



# Waikiki Wiki Wiki Wire

## A Call to Action on Waikiki Signage

The WIA Waikiki Signage Proposal – Bill 70 (2008) was reported out of the Honolulu City Council Zoning Committee on Wednesday February 10. The bill goes next to the full council for second reading and public hearing on February 25 at 9 AM. Those wishing to testify can get sample testimony by emailing [rick@waikikiimprovement.com](mailto:rick@waikikiimprovement.com). Please let Rick know if you plan to testify. This is an important bill for Waikiki and now is the time to show your support.

For the last two years WIA has worked with its members, experts in the field, the Waikiki Neighborhood Board, the Outdoor Circle and Mayor Hannemann’s Administration to develop comprehensive changes to the signage laws as they pertain to Waikiki. The pedestrian nature of the Waikiki clientele requires special attention especially now as the economic situation becomes more difficult and the burden on small business increases.

Bill 70 (2008) helps in a number of ways:

Improve the visibility of business signs in Waikiki, while maintaining an attractive appearance of the district, both of which are essential to the economic vitality of Hawaii’s premiere visitor destination area.

Improve way-finding in Waikiki for both pedestrians and drivers, which is an important consideration for a district that hosts so many visitors who are unfamiliar with the area.

Allow a modest increase in sign size in Waikiki and greater flexibility in the placement and design of signs, but only through a design review process to assure that the aesthetic quality of Waikiki will be preserved or improved.



Maximum business signage area

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Provide greater opportunity for second-floor businesses, which are presently very restricted in how they can identify their location and services to the public.

The following summarizes the proposed LUO amendments:

1. Clarify provisions for the Sign Master Plan (zoning adjustment) option, which provide an adjustment of sign standards to no more than 20 percent (20%) of the underlying standard, by separating the provisions for sign dimensions, total sign area, and total number of signs.
2. For properties that choose the Sign Master Plan (zoning adjustment) option, allow:
  - a. For first-floor establishments illumination of sign copy and graphics through a translucent surface when set within an opaque, unlighted sign field, if the sign is located on the first floor, for those districts where direct illumination of business signs would not otherwise be permitted; and
  - b. For second-floor establishments indirectly illuminated signs.
3. Amend the definition of “building frontage” to include establishments whose entryways face walkways and plazas accessible to the public.
4. Allow a small sign bearing the name or emblem of an establishment to be added to a directional sign for parking garage entries.
5. Add a definition for “small signs,” less than 1-square-foot in sign area, to allow incidental business identification and information such as hours of operation without requiring a sign permit.
6. Amend the standard for “wall signs” such that the permitted height is either 20 feet or the third-floor level, whichever is higher (rather than lower).
7. Increase the ratio for business sign area in the Waikīkī Special District from 0.5 to 1-square-foot of sign area per linear foot of building frontage, and the maximum possible sign size from 24 square-feet to 36 square-feet.
8. Increase the maximum size of a building identification sign in the Waikiki Special District from 4 square-feet to 12 square-feet in sign area.

## Legislative Report on Bills Supported by WIA

Bills supported by the Waikīkī Improvement Association give the counties the ability to regulate the use of electric personal assistive mobility devices (Segways and Yos) on sidewalks are advancing in both the Senate and House. SB 281, introduced by Senator Nishihara, has passed the full Senate unamended and goes next to the House of Representatives. HB 140, the House companion bill, introduced by Representative Joe Souki, has been approved by the House Transportation Committee and goes next to the House Judiciary Committee.

HB960 to broaden the definition of a “tourism emergency” and provide programs to address them was reported out of the House Tourism Committee and the Senate version (SB271) is up for decision making on February 12. These bills would allow HTA to access the \$5 million in the Tourism Emergency Fund.

The House Committee on Tourism also passed HB 1204 measure to make an additional distribution of not more than \$10,000,000 in transient accommodations tax revenues to the tourism special fund.

