



WAIKĪKĪ IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Wikiwiki Wire

E-newsletter keeping you up-to-date on Waikīkī news, features, trends and more!



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Strengthening Our Waikīkī Community

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES AND WAIKĪKĪ BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

By Trevor Abarzua, President & Executive Director of WBID

Waikiki Business Improvement District (WBID) is participating in a landmark partnership that directly impacts Waikiki's community and organizations. The WBID has joined forces with the Institute for Human Services (IHS) to tackle one of our most pressing challenges: chronic homelessness and severe mental illness.



Focused Outreach and Intervention

In this collaboration, IHS brings its expertise to enhance the WBID's Aloha Ambassador and Homeless Outreach programs. The initiative zeroes in on individuals with severe mental illnesses, aiming to integrate them into behavioral health treatments and providing much-needed support.

The Role of the Waikiki Street Outreach Coordinator (WSOC)

Funded by the WBID, the WSOC is a new figure at the forefront of our homeless street outreach in Waikiki. This role is pivotal in ensuring that the homeless are directly connected to IHS's comprehensive range of services, bridging gaps and offering tangible help.

Enhanced Access to Services for the Homeless

Through IHS, there's now expanded access to a wide spectrum of programs, including emergency shelters, case management, housing assistance, medical and behavioral health treatment, substance abuse detox, employment support, and more. This broad approach aims to address the multifaceted needs of the homeless population.

Collaborative Data Sharing & Training Initiatives

Both WBID and IHS are committed to sharing data regarding outreach activities for more effective interventions. Specialized training initiatives will also be rolled out, enhancing the collective ability to support those in dire need through guardianship or Assisted Community Treatment (ACT).

A Partnership That Benefits Us All

Trevor Abarzua, President and Executive Director of the WBID, shares his enthusiasm about the initiative: "We are thrilled to join hands with the Institute for Human Services in this momentous partnership. The collaboration between our organizations exemplifies what can be achieved when two different entities come together for a shared mission. I would like to extend a special thanks to Connie Mitchell, the Executive Director of IHS, for her dedication and vision in helping to make this collaboration possible. Together, we are confident that this initiative will set a new standard, not just for Waikiki but for communities far and wide."



We at WIA believe this partnership will have a profound impact on our streets, creating a safer, more inviting environment for both residents and visitors. This, in turn, supports the success and growth of our business community.

For more insights into this initiative, please contact Trevor Abarzua at (808) 490-2580 or via email at Tabarzua@waikikibid.org

The 2024 Waikiki New Year's Fireworks is ON!

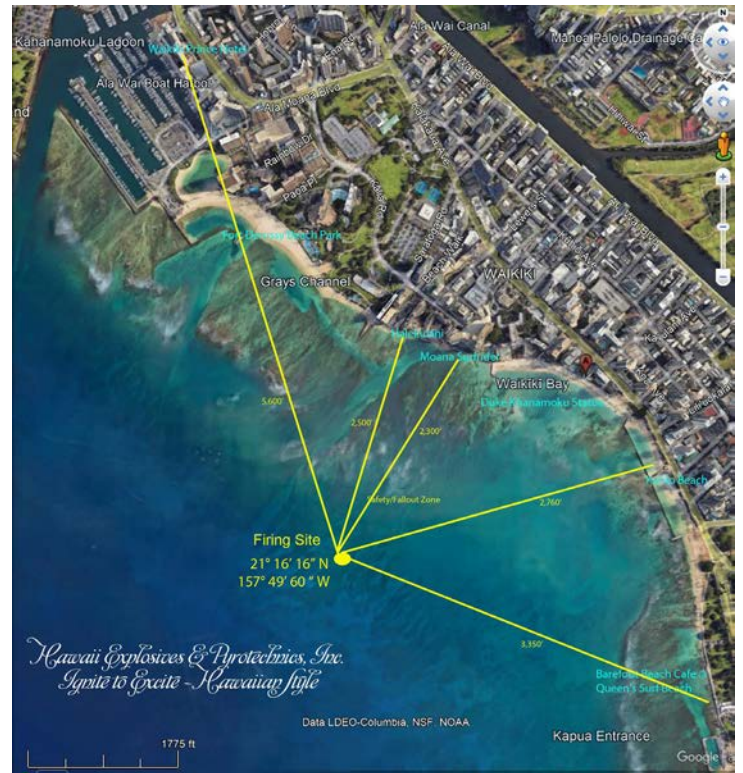


Sponsored by the members of the Waikiki Improvement Association, Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics will welcome the new year, 2024, with a fabulous fireworks display. On December 31st, at the stroke of midnight, the sky will be filled with electrifying colors and bright lights shot from a barge off the coast of Waikiki and will be visible throughout the Waikiki shoreline! It will be a show worthy of our world class destination and also symbolizes Waikiki Improvement Association members practicing the spirit of Lokahi - or unity - as everyone comes together to make this event possible.

