



# NAUPAKA NEWS

RELAX, SHOP & PLAY AT WAIKOLOA BEACH RESORT

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## Soaking Up the Sun

### WAIKOLOA SOLAR + STORAGE PROJECT BEAMS A CLEANER FUTURE

CAREFULLY POSITIONED IN NEAT ROWS IN THE FOOTHILLS ABOVE WAIKOLOA VILLAGE — seven miles *mauka* of Waikoloa Beach Resort — 94,000 solar panels and 26 battery energy storage containers strategically soak up the sun. Spanning 300 acres, they are the key components of AES Hawai'i's Waikoloa Solar + Storage Project — Hawai'i Island's largest solar and battery storage endeavor. In late April, this new project became fully operational.

Four-and-a-half-years in the making, the project was created by AES Hawai'i in a partnership with Hawaiian Electric. The clean energy generated by Waikoloa Solar + Storage goes straight to Hawaiian Electric's Hawai'i Island grid, meaning everyone connected to the grid receives energy from the project, including residents, visitors, hotels and businesses at Waikoloa Beach Resort.

According to Hawaiian Electric Company, the project also provided around 200 jobs





The 300-acre project has been underway in Waikoloa Village for four-and-a-half years.

to the island, with a total economic output of \$47 million toward Hawai'i's economy.

"Our entire team at AES Hawai'i is proud to be bringing the largest renewable energy project to the Big Island this spring, as our Waikoloa Solar + Storage facility will deliver 42 megawatts of clean, renewable power to the Big Island backed by a 120-megawatt-hour battery energy storage system," says Sandra Larsen, AES Hawai'i's Market Business Leader. "That's enough energy to provide electricity for nearly 14,000 homes and will go a long way toward helping the Big Island be more energy self-sufficient and less reliant on imported fossil fuels."

Waikoloa Solar + Storage produces enough clean energy to replace the use of more than 511,000 barrels of oil over its 25-year lifespan. It will also reduce the amount of air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions that are generated by the use of fossil fuels.

"It's critically important to the health of our environment and the future of our children that we implement clean energy solutions to fulfill our daily needs for electricity," Larsen explains. "AES

Hawai'i is fully committed to helping our state achieve its goal for a clean energy future, and the start of the Waikoloa Solar + Storage is a great example of how we are doing our part to make that a reality."

AES Hawai'i also partners with its close neighbor, the nonprofit Waikoloa Dry Forest Initiative. This past January, employees helped plant four types of native trees — 'a'ali'i, 'āweoweo, ohe makai and wiliwili — on Dry Forest land next to the project. AES Hawai'i has also adopted an acre of the forest, is planting 300 native trees, making a donation to the organization and supporting educational programs that teach school students about the importance of reforestation and protecting the environment on Hawai'i Island.

"The Waikoloa Dry Forest Initiative's mission to preserve Hawai'i Island's native trees is admirable," Larsen says. "Their goal embodies AES Hawai'i's commitment to a greener energy future and our goal to protect the environment for future generation. It's an honor to support this impactful organization and contribute to

its consequential work in reforestation and preservation of natural resources."

AES has been working to provide low-cost energy to Hawai'i since 1991 as a partner with Hawaiian Electric and other utilities. AES Hawai'i supports the state's vision of a 100 percent renewable energy future by 2045, and has nine renewable projects currently in operation or under development statewide to accelerate Hawai'i's transition to a carbon-free energy future.

Hawai'i is the nation's most dependent state on imported fossil fuels, making its clean energy targets all the more critical for supporting the state's economy, the environment and energy security.

"The long-term challenge we face is building out the renewable energy infrastructure quickly enough to meet Hawai'i's 2045 carbon-free goal. The need for renewable energy is real and we need to work together to understand how it can be incorporated into our communities," Larsen says. "Making the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy has been talked about



for years, but the time is now. Hawai'i, like the rest of the world, has been impacted by climate change and other forces beyond our control, including the supply chain delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and escalating energy prices because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. AES stands ready to help Hawai'i meet these challenges and continue on the path toward a cleaner energy future."