### Doubletree Alana Hotel – Waikiki is offering an extra sweet Valentine’s Day package

Starting at \$199 per night, the package includes an \$80 dining credit at the hotel’s restaurant, J Restaurant, as well as VIP access for two at the Pearl Ultra Lounge located at the Ala Moana Center. That means no waiting in line and no cover charge.

To book Doubletree Alana Hotel – Waikiki’s Valentine’s Day package, call (808) 941-7275.



## Share an Evening of Romance with your Sweetheart at Pikake Terrace

Romance is in the air at the Pikake Terrace in the Sheraton Princess Ka'iulani Hotel, where you are invited to relax with the one you love and celebrate Valentine's Day. Early dinner guests will be treated to a graceful synchronized swimming demonstration by Mermaids Hawai'i. The underwater ballet performance will take place in the main hotel pool by the Pikake Terrace seating area and offers guests a unique way to celebrate this romantic evening. There will even be a live performance by the Kaala Boys.

**What:** Valentine's Buffet Dinner

**Where:** Pikake Terrace at Sheraton Princess Ka'iulani Hotel

**When:** Wednesday, February 14, 2009

**Time:** Dinner seating from 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Mermaids Hawai'i from 5:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Complimentary Wedding Vow Renewal from 6 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Performance Academy from 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Kaala Boys to perform beginning at 7:15 p.m.

**Cost:** \$46 per person ++

**Parking:** Complimentary validated self parking provided

**Reservations:** Call the dining desk at (808) 921-4600

### The following is a sampling of the menu:

#### APPETIZER SELECTIONS:

Island poki  
Smoked salmon tray  
Seared tofu with ginger shoyu sauce  
Assorted maki and inari sushi  
Marinated green lip mussels on ice  
Sliced turkey and ham  
Seafood salad on ice  
Crab legs on ice  
Iced peel & eat shrimp

#### CARVING STATION:

Roasted rib of beef carved to order with au jus and horseradish  
and cooked to order by one of our Chefs  
Fresh steamed clams

#### SALAD BAR:

Namasu, ogo seaweed salad and assorted local favorites including marinated and fresh salads, dressings and condiments

#### SOUP STATION:

Clam and bay shrimp veloute enhanced with a hint of curry and chopped herbs

#### HOT SELECTIONS:

Seared chicken on a wild mushroom ragout with red wine demi glace  
Steamed white rice  
Selection of broiled and steamed vegetable  
Gratin potatoes in a garlic cheese cream  
Seafood cioppino  
Bay shrimp, clams and mussels with garlic, tomato -white wine sauce  
Island Mahi Mahi on wok seared choi sum and a chili lemon-grass nage  
Hosin glazed pork loin on island sweet potato puree, crisp fried Maui onion

#### CUPID'S SWEET ENDINGS:

Haupia pudding  
Assorted mini French pastries  
Banana tapioca torte  
Fresh fruit tray  
Cheese cake with assorted toppings  
Selection of pies and cakes  
Chunky chocolate coconut bread pudding with kahlua -vanilla sauce  
Ice cream flambé station " kuuipo "  
Grand marnier flamed bananas served on vanilla ice cream and strawberry - vanilla sauce

**WAIKIKĪ BEACHES** — Waikikī has a variety of beaches to explore from Duke Kahanamoku Beach near the Hilton Hawaiian Village to San Souci Beach near the Lotus. The main stretches of beach in Waikikī include:

**WAIKIKĪ BEACH** — This is the classic shoreline behind the Sheraton Waikikī, Royal Hawaiian and Moana.

**KUHIO BEACH** — When the world thinks of Waikikī, this golden stretch of sand along Kalākaua Avenue is what comes to mind. To the east, Kapahulu Pier extends into the Pacific giving you a stunning view of the Waikikī shoreline. The rock "Wall" shelters the beach, providing a tranquil spot to swim with the family.

**QUEENS SURF BEACH** — At the Diamond Head end of Waikikī, the beaches get less crowded and grassy areas spring up, offering pleasant spots for picnicking.