An elegant, dazzling, fast paced fireworks performance fired from a barge offshore of the renowned Waikiki Beach. This breathtaking custom program will include pyrotechnic display effects that majestically rise from the ocean to saturate the heavens with a collage of luminous jewel tones, and

flashing, brilliant patterns. Carefully selected multi-shot cakes and specialty shells will add accent, drama and exhilaration as part of the display's creative and unique design. The performance will focus on artistry and merriment, with the use of luxurious, vivid hues, shimmering silver and sparkling gold. Choreographed to a festive musical score, this production will celebrate our memories of 2023 and welcome the coming New Year, 2024, with revelry and the anticipation of great things to come!

A truly magnificent finale will “top off the evening” providing all the sparkle and joy of the season as spectators ring in the New Year from the beautiful vista of Waikiki!



EVENT SPONSORS

Halekulani Hotel
Kyo-ya Hotels & Resorts
Highgate Hotels
Outrigger Hospitality Group
Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa
Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort
Halekoa Hotel
International Marketplace
ABC Stores
Prince Waikiki
Royal Hawaiian Center
Waikiki Shopping Plaza
Club Wyndham Waikiki Beach Walk
Queen Emma Land Co
Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel
Luxury Row at 2100 Kalakaua

Trump International Hotel
Springboard Hospitality
First Hawaiian Bank
Duke's Waikiki
Paradise Cruises
Tiki's Grill & Bar
Waikiki Resort Hotel
The Laylow Hotel
Kaimana Beach Hotel
Architects Hawaii
Honolulu Cookie Company
Hyatt Centric Waikiki Beach
Queen Kapiolani Hotel

Kūhiō Beach Hula Show

Authentic Hawaiian music and hula by Hawaii's finest Halau Hula (dance troupes) and Hawaiian performers. Opens with traditional blowing of conch shell.

TUESDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 6:30-7:30 PM, WEATHER-PERMITTING

Presented by Oahu Visitors Bureau, Hawaii Tourism Authority, City & County of Honolulu and Waikiki Improvement Association.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, WEATHER-PERMITTING

Presented by Hyatt Regency Waikīkī, City and County of Honolulu and the Waikīkī Improvement Association.

DETAILS

- Located on the beachside of Kalakaua Avenue near the Duke Kahanamoku Statue, diagonally across from the Hyatt Regency hotel.
- Free, outdoors, casual, seating on the grass; beach chairs, mats, etc. okay. Cameras welcomed.
- No show if parades or street fairs are scheduled.

For information, call 808-843-8002.



STREET ACTIVITY

IN AND NEAR WAIKĪKĪ (COURTESY OF THE CITY)

ANNUAL KALAKAUA MERRIE MILE RUN

Saturday, December 9, 2023

5:30 AM Roads Close | 8:30 AM Roads Reopen (Approximate)

ANNUAL KALAKAUA MERRIE MILE RUN sponsored by Honolulu Marathon Association. The event is expected to have 2,000 runners. Lane closures will begin at 5:30AM. It will start at Monsarrat Ave., eastbound, to Kalakaua Ave., u-turn fronting Hyatt Regency, to Kalakaua Ave. to end at Queen's Beach. Contact: JJ Johnson 782-2161. Honolulu Marathon Assn. 734-7200 Fax: 732-7057 For more info, visit their website: <http://www.honolulumarathon.org/>

HONOLULU MARATHON

Sunday, December 10, 2023

2:30 AM Roads Close | 4:00 PM Roads Reopen (Approximate)

HONOLULU MARATHON sponsored by Honolulu Marathon Association. They expect to have 15,000+ runners. It will start on Ala Moana Blvd., near Queen St., to Ala Moana Blvd., ewa bound, to Nuuanu Ave., to King St., to Kapiolani Blvd., to Piikoi St., to Ala Moana Blvd., to Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to Paki Ave., to Diamond Hd. Rd., to 18th Ave., to Kilauea Ave., to Waialae Ave., to Kalaniana'ole Hwy., to Hawaii Kai Dr., to Keahole St. to Kalaniana'ole Hwy., to Kealaolu Ave., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kalakaua Ave., end at Honolulu Marathon finish/Kapiolani Bandstand. Roadways closed: 1)H1 Freeway closed at Waialae Ave. off ramp to Aina Koa Ave., 2)Kalaniana'ole Hwy., makai half closed for runners, between Aina Koa Ave. & Kawaihae St., mauka half converted to contra flow, 3) Kalaniana'ole Hwy., all lanes closed, between Kawaihae St. & Keahole St., Contact: JJ Johnson 782-2161. Honolulu Marathon Assn. 734-7200 Fax: 732-7057 For more info, visit their website: <http://www.honolulumarathon.org/>