Governor Josh Green, AES and Hawaiian Electric executives, and state and county lawmakers will celebrate the grand opening of Waikoloa Solar + Storage in May. ●







## Queens’ Marketplace

Open Daily | Store hours vary,  
please call or visit their websites for  
hours and more information

Visit Queens’ Marketplace  
for their ongoing events  
including first Friday  
Lei Making, weekly  
Wednesday Hula, and  
their Kanikapila Monthly  
Concert Series every third  
Saturday.

For more information  
on Queens’ Marketplace  
events, visit  
[QueensMarketplace.com](http://QueensMarketplace.com).

### ART & JEWELRY

**Genesis Galleries**  
(808) 886-1770

**Hawaii Fluid Art**  
(808) 344-4878

**Maui Divers**  
(808) 886-4817

**Lava Light Galleries**  
(808) 756-0778

**Mashka Jewelry**  
(808) 731-7310

### ENTERTAINMENT

**Kozy’s Comedy & Magic Show**  
(808) 430-1957

**Waikoloa Luxury Cinemas**  
(808) 464-3009

### FASHION

**Blue Ginger Family**  
(808) 886-0022

**Cariloha**  
(808) 886-2608

**Coconut Ave**  
(808) 731-4024

**Crocs™ Shoe Store**  
(808) 886-0213

**Kona Surf N’ Sandals**  
(808) 886-0898

**Mahina**  
(808) 886-4000

**Malibu Shirts**  
(808) 886-0003

**Olivia Clare Boutique**  
(808) 657-4307

**PacSun**  
(808) 886-0415

**Quiksilver**  
(808) 886-0900

**Reyn Spooner**  
(808) 886-1162

**Volcom**  
(808) 886-6888

### GROCERY

**Island Gourmet Markets**  
(808) 886-3577

### REAL ESTATE

**Hawai`i Life Real Estate Brokers**  
(800) 667-5028

**Home River Group**  
(808) 883-9550

**Kona Coast Vacations**  
(808) 329-2140

### SERVICES

**Hilton Grand Vacations Club**  
(808) 886-0945

**KOR Salon**  
(808) 886-8090

**Rider Levett Bucknall**  
(808) 883-3379

**Vacasa**  
(855) 861-5757

**Waikoloa Dental Clinic**  
(808) 886-0891

### SPECIALTY & GIFTS

**Claire’s**  
(808) 886-8905

**Da Big Bags**  
(808) 989-8709

**Hawaiian Quilt Collection**  
(coming soon)

**Lids**  
(808) 886-1649

**Pacific Nature**  
(808) 886-8919

**SoHa Keki**  
(808) 909-3888

**SoHa Living**  
(808) 464-4268

**Sunglass Hut**  
(808) 886-0274

### SPORT & ACTIVITY

**Bike Works Beach & Sports**  
(808) 886-5000

**Yoga Barre**  
(808) 333-5378

## Kings’ Shops

Open Daily | Store hours vary,  
please call or visit their websites for  
hours and more information

### ACCESSORIES

**Mary Jane’s**  
(808) 886-2707

**Michael Kors**  
(808) 886-2653

**Sunglass Hut**  
(808) 886-0593

### APPAREL

**Crazy Shirts**  
(808) 886-9303

**Honolua Surf Co.**  
(808) 886-6422

**Jams World**  
(808) 796-3182

**Kona Harley-Davidson**  
(808) 464-4033

**Prince’s Royal Island Gear**  
(808) 769-3440

**Noa Noa**  
(808) 886-5449

**Rip Curl**  
(808) 886-1952

**Tommy Bahama**  
(808) 886-8865

**Tori Richard**  
(808) 886-8308

**Travis Mathew**  
(808) 865-2452

### ART & JEWELRY

**Aesthetic Hawaii  
by Genesis Galleries**  
(808) 731-6280

**Giving Bracelets**  
(808) 445-9951

**Kohala Coast Fine Art**  
(808) 886-4240

**Nā Hōkū**  
(808) 886-7599

**Royal Gold**  
(808) 886-7701

**Tiffany & Co.**  
(808) 886-1931

### ENTERTAINMENT

John Keawe is performing at Kings’  
Shops Center Stage Tuesday, May 5  
at 4 pm. For more information call  
the Kings’ Shops management office  
(808) 886-8811.