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## Treat Your Sweetheart to a Very Special Valentine's Day at Beachhouse at the Moana

### *"Promise Me Again" Dinner and Vow Renewal*

Say "I do" all over again at a twilight vow renewal ceremony on the scenic Diamond Lawn in the heart of Waikiki at the most iconic address; Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa this Valentine's Day.

Reverend Jim Hutcherson will lead couples through a half hour ceremony which culminates in a lei exchange and re-forging of vows for couples who want to renew their commitment to each other.

Sam Kapu Trio with lovely hula dancer Kaleolama Bento will grace participants with classic Hawaiian wedding songs and hula after enjoying complimentary sparkling wine and light pupu reception while overlooking the scenic majesty of the famed Waikiki Beach. Each couple will also receive a commemorative certificate as a keepsake in celebration of the renewal of their vows.

#### Special Packages:

##### **"Vow Renewal"**

Ala carte \$25 inclusive per person

Includes Sparkling wine reception, vow renewal ceremony, fresh flower lei and a commemorative certificate.

##### **"Beachhouse at the Moana"**

Sunset dinner package \$85 per person ++

Indulge in the splendor that is the grand salon of the award winning beach house restaurant. Enjoy the special 4 course Valentine's dinner menu prepared by Chef Rodney Uyehara. Guest's must be sat at the 5 p.m. seating. Following dinner, guests will be escorted to the stunning Diamond Head Lawn where they will partake in a delightful sparkling wine reception while listening to beautiful Sam Kapu Hawaiian trio and witness the lovely hula of Kaleolama Bento. Following the reception guests will renew their vows under the guidance of Reverend Jim Hutcherson with a traditional lei exchange and Hawaiian Wedding Song performance. Guests will then receive their commemorative vow renewal certificate.

##### **"The Night to Remember"**

Beachhouse at the Moana dinner package \$95 per person ++

At 7 p.m. guests will gather at the stunning Diamond Head Lawn where they will partake in a delightful sparkling wine reception while listening to beautiful Sam Kapu Hawaiian trio and witness the lovely hula of Kaleolama Bento. Following the reception guests will renew their vows under the guidance of Reverend Jim Hutcherson with a traditional lei exchange and Hawaiian Wedding Song performance. Guests will then receive their commemorative vow renewal certificate before heading to the award winning beach house restaurant where they will enjoy the special 4 course Valentine's dinner menu prepared by Chef Rodney Uyehara.

##### **"Renew, Refresh, Rejoice Package"**

\$450 ++ based on double occupancy (mention code *RENEWPKG* when booking)

Get away for Valentine's Day and show that special someone that you are ready to marry them all over again. Couples will enjoy a one night stay in any run of city view room with special welcome amenity plus the vow renewal ceremony, sparkling wine reception and beach house dinner for two. Show that special someone that you really care. Couples must attend the 5 p.m. beach house seating with vow renewal ceremony following dinner at 7 p.m.

##### **"Moana Valentine's Memory Package"**

\$775++ based on double occupancy (mention code *MEMORY* when booking)

Get away for Valentine's weekend and show that special someone that you are ready to commit to them all over again. Couples will enjoy a two night stay in any run of city view room with special welcome amenity. Couples will also enjoy the vow renewal ceremony, sparkling wine reception and beach house dinner for two. Couples must attend the 5 p.m. beach house seating with vow renewal ceremony following dinner at 7 p.m. The following day, guests receive complimentary breakfast vouchers for in room dining, and then a couple's spa certificate to indulge in our celebrated Moana Lani Spa.

