



18th Annual Filipino Fiesta and Parade Saturday, May 8

Waikiki will be filled with Filipino pride, culture and entertainment when the 18th Annual Filipino Fiesta and Parade gets underway on Saturday, May 8. Sponsored by the Fil-Com Center, the annual fiesta and parade is the Filipino community's largest cultural event in Hawai'i.

The parade starts at Ft. DeRussy at 9 am with floats (representing the different regions of the Philippines), bands and marching groups from different clubs and organizations passing along Kalākaua Avenue and ending at Kapi'olani Park where the Filipino Fiesta takes place. From 10 am – 5 pm, the fiesta offers entertainment, a cultural village, food booths with international and Filipino favorites, keiki village and more.

Filipino Fiesta and Parade has earned a reputation as the flagship event for Hawai'i's Filipino community. It's a great opportunity to introduce residents and visitors to the Filipino culture and the all-day affair also provides an opportunity for Hawai'i-born Filipinos, especially the younger generation, to learn more about themselves and their heritage.



Parade participants from 2009, courtesy Philippine Consulate

According to Fil-Com Center president Toy Arre, "This year will have a lot of new features including the first participation of the Pacific Fleet Band in a Filipino parade and the premier performance of Banda Kawayan Hawaii—the first ever bamboo band in the U.S.—at Kapi'olani Park Bandstand."

The Filipino Fiesta and Parade is sponsored by the Fil-Com Center in collaboration with the Congress of Visayan Organizations, the Honolulu Filipino Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Oahu Filipino Community Council and the United Filipino Council of Hawaii.

Chairing this year's event is Jun Colmenares. This year's theme is "Lakbay Cultura" (Cultural Journey). Its major sponsors are Hawaiian Airlines, the Hawaii Community Foundation and Western Union.

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Mother's Day Sunday Brunch at Kai Market

May 9, 2010

10:30 am to 3:00 pm (last seating at 2:30pm)

\$49 adults \$15 child (6-12 yrs) 5 and under are free with each paid adult

carving station

alae salt crusted slow roasted prime rib horseradish sour cream
and natural au jus
turkey giblet gravy, cranberry jam
dole pineapple and rum raisin lehua honey rubbed country style
farmer john bone in ham

omelet station

maui onion, hamakua tomatoes, ham, mushrooms, kim chee,
bacon, bell peppers, cheddar cheese, sweet basil
island flavored pancakes made to your liking with coconut and
maple syrup

hot offerings

crisp smoke apple wood bacon and grilled purity portuguese sausage
waimanalo spinach and hamakua tomatoes with maui surfing goat
cheese crust-less quiche
"kahlua" drunken & roasted maple farms whole duck, chili mango
chutney served with shitake mushroom duck jus
pan fried hawaiian sea bass with thai lobster curry sauce
kahuku shrimp scampi with big island tomatoes and fresh herbs
living wall herb marinated slow roasted butter ball turkey, fuji apple
stuffing, turkey giblet gravy, cranberry jam
slow braised brussel sprouts served with maple smoked bacon and
onions
kukui brand kim chee portuguese sausage "local" style fried rice
oriental style yakisoba noodles
steamed rice

soup of the day

niihau hawaiian style seafood chowder clams, island fish, shrimp and hawaiian taro

cold offerings

waimanalo mixed greens
salad with hamakua tomatos big island shaved heart of palm
ma'o farm baby radishes
dressing
papaya seed, soy sesame, thousand island

a'la'e salt cured meats and local farms cheese

tomato marmalade, pineapple chutney, lavosh & crostini

composed salads:

ahi poke hawaiian style
inamona, maui onion, green onion, ogo mixed with hawaiian sea salt
kula farms strawberry and local farms spinach salad topped off with candied walnuts
twin bridged waiialua asparagus with roasted garlic vinaigrette
crab and molokai potato salad
maui baby romaine caesar salad herb garlic croutons
local island beets served with big island tomatoes
seafood salad with kai market fresh herbs

+ fruits, parfaits and sweet offerings



Chef Darren Demaya, Chance Lovett and his mom and



Aqua's Best Western Coconut Waikiki ranked as One of World's Best Hotels on Expedia® Insiders' Select™ List

Aqua Hotels & Resorts is pleased to announce that Expedia® travelers have ranked Best Western Coconut Waikiki among the world's best hotels on this year's Expedia Insiders' Select™ list.