Dukes
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Christmas Special

PULEHU RIBEYE STEAK

\$19.99

Available Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Spitfire deli hours 7:00 AM-9:00 PM



Christmas Specials

December 25, 2023

Brunch

Available 8am - 1pm

Prime Rib & Eggs *29

8oz Hawaiian salt and herb crusted prime rib, two Waiialua fresh eggs, garlic mashed potatoes, creamed horseradish, au jus

Christmas Charcoal Pancakes *21

Santa's North Pole workshop with edible decorations

Prix Fixe \$67

Available 5pm - 9pm

1st Course

Crab Cake

1pc Red yuzu kosho beurre blanc, baby arugula, tobiko

OR

Christmas Salad

Kale and swiss chard, orange supremes, pickled beets, candied pecans, pomegranate, mint, feta cheese, citrus champagne vinaigrette

2nd Course

Prime Rib

10oz Hawaiian salt and herb crusted prime rib, local vegetable medley, creamed horseradish, au jus

OR

Pan Roasted Duck Breast

Lilikoi glazed, kohlrabi, baby arugula, pomegranate

3rd Course

Basque Cheesecake

"Burnt", crustless, blueberry-chambord sauce

OR

Candy Cane Brownie Trifle

Chocolate brownie, mascarpone whipped cream, chocolate peppermint ganache, crushed candy canes

Dinner

Available 5pm - 9pm

Crab Cakes *18

Red yuzu kosho beurre blanc, baby arugula, tobiko

Christmas Kale & Chard Salad *15

Kale and swiss chard, orange supremes, pickled beets, candied pecans, pomegranate, mint, feta cheese, citrus champagne vinaigrette

Pan Roasted Duck Breast *39

Lilikoi glazed, kohlrabi, baby arugula, pomegranate

Candy Cane Brownie Trifle *9

Chocolate brownie, mascarpone whipped cream, chocolate peppermint ganache, crushed candy canes

While supplies last. Tax and gratuity not included.

For Reservations
(808) 923-5689

BASALT
AT DUKES LANE MARKET & EATERY

Christmas Pancakes

December 25, 2023

Available 8am - 1pm



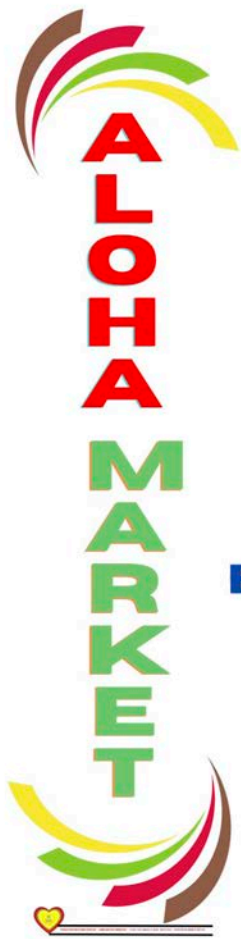
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Santa's North Pole workshop with edible decorations

While supplies last

For Reservations
(808) 923-5689

BASALT
AT DUKES LANE MARKET & EATERY



**E KOMO MAI
NEW MARKET
SUNDAYS
8:00AM - 1:00PM**

weekly event

**FREE
PARKING**

**JEFFERSON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**FOR INFORMATION:
(808)735-4510**

VENDORS WANTED
SPECIAL RATES THROUGH 12/31/2023
ACCEPTING VARIETY OF VENDORS

This is an 'ohana-friendly event where there are local vendors with fresh seasonal and local fruit and vegetables, baked goods, handmade-in-Hawaii products, face painting, and live music featuring Uncle Joe Ahia. We provide lots of FREE parking for all market goers, open to the public and no admission fee. By supporting this non-profit venue it will stretch our dollars to continue servicing our local homeless community with the resources that they need and delivering meals to the less fortunate, including contributions to assist IHS.

What: Aloha Market at Waikiki

Supporting our local community outreach programs

When: December 3, 2023 - Sunday (a weekly venue)

Time: 8:00am until 1:00pm

For further information or to be a part of this exciting grand opening, please contact our office (808)735-4510. We are looking for vendors with products, food, service oriented and volunteers.