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beachhouse  
at the moana  
STEAKS • SEA GRILL • SPIRITS

Beachhouse at the Moana Dinner Menu:

1st course

Choice of

Hamakua Mushroom Tart

Served in a puff pastry with truffle cream

or

Raw Bar Trio

Oyster on the shell, shrimp cocktail, and fresh hamachi with assorted sauces

or

Salmon Tartar

Served on toast points with American caviar and nalo greens

2nd course

Choice of

Maui Onion Soup

Classic French onion soup with a three cheese gratin

or

Lobster Bisque

Lobster stock reduced with sherry and brandy, served with chive-oil crouton

or

Classic Caesar

Marinated anchovies and brioche croutons

or

Iceberg Salad

Iceberg lettuce, gorgonzola, applewood-smoked bacon and heirloom cherry tomatoes with buttermilk dressing

3rd course

Choice of

Jumbo Prawns stuffed with Dungeness Crab

Rice pilaf, baby bok choy and lobster butter

or

Mauka and Makai

Filet mignon and lobster-tail with a cabernet jus, parmesan mashed potato and asparagus

or

Pan seared Onaga

Fresh herbed buerre blanc, fingerling potato and Hamakua mushrooms

or

Maderia glazed Organic Chicken

Roasted tomato-garlic jus, saffron rice and baby vegetables

Dessert

Trio of desserts

Kona coffee spring-roll, rum crème brulee, and white chocolate covered strawberry

*Complimentary valet parking provided. For reservations, please call the Reservation Dining Center at 921-4600 or Mr. Brian Hunnings at 923-2817.*

*Visit [www.beachhousewaikiki.com](http://www.beachhousewaikiki.com) for more information.*

## Mayor Hannemann Announces Completion Of Zoo Learning Center

Mayor Mufi Hannemann today announced that the city has completed construction of the new Hale 'Imi 'Ike Learning Center at the Honolulu Zoo, which includes a classroom, reading area and space for multi-media presentations.

“This Learning Center is a wonderful new addition to our zoo, and will be a great resource for teaching future generations about our animal friends and how we care for them,” Mayor Hannemann said.

The 2,800 square foot Hale 'Imi 'Ike (House for Seeking Knowledge) Learning Center has seating for up to 50 people, makes extensive use of natural lighting and ventilation, and is furnished with a photovoltaic system to reduce energy consumption.

The new facility, located adjacent to the Keiki Zoo, will primarily provide space for Honolulu Zoo Society education programs, which include:

- Vacation Adventures, a week-long camp held during school breaks in the summer, fall, winter and spring. The program provides children ages 6 to 11 with the chance to learn all about the animals at the zoo.
- School groups, for sit-down education presentations such as “Animals A to Z,” which teaches about animal classifications, and “What’s for Lunch?” which teaches about the distinctions between animal carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.
- Dinner Safari, with biofact presentations that include animal bones, skins, feathers and eggs.
- Strollers toddler program.
- Snooze in the Zoo, an overnight program.

The Honolulu Zoo Society will help furnish the classroom’s interior. The classroom will also be used for volunteer orientations, volunteer talks, educational open house events on weekends, an evening lecture series, and zoo staff meetings and training sessions.

The project’s total cost was \$1,574,000, including \$1,424,500 for construction and \$150,000 for design work



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## Outrigger's Condominium Collection Celebrates Hawaii's 50th Anniversary of Statehood with 50 Percent Discounts

*Kama'āina are invited to stay and play for half price at 13 Outrigger condominiums across Hawai'i*

To commemorate 50 years of Hawai'i statehood, Outrigger's Condominium Collection is offering residents of the 50th State a 50 percent discount off of published rates. With 13 properties situated in picturesque destinations across the islands of O'ahu, Kaua'i, Maui and the Big Island - kama'āina have a diverse range of resorts to reap 100 percent of the benefits and amenities at half the price.

"Escaping for a vacation at Outrigger's Condominium Collection is an affordable luxury," said Tim Alex, director of sales and marketing for the Outrigger Condominium Collection. "With the full-size kitchens, laundry facilities and ample space for large groups, our accommodations are already conducive to saving money - at 50 percent off for kama'āina, the savings are exponential."

Offering studio rooms as well as one, two and three bedroom suites with living rooms, large lanais and complete kitchens - Outrigger's Condominium Collection combines the privacy and spaciousness of a vacation rental with the customer service of a traditional hotel. It's the ultimate accommodation choice for everyone -- from kama'āina couples indulging on a romantic retreat to local families vacationing with the kids.

