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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Aloha everyone,

I am pleased to report that the Friends of Hanauma Bay, among other stakeholders, are participating in the development of the Maunalua-Makapu'u Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan. Spearheaded by Livable Hawaii Kai Hui, the plan is a follow-on to the successful establishment of the Maunalua-Makapu'u Scenic Byway in December 2013, and will be submitted to the State of Hawaii's Department of Transportation later on this year.

Denby Fawcett's 29 March 2016 Civil Beat article "Lax Enforcement Allows Illegal Peddling at Beach Parks" highlights a long standing problem at many parks and at Hanauma Bay that requires closer scrutiny and corrective action. We have joined Representative Cynthia Thielen in strongly urging the City to enforce the current rules and regulations relating to the sale of message-bearing merchandise by non-profit organizations to stop vendors who do not adhere to the permitting rules from operating rent-free storefronts in city parks.

We have just completed our second 2016 quarterly clean-up of Hanauma Bay, and once again we are are humbled and grateful to all of the people who volunteered their time and energy on a Saturday morning to work really hard to improve this amazing Nature Preserve. Mahalo once again to our Outreach Coordinator, Anke Roberts, for her superb leadership. Anke is coordinating a field trip for members to Coconut Island in August – see page 4 for more info.

Friends have also received a link to the FOHB's first electronic survey, and we hope everyone will take the time to participate! Mahalo to our Treasurer, David Chong, for creating this avenue for our members to provide feedback on issues and priorities of the FOHB.

A hui ho kakou,

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Schedule of Events

FRIENDS BOARD MEETINGS

June 15

July 13

Aug 17

Hanauma Bay Classroom 5:00

2016 CLEAN UPS

Saturday, August 20, 2016

Saturday, November 19, 2016

June 4 - North Shore Ocean Fest at
Turtle Bay

June 26 – Sustainable Summer Day
at the UH Manoa Campus

August 3 – Coconut Island
Details Below

HBEP SUNDAY EDUCATION PROGRAM

June 5 – Exceptional Growth Rates
in the Hawaiian Green Sea Turtle:
Consequences for Residency and
Maturation

June 12 – Sea Turtle Populations
Abundance and Movement Studies
in Hawaii and the Pacific Islands
Region

June 19 – Film: PBS Ocean Odyssey

June 26 – Populations Threats to
Hawaiian Hawksbill Sea Turtles
Revealed From Three Decades of
Strandings

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WATER HERO

The Honolulu Theatre for Youth (www.htyweb.org) produces professional theatre and drama education programs that make a difference in the lives of young people, families and educators in Hawaii.

This year, the play H2O, The Story of Water and Hawaii featured among many water hero's the Friend's own Mike Feeley, You can see him and other Water Hero's on You Tube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dhs42JAY-s>)

Good Job, Mike. Is that Hollywood I hear calling



GOOD NEWS

The ledge on the toilet bowl side of the beach is open again now that rockfall mitigation there has been completed. The entire ledge and toilet bowl are still off limits but you can walk out as far as the barrier fence and see plenty of fish swimming along next to the wall. It's been a long wait and we're all glad that everyone can again enjoy that part of the Bay.

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OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

The Friends participated in Earth Day activities at Kaiser High School and the Mauka to Makai event at the Waikiki Aquarium. Friends Earth Day participants included board members Lisa, Anke, and Bob and member Sue. Mauka Makai participants included board members Lisa, Anke, Micki, David, and members Sue, Kanako and Glenn. A good time was had by all and the most important participants, keiki, learned about our ocean environment.



Earth Day

Left: Friends board members Lisa and Anke, member Sue and State Representative Gene Ward take a minute to pose. We thank Rep. Ward for his support of the Friends and the Bay.

Right: Anke helps a future ocean scientist have fun while learning about our ocean environment.



Mauka / Makai at the Honolulu Aquarium

Left: a teaching moment. Friends board member Anke Roberts helps a young man learn about the ocean

Right: A young Friend learns about the Bay.

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BEFORE AND AFTER

In each issue of our newsletter we thank the many volunteers from the community who participate in our cleanups and we do so again. In this issue, we'll highlight the results of their work that has commanded rave reviews from staff and volunteers who know the nature preserve well. You can see many more pictures at

<https://www.facebook.com/hanauma/>

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3tkf4ebm1hgqxsr/AADNSugBHSfdPB3AWM4Sn_0da?dl=0



BUTT WATCH

As usual, cigarette butts were the most commonly found item in our non smoking nature preserve. This cleanup bagged 1,322. We'd love to hear your ideas how to get visitors to be aware of and obey the no smoking ordinance in effect at the Bay. Email info@friendsofhanauababay.org with your thoughts.

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COCONUT ISLAND

We are excited to offer our members another field trip. By popular demand, we have chosen Coconut Island, the home of the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology (HIMB). The 2–2 ½ hour tour includes a boat ride to beautiful Moku o Lo'e island, a guided walking tour with discovery of the island's natural and human history, with stops at the shark ponds, touch pool and other areas to learn about the research conducted by HIMB.

We are scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2016 and space is limited. The tour will run from about 9:30 am to 11:30 am. There is no visitor parking at the Lilipuna Pier on weekdays so we have arranged shuttle service. Please plan to arrive at Kaneohe Bay at 9:00 am.

There will be a \$10.00 charge per person. If you are interested in joining this field trip, please email outreach@friendsofhanaumabay.org. More detailed information will be sent to our members via email. Please remember, field trips are only available to members of the Friends of Hanauma Bay, which means those who have paid membership dues for 2016. For more information on membership fees, refer to our webpage: <http://www.friendsofhanaumabay.org/membership/>

THANKS, BUT NO THANKS ...

As you are all aware by now, Dr. Beach has designated Hanauma Bay as the #1 beach in the U.S.A.

Dr. Beach writes, "Hanauma Bay Beach Park is located on the eastern end of Oahu. There is limited parking so the best way is to reach this stunning white sand coral beach enclosed in a breached volcano is to take the Waikiki Beach Shuttle. The marine protected area, which has the best accessible snorkeling in Hawaii, is closed on Tuesdays to give the fish a chance to rest. In fact, this became the first no-smoking beach in Hawaii because of the necessity to protect the thousands of beautifully-colored tropical fish which span the rainbow. There are lifeguards along this crescent-shaped beach along with full amenities."

Unfortunately, beaches so honored have seen a spike in attendance, not always with a happy outcome. (<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/06/14/small-hawaii-town-residents-wary-no-1-beach-ranking.html>). Knowledgeable folks know that the result of such a rating contravenes the primary tenet of conservation – fewer and better educated visitors. Awards and statements such as Dr. Beach's encourage more people to visit expecting a playground / aquarium rather than a nature preserve dedicated to conservation.

We are preparing a letter to Dr. Beach noting this and correcting other misconceptions in his statement. When it is complete, we will post the letter on our website and follow this newsletter sending a copy to everyone who receives it.

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Hanauma Blog Spot – Larry Winnik

The “Tang” Vote Proved Critical During This Year's (Insert Your Favorite Political Party) Caucus



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