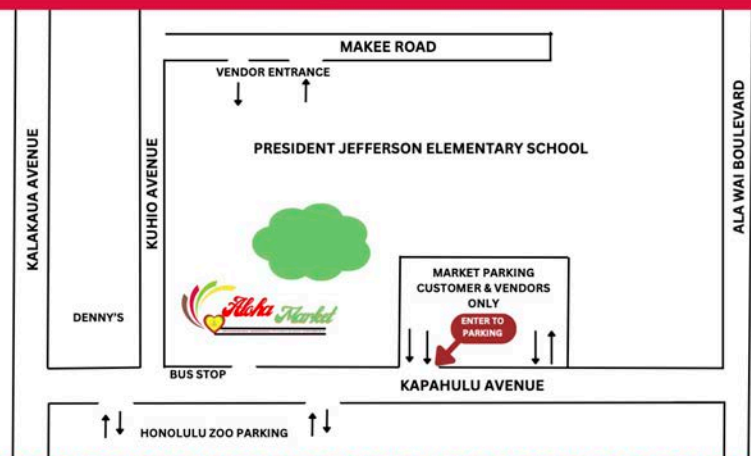
Creations of Hawaii Presents the Aloha Market at Waikiki: Supporting our Local Community Outreach in Homelessness and Education

(December 3, 2023 - Waikiki) Creations of Hawaii, a local nonprofit, will host a non-profit event to support local community outreach on December 3, 2023 at the Jefferson Elementary School. This venue is a weekly "Aloha Market at Waikiki" that benefits local community outreach.

Creations of Hawaii is a 501(c)3 Domestic Hawaii non-profit organization that is strictly volunteer-based and supports community outreach on O`ahu. Our main mission is to focus on homeless Native Hawaiians, Kupuana, families that have young children, and other individuals. Our main education mission not only include homelessness, but education in the cultural aspects of the arts, understanding the Hawaiian Culture, and our way of life in our islands.



**President Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, 324 Kapahulu Avenue in Waikiki
Corner of Kapahulu & Kuhio Avenue**



2023 ALOHA MARKET SCHEDULE (All dates are subject to change)

November: 5, 12, 19, 26

December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

More dates to be scheduled in 2024

For further information, please contact (808)735-4510



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Halekulani
On the Beach at Waikiki

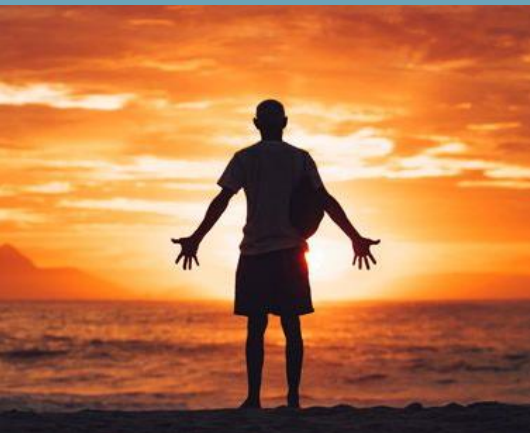


Celebrate Christmas at our "House Befitting Heaven." Executive Chef Christian Testa and his culinary team have created festive-filled feasts for you and your family.

Orchids – Enjoy special Sparkling Brunches on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

House Without A Key – Chef Jarrin Otake has created a special four-course menu on Christmas Day featuring Lilikoi-Ginger Kahuku Shrimp, Seafood Bouillabaisse, Rack of Lamb, and Chestnut Mont Blanc. \$100 per guest plus tax and gratuity.

Please call 808-518-2019 for more information or to reserve a table.



Art of Wellbeing Promotion - December

Dec 9 – The Power of Gratitude

Discover how a simple daily practice can shift your perspective and open the doors to abundance.

Please contact the spa reception desk at 808-931-5322 for more information and to make a reservation.



Limited Edition Halekulani Cookie Tins

Just in time for the holidays! This limited-edition Halekulani cookie tin features a scrumptious assortment of Milk Chocolate Dipped Macadamia Nut, Dark Chocolate Dipped Macadamia Nut, and Oatmeal Cookies.

Cookies are made exclusive for Halekulani by Big Island Candies.

Get yours while they last at our Halekulani Boutique! \$55 + tax.



Ring in the New Year at Halekulani

Welcome 2024 two different ways - Halekulani Style!

Executive Chef Christian Testa has created a special New Year's Eve five course dinner at Orchids including delectable dishes such as Hamachi Tartar, Crab Ravioli, Lobster Confit, Beef Tenderloin, and a Moscato d'Asti Mousse. \$240 per guest plus tax and gratuity.