### O'ahu

Three distinct condominium properties are located in world famous Waikīkī on O'ahu. Outrigger Waikiki Shore is the only resort condo directly on beautiful Waikīkī Beach, Outrigger Luana Waikiki is a serene property at the gateway to Waikīkī that offers restful park and ocean views and Outrigger Regency on Beachwalk is a boutique condo that brings fresh contemporary style and understated chic to the heart of Waikīkī.

A valid Hawai'i Driver's license or State I.D. is required upon check-in to receive the kama'āina special. The kama'āina 50 percent off rate is valid through December 21, 2009. Rates are per room, per night and taxes are not included. The rates and specials cannot be combined with other offers and are subject to availability and change. Rates may not be used for group bookings without prior authorization from Outrigger and other restrictions may apply. Deposit and Cancellation Policies also apply.

For reservations, travel agent specials and more information, visit [www.OutriggerCondos.com](http://www.OutriggerCondos.com) or call 800-OUTRIGGER (688-444).

## Hawai'i Convention Center Receives Tenth Consecutive Prime Site Award

Last year marked the tenth anniversary of the Hawai'i Convention Center and for an anniversary present they received their tenth consecutive Prime Site Award from Facilities & Destinations magazine.

The Prime Site Awards are decided by meetings and conventions industry leaders directly involved with site selection: promoters, booking agents and event planners. Voting is based on convenience of location, facility attractiveness and maintenance, professionalism of staff, cuisine, and technological capabilities.

"This is a tremendous honor," said Joe Davis, SMG general manager of the Hawai'i Convention Center. "It is especially rewarding since last year marked our tenth anniversary as well."

Facilities and Destinations has described the Center as a striking facility designed from the input of convention planners and notes 200,000 square feet of exhibit hall space and 100,000 square feet of meeting room space, consisting of 49 meeting rooms and two presentation theaters with tiered seating, and a 36,000-square-foot Grand Ballroom.

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## Winemaker's Dinner at Beachhouse at the Moana with Mark Neal from Neal Family Vineyards

On Wednesday, February 18, Beachhouse at the Moana in the Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa will host Mark Neal, proprietor of Neal Family Vineyards and the wines of his very gifted winemaker, Gove Celio and will be showcasing an array of stunning wines; all family farmed fruit and gorgeous in the glass.

While Neal and family use cutting edge technology; infrared and thermal imaging to select specific lots and specific times for harvest, they have an old-world devotion to terroir and minimalism that would make the Bordeaux heavyweights sweat. Native yeasts, absence of micro-oxidation, and 100% varietal wines are just the preamble to the philosophy that Neal Family Vineyards employs to yield some of the best wines coming out of the Napa Valley region.

Come and join us for a night that is sure to delight anyone that loves great food and wine and meet Mr. Mark Neal.

**What:** Neal Family Vineyard Winemaker Dinner

**Where:** Beachhouse at the Moana

**When:** Wednesday, February 18, 2009

**Time:** 6 p.m. hosted cocktail reception. 6:30 p.m. dinner seating begins

**Cost:** \$150 per person ++

**Parking:** Complimentary valet parking provided

**Reservations:** please call Pila Sunderland-GM at 265-5128 or email [pila.sunderland@westin.com](mailto:pila.sunderland@westin.com)

*Credit card to reserve.*

### Neal Family Vineyards Dinner Menu

**Amuse Bouche:**

Salmon Tartere

California osetra, key lime custard, crème fraiche, toasted pao doce

*2007 Neal Family Vineyard's Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc*

