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The Chinatown Improvement District is a 501(c)3 non-profit comprised of over 250 land and business owners, residents, businesses and members of the general public both within and outside of Chinatown.

The organization works to improve conditions within the Chinatown historic district while also preserving the area's special cultural, ethnic and historical character. Donations are tax exempt to the fullest extent of the law.

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See p. 2 for tips from Energy Hawaii on how to make your business or building more energy efficient.

Taste of Chinatown

*A culinary and cultural celebration
in the heart of Chinatown*

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 26th, 2017 for this free family friendly event. Festivities kick off at Smith Beretania Park at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m.

Sample off-menu tastings from many new area chefs, browse artisan wares, engage in various keiki activities and take advantage of special offers available only on that day. Or just relax and enjoy cultural demonstrations and entertainment in a park setting.

Many mahalos to our partners and sponsors: The City and County of Honolulu, First Hawaiian Bank, KUMU Radio, Noh Foods, Hawaii, Hawaii Heritage Center.

For more information and updates on this event please visit our website, www.cidchinatownhawaii.org, and facebook page.



Sustaining Places Summer Preservation Series



Second Wednesday of May,
June and July from Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Our Summer Preservation Series, currently in its third year, is co-sponsored with Historic Hawaii Foundation and Lyon Associates.

Our first session in May dealt with historic storefronts and facades and generated a lively discussion regarding aesthetics and historical integrity versus constraints and conditions from those working on the ground.

Our June session dealt with energy conservation considerations for elderly structures and what can be done to improve their energy efficiency (look for tips on p.2 by Hawaii Energy which can help businesses and owners and managers to immediately improve energy efficiency).

In July, the focus will be on electrical infrastructure: capacity and upgrades. People often tend to forget that infrastructure in older city centers may present unique and different challenges. Owners of businesses and buildings might find this session especially useful.

Sessions are free but reservations are encouraged. You can sign up from the preservation series page of our website: www.cidchinatownhawaii.org.

Improve Energy Efficiency & Save Costs

By Shayna Doi, Hawai'i Energy

Did you know that up to 90% of the heat in old lightbulbs escapes into the air?

Your lighting might be the culprit behind your sweat - or causing your AC to work overtime.

Earn cool points this summer with **Hawai'i Energy's Small Business Lighting program***, a simple way to upgrade your current lighting fixtures to make them more energy efficient and reduce electricity costs. Leave the work to us!. You'll save a ton on your electric bill and receive everything at a significant discount (sometimes even for FREE!).

Here are some of the Chinatown businesses who have already taken advantage of this program:

- * Chinatown Cultural Plaza
- * Chinatown Open Market
- * Empress Restaurant
- * M.P. Lei Shop

Part of preserving our wonderful, vibrant communities is taking care of our local businesses and our environment. For more information on this program and the many other ways you can save money and energy, check out our website (HawaiiEnergy.com) or call us at 839-8880.

* Note: this program can be found on the incentives page of the Hawaii Energy website.



Hawaii Energy's mission is to empower island families and businesses to make smart energy choices that reduce energy consumption, save money and pursue a 100% clean energy future. Learn more at HawaiiEnergy.com



Smith-Beretania Park Community Clean Up!

On February 18th, the CID held its annual clean up of Smith Beretania Park.

Graffiti was removed from the playground equipment, the roof of the parking exit was cleaned off and touch up painting was done on the fence and trash bin containers.

Many thanks employees of the Parks Department who were on site to assist as well as members of the community policing team, and area legislators. Council member Fukunaga's office contributed snacks and Robert Yu purchased and donated pastries.

Once again, a big mahalo to Dolores Mollring for coming early and helping with registration.

Heard in the Neighborhood...

Looking for a way to get rid of scratched or etched graffiti on plate glass windows or doors?

One owner has worked with a company, Glass Renew Hawaii, which buffers the glass to remove scratches and marks.

If you have any tips about ways in which to help protect historic buildings, please send an email to us at: chinatownimprovementdistrict@gmail.com

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Legislation

On June 5th, the CID submitted testimony asking that the Chinatown area be excluded from Bill 12 - legislation which proposed to increase street parking rates by 100%.

Along with other organizations and individuals, the CID thought that such an increase would only serve to make it more costly for people to visit Chinatown and patronize area businesses.

Unfortunately, the measure failed to pass by a slim 5-4 majority.