The list formally recognizes individual hotels, from all over the world, which consistently deliver excellent service, great overall experience and great value. The full list represents only a small percentage of the world's top hotels from the more than 110,000 hotel properties offered on Expedia.

"Delivering superior service to our guests is a top priority," said Elizabeth Churchill, Aqua's VP Sales & Marketing. "Alvida Surpia-Jones, General Manager of Aqua's Best Western Coconut Waikiki Hotel, (pictured) and her staff do an outstanding job and we are honored that their efforts have been acknowledged by Expedia travelers."

The 2010 Expedia Insiders' Select™ list is compiled based on the more than one million Traveler Opinions hotel reviews collected by Expedia, combined with a value rating and the local market expertise of more than 400 Expedia employees worldwide. The result is an easy-to-browse list that provides travelers with a powerful way to find the perfect hotel using the trusted insight of other travelers like them. The list showcases the diverse selection of travel destinations and hotel properties.

In Hawaii, 41 hotels, resorts and condos were named by Expedia travelers to the list and Best Western Coconut Waikiki was among the 13 on the list from Oahu.

For more information, visit www.aquaresorts.com.



Kehau Amorin appointed Sr. Sales Manager for Aqua Hotels

Aqua Hotels & Resorts recently named Kehau Amorin as Senior Sales Manager overseeing the Corporate, Government and Military markets.

"Kehau is an excellent addition to the sales team," said Robin Harlow, Regional Director of Sales. "She is results-oriented and her extensive sales background is a tremendous asset to the team. Since starting with us, she has been able to quickly understand and promote Aqua's diverse product line to her accounts."

In her position, Amorin maintains accounts and actively prospects and qualifies new business to meet revenue goals in her areas of responsibility.

Most recently, Amorin was Director of Business Development and Client Relations for Panda Travel. She has also held sales management positions with Dollar Thrifty Automotive Group, Ala Moana Hotel, Aston Executive Centre and Ilikai Hotel.

Amorin is based at Aqua's home office in Waikiki and can be reached at kamorin@aquaresorts.com.



Hawaiian Properties selected as new property manager of Ilikai Hotel and Condos

Management Company to Oversee Ilikai's Mixed Use Property of 1,025 Residential and Commercial Units Effective May 1, 2010

Hawaiian Properties, Ltd., one of the oldest and most experienced real estate management companies in Hawaii, has been selected as the new property manager of the Ilikai Hotel and Condos to oversee the building's mixed use of 1,025 residential and commercial units. The company will be taking over management effective May 1, 2010.

"We are excited to take over management of one of Hawaii's landmark oceanfront hotel condominiums," said Hawaiian Properties, Ltd. President Dass Ramadass. "We have already been in touch with the Ilikai Owners and have assured them that their services will continue seamlessly and we look forward to giving them the personalized and quality service our company is known to provide," he added.

Located at 1777 Ala Moana Boulevard in Waikiki, the Ilikai opened more than 45 years ago and is one of Hawaii's first luxury high rise hotels. The 30-story building boasts 1,025 units housing businesses, residents, and visitors.



Visit its web site at www.hawaiianprop.com.

Waikiki Ping Pong

You can call it "ping pong" or you can call it "table tennis" and it's fun at Waikiki Community Center every Tuesday at 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., and Friday at 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. "Ping Pong aka Table Tennis is one of few activities you can play at any age and one of few sports where children can compete against adults," according to James Peralta coordinates. "So many old players are in tremendous shape and none look their age." Come to Waikiki Community Center and enjoy a match with new friends.

