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



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The State of Hawaii is kicking off a new resilience planning initiative in Waikiki, [the Waikīkī Resilience and Adaptation Project \(WRAP\)](#). The WRAP aims to establish the framework, goals and collaborative opportunities for a subsequent, long-term (50 - 100 years) resilience and adaptation plan for Waikiki. The project outcome is to facilitate the development of an adaptation plan for Waikiki as part of a subsequent stage. As a site-specific adaptation plan, it will be the first of its kind in Hawaii and is meant to demonstrate an adaptation planning framework model for other Hawaii communities. The initial stages of the project which are just starting, will assess natural hazard and climate change data, evaluate similar model adaptation policies from other cities, and through community engagement and visioning activities, develop the goals, partners and identify opportunities for a long-term adaptation framework for a future Waikīkī resilience and sea-level rise adaptation plan. The \$350,000 project is funded by the [State Office of Planning and Sustainable Development](#), which awarded the [University of Hawai'i Community Design Center \(UHCDC\)](#) and its project partner [Hawai'i Sea Grant](#).

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Planning and Permitting is also initiating a nearly \$400,000 pilot project to study the impacts of climate change and sea level rise on Waikiki, the "Adapt Waikiki 2050." This City-lead effort is being carried out by three local consulting and engineering firms: Tetra Tech, the lead consultant, as well as Honolulu-based SSFM International Inc. and Workshop Green LLC. The City's "Adapt Waikiki 2050" differs from the State "WRAP" in several ways, first the planning horizon of the City's effort is a much shorter timeframe looking at adaptation responses to climate change in the 30-50 year time horizon. Second, the





City's planning effort will focus on the effects of sea level rise among other natural hazard threats to evaluate planning, zoning and design interventions that could be applied to make the built environment in Waikiki more resilient to the predicted changes. Third, the City's planning effort will investigate the exposure of Waikiki's critical infrastructure to the effects of sea level rise and develop potential strategies to address or mitigate these risks. Lastly, the Adapt Waikiki 2050 project will be a multi-year effort that is expected to conclude in late 2025. Recommendations for changes to local zoning codes within the Waikiki Special District could result as part of this effort.

For the WRAP, the University of Hawai'i Community Design Center ([UH CDC](#)) and the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program ([UH Sea Grant](#)) are providing collaborative, community-oriented participatory engagement and visioning activities and proof-of-concept research, analysis, planning, and design services to support a future Waikiki adaptation and resilience plan. The WRAP will conclude with a final report to the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development in mid-2024. Subsequent resilience planning efforts are expected to follow the completion of the initial phase of the Waikiki Resilience and Adaptation Project.

The two projects are being coordinated as a collaborative planning effort within the same area but with different goals, focus and planning timeframes. The planning teams for each project are actively working together on the development of a comprehensive, state-of-the-art Waikiki hazard mapping and analysis effort with site risk profiles that will inform the initial stages of the community outreach and engagement. This will be complemented by a series of stakeholder meetings guided by expert panels that can provide insight on various adaptation strategies. The initial community and stakeholder meetings are just beginning so keep an eye out for more information on these shortly.

More Information on the WRAP can be found at: <https://www.uhcdc.manoa.hawaii.edu/work/wrap>

WIA Annual Meeting 2023



The Waikīkī Improvement Association (WIA) Annual Meeting took place on October 25th at 4PM in the Sheraton Waikīkī. The well-attended annual meeting featured a Keynote address by Mayor Rick Blangiardi. The Mayor emphasized he was well aware of the importance of Waikīkī to the economy and that he was determined Waikīkī remain a premier visitor destination.

Waikīkī Business Improvement District (WBID) President Trevor Arbarzua talked about a new program put in place by the WBID to partner with the Institute of Human Services (IHS) to have a fulltime outreach worker in Waikīkī to work with Waikīkī area homeless to help them get off the street.

Pauline Sheldon, professor emeritus of the University of Hawaii School of Travel Industry Management talked about trends affecting the future of tourism.

