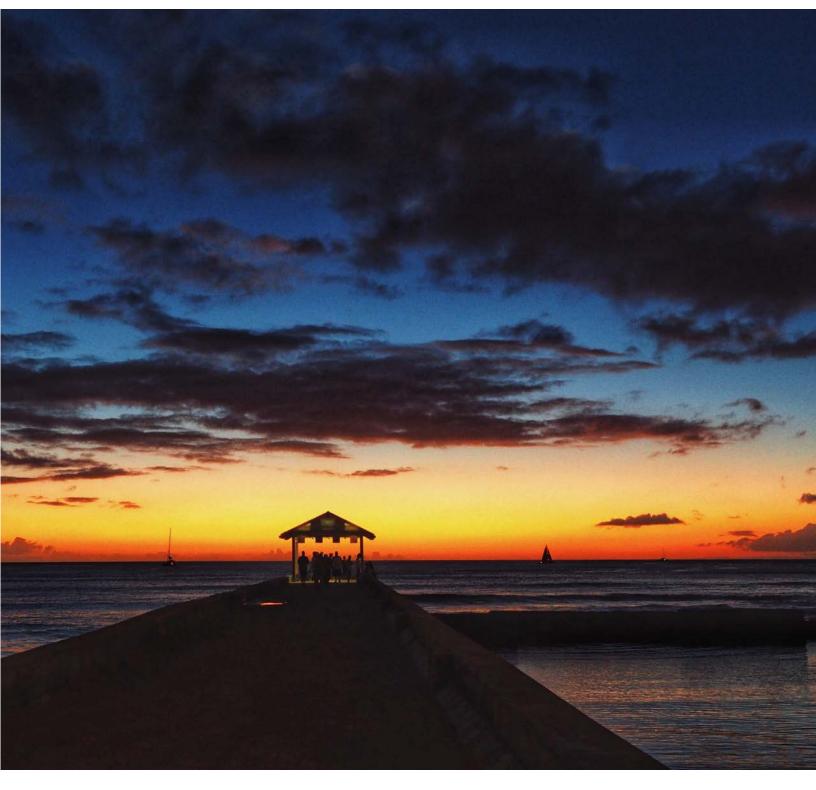


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WIA's First Virtual Annual Meeting & the 2020 Ho'owehiwehi Awards

The Waikiki Improvement Association's 2020 Annual Membership meeting was held on October 28th via Zoom webinar. Waikiki Improvement Association (WIA) is a private, nonprofit organization that works to enhance Waikiki 's physical, economic and cultural environment for the entire community, to make it better for all its residents and visitors.

President Rick Egged welcomed the membership at WIA's first virtual Annual meeting. Board Chair Rob Robinson led the election and re-election of WIA's new and renewing board members. President Rick Egged said "I want to express my appreciation for the time and support of all who have served, continue to serve and about to serve on the Board of Directors." Special speaker, John De Fries, President and CEO of Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) laid down his vision about the future of Hawaii tourism.

The Covid-19 pandemic has significantly affected visitor arrivals as well as our daily lives and our economy, but with the **Pre Travel Testing Program** in place as of Oct 15, 2020, Hawaii is welcoming visitors back to the islands. De Fries says it a major step forward.

As the first native Hawaiian to lead the visitor agency, De Fries speaks about "**Malama Ku'u Home:** Caring for My Beloved Home" and how that helps guide him as he takes the helm of HTA. "I want to express my appreciation for the time and support of all who have served, continue to serve and about to serve on the Board of Directors."

Rick Egged President of Waikiki Improvement Association

WIA'S FIRST VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING, CONT.

"In 2019 Hawaii surpassed 10.4 million visitors, a banner year for the industry. Quite an accomplishment, not without its problems, not without overcrowding and all the things that needed to be managed." In 2020, with the public health threat from Covid 19 pandemic, and the commencement of the economic collapse, it is like no other crises in the past. For eight months Hawaii has been in free fall and we've not yet found the floor. It was Huliau, the turning point where life is different now."

"Our communities must define what they believe is the best form of tourism for them. There must be a balance of community, culture, and commerce in responsible tourism."

John De Fries President and CEO of Hawaii Tourism Authority With Covid 19, as painful as it is, DeFries sees the crisis as an opportunity. HTA has adopted a new strategic plan for 2020 -2025, and he asserts that HTA will commit to putting itself on a trajectory of responsible tourism. He sees the problem and is not preoccupied by the number of visitors but is focused on ways we can manage in the future. He looks at the reopening as a voyage of recovery and rediscovery, but states that "our communities must define what they believe is the best form of tourism for them. There must be a balance of community, culture, and commerce in responsible tourism." He seeks to reposition tourism- how tourism can drive the diversification of the economy. He also seeks to invoke Malama as an organizing principle. Malama asks you act, to protect, to care for and nurture. "If we don't pay attention in tourism to the erosion of the emotional health and well-being of our people, then there will be no aloha."