### FARMERS MARKET

Explore the Kings’ Shops  
Farmers Market every Tuesday  
from 9 am – 2:30 pm

### NIGHT MARKET

Second and fourth Friday each  
month from 4 - 8 pm

### LAKESIDE MINI GOLF

(808) 854-4139  
Open Friday-Sunday 4 - 8 pm.  
New pricing, \$10 for adults; \$5 for  
children/kama’aina. Available for  
private bookings.

### SERVICES

**Big Island Motorcycle Co.**  
(808) 886-2011

**Compass Real Estate**  
(808) 430-2184

**Hawaii Vacation Condos  
by Outrigger**  
(808) 886-0036

**Hulakai**  
(808) 731-7945

**Kings’ Shops Management Office**  
(808) 886-8811

**Kohala Coast Properties**  
(808) 886-6600

**ReMax Lava Luxury**  
(808) 756-4285

**Shell Gas Station**  
(808) 886-9512

**Team Clean**  
(808) 944-8255, ext. 108

### SPECIALTY & GIFTS

**Martin & MacArthur**  
(808) 886-0696

**Whalers General Store**  
(808) 886-7057

## Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa

**Travel Traders**  
(808) 886-8146  
Daily 8 am – 10 pm

**Mandara Spa**  
(808) 886-8191  
Daily 10 am – 5:30 pm



## Waikoloa Beach Resort Golf Shop

**Golf Pro Shop**  
Open daily 6:30 am – 5:30 pm  
(808) 886-7888

## Hilton Waikoloa Village

Open Daily – Hours vary  
seasonally.  
All phone numbers are  
(808) 886-1234, with the  
extension noted below:

**Dancing Dolphins and  
Big Island Marketplace**  
ext. 1744, 1746

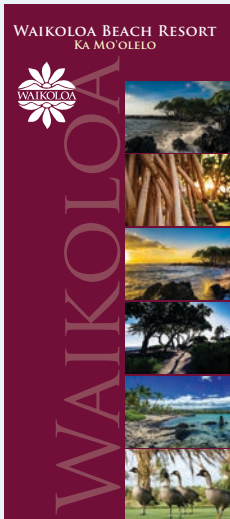
**Dolphin Quest Gift Shop**  
ext. 1216

**Journey**  
ext. 1546

**Kohala Spa Essence and  
Kohala Spa Retail Shop**  
ext. 1768 or ext. 1228

**Nā Hōkū**  
ext. 1750

**Things Hawaiian**  
ext. 1232



## WAIKOLOA BEACH RESORT'S NEW CULTURAL BROCHURE

To learn more about the  
area’s rich history and  
culture, chose from five  
scenic walking tours  
throughout Waikoloa  
Beach Resort.

For more information  
on the tours, use the  
QR code below.



## MAKING A SPLASH IN THE ECO INDUSTRY

**A**t Queens’ Marketplace’s newest boutique  
store, Coconut Ave, owners Mahea Gambill  
and Kelly Pila have set themselves apart  
by featuring eco-friendly merchandise. Three  
Hawaiian swimsuit collections they create each  
year comprise a large part of their merchandise,  
all made from recycled plastic bottles and prints  
using eco-friendly dyes.

“Sustainable fabric options have become more  
readily available than ever and we are so excited  
to jump on board the eco train!” said Mahea, who  
graduated from the Fashion Institute of Design &  
Merchandising in Los Angeles. “Kelly and I have  
always tried to lead a minimal-waste lifestyle so

this was the perfect opportunity to create a brand  
that reflects our values.”

Their newest styles are featured in the Guava  
Jam Spring to Summer swimsuit collection.

“We purchase fabric made from recycled  
plastic bottles instead of virgin polyester,”  
Mahea explained.

The men’s section features the Vissla  
and Western Aloha brands, in addition to a  
separate plastic-free home and body care  
products section.

“We try to bring is as many sustainable  
products as possible with a mix of local brands,  
and just some really fun products,” Mahea added.

