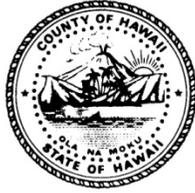


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### **2022 FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS**

The County of Hawai`i Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) announces this year's Fourth of July celebrations in Hilo and Kailua-Kona.

In Hilo:

- Beginning at 7 a.m., the "A Salute to Our Veterans" Hilo Bay 5K Run/Walk 2022 will take place at Lili'uokalani Gardens. For more information or to register, visit [www.ASaluteToOurVeterans.org](http://www.ASaluteToOurVeterans.org) or contact Mike or Pat Sauer at (808) 936-7611 or by email at [runcoordinator@vfw3830aux.org](mailto:runcoordinator@vfw3830aux.org)
- From 10 a.m. through 3 p.m., the "Hot Rides Expo," featuring vintage, classic and futuristic vehicles, will be held at the Hilo soccer fields (mauka fields). All show vehicles are welcome to participate at no charge and may roll in from 7:30 a.m. at the former gas station on the corner of Kamehameha Avenue and Pauahi Street. Show vehicles are encouraged to stay until 3 p.m.
- During the "Hot Rides Expo," live music will feature The Ing Crowd, Just Us, OL' School Band, Kachi Kachi Hawai`i, and Hot Potaytahs. Food trucks and children's activities, including water slides and bounce houses, will be available at the Hilo Bayfront Soccer fields.
- At 8 p.m., the "Hilo Bay Blast" fireworks exhibition will begin with professional pyrotechnics set off from a barge moored in Hilo Bay. The Hawai`i County Band will present a live accompaniment to the fireworks with a performance that begins at 7 p.m. at the Mo`oheau Park bandstand. For those not near the bandstand, the fireworks display will be synchronized to patriotic music aired on KWXX. In addition, the following information is provided for your planning efforts:

- Lihikai Street, from Keli'ipio Lane to the entrance of Isle's parking lot, will be closed to vehicular traffic from Monday, July 4 at 2 a.m. through Tuesday, July 5 at 10 a.m.
- Bayfront Highway, from Waiānuenu Avenue to Pauahi Street, will be closed to vehicular traffic from 6 p.m. through 10 p.m. on Monday, July 4. In addition, all gates along Mo'ohau Park and the Hilo Bayfront Soccer fields will be open to allow pedestrian access to the Hilo Bay shoreline to view the fireworks exhibition.
- All Hilo area parks will remain open until 9 p.m. on Monday, July 4 only.
- The area known as "Isles," located across from Lili'uokalani Gardens, has been designated the Kupuna viewing station. The Department of Parks and Recreation's Elderly Activities Division will provide shuttle service from the Kamanā Senior Center, located at 127 Kamana Street. The shuttle to Isles will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., and the return shuttle will run from 8:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Individuals 55 years and older wanting to use the shuttle service may contact Elderly Recreation Services at (808) 961-8710 for more information.

In Kailua-Kona:

- Presented in partnership with the Kailua-Kona Community Parade Association and Fireworks Committee, the Fourth of July parade along Kuakini Highway and Ali'i Drive begins at 6 p.m. For the complete parade route and list of road closures that will be in effect from 5:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., visit <https://paradesinkona.com/>
- At 8 p.m., the "A Salute to Our Hometown Heroes" fireworks exhibition will begin with professional pyrotechnics set off from a barge moored in Kailua Bay. For more information, visit <https://paradesinkona.com/>

County, state, and federal public safety agencies are working together to make our public Fourth of July events safe and enjoyable for everyone.

As a reminder, the following is provided for your information:

- Personal fireworks, alcohol and tobacco use, and e-cigs are prohibited at all county and state parks.
- Operation of UAVs/drones within 5 miles of the Hilo and Kona airports as well as within county and state parks is prohibited.
- All marine vessels (including kayaks, canoes, and stand-up paddle boards) operating at night must utilize navigation lights, and all persons on board must have personal floatation devices (PFDs).

- A 600-foot safety zone will be set around the fireworks barges; unauthorized vessels shall NOT moor, drift, traverse or enter these restricted areas. State DOCARE officers will be assisting this event on sea and land.

The County of Hawai‘i would like to invite the public to attend these alcohol-, drug- and litter-free events coordinated in collaboration with private enterprises, community organizations, and numerous government agencies.

On behalf of the County of Hawai‘i, we thank the many private, public, and community entities and persons that worked cooperatively to present these annual celebrations in honor of our nation’s independence.

More information may be obtained by calling the Department of Parks & Recreation’s Culture & Education Division at (808) 961-8706.

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