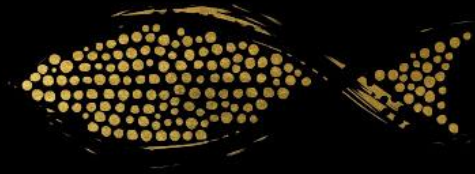
Please call 808-518-2019 to reserve your table!

There will also be a Count Down dinner party in our Ballroom. Special Events Chef Shaden Sato has created a special menu featuring butler-passed appetizers, salads, Seafood bar, Chef Carvings, Soba Station, and House-Made Desserts from Halekulani Bakery.

For more information, please visit:
[Waikiki New Year's Eve Luxury Countdown Party & Buffet at the Halekulani Hotel](#), [tours, activities, fun things to do in Oahu\(Hawaii\) | VELTRA \(hawaiiactivities.com\)](#)



Halepuna
 WAIKIKI
 by Halekulani



UMI

BY VIKRAM GARG

As the holiday season is upon us, create a new tradition of memories with your loved ones by dining at UMI by Vikram Garg.

Chef Vikram Garg has curated a special four course menu for Christmas dinner to include dishes such as Burrata di Bufala, Chestnut Soup, Beef Bourguignon "Asiatique, and a Croque-en-Bouche (Banana Cream with Cinnamon Rum Caramel). \$149 per guest plus tax and gratuity. Ring in 2024 with a special five course degustation menu which includes Osetra Caviar, Foie Gras Torchon, Seafood Bourride (Stew), Aged Beef Tenderloin, and a Pear "Belle Helene." \$250 per guest plus tax and gratuity. Vegetarian options available.

Wine pairing option available for both special menus. Dinner service from 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm (last seating at 8:30 pm). For reservations, please call 808-744-4244 or visit www.umibyvikramgarg.com.



Introducing Halepuna Marketplace

When staying at Halepuna Waikiki, guests are now able to order from the Halepuna Marketplace In-Room Menu.

Choose from All Day Boxes, salads, sandwiches & Burgers, and entrees such as Penne Pomodoro, Rigatoni Bolognese, and the catch of the day. Be sure to save room for dessert as the Halekulani Signature Coconut Cake and the Mac Nut Bar can also be ordered!

For more information, please visit:
<https://www.halepuna.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Halepuna-Marketplace-Menu-10.01.23.pdf>



Holiday Pies Available at Halekulani Bakery December 21-25

Pre-order your wholesome and delicious holiday pie to be ready in time for Christmas!

Choose from Pumpkin, Custard, Macadamia Nut, and Apple Tarte Tatin. Each pie is 9" round, can be frozen, and are priced at \$35 + taxes. Limit three pies per order.

Pie orders must be placed by 5 pm on December 15th.

Please call 808-518-2019 to reserve your pie and for more information.



Christopher Edwards "Opihi Village"

Beloved by countless generations of Hawai'ians for their salty taste of the ocean, 'Opihi makaiauli (C. exarata) are an endemic form of limpet that grows nowhere else in the world. They make their home along the shores of these islands, clinging to the rocks in clusters that resemble small villages with their beautiful cone-shaped shells. This piece is seen near the front desk entrance in the hotel lobby.

Christopher Edwards makes biomorphic sculptures inspired by the algorithmic patterns and geometry of nature. His work is in collections of the Honolulu Museum of Art, the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, the Luciano Benetton Collection, as well as national and international private collectors. He started working in ceramics in 2012 and has a background in graphic design



Hawai'i Convention Center Creates Over 500 Genki Balls for Ala Wai Restoration

Dozens of staff at the Hawai'i Convention Center, managed by ASM Global, created and deployed hundreds of Genki Balls into the Ala Wai Canal to assist with Ala Wai ecosystem restoration in celebration of America Recycles Day on Nov. 15, 2023.

The Center's staff created 548 Genki Balls and deployed another 500 into the Ala Wai in collaboration with the nonprofit Genki Ala Wai Project, under the Hawaii Exemplary State Foundation.

Through bioremediation, or the use of living organisms to remove pollutants from soil and water, the nonprofit organization is working to make the Ala Wai Canal fishable and swimmable within 7 years. The tennis ball-sized Genki mud balls contain a mixture of clay soil, rice bran, molasses, water and Effective Microorganisms (EM)-1 solution, which helps digest the canal's polluted sludge.

This effort is part of the Center's Ho'omalūō (to conserve or manage wisely) conservation program.



Click [here](#) for our holiday message to you.



For opportunities to assist, please visit mauistrong.hawaii.gov

Jonathan Lee Appointed Director of Food & Beverage at Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort

Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort is pleased to announce the appointment of Jonathan Lee as director of food & beverage. As director of food & beverage, Lee will oversee all aspects of Hilton Hawaiian Village's culinary offerings, from its in-house signature restaurants Bali Steak & Seafood and Tropics Bar & Grill, to its expansive banquet and events offerings.