Coconut Ave is open daily  
from 10 am - 8 pm.  
On Instagram @coconutave  
[coconutave.com](http://coconutave.com)





## SUNSET LŪ'AU

**Mondays and Wednesdays | 4:45 pm**

EXECUTIVE CHEF JAYSON KANEKOA HAS UNVEILED A NEW MENU for the popular Sunset Lū'au with the freshest of ingredients harvested from Hawai'i Island farmers. Experience an authentic *imu* pit presentation and the *ono* tastes of a J.A. Farms Garden Salad, Waipi'o Valley Poi, Keahole Shrimp, hō'i'o fern shoots, Pulehu steaks, and grilled chicken with Hamakua mushrooms.

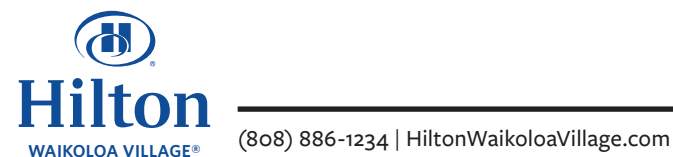
Following dinner take a journey to Tahiti, New Zealand, Hawai'i, and Sāmoa through the songs and dances of these Pacific cultures. The spellbinding Samoan fire knife dance is a spectacular sight to see!

General ticket prices start at \$195 inclusive for adults, \$96 inclusive for *keiki* 6-12 years old, and *keiki* five and under are no charge. Premier ticket prices include preferred seating, floral lei, and a Hawaiian treat. Premier seating prices start at \$234 inclusive for adults, \$128 for *keiki* 6-12 years old, and *keiki* five and under are FREE. Rates exclude Hawai'i state tax and are subject to change.



For reservations visit [thesunsetluau.com](http://thesunsetluau.com)

**Cancellations must be received 24 hours before your scheduled Luau. There will be no refund if cancellation is not received 24 hours out.**



## Legends of Hawai'i Lū'au — Our Big Island Story

**Sundays, Tuesdays, Fridays  
5 pm | Kamehameha Court**

TREAT YOURSELF TO THE ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME CULTURAL IMMERSION of our *lū'au* at Hilton Waikoloa Village. Brought to you by Tihati Productions, the Legends of Hawai'i Lū'au dinner and show brings to life the ancestral songs and dances that retell the epic stories of Hawai'i Island and her remarkable people.

You'll receive a lei greeting upon arrival and have the opportunity to capture memories with photos with our *lū'au* performers. The meal includes island favorites such



as huluhuli chicken, seared island catch-of-the-day, and the traditional *imu* kālua pig, and fresh daily Hawaiian style desserts. Our signature mai tais are made with fresh pineapple juice.

**Make reservations in advance at [legendsluau.com](http://legendsluau.com). Book early to get your spot.**

## DINING GUIDE

Restaurants open daily unless noted.



CLOCKWISE  
FROM ABOVE:  
The Original Big  
Island Shave Ice  
Company; Roy's  
Waikoloa Bar &  
Grill; Island Fish  
& Chips

### GOLF COURSE

**Tropics Ale House  
and Restaurant**  
(808) 886-4287  
[TropicsAleHouse.com](http://TropicsAleHouse.com)

Lunch and dinner  
11 am – 10:30 pm

### LAVA LAVA BEACH CLUB

(808) 769-LAVA (5282)  
[LavaLavaBeachClub.com](http://LavaLavaBeachClub.com)

Open for lunch and dinner  
Noon – 9 pm



### HILTON WAIKOLOA VILLAGE

(808) 886-1234  
[HiltonWaikoloaVillage.com/  
dining](http://HiltonWaikoloaVillage.com/dining)

#### Nui Breakfast

A lavish breakfast  
and a la carte options in  
a relaxed atmosphere.

7 – 10 am

#### Nui Italian

Authentic, family-friendly  
Italian dining including  
stone-fired pizzas, pastas,  
salads, and more.

Lounge and dinner  
5 – 9 pm

#### KPC – Kamuela Provision Company

KPC offers Hawai'i Island's  
most spectacular sunset  
views. Locally sourced  
cuisine, from prime steaks  
to Hawaiian seafood.

5 – 8:30 pm

#### Lagoon Grill

Grab a burger, sandwich,  
salad, or Hawaiian bowl for  
lunch or early dinner and  
watch dolphins playing in  
the lagoon below.

