

# THE FRONT STREET MILE



The historic whaling village of Lahaina, known world-wide for its trendy art galleries, Seaside restaurants, and whale watching, will shift to a higher gear on Saturday, September 13, 2008, when open milers race for a \$1,750 prize purse and youth athletes compete at the Seventh Annual Runner's Paradise Front Street Mile. The Front Street Mile was founded in 2002, in Lahaina, to give the youth of Maui a race to be a part of during the September Maui Marathon weekend. Maui runner and coach, from Lahaina, Dennis Nakamura had a dream to see a mile race on Front Street with kids and maybe elite athletes. Nakamura approached Rudy Huber, Hawaii Elite Track Team founder and former Runner's Paradise Owner, about his dream. Huber ran with the idea, and has never looked back.

“Holding the race on the same weekend as the Maui Marathon also adds to the excitement every year.” Furthered Huber. The up and back course, which starts and finishes in front of Bubba Gumps, is a flat asphalt course on Front Street.

With the bulk of the participants being youth ages 2-17 years old, the event also has had a draw of adults from Maui and as far as Canada and Japan. The event has brought out more than 200 participants each year.