Lee brings more than 30 years of experience in the food and beverage industry to the new post, with a track record of driving efficiency, excellence, and cost effectiveness through all facets of restaurant operations, making him uniquely suited to oversee the food and beverage program of Hilton's largest flagship Hawaii resort. Lee combines his experience as an executive chef with two tenures in global hospitality environments, giving him the tactical knowledge and strategic intuition needed to lead high-quality establishments that are positioned for profitability and growth.

Lee is the co-founder, vice president and chief operating officer of J&J Consulting, where he provides organizations with expertise and efficiencies in a variety of areas including operations, sales & marketing, and budgetary. Lee also lends years of seasoned experience in providing coaching and training services to manager-level staff.

In the hospitality industry, he most recently served as the director of food & beverage with Marriott International. In that role, he created a new food and beverage program for a \$125-million-dollar resort renovation in the heart of West Maui. During his time with Marriott, he created eight business models for new outlets and revenue centers, all of which opened with and are operating with those SOP's and guidelines.

Prior to that, Lee was the director of operations with Mina Group, the San Francisco-based restaurant management company led by James Beard award-winning chef Michael Mina. During that time Lee opened The Street Social House at the International Market Place in central Waikiki, where he oversaw all 13 outlets and 310 employees within the unique dining concept. Lee's track record of successes have also included stints as executive director of Asia Pacific RT, vice president of international operations with Ruby Tuesday, and executive chef with InterContinental Hotels Group.

"We're incredibly grateful to have Jonathan join the Hilton Hawaiian Village team," said Debi Bishop, managing director of the resort. "From managing restaurant networks on an international scale, to leading successfully in the kitchen as a chef, Jonathan has the whole package. We're confident that his unique set of skills will further improve the efficiency, profitability and guest experience of our dining outlets and banquet operations."

INTERNATIONAL MARKET PLACE

International Market Place Rings in the Season with Santa Photos, a Petting Zoo, a Holiday Concert and More!



International Market Place is a must-visit destination this holiday season as unique merchandise, special events and dining venues all have something special in store to ring in the holiday season.

“From shopping and dining to special events, International Market Place's holiday offerings will enable everyone to feel the Aloha spirit,” said Malia Zannoni, director of marketing and sponsorships for International Market Place.

New Tenants & Special Promotions

International Market Place's exciting new tenants include Lovisa, Rotations Hawaii and MOFF Cat Cafe. Locally owned JAMS World, Koa Wood Gallery and Coco Nene also have new spaces and exciting merchandise for the 'ohana. Special promotions will be taking center stage, including:

- **December 1-12:** 12 Days of Christmas Instagram Giveaway. Follow, like and share [@intlmktplace](https://www.instagram.com/intlmktplace) on Instagram at for a chance to win one of 12 \$100 gift cards.
- **December 1-15:** Shop & Earn a \$25 International Market Place gift card with \$250 in shopping and dining receipts.
- **December 31-January 1:** Fukubukuro (Lucky Bag) festivities at select stores will pack secret Fukubukuro bags with fabulous merchandise for lucky shoppers. Each Fukubukuro bag is sold at a discount of at least 50% off the full retail value while supplies last.

DINE!

- **December 1 – 31:** Ho-Ho Holiday Tiki Bar – It's “Christmas in Paradise” as Donn the Beachcomber treehouse is transformed into a holiday bar serving festive craft cocktails and tiki drinks while featuring décor created by the masterful Skull & Crown Trading Co. 6 p.m. to Midnight, Level 2 in the Banyan Court.

- Wednesdays, December 6, 13, 20 & 27: Midweek Mele at Moani Waikiki begins at 7 p.m. featuring delicious locally inspired food and drink specials, as well as some of the hottest and most popular Hawaiian musical entertainers.
- December 31: Ring in the New Year at International Market Place. Celebrate the coming of the new year while dining under the stars on The Grand Lanai, with music and the famed "Pineapple Drop." For dining reservations and information on each restaurant's offerings, visit <https://shopinternationalmarketplace.com/dining/>

EVENTS & EXPERIENCES!

- Friday, December 1 – Sunday, December 24: Photos with "Hawaiian Holiday Santa." Families can purchase both print and digital copies of their visit with Santa on Level 1. Pet Photos with Santa will be available on Monday, Dec. 4 and Dec. 11. Photo hours:
 - Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. (Break 3-4 p.m.)
 - Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Break 3-4 p.m.)
 - Sundays, 12 noon – 6 p.m. (Break 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.)
 - Christmas Eve (Dec 24), 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Break 1 to 2 p.m.)



