more info, visit their website: <http://www.mprrc.com/>

**September 8, 2006 Friday**

6:00PM Starts  
11:00PM Ends

**ALOHA FESTIVALS WAIKIKI HO'OLAULEA/STREET FEST** sponsored by Aloha Week Hawaii, Inc/AlohaFestivals. The event expected to have 40,000+ participants. Traffic will be diverted at 5:30 pm for setup. The event will close Kalakaua Avenue, all lanes from Lewers St. to Kapahulu Ave. Contact: Charlian Wright 589-1771 Fax: 589-1770, E-mail: [charlian@alohafestivals.com](mailto:charlian@alohafestivals.com) For more info, visit their website: <http://www.alohafestivals.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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