**First Course:**

Pan Roasted Onaga

Tartlette of Japanese eggplant, tapanade jus, red pepper relish

*2005 Neal Family Vineyard's Cabernet Sauvignon*

**Second Course:**

Moyer Farms New York Strip

Hawaiian taro & beet risotto, bordelaise

*2005 Wykoff Vineyard select Cabernet Sauvignon*

**Third Course:**

New Zealand Venison

Pancetta wrapped tenderloin, ravioli of foie gras, truffled fingerling potatoes

*2006 Neal Family Vineyard's Napa Valley Zinfandel*

**Finale:**

Chocolate Volcano

Hawaiian vintage chocolate, raspberry coulis

*2005 Neal Family Vineyard's Napa Valley Petit Syrah*



Chef Norman Sunderland, Chef Rodney Uyehara, Pila Sunderland



## Hawai'i Capital National Heritage Area Launched

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, Senator Daniel Inouye introduced legislation in the U.S. Congress to designate the Hawai'i Capital National Heritage Area for the Honolulu/Kapalama ahupua`a which covers Kaka`ako, Downtown, Nu`uanu, and Kapalama. The bill was co-sponsored by Senator Daniel Akaka.

A ceremony to announce this exciting initiative will be held February 19 at 1 p.m. at the entrance of Ali`iolani Hale (by the King Kamehameha Statue). Plan to be there to hear Senator Inouye discuss the Congressional legislation and plans for the future of the Hawai'i Capital National Heritage Area.

This designation will bring together the many cultural treasures that define our Capital area into a cohesive district where kama`aina and visitors alike can experience our indigenous Hawaiian and diverse heritage. National Heritage Area designation opens the doors to funding for planning, design, interpretive centers, and other amenities that will improve the visitor experience and understanding of Hawai'i. "Designation of the Hawai'i Capital National Heritage Area will celebrate Hawai'i as a part of our nation's story - highlighting the unique contributions of the Native Hawaiian culture, our multi-ethnic community, and our important role in the development of Asia-Pacific relations," says HCCC board president and former WIA executive board member Mona Abadir.

The designation of the Hawai'i Capital National Heritage Area will make the cultural treasures and attractions of Hawai'i much more visible and accessible for our visitors.

The effort to apply for National Heritage Area designation has been a collaborative effort by the Hawai'i Capital Cultural Coalition (HCCC), a nonprofit partnership of 25 Honolulu arts and cultural organizations and more than 40 businesses, public agencies, and service organizations. The partners are working together to leverage the rich concentration of historic, cultural, and economic assets located in Honolulu's historic core to create one of the great cultural destinations of the world, attracting both visitors and residents, contributing to the area's economic vitality and enhancing our quality of life. "WIA has been an early partner and HCCC welcomes our members continued participation," says Susan Todani, WIA and HCCC board member.

For more information visit the HCCC website: [www.hawaiicapitalculture.org](http://www.hawaiicapitalculture.org) and view the comprehensive 250 page Feasibility Study submitted to Park Services/Department of the Interior to designate Hawai'i Capital National Heritage Area.

National Heritage Areas, a program of the National Park Service, allow residents, government agencies, nonprofit groups and private partners to collaboratively plan and implement programs and projects that recognize, preserve, and celebrate America's unique and important stories. Once National Heritage Area designation by the U.S. Congress is achieved, the National Park Service and other federal agencies provide marketing, technical assistance, and federal funding to support preservation, promotion, education, visitor enhancements, and other heritage, cultural tourism, and economic development activities. There are currently forty designated National Heritage Areas throughout the U.S. (For more information visit: [www.nps.gov/history/heritageareas](http://www.nps.gov/history/heritageareas)).



Map of proposed NHA



## Ho'omau concert to benefit Hawaiian immersion on O'ahu Sunday, February 15th, 6 p.m. @ Waikīkī Shell

Mark your calendar for Feb. 15, when thousands of Hawaiian language supporters will descend upon Waikīkī Shell for Ho'omau 2009, a concert benefiting O'ahu's 11 Hawaiian immersion schools. Ho'omau will take place on Sunday, February 15th, 6 p.m. (gates open 3:30 p.m.) at the Waikiki Shell.

Sponsored by Kamehameha Schools, this year's concert will feature performances by Keali'i Reichel, Sudden Rush, Waipuna, Kūpaoa, Holunape, 'Ike Pono and the keiki of the participating schools. The theme of this year's concert is "I maika'i ke kalo i ka 'ohā," which means "the quality of the taro is judged by the young fruit it produces."