Brickwood Galuteria, Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustee and Waikīkī's former State Senator acted as the master of ceremonies for the 2023 Ho'owehiwehi Awards. This year's winner of the Hāna Nui Award was the Wayfinder Waikīkī. The hotel did a brilliant makeover, transforming an older site into one with bright local decor that links the property to the community. Kumu Blaine Kia received the George S. Kanahele Ho'okipa Award for his exemplary work sharing our Hawaiian Culture with the community at the Beachwalk Waikīkī by Outrigger.



Wayfinder Waikīkī received the Hāna Nui Award.

The Waikīkī Improvement Association recognized Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney Steven Alm for his distinguished leadership. At the request of the Visitor Public Safety Committee, he brought the Weed and Seed concept to Waikīkī, christened Waikīkī Safe and Sound by Alm.



Kumu Blaine Kia received the George S. Kanahele Ho'okipa Award.

After a little over a year, much has been accomplished. Overall crime stats have shown a marked improvement from the first half of 2022, before Waikīkī Safe and Sound, versus the first half of 2023 with all indicators down at least double digits. Over 150 chronic offenders have had geographic restrictions imposed keeping them out of Waikīkī. Kuhio Beach Park improvements have cleaned up major trouble spots and eye sores, including a major rest room renovation. Surveillance cameras have been brought back online. Beach closures have moved up to midnight from 2:00 AM. The total number of homeless is down 43% to 143 individuals in May 2023 from 251 in September 2022.



Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney Steven Alm recognized for his distinguished leadership.

The credit for the Waikīkī Safe and Sound success to date certainly goes to many contributors from the city and the community but Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney Steve Alm provided the leadership to make it happen.

The meeting concluded with lucky number prizes announced from a drawing by Pastor Mark Morimoto of the Kaka'ako Christian Fellowship and a delicious reception enjoyed by all.

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)

VAL NOLASCO HALF MARATHON

November 12, 2023 Sunday

5:00 AM Road Closes | 10:30 AM Road Reopens (Approximate)

VAL NOLASCO HALF MARATHON sponsored by Mid-Pacific Road Runner Club/808 Hawaii Race. The event is expected to have 500 runners. It will start at Kalakaua Ave., mauka side Queen Kapiolani Park, to Monsarrat Ave., to Paki Ave., to Diamond Hd. Rd., to 18th Ave., to Kilauea Ave., to Waialae Ave., to Kalanianaʻole Hwy., turnaround near W. Hind Dr., to Kealahou St., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Hd. Rd., to Kalakaua Ave., to Queen Kapiolani Park Bandstand/Hon Marathon Finish. Contact: Joan Davis 535-9070, Email: joaniediva1@gmail.com For more info, visit their website: <http://www.mprrc.org/> or <http://808racehawaii.com>

WAIKIKI HOLIDAY PARADE

November 24, 2023 Friday

6:30 PM Road Closes | 9:30 PM Road Reopens (Approximate)

WAIKIKI HOLIDAY PARADE sponsored by Gateway Music Festival & Tours/ Superior Bands. The event is expected to have 2,000+ marchers, 10+ vehicles, & 10+ bands. It will start at Saratoga Rd/Kalakaua Avenue to Kalakaua Ave, to Monsarrat Ave., to end at Queen Kapiolani Park. Contact: Stacy Thielman-Jost 763-238-8631, E-mail: stacy.jost@musicfestivals.com For more info, visit their website: www.musicfestivals.com



NEW ON THE MENU



PORK CHOP PLATE

BBQ MIX PLATE

GRAVY CHICKEN

KIMCHEE SHRIMP POKE

KIMCHEE TAKO POKE

Thanksgiving Specials

— November 23, 2023 —

AVAILABLE 5PM - CLOSING

Warm Roasted Kabocha Pumpkin Salad \$13

Arugula, pepitas, pecans, red onion,
maple-miso vinaigrette

Citrus Sage Butter Roasted Turkey \$36

Turkey gravy, Portuguese sausage herb stuffing,
garlic mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce,
lemon parmesan broccolini

Pumpkin Cheesecake \$7

Graham cracker crust, candied pecans,
mascarpone whipped cream

**While supplies last.*

Tax and gratuity not included.

