

## Gung Hey Fat Choy!

*Lion Dancers to bring good luck to Kapolei Shopping Center*

When you hear the loud clash of cymbals, the bone-jarring boom of gongs, and the pounding of drums at 11 a.m. on Sunday, January 24 at the Kapolei Shopping Center, you'll know that the traditional Chinese Lion Dance is about to begin. What better way to ring in the Year of the Monkey? You'll be especially lucky if you were born under this sign. According to the Chinese horoscope, 2016 is auspicious for finding love, starting new careers and launching new business ventures.



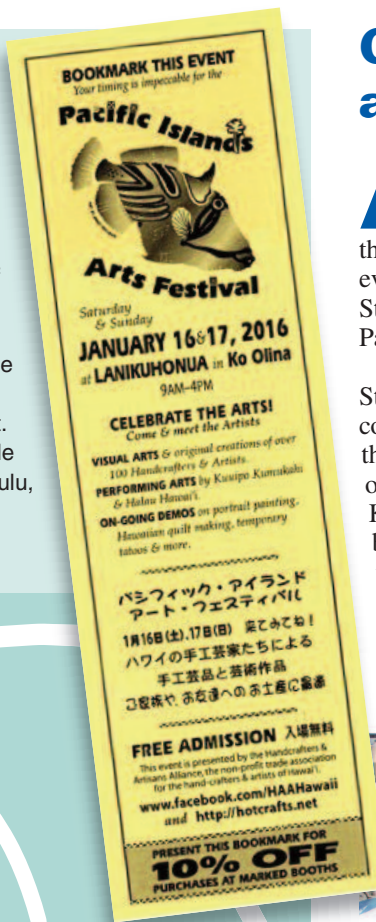
The lion dancers of Wah Ngai Lion Dance Association will help to seal the deal by enacting the thousand-year-old tradition of warding off evil spirits and bringing good fortune in the new year. The association, arguably the premier lion dancing group in Hawai'i, is bringing four fierce lions to perform rigorous and physically challenging dances executed by alternating groups of kung fu students. The dancers will start in the area fronting Radio Shack. They'll wend their way through the center blessing stores, restaurants and the people in the crowd who put money into the lions' mouths in exchange for their blessings. An interesting fact: Offering money to the lion is strictly a Hawai'i tradition; it doesn't exist in Asia.

The Kapolei Shopping Center is located at 590 Farrington Highway at the corner of Farrington and Makakilo Drive.



## Kama'aha Avenue Extends into Mehana

Thanks to a public/private partnership, Kama'aha Avenue is now another major thoroughfare through the City of Kapolei that gives the driving public a second way into Mehana. Opened in early December, it also brings welcome relief from traffic build up in front of Ho'okele Elementary on Kunehi Street. The partnership that made this possible includes the City and County of Honolulu, D.R. Horton and Kapolei Properties Division.



## Grindz, Music and Lots of Fun at Kapolei Lofts Block Party

An estimated 600 West O'ahu residents, and even folks from other parts of the island, turned out for the first ever City of Kapolei Eat the Street — Kapolei Lofts Block Party on January 9.

Kapolei Lofts teamed up with Street Grindz to put on the community block party to celebrate the new year and the completion of the first of four blocks at Kapolei Lofts. Street Grindz brought in local Hawai'i food trucks such as Smoking Wings and Things, Paradise Crepes, Nosh Hawaii, Beyond Burgers, and Tea on Fleek, while some

of O'ahu's top performing artists entertained the crowd, including five-time Nā Hoku award winner John Yamasato. It was a kid-friendly event, with free activities for the keiki.

Kapolei Lofts' leasing booth also saw lots of interest from prospective renters. Already, 81 percent of the completed block is leased to 91 residents who give Kapolei Lofts high marks as a great place to live. Construction is now underway on the second block. For more information, visit [www.kapoleilofts.com](http://www.kapoleilofts.com).

