

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

June 2023



The Chinowa for People & Pets was held for the first time since the shrine closure due to COVID-19. The Chinowa event began 18 years ago and still attracts animal lovers from all over the island. **Mahalo officers, directors and volunteers for your hard work!!!**

DONATIONS

Bill & Keiko Doughty
Hawaii Doggie Bakery
Mitsuru & Pam Igarashi
Arthur & Becky Isa
Rodney & Sharon Isa
Izutsu Juyohinten
Eiji Kato
James & Melba Kurashige
Keith Kuriyama-Castilio
Yae Miko
Steve Miwa
Craig & Diane Nishida
Akiko Sanai
Emi Silva
Robert Stallings
Kevin Sugimoto
Takenoko Sushi
Eiki Tamaki
Naomi Teramoto
Rika Watanabe



A House Blessing was performed for a young couple on 6/11 at a beautiful condo in Ward Village - a 60 acre master planned community in Kakaako.

The new highrise condos have transformed Kakaako into one of the hottest new spots in Honolulu.

May the windows of your new home open you up to prosperity, good fortune and the walls ring with love and laughter.

CALENDAR

JULY

- 1 - 7 8:30 am - 4 pm**
Tanabata Wish Tags available in the shrine
- 2 2 pm**
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

AUGUST

- 5 1 pm**
Clean up and prep
- 6 10 am - 1 pm**
Back-To-School Blessing



SEPTEMBER

- 1 8:30 am (ONLINE ONLY)**
Reservations accepted for Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwai & Jusan Mairi www.jinja.us

View event photos at: www.flickr.com/kotohira-dazaifu

Chinowa for People & Pets

A procession of people, dogs and cats went through the Chinowa Ring on June 4 for the annual Chinowa for People & Pets Blessing at the shrine.

The event began 18 years ago in 2005, with a 3-year hiatus during COVID-19.

The shrine decided to test the waters with the annual Chinowa for People & Pets

blessing to see how ready the community was to join us.

We expected a small attendance and opted to forego offsite parking, shuttle and food sales. However, the attendance exceeded our expectations!

Some pets hung around for "Yappy Hour" while others slurped Pet Shave ice in the "Barking lot."

MAHALO VOLUNTEERS

Keng Hsien Chao

Jeff Fujioka

Bryson Goda

Stacie Hata

Art Isa

Arthur Isa

Becky Isa

Minjun Kim

Calvin Mai

Tiffani Muramoto

Marilyn Naitoh

Craig Nishida

Diane Nishida

Rory Onishi

Stuart Pang

Danielle Sato

Gary Shinsato

Linda Shinsato

Naomi Teramoto

Jasmine Umeno



Chinowa Prep

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Chinowa Breakdown & Cleanup



Memorial Day

Prayers of remembrance were offered at Punch-bowl National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Makiki Cemetery and Mo'iliili Japanese Cemetery to express gratitude for our Armed Forces for the freedom we enjoy,



for opportunities to flourish and for the security of the land.

Since 1918, many pin a bright red poppy on their shirts on Memorial Day as a sign of respect.

The Friday before Memorial Day, is National Poppy Day.



Poppies are handmade by veterans as part of their rehabilitation and distributed across the US by the American Legion Auxiliary in exchange for donations that assist disabled and hospitalized veterans.

The poppy is worn in many WWII Allied countries including Great Britain, France, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the USA.



Tanabata is one of Japan's five seasonal festivals.

Originating in China as *Qixi* and first observed in the 8th century, the festival marks the annual meeting of *Orihime* (Vega) the weaver star and *Hikoboshi* (Altair) the Cow herd star.

Tanzaku tags and pens will be available in the shrine from July 1 - July 7 between 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

Write your wishes on one of the *tanzaku* tags of various shapes and hang them on the bamboo branch.

Mahalo to **Diane Nishida** for crafting the *tanzaku* tags.



Illegal Dumping

For decades, Olomea Street has been a hot spot for illegal dumping.

It is illegal to deposit any waste onto land with no license to accept waste.

Paint, tires, demolition waste,



appliances, etc are left on the sidewalk and on Olomea Street.

In early June, a washer was left on the sidewalk, the day before the Chinowa event.

On Sunday night, the City & County of Honolulu's Environmental Services, Refuse Division was contacted via their online site, for removal of the washer.

An email confirmation was received immediately, followed by a status report two days later and a call from the refuse officer on Wednesday to report that he will be clearing the washer either that day or the following day. The washer was picked up early Thursday morning followed by a "completion of service" email.

To report an illegal dump site, be

sure to email the Refuse Division at illegaldumping@honolulu.gov

When reporting the illegal dump site, you will need to provide:

- your name and contact information
- type of illegal dump site (construction debris, auto parts, other, paint, etc)
- location of the illegal dump (detailed description of the exact location)
- any additional information about the illegal dump site that may be helpful. The shrine included this photo on the email.

You can also call (808) 768-3203 to file your report.

Response to our request was extremely fast, efficient and courteous. MAHALO C&C !!

Maintenance



Summer is upon us with its own set of maintenance challenges.

Pruning was done in the back to remove over hanging branches for safety, to reduce any growth and to control root spreading.

Summer also sees a surge in graffiti and tagging.

Graffiti is derived from the



Italian word *graffio* or to scratch and have been found in the ancient ruins of Pompei dating back to 79 CE.

Many think of graffiti as a minor problem, however there are huge costs associated with graffiti: an estimated \$12 billion a year is spent annually to cleanup graffiti in the US.



A stolen moped attracted 5 HPD blue and whites in the early morning hours of 5/25.

Seemingly involved in another theft, the moped was removed by HPD officers after a brief man-hunt on Olomea Street and the inner lanes between Olomea and King Streets.

Two backpacks were left behind the dumpster on 5/31.

HPD inspected the bags and found 30 bottles of unopened shampoo and bath products, coming to the conclusion that the goods were stolen and left onsite to be picked up later.