For Reservations Call (808) 923-5689

BASALT
AT DUKES LANE MARKET & EATERY

Turkey To Go



\$200

Feeds 4-6 people

Includes

Citrus Sage Butter Roasted Turkey
whole roasted boneless breast & thigh meat

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Portuguese Sausage Herb Stuffing

Lemon Parmesan Broccolini

Turkey Gravy

Cranberry Sauce

Pumpkin Cheesecake

*Graham cracker crust, candied pecans,
mascarpone whipped cream*

Add-Ons

Master Carvers Ham (2 lb) \$40
Pineapple chutney

Turkey Gravy (32 oz) \$18

Pandesal \$8

Garlic Mashed Potatoes (2 lb) \$18

Lemon Parmesan Broccolini \$15

**Food will be chilled with
heating instructions included**

Pick Up Dates

NOVEMBER 22, 12PM - 4PM

NOVEMBER 23, 9AM - 1PM

For Reservations

Call (808) 923-5689

ORDER BY NOVEMBER 21

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WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**

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AT DUKES LANE MARKET & EATERY



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Halekulani
On the Beach at Waikiki



The WAITIKI 7 – at House Without A Key: November 24 & 25, 2023

Enjoy the sounds of Exotica, a musical genre described as an easy listening mix of tiki, bachelor pad, and globe trotter fantasy. The WAITIKI 7, consisting of seven conservatory trained professional musicians (four from Honolulu), will be performing two nights at Halekulani’s iconic poolside restaurant House Without A Key.

For more information, please visit www.halekulani.com/experiences or call 808-518-2019.



Art of Wellbeing Promotion - November

Nov 11– Festive Meal Planning

Learn to prepare meals for the season and entertain without stress. This interactive class will share simple tips and recipes to make each dining experience taste gourmet and guilt-free.

With Gratitude...from SpaHalekulani

November is a time for giving thanks. With every 90-minute couple massage treatment, receive a special moisturizing and therapeutic OLA Bath Ritual pack to take home...with our compliments.

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



Island Immersion December 1 & 2, 2023

Immerse yourself in a two-day cultural experience in restoring a natural habitat on the Windward side of Oahu learning Hawaiian traditions and selecting local ingredients culminating in a special epicurean dinner.

Friday, Dec 1: Spend the morning at Kako’o Oiwi, a vast wetland, and help to “malama” care for this land with exciting native activities such as foraging flowers for lei making and harvesting locally grown ingredients.

Saturday, Dec 2: Enjoy a unique collaboration dinner by Kako’o Oiwi’s Executive Chef Kealoha Domingo and Halekulani’s Executive Chef Christian Testa featuring the local produce that was selected from the day before.

For more information, please call 808-518-2019.



Thanksgiving at Halekulani November 23, 2023

Award winning service, picturesque ocean views, and unforgettable cuisine – there is much to be grateful when celebrating Thanksgiving at Halekulani.

Orchids: Executive Chef Christian Testa has arranged a gastronomic sparkling buffet with two glasses of prosecco. \$125 per adult (day); \$145 per adult (night); \$65 per child (5 – 12 years old) tax and gratuity not included in the above prices.

House Without A Key: Chef Jarrin Otake has created a special four course menu featuring poke, choice of either roasted butternut squash or full harvest salad, a turkey roulade, and spiced pumpkin cheese-cake. \$90 per adult tax and gratuity not included.

Please call 808-518-2019 for availability.