Parking is validated with purchase of photo package.

- December 20: "Gift of Mele" Holiday Concert. Enjoy musical magic that promotes artists and stories from Hawaii presented in collaboration with Haku Collective. Free. 6:30 to 8 p.m., Level 1, Queen's Court.
- December 22: Free Petting Zoo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Level 1, Mauka Court.

For more information on all stores, dining and events, visit <https://shopinternationalmarketplace.com>



Moana Surfrider Christmas Stollen

AVAILABLE ALL DECEMBER AT THE VERANDA DURING
AFTERNOON TEA SERVICE OR DAILY AT THE SURFRIDER CAFE.
EACH STOLLEN IS BAKED IN HOUSE AND IS \$28 / LOAF.

MOANA SURFRIDER
A WESTIN RESORT & SPA
WAIKIKI BEACH

Christmas Keiki Tea *at The Veranda*

11:30AM - 2:30PM, FRIDAYS - SUNDAYS
THROUGH THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.
RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED. SCAN QR CODE OR
VISIT [VERANDAWAIIKI.COM/SPECIAL-EVENTS](https://www.verandawaiiki.com/special-events)
FOR MORE INFO.



MOANA SURFRIDER

A WESTIN RESORT & SPA
WAIKIKI BEACH



Christmas Afternoon Tea

AT THE MOANA SURFRIDER



11:30AM - 2:30PM, FRIDAYS - SUNDAYS ALL DECEMBER.
RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED. SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT
[VERANDAWAIKI.COM/SPECIAL-EVENTS](https://www.verandawaiiki.com/special-events)
FOR MORE INFO.



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NEWS, NOTES & HAPPENINGS from Waikiki Beach Walk



Waikiki Beach Walk Holiday Celebrations include 7 Days of Mele, Holiday Open House & more.

The Blue Fish restaurant is now open!

Waikiki Beach Walk has an amazing lineup of seasonal entertainment and a brand-new event, Holiday Open House on Dec 13. Join Waikiki Beach Walk as they welcome visitors and locals to share in the Christmas spirit.

Now Open! The Blue Fish

Known for its variety of classic and specialty sushi, sashimi, Japanese and Korean menu items presented in a lively, welcoming and modern atmosphere, The Blue Fish offers daily dinner service and a daily happy hour with special pricing on rolls, appetizers and beverages.

The exciting Japanese and Asian fusion menu complements the diverse restaurant concepts at Waikiki Beach Walk. The Blue Fish offers indoor and patio seating, a bar and lounge area, a sushi counter and comfortable dining spaces for couples, families and small groups.



Holiday Open House, Wednesday, December 13 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Shop, Sip & Stroll! Waikiki Beach Walk and its merchants will host a special evening of holiday-inspired shopping on December 13, when guests can enjoy special deals, promotions and delicious treats as they peruse the stores that line Lewers St. The large red bows will let shoppers know there is something special in store.

Seven Days of Mele, December 19 - 25

A week-long celebration of traditional hula and song featuring local halau and well-known entertainers.

(more)

Waikiki Beach Walk - Seven Days of Mele, December 19 - 25

The series begins Tuesday, December 19 and runs through Christmas (Monday, December 25) nightly from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Waikīkī Beach Walk Plaza. Scheduled to appear:

Tuesday, December 19: KA PA'HULA O KAUANOE O WA'AHILA

Traditional Hawaiian Music & Hula with Kumu Hula Maelia Loebenstein-Carter Award winning hula teacher, Maelia Loebenstein-Carter (former Miss Aloha Hula) kicks off this magical series with a superb presentation of authentic Hawaiian hula.

Wednesday, December 20: KUMU HULA DARCEY MONIZ & HĀLAU HULA 'O PUKA'IKAPUAOKALANI

Kumu hula Darcey Moniz and Puka'ikapuaokalani Hula Studio have been distinguished and powerful competitors in the Merrie Monarch Hula Festival, the Miss Aloha Hula Contest in Hilo and the Queen Lili'uokalani Keiki Hula Competition on Oahu.

Thursday, December 21: SALLIE KAUAKEA YOZA & HALAU 'O NAPUALA'IKAUIKAIU

A wonderful and vibrant traditional hula presentation by renowned director and kumu, Sallie Kauakea Yoza. Keiki and kūpuna will be mesmerized by the beauty in the spirit of Christmas. Don't miss this performance that is perfect for the holidays!

Friday, December 22: KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS - KAPĀLAMA, FEATURING THE HAWAIIAN EMSEMBLE WTH KUMU KALEO TRINIDAD

Kamehameha Schools Hawaiian Ensemble includes some of the most talented Native Hawaiian youth in the state. Enjoy oli (storytelling through chant), hula, and song in this dazzling holiday showcase that is the future of Hawaiian culture.