There are single and double play-offs, depending on the player's desires. Some of the tables are used for practice volleying; others are used for social competition. Most players play the "old fashioned" way: games are played to 21 points and serves alternate every 5 points. Last February was the first Waikiki Community Center Ping Pong Tournament with loads of prizes and great attendance that we want you to come and build your table tennis skills so you'll be ready for the next tournament. With 5 tables there is plenty of opportunity to learn how to slice, slam and finesse the ball over the net. Cost \$1 members, \$3 non-members.



Waikiki Community Center located in the heart of Waikiki (310 Paoakalani Avenue) offers innovative programs for children, families and senior adults and has been serving the community for the past 32 years. Complimentary parking is available to students while attending classes. For further information call (808) 923-1802 or visit our website at www.waikikicomunitycenter.org.

Kama'āina Deals “Spring Up” at OHANA Waikiki East

Hawai'i residents score \$89 rates, plus free parking, now until June 20, 2010

This season, Hawai'i residents are invited to come down to OHANA Waikiki East for a rejuvenating and affordable spring break in Waikiki. Kama'āina can take advantage of the hotel's special \$89 per-night rates, plus free parking, from now through June 20, 2010.

“New boutiques, top-notch restaurants and lively entertainment make Waikiki a hip, hot-spot for locals,” said Tom Wakita, director of sales and marketing for OHANA Hotels & Resorts. “With this low kamaaina rate and free parking, it's easy and affordable for local families to take a fantastic spring break away from their busy lives.”

OHANA Hotels and Resort's signature Waikiki Connection offers extra value at all four of its Waikiki properties, with complimentary services and discounts including:

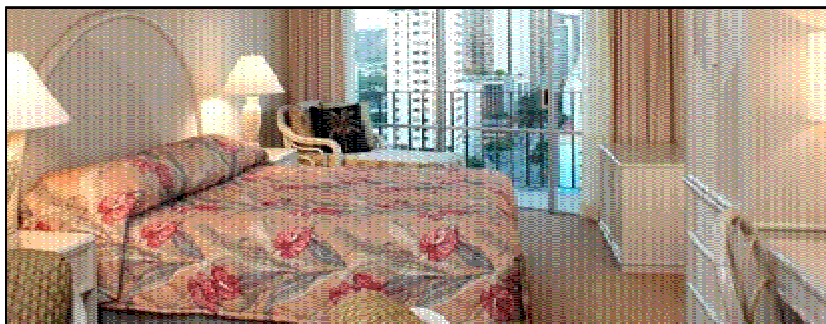
- Free Internet access in all guest rooms - including free wi-fi in the lobby and most common areas
- Free local phone calls and free phone calls to mainland U.S. and Canada (for the first 15 minutes)
- Free use of the in-room safe
- Free in-room coffee and tea
- Free daily local newspaper at the reception desk
- A free OHANA drawstring beach tote (one per room)
- Free rides aboard the Waikiki Trolley's Pink Line, which takes travelers throughout Waikiki and to Waikiki Beach Walk, plus Ala Moana Center

A full-service hotel, OHANA Waikiki East offers three great restaurants under its roof. Chuck's Cellar provides a cozy setting that serves up prime rib, seafood, a soup and salad bar, as well as nightly entertainment at the Piano Bar. Keoni by Keo's features popular Thai cuisine and island favorites, as well as all-you-can-eat pancakes or French toast in the morning. Round Table Pizza is the place to be for gourmet pizzas, fresh baked sandwiches and a variety of salads; plus with its state-of-the-art audio and visual satellite TV system, it is the perfect venue to watch a sporting event. Coffee lovers will rejoice at KiMOBEAN Coffee Company, a brand-new espresso café featuring only Hawaii-grown coffee.

Centrally located, OHANA Waikiki East is steps from the diverse restaurants and shopping of Kalākaua Avenue, International Marketplace and the sands of Waikiki Beach. Guests to the hotel also have access to room service, a fitness room, swimming pool, self-service laundry and video arcade.