Halepuna
 WAIKIKI
 by Halekulani



Bed & Breakfast

Sophisticated simplicity at our “House of Welcoming Waters”

- Enjoy breakfast for up to two persons at *UMI by Vikram Garg* when booking this special rate.
- Halepuna Access – Complimentary access to the Bishop Museum, Honolulu Museum of Arts, and Manoa Heritage Center.
- NO RESORT FEES

Valid now through December 20, 2023, with exception of blackout dates.
 Please contact reservations@halepuna.com to book this special rate.



Holiday Pies Available at Halekulani Bakery

Starting November 1st, pre-order a wholesome and delicious pie from Halekulani Bakery for pick up between Nov 20th to Nov 23rd. 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.

Special pick-up hours Monday (11/20) & Tuesday (11/21) 6:30 – 11:30 am

Wednesday to Sunday
 6:30 am to 11:30 am

Please call 808-518-2019 to order your pie!



Celebrate Thanksgiving at UMI by Vikram Garg

Thanksgiving Day tradition celebrates the year’s harvest and blessings, sharing in gratitude with friends and family.

At UMI by Vikram Garg, Chef Vikram has curated a special four-course menu featuring King Ora Salmon, Lobster Ravioli, a choice of his signature Seafood Paella, Ribeye Steak, or Organic Turkey, and finishing on a sweet note with Pecan Pie with Bourbon Cream. \$149 per adult – gratuity and tax not included.

For reservations, please call 808-744-4244 or visit www.umibyvikramgarg.com.



John Okulick “Falls”

In the work titled *Falls*, Okulick combines large-scale charcoal drawings of images of water. Each drawing depicts the water juxtaposed with an object -- some related to water and travel--a steam roller or boat, others inspired by dream or fantasy, such as an upside-down candelabra.

Boats and elegant candelabra in a topsy-turvy world leave not a ripple on the waves. Water, the vehicle of life and transport, provides Okulick an opportunity to explore equations of density and weight. Okulick has made the frames for his drawings, the sculptor’s hand creating a perfect window into a private yet universal ocean view.

This piece is located next to the main entrance of Halepuna.



Hawai'i Convention Center Launches New E-Bars and Permanent Artwork Series

Two new ground-floor e-bars feature artwork by JT Ojerio of Aloha de Mele and Lloyd Boards of Kaua'i

The Hawai'i Convention Center, managed by ASM Global, has transformed its ground-floor Kahakai Lobby and escalator area with the installation of two new e-bars and a permanent artwork collection featuring the work of artists from O'ahu and Kaua'i.

The e-bars feature seating with individual power and USB ports and counterspace for mobile devices. The Center worked with artists JT Ojerio of Aloha De Mele and Lloyd Boards to select artwork that would enhance the look and feel of the spaces. There are three stand-alone custom installations by Ojerio, including two lei renderings above one e-bar.

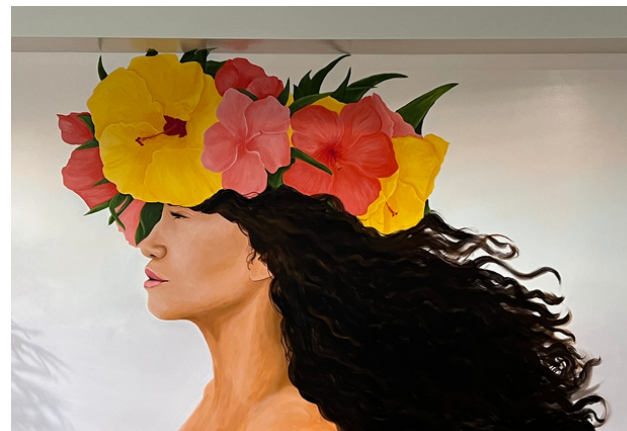
A hand-shaped koa surfboard by Lloyd Boards hangs above the second e-bar. Artwork by Ojerio – a painting of loulou palms – is featured as a backdrop for the board, providing continuity to the installations. Across from this e-bar is a 6-foot by 20-foot wall mural featuring Native Hawaiian model Penina Vaimaona wearing a lei po'o by Cheka Diaz of Kahihae Floral.

