

NEWS ABOUT

# MAUNA KEA BEACH HOTEL

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*Aloha,*

If you've built a house or opened a business, you know any major project takes time. It's a long process with a lot of steps, and since the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel's closure was scheduled by Mother Nature instead of our company, we've had to start from square one in the last few months. Meanwhile, we are busy taking care of guests at Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel, which has become a top Big Island destination with a growing fan base of its own.

Here is what's happening so far:

- As you know, the beach at Kauna'oa, Hau Tree and Gazebo Bar, Seaside Tennis Club and Salon are fully operational. Our complimentary inter-resort shuttle which runs every 20 minutes, now takes passengers all the way to the beach, down the access road. Mauna Kea "mobile massage" offers service at various resort locations with your favorite therapists. Yoga, Aqua-fit, Hula and Auntie Donna's craft classes have all found homes at Hapuna.
- We are looking at upgrading the Golf Course and should have additional information for the next newsletter.
- Sunday Brunch is now being served at Hapuna too, to accolades from our Guests and the local community. We're trying dinner options at the Beach Bar and evening Ocean Terrace with good reviews as well.
- Barbara and Kalehua Meheula have brought their unique floral designs into Hapuna's public areas, teaming up with Ms. Coreen Weller's Flowers of Hapuna to provide Hawaii's colorful flowers almost everywhere you look. Our traditional lei greeting at the front circle welcomes every Guest with aloha.
- After thorough inspection and engineering evaluations, Mauna Kea's two main buildings are fenced in for safety and security.
- Our two macaws, Mango and Keo, are camping out with their "cousins" at Kona Village for the time being.
- We've received and reviewed various proposals by some of Hawaii's best architects and interior design firms. The evaluation, budgeting and planning process takes time, but we are confident that a top quality team will bring new excellence into "Mr. Rockefeller's hotel."



## MAUNA KEA GOLF COURSE REDESIGN

We are delighted to report that Mr. Rees Jones, son of original designer Robert Trent Jones, Sr., has been commissioned to re-do the Mauna Kea Golf Course, beginning this spring. Acclaimed by Golf Digest as the #2 most powerful course architect in golf, Jones has designed or refurbished 100's of top-rated courses worldwide, including hosts of celebrated tournaments such as The Ryder Cup, PGA Championship, U.S. Amateur, LPGA Tour Championship and several U.S. Opens, earning him the nickname, "The Open Doctor."

We look forward to working with Mr. Jones on a wall-to-wall replanting, refit of the irrigation system and rebuilding the 19th Hole Clubhouse and cart barn—while maintaining the Course's classic layout and character. Work will begin after May 1, when the Golf Course will close temporarily, and we anticipate re-opening an enhanced golf experience by Fall of 2008. For more information, visit [www.ReesJonesInc.com](http://www.ReesJonesInc.com)



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## FAQ's

### **When is the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel going to re-open?**

A final schedule has not been determined, but as soon as that information is available, we will inform everyone.

### **Is the building going to be torn down?**

Particularly in light of Mauna Kea's recent acknowledgement by the American Institute of Architects, demolition is not being considered. We plan to maintain the architectural splendor that Laurance S. Rockefeller envisioned.

### **When can I make reservations?**

As soon as we have a schedule, we will set a tentative opening date. As that date approaches, we will keep you informed and be able to finalize and confirm reservations. (See Legacy Desk information below.)

### **Is the Hotel being sold?**

The ownership has no plans to sell the Mauna Kea. In fact the company values the hotel highly as a premier, flagship property.

### **What's going to happen to my room?**

Our Guests have expressed strong feelings about the Mauna Kea and we have listened. There are no design specifics at this time and the Hotel will retain the essence of "understated elegance" that you love. If anything changes at all, it will be in a direction that's requested.

### **Are all the employees coming back?**

Some employees transferred to jobs at Hapuna, some chose to retire and the majority were put on a "temporary layoff," with the opportunity to come back and retain seniority and benefits. You will see many familiar faces when you come back.

### **How do I find out what's going on?**

Visit the exclusive Mauna Kea Updates page on our website, designed just for our Guest 'ohana: [www.PrinceResortsHawaii.com/maunakeaupdates](http://www.PrinceResortsHawaii.com/maunakeaupdates). Or call the Mauna Kea Legacy Desk, 1-877-880-6524.

### **What can I do to help?**

Our Guests relive their Mauna Kea memories all year long, wherever they are in the world. Help keep Mauna Kea in mind by sending your favorite stories and memories to share with fellow Guests on our website. Email to [MaunaKeaUpdates@PrinceHawaii.com](mailto:MaunaKeaUpdates@PrinceHawaii.com)

## GOOD NEWS

Two of your favorite Hawaii hotels have been acknowledged by the rest of the world:

- Hapuna was listed in *Travel+Leisure's* "Top 500 Hotels" in the January issue. TripAdvisor reviewers continue to write glowingly about our beautiful beach, exceptional service and overall excellent experience.
- Mauna Kea was the only building in Hawaii to be ranked in the American Institute of Architect's listing of "America's Favorite Architecture," at #55 on a list of 150 structures including the Empire State Building and the White House.