"As we look to the future, we need to look at ancestral knowledge, ancestral wisdom and traditional practices the same way we look at modern science and technology. It is through integration that we will come up with solutions we need big and small."

The Waikīkī Improvement Association also presented the 2020 Ho'owehiwehi Awards that honors and recognize projects and programs that enhance Waikiki . To adorn, to decorate or beautify .

This year, eight **Ho'owehiwehi awards** were presented in four categories: Pili Honua, Hana Iki, Hana Nui, and George S. Kanahale Ho'okipa Award.

"Pili Honua"

This award category recognizes green, earth-friendly projects or people, new and renovated projects, along with hotel operations, that embody the goals and aspirations of living GREEN in Hawai`i that help to preserve our precious `aina and saves our valuable resources.



The Spa Halekulani

The Polynesian-inspired spa located in Halekulani. For many years, Spa Halekulani has partnered with wellness industry pioneer and Jurlique founder, Dr. Jurgen Klein, who donates money towards maintaining Pupukea Paumalu, a forest reserve on the north shore of Oahu.

Kyo- ya Hotels & Resorts

The first hotel group in Hawai'i to have three ocean front properties in Waikiki receive LEED certification. LEED means Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design - The Sheraton Waikiki, The Royal Hawaiian, and the Moana Surfrider.





Ocean Friendly Restaurants

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Surfrider Foundation's Ocean **Friendly Restaurants Program**

offers restaurants an easy way to show their commitment to making sustainable choices for our ocean. Surfrider provides a certification program for awareness.

"Hana Iki"

"Hana Iki" Aimed at RENOVATION projects that enhance structures or facilities. Recognizes a company, organization or group for a significant contribution toward the enduring revitalization of Waikīkī's physical, cultural and/or economic environment. Represents improvements to a particular structure or environment.



Kyo-ya Hotels and Resorts Sheraton Waikiki

In January 2019, the Sheraton Waikiki renovation project began, this helped bring a significant aesthetic and functional upgrade to each guest room, suite, hallway and elevator landings on guest floors, as well as the elegant Leahi Club Lounge.

"Hana Nui"

"Hana Nui" Aimed at NEW or MAJOR reconstruction, development, or transformation project(s). Recognizes a company, organization or group for its significant contribution toward the enduring revitalization of Waikīkī's physical, cultural and/or economic environment. Represents consistent, ongoing achievements, body of work or project.

Island County Markets @Ritz-Carlton Residences

The Island Country Market "ICM", located on the Ewa end of Kuhio Avenue provides a combination of food offering and necessity offerings that considers both the visitors and nearby residents as its guests.





Halepuna Waikiki by Halekulani

"The House of Welcoming Waters," is a celebration of gracious living - beautifully envisioned in Edward Killingsworth's classically modern tower. With the hotel's renovation and opening, it honors such esteemed Hawaiian traditions as; warm and gracious service, beautifully appointed interiors and iconic outdoor spaces.

Royal Hawaiian Groin by DNLR & WBSIDA

The Royal Hawaiian Groin is the first major construction project on Waikīkī Beach in 48 years. A partnership between the State of Hawai`i DLNR and the Waikīkī Beach Special Improvement District Association, the groin will protect the Royal Hawaiian Beach sector of Waikīkī Beach for decades to come.



George S. Kanahale Ho'okipa Award

This award recognizes an individual, business, organization or group for an outstanding singular action or event or for consistent, enduring performance in keeping with the legacy of the late George Sanford Kanahele. Recognizes efforts that best represent the values of aloha and ho`okipa (hospitality) embodied in Dr. Kanahele's life work.



The Hawaiian Music Walk of Fame

Hawaiian music is one of the cornerstones of Hawaiian culture. The Hawaiian Music Walk of Fame was dedicated on April 7, 2019 and is a memorial that honors Hawaiian music and it's legends.

The WIA and the WBSIDA then combined to recognize Fred Orr, General Manager of Sheraton Princess Kaiulani, who is retiring at the end of October 2020. President Rick Egged said, "Fred was the Chair of the WIA Board back in 1998 when I was hired and we started the Waikīkī Business Improvement District (WBIDA), the first business improvement district in Hawaii. Recently he has chaired the board of the Waikīkī Beach Special Improvement District (WBSIDA) since it was founded in 2015." Pictured on the award is WBSIDA's proudest achievement to date, the new Royal Hawaiian Groin.

<u>Click here</u> to view the Oct 28, 2020 WIA Annual Meeting & Ho'owehiwehi Awards webinar recording.