Saturday, December 23: LEIMOMI MALDONADO & KAHALE I O KAHALA

Celebrated kumu hula Leimomi Maldonado shares the joy of holiday cheer with children, families, and our elders in this heartfelt performance. A delight for all ages!

Sunday, December 24: HUAPALA - An all-wāhine Hawaiian Musical Band.

The highly talented group of four senior students from the Kamehameha Schools Kapālama campus will perform on behalf of Hawaii's young, up and coming entertainers of the future.

Monday, December 25: BLAINE KAMALANI KIA "ALL IN THE 'OHANA CHRISTMAS!" with the Kia Family & Special Guests!

Blaine Kamalani Kia - youngest of nine children, and his family have made Waikīkī their home and their playground since the 1960s. They have all worked throughout the hotel and restaurant industry with a rich history and legacy. Three generations of the Kia Family shares their gift of "Aloha" on Christmas night. This special celebration ensures a very Merry Christmas, indeed!



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“BAD AND BOUGIE” BRINGS SPARKLE AND SPLASH TO SHERATON PRINCESS KAIULANI

HONOLULU – Amid the twinkle of holiday lights and splendor, a symphony of effervescence is about to be uncorked with "Bad and Bougie," a celebration of sparkling wines of the world, on Friday, December 15 at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani's Splash Bar. Award-winning chefs Blake Kajiwara and Vicky Nguyen unveil their latest epicurean masterpieces – each paired with a sparkling wine from countries such as Spain and Japan.

The evening begins at the Splash Bar near the hotel's pool at 5:30 p.m. for sundown cocktails and passed hors d'Oeuvres, with Zonin Prosecco Rosé, sparkling inspired cocktails - impeccably paired with passed mac and cheese arancini, and kiawe-smoked marlin dip with sweet taro potato chips.

First course (The Pink Stuff)

Poema Rosé - Spain

Pulehu (Grilled) Hawaiian Tako w/ Diced Portuguese Sausage, Spiced Potatoes & Lemon Cilantro Vinaigrette

Second Course (Brut)

Schramsberg BL D Blanc 2020 - United States of America

Fried Confit Chicken w/ Ranch & Buffalo Sauce

Third Course (Dry, Extra-Brut & Brut Nature)

Laurent-Perrier La Cuvee Brut Champagne Blend - France

Truffled Croque Monsieur w/ Lobster Bisque

Dessert (Sparkling Sake)

Hana Hou Hou Shu “Pink Bubble” Okayama - Japan

Yuzu & Ohi'a Lehua Blossom Honey Panna Cotta w/Honeycomb



“Bad and Bougie” is \$110 per person inclusive (including tax and gratuity). Four-hour validated parking is available in the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani parking garage. To reserve a seat for “Bad and Bougie,” log onto Splash Bar Waikiki's website at www.splashbarwaikiki.com.

Splash Bar received the Gold Award for “Best Bar Food” in HONOLULU Magazine's prestigious Hale 'Āina restaurant awards earlier this year. Additionally, Sheraton Princess Kaiulani has begun an upgrade project in its Ainahau Tower, where many of the 664 rooms boast ocean or skyline views. The makeover will bring a tropical, elegant feel to each guest room with all new platform beds, updated wall coverings, drapes and flooring. Room reservations at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani can be made by [clicking on this link](#).



Sheraton Waikiki

He may be making a list...and checking it twice, but Sand-ta Claus is trading in his sleigh for a surfboard and squeezing in a few surf sessions in front of the Sheraton Waikiki this Festive. This 20-ton masterpiece is the centerpiece of the porte cochere and was recently completed by Sandsational Sand Sculpting out of Melbourne, Fla. In the hotel's main lobby is an 8-ton sculpture showing Santa with his surfboard and a bag of toys.

When it's all said and done, sculptors Jill Harris, teammate Thomas Koet and Jon Woodworth spent more than 300 hours and nearly three weeks creating the sand-sational holiday sculptures. Harris and Koet are world-champion sculptors whose craft has taken them around the world, including Japan. They also won the "Race Against the Tide," a nationally televised sand sculpting contest.

"This Festive, we're really setting the scene by the sea," says Tom Calame, general manager, Sheraton Waikiki. "Surfing Santa is here...and the real Santa Claus will be making an appearance later in December, arriving on a canoe as well...we cannot wait to see that." The sand sculptures are a favorite of the thousands of guests who come to Sheraton Waikiki for holiday events and gatherings.

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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.

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