Rates for OHANA Waikiki East's spring kama'āina special are per room, per night, for single or double occupancy. Rates and specials cannot be combined with other offers and are subject to availability and change. Restrictions may apply. Taxes are not included. Rates may not be used for group bookings without prior authorization from Outrigger.

For reservations and additional information, call your preferred travel professional or contact at OHANA Hotels & Resorts toll-free at 1-800-462-6262 or visit www.OhanaHotels.com. E-mail reservations are also available at reservations@ohanahotels.com.



A Suite Romantic Interlude in the heart of Waikīkī at Courtyard by Marriott Waikīkī Beach

Experience "Escape to Romance" starting from \$209

The Courtyard by Marriott Waikiki Beach is making a trip to Hawaii more romantic with its Escape to Romance package. Starting at \$209 per room, per night, couples can take advantage of this exclusive package offer that includes a complimentary room upgrade to a one-bedroom suite. In addition, lovers can add romantic treats to the mix, such as the Passion Pack that includes chocolate dipped fruits, champagne with keepsake flutes and fresh flower lei upon arrival. For an additional \$150, a roundtrip sedan limousine will pick up the couple from the Honolulu International Airport, setting the romantic mood from the very beginning.



For more information or reservations, visit www.courtyardwaikiki.com or call 1-877-995-2638 in the U.S. and ask for Promotional Code ROM. Valid through March 1, 2011. Restrictions apply and based on availability.

WOLFGANG'S STEAKHOUSE BY WOLFGANG ZWIENER offers \$10 prime hamburger combo for lunch in May to celebrate National Hamburger Month

Enjoy three hours free validated parking at the Royal Hawaiian Center

WOLFGANG'S STEAKHOUSE BY WOLFGANG ZWIENER will celebrate National Hamburger Month throughout May, as follows:

Wolfgang's 1/2-pound Classic Prime Sirloin Hamburger
Fresh-baked Sesame Seed Bun
American Cheese (optional)
Tomato, Onion and Lettuce
Steak Fries
Onion Rings
Complimentary Soft Drink
\$10 during lunch hours, only (11 a.m.-3 p.m.)
May 1-31, 2010
Value: \$19

"This is certainly a great offer for a great burger," said Bill Nickerson, Wolfgang's Steakhouse General Manager. "For what you'd pay at a fast food place, you can enjoy a delicious 1/2-lb. Prime Sirloin burger and a very generous helping of steak fries and onion rings, and a soft drink, in an award-winning fine dining restaurant. In addition, there's even three hours of free validated parking at Royal Hawaiian Center. It's the best excuse to join us for lunch in May!"

Wolfgang's regular lunch menu is also available every day.

Make your reservations at 808.922.3600, or online at www.opentable.com, or just stop by.



Henry Perez, RRP, named General Manager of Hilton Grand Vacations Club at the Hilton Hawaiian Village

Henry Perez, RRP has been named general manager of the Hilton Grand Vacations Club at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. He will oversee the resort operations of the 656 Hilton Grand Vacations units in the Lagoon, Kalia and Grand Waikikian towers.

“Henry’s expertise will be instrumental in maintaining the high service standards and operational expectations for the Hilton Grand Vacations presence at Hilton Hawaiian Village,” said Jerry Gibson, area vice president, Hilton Worldwide. “I am confident that Henry will also lead us in our commitment to further enhance the Club vacation experience through continued resort improvements within the 22-acre beachfront resort.”

Perez, a veteran hospitality executive, brings more than 20 years of experience in hotel and timeshare management to Hilton Grand Vacations.

Most recently, Perez served as area general manager for Aqua Hotels, overseeing hotels in Waikiki and Maui. Prior to Aqua, Perez was hotel manager of the Outrigger Guam Resort. He also served as executive vice president/chief operating officer and general manager of the Lawai Beach Resort on Kauai and has held executive positions at Embassy Suites, Marriott, Omni, Intercontinental and Crown Sterling properties in California, Hawaii and Florida.

In 2001, when he served as general manager at the timeshare development, Lawai Beach Resort, Perez earned the American Resort Development Association's *Registered Resort Professional* (RRP) designation.