In the last 20 years, the Hawaiian language education movement on O'ahu has made great strides, despite a shortage of funds. The first Hawaiian immersion school on O'ahu, Pūnana Leo o Honolulu Preschool, opened its doors in 1985, and last year's Class of 2008 marked the 10th high school graduating class.

Keali'i Reichel will make musical magic to benefit learners of Hawai'i's first language.

All proceeds from Ho'omau are divided among O'ahu's 11 immersion schools, which combined serve nearly 1,000 students from preschool to the 12th grade. Each immersion school's curriculum is taught completely in the native language of Hawai'i. The ultimate goal of all of these schools is to preserve this once-nearly extinct language by creating new generations of native speakers.

Immersion schools have unique needs that require more funding than conventional English schools. Among other things, they need to create curricula that are appropriate for an immersion environment, translate or develop Hawaiian textbooks and provide for teacher training and development.

Pre-concert tickets are available at the Neal Blaisdell Center box office. Call 591-2211. Pre-concert tickets are \$8 for keiki ages 5 to 8, and \$15-\$18 for adults. Tickets the day of concert are \$10 for keiki ages 5 to 8; \$17 for grass, \$20 for reserved. Keiki 4 years old and under are free.



For more information about Ho'omau, call Kau'i Keola at (808) 551-3631.



Keali'i Reichel (pictured), Holunape and others will make musical magic to benefit learners of Hawai'i's first language, like these keiki from Pūnana Leo o Kawaiaha'o.  
Photo: Blaine Fergerstrom

### Hawaiian Diacritical Marks

Waikīkī Improvement Association recognizes the use of diacritical marks (i.e., glottal stop (ʻ), macron (ā) in place names of Hawai'i, such as Waikīkī and Kalākaua Avenue and will include them whenever possible. We also respect the individual use (or not) of these markings for names of organizations and businesses.

There will also be times when we may not have a chance to add or change the markings in all of the articles submitted and when that happens, e kalā mai.

## Sweet Way to Celebrate Valentine's at the Village

Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa offers couples the perfect way to spend a long Valentine's weekend with its kama'aina room special, and Valentine's dinners at *Bali by the Sea* and *Village Steak & Seafood*. The kama'aina room special starts at \$165 for Friday and Saturday night stays, and \$149 for Sunday through Thursday nights. The special also comes with \$10 daily self-parking rate; 4 p.m. late checkout; 50 percent off rentals of lagoon water toys (waterbees, kayaks and aquacycles); 15 percent off at select restaurants and 20 percent off Mandara Spa treatments.



In addition to a special five-course menu at the award-winning Bali by the Sea, the resort's Village Steak & Seafood Restaurant will offer a four-course menu that's sure to delight lovers this weekend. Chef Andrew Yagami's menu starts off with a Village seafood chowder with shrimp, scallops, fish, tomato cream, followed by butter lettuce and bleu cheese salad. Diners can choose between the following for their entrée: seared island fish and crab oscar, and grilled veal chop with sautéed mushrooms. A dessert of heart of strawberry mousse and mini passion cheesecake provides a sweet ending to the meal. The cost is \$85 per person, and does not include tax and gratuity. Diners can also enjoy a variety of wines selected to complement each course at an additional cost of between \$12 and \$15 per glass.

To make dining reservations for Bali by the Sea or Village Steak & Seafood, call (808) 949-4321, ext. 39.

For room reservations, call the resort directly at (808) 949-4321, and ask for rate of "P3." Proof of Hawaii residency required for kama'aina room rates

## Waikīkī Hula Show at the Kūhiō Beach Hula Mound

Authentic Hawaiian music and hula shows by Hawai'i's finest hula *halau hula* (dance troupes) and Hawaiian performers. Opens with traditional blowing of conch shell.

Tues-Thurs-Sat, weather-permitting. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Kūhiō Beach Hula Mound, near Duke Kahanamoku statue, beachside at Uluniu & Kalākaua Ave. in Waikīkī.

