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Safe and Sound Initiative Aims to Reduce Crime in Waikiki

Last month saw the official launch of the Safe and Sound Waikiki initiative, a program led by the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, that brings together city and state partners, law enforcement, community businesses, residents and other stakeholders to coordinate efforts to reduce crime. The goal of the program is to identify and prosecute repeat and violent offenders, possibly through geographic restrictions that keep out of the area.

A combination of public and private funds in the amount of \$300k has been also allocated to the program, which also includes a job training and mentorship component for at risk youth, and better access to services to address mental health and drug addiction. ABC Stores donated \$90 to fund a coordinator's position, and the Steering Committee for Safe and Sound Waikiki is being chaired by the Waikiki Business Improvement District Association.



Mahalo to all who have worked diligently on making this program happen. Feel free to share your ideas and suggestions - input is welcome and can be submitted through at honoluluprosecutor.org/waikiki-weed-seed.

I will continue to work to support such efforts to improve the safety and well being of Waikiki residents.



GET UPDATED ON AVAILABLE VACCINES AND BOOSTERS

Last month, the FDA issued Emergency Use Authorization for the bivalent COVID-19 boosters, which are designed specifically to protect against the original Covid-19 strain as well as the Ba.4 and Ba.5 Omicron subvariants, which are the most common forms of Covid-19 in Hawaii accounting for an estimated 91% of cases. For more information about eligibility and availability, go to: hawaiicovid19.com/vaccine/.

Also available to Hawaii residents who meet certain criteria is the JYNNEOS Monkeypox vaccine. Appointments are required and can be made at health.hawaii.gov/ .





Among the many activities on offer at the Waikiki Community Center, the first ever "Let's Make A Scarecrow" Make&Take activity is happening on Tuesday, Oct 18 from 10-12. All materials provided, and no skills needed. For ticket prices and more information about this and other activities, call 808 923 1802.



The Healer Stones of Kapaemahu



Artist's rendition of the stones from the animated film *Kapaemau* (Kanaka pakipika)

Now through October 16 at the Bishop Museum is an exhibition that explores the past and contemporary meanings of four large stones that were placed on Waikiki Beach long ago that honor four Mahu, or individuals of both male and female spirits who were said to be noted healers. Information about tickets and hours can be found at www.bishopmuseum.org.

The site of the four stones monument itself is located in Waikiki (see map), and is a reminder of Hawaii's long tradition of healing and inclusion.



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