Perez is a graduate of Miami Dade College with a degree in Hotel Management. He is also a graduate of the Embassy Suites and Marriott Hotels General Management training programs. A native of Miami, Florida, Perez has resided in Hawaii since 1993. He is married to Simone and has three sons.



Honolulu Zoo Society offers twilight tours



What's Wild in Waikiki? Take a stroll to the Honolulu Zoo and learn the sort of monkey business that goes on after hours. Learn about the lives of the Zoo's remarkable citizens.

Tours are held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Friday and Saturday evening! It's a fun evening of education never experienced by day visitors. Special arrangements can be made for large groups. Families are welcome. The tours are appropriate for all ages 5 to 105! Please purchase tickets in advance from the Honolulu Zoo Society (HZS) by calling 971-7195. Walk-ups are welcome if space is available - meet at the Front Entrance at 5:15pm. See www.honzoosoc.org for info.



Sunday Showcase at Waikiki Beach Walk®

Waikiki Beach Walk's popular Sunday Showcase continues through May and June with a line-up of artists and groups highlighting Hawaii's diverse music offerings. From traditional to contemporary Hawaiian, from jazz to R&B and much more, this free weekly music program takes place at Waikiki Beach Walk's outdoor plaza stage every Sunday (weather permitting) from 5:00pm to 6:00 pm and draws both locals and visitors who gather on the lawn to relax and enjoy some of the best island performers.

May 9 Ukulele Jazz with Benny Chong and Byron Yasui

Ukulele Jazz is a jazz duo comprised of ukulele masters Benny Chong and Byron Yasui. Both accomplished and well respected musicians, Benny performs on the concert ukulele and for years performed as guitarist/vocalist with Don Ho and the Aliis. Byron, who performs on the bass, is a former bassist with the Honolulu Symphony and currently serves as a Professor of Music at the University of Hawaii. He is occasionally featured on solo ukulele and joins in ukulele duets with Benny. An Ukulele Jazz performance is a tour de force dedicated to the art of playing ukulele in the jazz genre.

May 16 Alan Akaka and The Islanders

The music of the Islanders will take you back to the days of Territorial Hawaii when the pace was gentler and the islands tunes wafted through the night air. Sweetness and swing, nostalgia and memories -- The Islanders perform the "classic" music of our paradise isles. Favorites include *Waikiki*, *Blue Hawaii*, *Beyond the Reef*, *Ke Aloha*, *Holo Holo Kaa*, *Moonlight and Shadows*, *Sweet Leilani*, *Hoomanawanui*, *Lani*, *Sands of Waikiki*, *Aloha Oe*, *Hoomalimali E* and many others.

May 23 Indigineous

Indigineous group members Sam Ah Mook Sang, Keoni Ku and Jon Alcorido are island entertainers whose Hawaiian style arrangements and exquisite talent for harmonizing have been enjoyed by visitors and local residents alike.

May 30 Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani

Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani is under the direction of kumu hula Kale Pawai. This non-competitive hula halau (school) have been performing both the ancient (Kahiko) and modern ('auana) styles of hula since 2003. Kumu Kale is proud to share the art of hula with everyone who visits Waikiki Beach Walk.

Waikīkī Hula Show at the Kūhiō Beach Hula Mound

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

Tues-Thurs-Sat-Sun, weather-permitting from **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 Marnie Weeks, Producer, Kūhiō Beach Hula Shows, 843-8002.