This artwork showcases the talents of local artists to guests from around the world, while brightening these new workspaces with a fresh and modern feel. The Center strives to promote Hawai'i's culture to guests through its wide selection of artwork.

Hawai'i Convention Center Earns State and National Meetings Honors

The Hawai'i Convention Center has recently been recognized with state and national meetings honors:

- **EXHIBITOR magazine** named the Center among its 2023 Centers of Excellence winners, featured in its October/November issue.
- The Center was among 18 venues in the U.S. and Canada to be named "Best Convention Center" by **Smart Meetings magazine** in its 2023 Smart Stars awards.
- **Facilities & Destinations magazine** recognized the Center as one of its 2023 Prime Site Award of Excellence winners.
- The Hawai'i Green Business Program (HGBP) recognized the Center on June 29, 2023, for its energy efficiency and sustainable business practices.





Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort Unveils Island-Style Holiday Experiences

The resort will offer a unique range of holiday activities, special menus, luau and more

HONOLULU – This holiday season, [Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort](#) is the go-to destination to celebrate with an island-style twist. With special editions of the famed Waikiki Starlight Luau, festive menus, and a breakfast with Santa, visitors and locals are in for a memorable holiday celebration.

Breakfast with Santa at Bali Oceanfront

Experience the epitome of island fusion cuisine at Bali Oceanfront, Hilton Hawaiian Village's premier dining venue. Bali's talented chefs showcase locally-sourced ingredients to create imaginative, delightful dishes. Santa himself will join in for breakfast, making it an unforgettable holiday experience in paradise. Both keiki and adults will indulge in a special holiday breakfast, a photo with Santa, and holiday activities. Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 22, 23, and 24 with seatings at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Festive Holiday Menus at Bali Oceanfront and Tropics Bar & Grill

At Bali Oceanfront and Tropics Bar & Grill, chefs will transform holiday classics with their creativity and the finest local ingredients. Enjoy special holiday menus on the following dates:

- Thanksgiving | Thursday, Nov. 23
- Christmas Eve | Sunday, Dec. 24
- Christmas Day | Monday, Dec. 25
- New Year's Eve | Sunday, Dec. 31

Waikiki Starlight Luau Holiday Shows

Guests are invited to experience one of Waikiki's most iconic luau experiences accompanied by a special holiday-inspired menu. The Waikiki Starlight Luau showcases the cultures of Hawaii and Polynesia with delicious island cuisine, captivating music, dances, and cultural performances. Guests can gather with family and friends on the Roof Top Garden for an unforgettable experience, available during Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

Other Holiday Activities at Hilton Hawaiian Village

From holiday performances to Christmas movies, to ornament making, the joy of the holiday season will be on full display at Hilton Hawaiian Village. In addition to holiday shopping at the resort's boutiques, there will be the following seasonal activities available:

- Keiki Ornament Making
- Holiday Themed Lei Making
- Holiday Performances
- Christmas Movies on the Village Green
- Holiday Photo Spot on the Village Green
- Letters to Santa

For more information about holidays at Hilton Hawaiian Village, visit <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/hnlhvhh-hilton-hawaiian-village-waikiki-beach-resort/things-to-do/holidays/>.

INTERNATIONAL MARKET PLACE

International Market Place Welcomes Cat Café MOFF, Photos With Santa & More Paws-itive Experiences



A cat café, water bowls and photos with Santa are a few of the fun enhancements for furry friends

International Market Place's open-air setting, numerous outdoor spaces and shady resting spots make it a pet friendly oasis in the heart of Waikiki.

Many IMP retailers like **Aesop** offer water bowls outside their stores to keep companions quenched. Doggy treats are available at the customer service desk on Level 1, and there is a pet relief station next to the **ABC Store** on Kūhiō Avenue.

