

THE MAUNA LANI BAY

Hotel and Bungalows · Hawaii

MAUNA LANI HOSTS THE 20TH ANNUAL JULY 4TH TURTLE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

WHAT: Turtle Independence Day Celebration

WHEN: Saturday, July 4, 2009
10:30 am - 12:00 noon

WHERE: Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows
Kohala Coast, Hawaii

DETAILS: Since 1989, Mauna Lani has received juvenile *honu* (turtle) from Oahu's Sea Life Park, and has raised them in the saltwater ponds of the Mauna Lani Bay Hotel. The *honu* are cared for until they grow to a size and weight that are deemed appropriate for release into the wild. This release occurs every July 4th at the ocean's edge fronting the hotel.

On Saturday, July 4, 2009 the Honu will be gathered at 10:30 am from the Honu Ponds and they will be paraded to the beach front for the release. A welcome ceremony will kick-off the event followed by the release. This annual celebration honors the honu and helps educate the public about the Hawaiian green sea turtle. Families are invited to join the celebration!

- Live entertainment
- Educational display about green sea turtles
- July 4th Barbeque

FOR MORE INFORMATION: For room reservations, contact Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows at 808-885-6622, 800-367-2323 or visit www.maunalani.com.

Sea Life Park Hawaii is located in East Oahu, about a 30-minute drive from Waikiki. This world-famous marine attraction offers a variety of shows, exhibits and educational programs for all ages. For more information, call 808-259-7933 or visit www.sealifeparkhawaii.com.

About Mauna Lani

Mauna Lani Bay Hotel and Bungalows sits oceanfront on the Kohala Coast, Big Island of Hawai'i. Located 23 miles north of the Kona International Airport the hotel is part of the Mauna Lani Resort which features the Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows, Mauna Lani Spa and the Francis H. I'i Brown Golf Courses. Visit www.maunalani.com.

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