Waikiki Beach Improvements Set To Get Underway



The Waikīkī Beach Special Improvement **District Association** (WBSIDA) continues to work in close partnership with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) for a beach maintenance project for the Royal Hawaiian to Surfrider Moana beach. This project is under contract with the State and being planned for as soon

as December, 2020. The WBSIDA is working closely with the DLNR to secure a confirmed start date. The project includes hydraulic dredging and pumping of marine sand from offshore Waikīkī as a follow up to the 2012 project which brought in 24,000 cubic yards to Waikīkī Beach. The project is estimated last approximately 2-3 months. As part of the public-private partnership, WBSIDA provided \$1 million toward the \$3-4 million estimated total 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 intent of the project is to restore the beach conditions and shoreline position of the 2012 Beach Maintenance Project.



For more information visit: https://www.wbsida.org/waikiki-beach-maintenance

STREET ACTIVITY IN AND NEAR WAIKIKI (COURTESY OF THE CITY)

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Aloha from Waikiki Beach Walk,

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

Play along in our mini trivia game through our <u>Instagram</u> stories on Halloween day and claim your prizes! It's sure to be a sweet treat!



4/aikiki Beach Talk

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



All Stores Open at Waikiki Beach Walk November 18th

All stores and restaurants will be re-opening and we wanted you to be the first to know! Our Waikiki Beach Walk shopping center hours are daily from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and <u>parking is complimentary</u> with any purchase.

See a full list of open stores here.

Kama'aina & Military Shopping Pass Extended till 11/30/2020

Shop our latest deals at stores and restaurants you already love!

This shopping pass contains a variety of discounts and ongoing promotions at any of our listed participating retail stores and dining options. Simply mention this shopping pass with a valid state or military ID to use each offer till 11/30/20. To see all offers click <u>here</u>.









Live Music At Waikiki Beach Walk 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. at our Waikiki Beach Walk Plaza starting November 3rd.

Join us in person or online on our Waikiki Beach Walk <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Instagram</u> accounts!

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For parking instructions click here.





Your Favorite Dishes Return to YardHouse Waikiki

YardHouse Waikiki's new menu is here - featuring returning favorites including their poke salad and kurobuta pork burger.

See their new menu here.

Sunday Brunch at Giovanni Pastrami

Enjoy cocktails with your Sunday Brunch at Giovanni Pastrami from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00p.m. For Giovanni Pastrami's full brunch menu <u>click here</u>.





SPEND \$100 OR MORE AT ROYAL HAWAIIAN CENTER, GET A CHANCE TO WIN \$100 GIFT CARD!



Shopping and dining at Royal Hawaiian Center have never been more tempting! When you spend \$100 or more at Royal Hawaiian Center now through November 26, 2020, you'll get the chance to win special treats including gift cards, limited edition specialty items, and products from Royal Hawaiian Center merchants.



Royal Treat Envelope

The Royal Treat promotion celebrates the reopening of merchants and restaurants, and also says mahalo to guests for their support. Visitors and kama'āina alike are invited to come rediscover the array of local boutiques, designer shops, specialty merchants, and delicious dining options right in the heart of Waikīkī.



Guests who present shopping and/or dining receipts totaling \$100 or more will receive a **Royal Treat** envelope to win a selection of prizes, including Royal Hawaiian Center gift cards valued from \$30 - \$100, limited-edition vanity clutches designed by local artist **Sarah Caudle**, face masks from **Fighting Eel**, gift cards from **Kira x Miffy**, and Royal Hawaiian Center logo items. Shoppers who present \$200 or more will also receive a special Aloha tote bag in celebration of Royal Hawaiian Center's 40th Anniversary.



The Royal Treat offer applies to shopping and/or dining receipts from October 26 - November 26, 2020 and is redeemable at Helumoa Hale Guest Services (Building B, Level 1), while supplies last.

Guests at Royal Hawaiian Center will enjoy 3 hours of free validated parking with any purchase.





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'ONO EATS AND TREATS AT PĀ'INA LĀNAI



Find fall flavors beyond pumpkin spice at the **Pā'ina Lānai** Food Court (Building B, Level 2)! Whether it's a hearty lunch, a light snack, dinner to-go, or a sweet treat, you'll find something to satisfy your craving. For those 'cooler' days, warm up with a comforting bowl of pho from **Pho Factory**.



In the mood for surf n' turf? Head over to **Champion's Steak** & **Seafood** for 'big flavor in a box' with the Steak & Shrimp or Steak & Fish combo plates. Chill out with a **Kokoro Café's** selection of Instagram-worthy Taiyaki soft serve ice cream – delicious and pretty! Delight in **Kulu Kulu's** seasonal selection of Japanese cakes and desserts, along with their signature Strawberry Cake.



SAVE THE DATE FOR SANTA!

Royal Hawaiian Center will be kicking off the holiday season on Wednesday, November 25, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. with a new twist on our kick-off event. Join our annual celebration of the holidays from the comfort and convenience of your home as we livestream the event online!



The evening will include live Hawaiian entertainment, a virtual visit from Santa, and the lighting of our 34-foot tree featuring beautiful palaka décor, glittered mesh plumeria, white and pink orchids, monstera leaf designs and more! Visit our website, www.RoyalHawaiianCenter.com, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more details!





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