The center's retailers, including but not limited to **Vera Bradley**, **MCM**, **Jams World** and **Burberry** offer pet products. In addition, **Crazy Shirts**, **Keane Eyes Gallery** and **Coco Nene** feature stuffed animals and artwork especially tailored to the pet lover on Level 2 in the Banyan Court.

Cat Café MOFF opened in Japan in 2014 with a goal of bringing people and animals together. The venue enables quality visits with domesticated cats. Cat Café employees are on hand to provide knowledge and information about the friendly and energetic felines. Cat Café Moff is open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., with cat feeding times at noon and 5 p.m. During mealtimes, keepers will discuss cat care and feeding and habits which may be helpful for those considering a pet. The residents of Cat Café MOFF are not available for adoption, but the owners do collect donations for the Maui Humane Society. Learn more at shopinternationalmarketplace.com



In addition to Cat Café MOFF, photos with Santa will be offered on **Monday, December 4**, and **December 11** on Level 1, Mauka Court.

A favorite of visitors and locals alike, International Market Place is a captivating open-air hub where shopping, dining, and entertainment live in harmony. Beyond the impressive slate of recurring events happening at International Market Place, each month brings [new and unique experiences](#).

New in November at Waikiki Beach Walk

EXPERIENCE “The Blue Fish” – OPENING IN NOVEMBER

Waikiki Beach Walk has announced the opening of **The Blue Fish**, a Texas-based business known for its classic and specialty sushi, sashimi, Japanese and Korean menu items presented in a lively, welcoming and modern atmosphere. The 5,400-square-foot Blue Fish will offer daily dinner service and a daily happy hour with special pricing on rolls, appetizers and beverages. It will offer indoor and patio seating, a bar and lounge area, a sushi counter and comfortable dining spaces for couples, families and small groups.



The Blue Fish is where tradition meets innovation in the world of sushi dining to create an unforgettable experience. Its offerings range from a vibrant happy hour to a chef curated Omakase dinner. The sushi chefs are masters of their craft and use the highest quality locally sourced fish and seafood.

EVENTS

Friday, November 10, 5 to 8 p.m.

Extraordinary self-taught artist, [Ken Flanagan](#), will make his first trip to [Park West Fine Art Museum & Gallery Waikiki](#) to paint live and show off his artwork on **Friday, November 10**. From **5 to 8 p.m.**, Flanagan will appear at Waikiki Beach Walk where he will meet fans, paint LIVE, and show off his incredible artwork—this event is free and open to the public.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday, November 12 – Mele Hali’a, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Come together to experience the melodies of November's **Mele Hali’a**, where the former Men of Waimāpuna and former Women of Ke Ala O Ka Laua’e, under the late kumu hula, Darrell ‘Ihi’ihilauakea Lupenui, will be having a Hula & Mele Concert in honor of this incredible man who made unprecedented contributions to Hawaii’s entertainment and hula industry. Former hula students and entertainers gather to honor a unique "one-of-a-kind" and award-winning style of hula seen through "**Nanea Kō Maka.**"



Figure 1: Former students of Darrel Lupenui

FALL BRINGS NEW FLAVORS TO RESTAURANT SUNTORY'S DINING EXPERIENCES



RESTAURANT SUNTORY
JAPANESE CUISINE

Autumn in Japan is synonymous with hearty meals and peak freshness for many ingredients, and [Restaurant Suntory](#) gives diners the chance to experience a taste of that in Hawaii with its distinct [dining styles](#). Customers can enjoy changes in the elaborate kaiseki course meals on the [Washoku](#) menu (traditional Japanese cuisine), in the updated chef's choice omakase course at sushi counter [Tokiwa](#), and with new [dinner menu specials](#). The restaurant is also showing appreciation to locals with a current Hawaii ID by offering kama'aina set meals in the [Teppan room](#) through November 15. Reservations can be made through [RESY](#) or over the phone at (808) 922-5511. The restaurant is located in **Bldg. B on level 3 of Royal Hawaiian Center**.