Week-nights

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

Every Thursday – Joan "Aunty Pudgie" Young and Puamelia

Weekends

Sat May 8 – Coline Aiu and Halau Hula O Maiki

Sun May 9 – Kale Pawai and Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani



Street activity in / near Waikīkī (courtesy of the City)

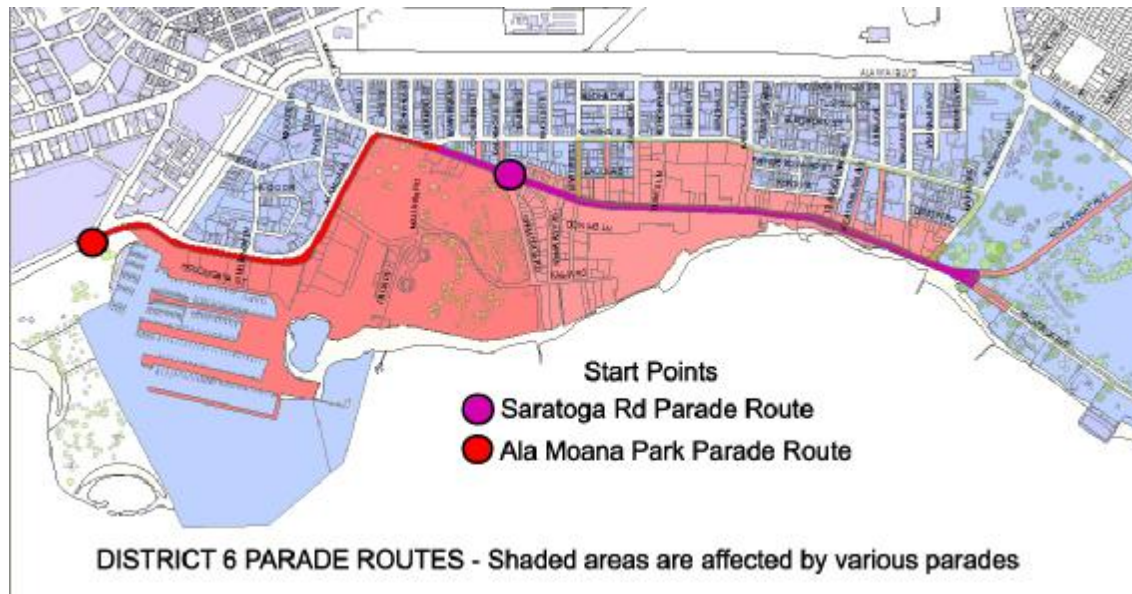
May 8, 2010 Saturday
9:00AM Starts
11:00AM Ends

FILIPINO PARADE & FIESTA sponsored by Filipino Community (FilCom) Center of Hawaii. The event is expected to have 1,000 marchers, 5 vehicles, 5 floats, & 5 bands. It will start at Ft. DeRussy, to Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., end at Waikiki Shell Parking Lot in Queen Kapiolani Park. Fiesta will be in Queen Kapiolani Park.

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Please be aware of these closures and inform your staff and guests.

Please note that though there is a closure and end time noted above, times may change due to traffic and or pedestrian concerns so take appropriate action when delays occur.



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Kani Ka Pila Grille ENTERTAINMENT LINEUP MAY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						01 Waipuna
02 Mountain Apple - Brother Noland	03 Sean Naaouao	04 Weldon Kekauoha	05 Cyril Pahinui	06 Kawika Kahiapo & Martin Pahinui	07 Kaukahi	08 Na Palapakai
09 Mountain Apple - Del Beazley	10 Sean Naaouao	11 Weldon Kekauoha	12 Cyril Pahinui	13 Kawika Kahiapo & Martin Pahinui	14 Kaukahi	15 Na Palapakai
16 Mountain Apple - Del Beazley	17 Sean Naaouao	18 Weldon Kekauoha	19 Cyril Pahinui	20 Kawika Kahiapo & Martin Pahinui	21 Kaukahi	22 Pineapple Jam
23 Mountain Apple - Del Beazley	24 Sean Naaouao	25 Weldon Kekauoha	26 Cyril Pahinui	27 Kawika Kahiapo & Martin Pahinui	28 Kaukahi	29 Manoa DNA
30 Mountain Apple - Darren Benitez	31 Sean Naaouao					*Artist and times may change without notice.

Nightly entertainment 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Located poolside at the Outrigger Reef on the Beach, 2169 Kalia Road, Honolulu, HI 96815 Phone: 808.924.4990
No cover, no minimum. All-day dining menu. Discount valet parking \$6 for four hours.