FREE and open to the public. Outdoors, casual, seating on the grass; beach chairs, mats, etc. okay. Cameras welcome. Presented by the City & County of Honolulu, the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and Waikīkī Improvement Association.

For information, call 843-8002.

### Week-nights

Every Tuesday – Ainsley Halemanu and Hula Halau Ka Liko O Ka Palai

Every Thursday – Joan "Aunty Pudgie" Young and Puamelia

### Saturdays

Feb 14 – Colsen Kanei and Halau Kawaianuhealehua

Feb 21 – Kapi'olani Ha'o and Halau Ke Kia'i A O Hula

Feb 28 – Momi Cruz-Losano and Halau Hula Namakahonuakapiliwale



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## Waikīkī (and surrounding areas) parade watch (courtesy of the City)

February 14, 2009 Saturday  
8:30AM Starts  
10:30AM Ends

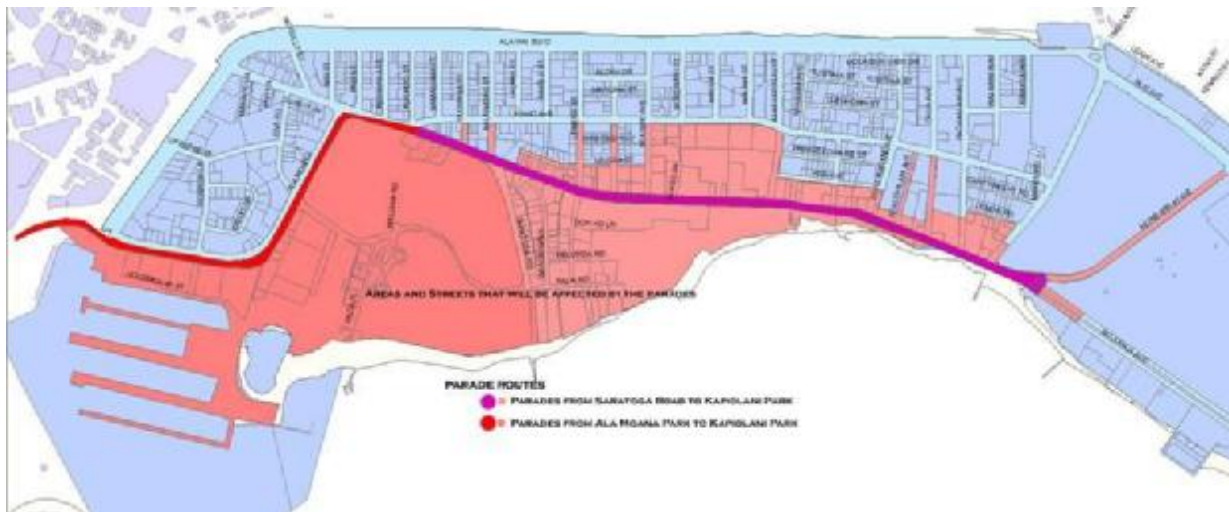
KEIKI GREAT ALOHA FUN RUN sponsored by Great Aloha Run/Carole Kai Charities. The event is expected to have 2,000+ runners/walkers. Traffic will be diverted starting 7:30 am. It will start on NBC Exhibition Hall cutout, to Ward Ave., to King St., to Pensacola St., to Kapiolani Blvd., to Ward Ave., to finish at NBC Exhibition Hall cutout.

Contact: Carol Jaxon 528-7388, Fax: 528-7392 For more info, visit their website: <http://www.greataloharun.com/>

March 1, 2009 Sunday  
7:00AM Starts  
9:00AM Ends

STRAUB/KAPIOLANI WOMEN'S 10K RUN sponsored by Straub/Kapiolani Clinic & Hospital. The event is expected to have 1,800 runners. The event will start at Kapiolani Park Band Stand at Kalakaua Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kahala Ave., to Paikau St., to Diamond Head Rd., to 22nd Ave., to Kilauea Ave., to Elepaio St., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kalakaua Ave., to end at the Honolulu Marathon finish line.

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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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