[Sushi Counter Tokiwa](#)

Along with the latest seasonal omakase flavors, diners will find a new face behind the private sushi counter tucked away in Restaurant Suntory. Another Sushizen trained chef, Chef Tomoya Makabe has joined Sushi Chef Kanto, adding to the counter's world class team of sushi chefs. Together, the chefs showcase specially procured ingredients flown in fresh from Japan, such as Hokkaido sea urchin, Hokkaido kegani (hairy crab), and other seasonal treats all the way through dessert. Lunch offers an unbeatable value starting at \$100, and dinner, starting at \$280, also makes for a truly memorable meal that's difficult to find outside of Japan.

[Seasonal Specials](#)

Along with whisky flights of rare Suntory whiskies and non-alcoholic beer, diners can enjoy additions to the seasonal dinner specials such as Ox Tail Kamameshi (iron-pot rice) for \$29 and Shrimp & Portabella Mushroom Katsu for \$26.

[Kama'aina Teppan Specials](#)

[Chef's Special Value Lunch Set - Washugyu Tri-tip Steak Set](#)

Available through November 15, this lunch set features a 6oz cut of beef known as "tomo sankaku" or tri-tip, a cut from the bottom of the sirloin that's renowned for its irresistible richness. Served with clam soup steamed carta fata style, the filling set meal includes two new sauces, Kagura Nanban Miso and Finadene Sauce, all for \$39.00.

[Special Teppan Dinner Course Meal](#)

This limited-time dinner set consists of an appetizer sampler platter, chowder, salad, scallop, panko shrimp, lobster tail, US filet (5oz), grilled vegetables, garlic rice, and dessert. Diners can enjoy this feast for \$89, with the option to upgrade to A5 Miyazaki Wagyu for an additional fee.

Tree Lighting, Selfies with Santa, Stargazing, and More at Royal Hawaiian Center this November



Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

NOVEMBER 22, 2023

Royal Hawaiian Center invites you to their **Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony** on November 22, 2023 in the Royal Grove. This enchanting event features live music, captivating hula performances, and a magical moment when Santa Claus illuminates a 34-foot holiday tree. The festivities kick off with a captivating performance featuring beloved holiday characters for keiki, setting the stage for Santa's grand entrance. Santa will lead the ceremonial lighting of the magnificent holiday tree, adorned with a blend of Hawaiian elements, such as dazzling palaka bows, glittering plumeria, and charming ukuleles. Following the tree lighting, attendees have the opportunity to take a complimentary photo with Santa.

For further information, please visit www.royalhawaiiancenter.com/events.



Weekly Selfies with Santa

WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS FROM 5PM-7PM;
NOVEMBER 22, 2023 – DECEMBER 23, 2023

Guests are invited to capture free selfies with Santa every Wednesday and Saturday from 5pm-7pm, beginning Wednesday, Nov. 22, through Saturday, Dec. 23. To make the experience even more magical, **keiki will receive complimentary peppermint cookies from the renowned Honolulu Cookie Company and a Royal Santa Savings Pass, granting access to exclusive holiday discounts at participating shops and restaurants.**

Rooftop Stargazing in Paradise

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 | 6:45PM - 8:45PM | BUILDING A, LEVEL 4

Visitors and their ohana are invited to observe Saturn and its magnificent rings up close in the Hawaiian night sky. The monthly Rooftop Stargazing event takes place on the Ka Lewa Lānai rooftop in Building A, Level 4. This event is open to the public and admission is free, with entry on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To learn more, visit <http://www.royalhawaiiancenter.com/events/rooftop-stargazing>.



Holiday Hours at Royal Hawaiian Center

FROM 10:00AM-9:00PM | PARTICIPATING MERCHANTS


Experience the holiday cheer at Royal Hawaiian Center. Waikiki's premier shopping, dining, entertainment, and cultural destination is open from 10am-9pm daily throughout the holiday season. For more information on holiday hours and parking, visit www.royalhawaiiancenter.com.

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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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