11 am – 5 pm

#### Kona Tap Room

A fun gathering place  
with an array of craft and  
domestic beers and casual  
pub fare.

4:30 – 11 pm

#### Waikoloa Coffee

6 am – noon  
in Ocean Tower

6 am – noon  
in MAKAI



### WAIKOLOA BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA

(808) 886-8165  
[Marriott.com](http://Marriott.com)

#### Hawaii Calls Restaurant & Lounge

Breakfast  
7 – 11 am  
  
Lunch  
11 am – 5 pm

Happy Hour  
2 – 4 pm

Dinner  
5 – 9 pm

**SECOND SATURDAYS  
PRIME RIB & CRAB BUFFET**  
5 – 9 pm

Every Second Saturday of  
the month, including live  
entertainment by premier  
local musicians

**NALU'S POOL BAR**  
10:30 am – 5:30 pm daily

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday,  
5:30 – 7:30 pm  
Featuring some of  
Hawai'i's local musical  
artists

**Aka'ula Lanai**  
Coffee Shop – Lobby Level  
6:30 – 11 am

### KINGS' SHOPS

**A-Bay's Island Grill**  
(808) 209-8494  
[A-Bays.com](http://A-Bays.com)

8 am – midnight

**Foster's Kitchen**  
(808) 657-4500  
[FostersKitchen.com](http://FostersKitchen.com)

Daily lunch and dinner  
11 am – 10 pm

**Gypsea Gelato**  
(808) 886-1540  
[GypseaGelato.com](http://GypseaGelato.com)

11 am – 8 pm

**Island Fish & Chips**  
(808) 886-0005  
[KingsShops.com/  
island-fish-chips](http://KingsShops.com/island-fish-chips)

10 am – 8 pm

**Roy's Waikoloa  
Bar & Grill**  
(808) 886-4321  
[RaysHawaii.com](http://RaysHawaii.com)

Dinner 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**Island Vintage Coffee**  
(808) 731-5700  
Open daily at 6 am

**The Original Big Island  
Shave Ice Company**  
(808) 895-6069

Tuesday – Sunday  
11:30 am – 6:30 pm,  
full menu

6:30 – 7:30 pm,  
ice cream menu



# DINING GUIDE

Please check with individual restaurants on hours of operation.



Gypsea  
Gelato

## QUEENS' MARKETPLACE

Full-service restaurants.

**Bistro at the Cinemas**  
(808) 464-3009  
[HawaiiCinemas.com/the-bistro](http://HawaiiCinemas.com/the-bistro)

**Charley's Thai Cuisine**  
(808) 886-0591  
[CharleysThaiHawaii.com](http://CharleysThaiHawaii.com)

**Kuleana Rum Shack**  
(808) 238-0786  
[KuleanaRum.com](http://KuleanaRum.com)

**Mauna Kea Tropical Treats**  
(808) 738-6249

**Romano's Macaroni Grill**  
(808) 443-5515  
[MacaroniGrill.com](http://MacaroniGrill.com)

**Sansei Steak & Sushi Bar**  
(808) 886-6286  
[SanseiHawaii.com](http://SanseiHawaii.com)

**Starbucks Coffee Company**  
(808) 886-1888  
[Starbucks.com](http://Starbucks.com)



Hawaii Kind Grinds

## QUEENS' MARKETPLACE FOOD COURT

Grab & go and food court eateries.

**Dairy Queen/ Orange Julius**  
(808) 886-1029

**Hawaii Kind Grinds**  
[HawaiiKindGrinds.com](http://HawaiiKindGrinds.com)

**Island Greens**  
[IslandGreensHI.com](http://IslandGreensHI.com)

**L&L Hawaiian Barbecue**  
[HawaiianBarbecue.com](http://HawaiianBarbecue.com)

**Waikoloa Pizza**  
[WaikoloaPizza.com](http://WaikoloaPizza.com)

**Waikoloa Shrimp Company**  
[WaikoloaShrimpCo.com](http://WaikoloaShrimpCo.com)



[WaikoloaBeachResort.com](http://WaikoloaBeachResort.com)