



MAUNA LANI BAY HOSTS THE 27th ANNUAL JULY 4th TURTLE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

WHAT: Turtle Independence Day Celebration

WHEN: Monday, July 4, 2016
10:30 am - 12:00 noon

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

DETAILS: Since 1989, Mauna Lani has received juvenile *honu* (Hawaiian Green Sea Turtles) 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 Monday, July 4, 2016 the honu will be gathered at 10:30 am from the Honu Ponds and they will be paraded to the beachfront for the release. A welcome ceremony with a hula performance by Halau Waiau 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 Hawaiian Green Sea Turtles
- July 4th fare available for purchase including favorites from island Food Trucks

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

About Mauna Lani

Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows sits oceanfront on the Kohala Coast, Island of Hawaii. Located 23 miles north of the Kona International Airport the hotel is located at the Mauna Lani Resort which features the Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows, Mauna Lani Spa and Mauna Lani's Francis H. I'i Brown Golf Courses. Mauna Lani Bay is a member of the Preferred Hotels & Resorts LVX Collection. For hotel reservations call (800) 367-2323 or visit www.maunalani.com

Sea Life Park Hawaii is located on Oahu, about a 30-minute drive from Waikiki. This 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.