

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

NOVEMBER 2020



A House Blessing was performed for a home in Waikiki on November 1

MAHALO for your donations

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Genbukan Fukuryu Dojo	Milton & Kathy Kwock	Yoshimi Nakano	James Smith	Mayumi Villanueva

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Gokito Private Blessings



Best wishes on this wonderful journey,
as you build your new lives together.
Wedding on 10/31



New business , new responsibilities,
new visions - may you reap your
rewards and reach your dreams! New
business blessing performed on 11/12



Shichigosan continues until
November 22 however, we are fully
booked for the 2020 season. Please
keep us in mind for 2021



Shinto is the spiritual source of many
martial arts traditions.

A blessing was performed via Zoom for
the opening of a martial arts *dojo* in
Gallatin, Tennessee on November 16.



The *dojo* was symbolically purified of
old negative energies, making way for a
positive and balanced atmosphere
which encourages proper training and

growth on many levels.

A special prayer was written for the
Fukuryu Dojo and Sensei Scott Griffin so
he may continue to share his wisdom
and strength with the next generation
of martial artist.

Congratulations Sensei Griffin - you are
an amazing gift to your students and
the Gallatin community.

View shrine pics: www.flickr.com/kotohira-dazaifu

MAHALO Shichigosan Volunteers

Bryson Goda
Reiko Goda
Kathy Kwock
Milton Kwock
Marilyn Naitoh

Shinken Naitoh
Diane Nishida
Gary Shinsato
Linda Shinsato
Jasmine Umeno

As Covid-19 continues to impact our islands, the shrine is so appreciative of the volunteers that have helped the shrine meet the evolving needs of the community with a safe and spiritually enriching Shichigosan.

Mahalo nui for spending your weekends at the shrine warmly welcoming participants in the parking lot, guiding families from start to finish, for constantly cleaning high-touch surfaces, sanitizing kimonos and accessories while making sure that everyone adheres to mask wearing and social distancing, dressing and undressing the children and for providing lunch, snacks and refreshments.



The shrine was not able to offer hair styling this year due to new safety protocols under Covid-19.

Mahalo Nui to shrine VP **Diane Nishida** for crafting and donating hair decorations to give to children celebrating Shichigosan at the shrine.



Kapalama Canal

The City is planning a linear park along Kapalama Canal near the future Kapalama rail transit station. The project is named the Kapalama Canal Catalytic Project.

The project will include waterfront promenades, gathering places, improvements to Kokea and Kohou Streets, green infrastructure and water quality improvements, pedestrian bridge over the canal and developments to Honolulu Community College.

A bike and pedestrian path is



The original course of the Kapalama Canal was the Niuhelewai Stream, pictured here in 1937.

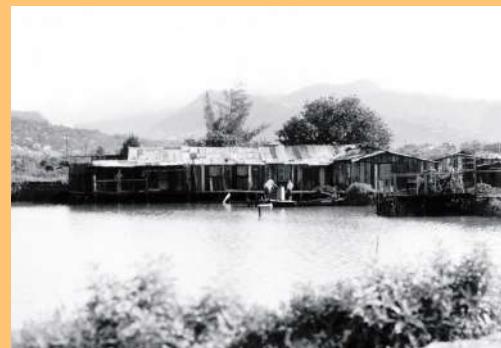
planned along both sides of the canal from the rail transit station at the corner of Kokea Street and Dillingham Boulevard to North School Street.

The Department of Planning and Permitting published a draft environmental impact statement for the project that includes a challenging permitting process that could take over two years to obtain approvals for dredging and disposing of sediment.

The \$80 million construction project is anticipated in phases with completion by early 2026.

Over the last two centuries, Kapalama has undergone transformations, from a *lo'i* covered floodplain to a working class neighborhood and industrial center.

In 1938, with financial assistance from the Federal Public Works



Niuhelewai Stream in 1938. Kyugo Watanabe's home was located where Olomea meets Kokea today.

Administration, the City and County of Honolulu built the Kapalama drainage canal in the ahupua'a of Kapalama.

The canal was designed to control flooding and freed up the adjacent land for development.

Until the 1940s, the area along North King Street from Aala Park to Houghtailing was known as Palama Japan town.



North King Street looking towards Waikiki. The white building on the left is where Palama Market now stands. The steeple of Kaumakapili Church can be seen in the background



Canal construction below School Street, next to Damien School. Damien School was agricultural land in 1937.

Many of the businesses and homes of Japanese Issei were affected by the construction.

Some shops lining North King Street was split right down the middle in order to accommodate the new canal.

The canal is a mile and a half long and six feet deep. The City and State share jurisdiction over the canal and the State Department of Transportation Harbors Division

administers the portion of the canal between Nimitz Highway and the old Oahu Rail bridge and also the portion between Kalani Street and Nimitz Highway.

The City governs the majority of the canal from Kalani to Houghtailing Streets. The portion of the canal below H-1 is tidal and considered waters of the Federal government administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Jurisdictional complexities also exist within rights of ways, bridges over the canal and ownership and maintenance of public lands.

Questions of ownership and maintenance may arise with modifications to canal banks as proposed in the new Kapalama Canal Catalytic project.

Maintenance



The shrine's incredibly heavy and deep concrete laundry sink cracked and required replacement.

Constructed in the 1950s, it has stood the test of time and served many families of the priests. Magaling Kubetero replaced it with a plastic utility sink.



Cleaning and prepping for Shichigosan



The shrine's *Edamame* soybean plants have matured and were ready for harvest late October.

Edamame is the name given to immature soybean pods. *Edamame* is usually steamed or boiled and eaten by squeezing the beans out of its pod.

CALENDAR

November

1 - 22 9 am - 2:30 pm

Shichigosan

15 3 pm

Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

23 8 am

Niinamesai (Internal)

December

6 3 pm

Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

26 9 am - 4 pm

2021 Omamoris available

30 5:30 pm

Cleanup and setup

31 11:30 pm

**Toshikoshi no O-harae
Yearend Purification Ritual**