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From The Board Room - NECA's New Investment Company

At the December 1, 2010, Board of Directors Meeting, the Board approved hiring Bank of Hawaii as NECA's Investment Manager for NECA's Reserve Funds and terminating the relationship with Smith Barney Morgan Stanley. In December 2010, and for the second consecutive year, Forbes Magazine named Bank of Hawaii the nation's top performing bank among the 100 largest banks and thrifts.

On December 30, 2010 NECA received \$324,864 from NECA's Money Market Account at Smith Barney Morgan Stanley, and on January 7, 2011, NECA received the balance of \$250, 523 from its Equity Account at Smith Barney Morgan Stanley.

On January 5, 2011, the Board of

Directors approved NECA's new Investment Policy which expressed the will of the Board, the duties and responsibilities of the Board, and limits the fiduciary liability of the Board by delegating it to Bank of Hawaii, who is a registered investment advisor. Two officials from Bank of Hawaii, Mr. David Chung, VP and Senior Trust Officer and Mr. Edwin Quan, Trust Officer, did the presentation to the Board and also to the Budget and Finance Committee.

The new Investment Policy states NECA's Board will assume a supervisory role and not manage the investments themselves, but hire a professional money manager, Bank of Hawaii. NECA's Board will monitor Bank of Hawaii's performance via quarterly reports. In June 2011, Bank of



Hawaii will present to the Budget and Finance Committee the progress of NECA's investments and explain its performance. NECA's new Investment Policy can be viewed on NECA's website, www.newtownestates.org, in the Owners section, under Documents and Legal.

Upcoming Events at the Newtown Rec Center

Applicable fees may apply to members and/or guests for upcoming events. Space is limited and events may be adjusted due to low participation. For more information, please visit our website at newtownestates.org or call the Newtown Recreation Center at (808) 487-3806.

March 11, 2011 (Friday)

Zumba Family Fun Night from 7pm-9pm. Participants must be at least 12 years old (accompanied by an adult).

March 18, 2011 (Friday)

No Na Kupuna Health Fair 9am-1pm, Rec Room.

Health Care professionals will provide information on various topics.

April 16, 2011 (Saturday)



Easter Celebration from 9:30am-11:00am.

April 17, 2011 (Sunday)



"Kabuki: The Vengeful Sword" 2pm at the UH Kennedy Theater. \$20 for adults - \$15 for students. Price includes non-refundable admission and transportation. Register at the Rec Center by March 25, 2011.

May 15, 2011 (Sunday)

Table Tennis Tournament from 11am.

May 26, 2011 (Thursday)

Drop off flowers at the Rec Center for Memorial Day Lei donation - more information to follow.

Zumba Comes to Newtown

On January 24, 2011, Residents of Newtown enjoyed their first Zumba Level 1 Class held at the Rec Center. This popular aerobic exercise originated in Columbia in the 1990's and combines Latin and International upbeat music and rhythms. Zumba is a fun way to remove those unwanted pounds and improve your health. It's also is great way to meet people.



Zumba attendees warming up

Zumba Instructor, Mrs. Grace Hada, is a certified instructor and has taught at other fitness facilities such as 24 Hour Fitness and since this is an entry level class, she does make accommodations for beginners. Due to the overwhelming response, the class is limited to residents only.

Classes are held Mondays (except holidays) at the Rec Center from 7pm to 8pm. Please visit us at the Rec Center and sign up.

Food Bank and Toys for Tots Drive

During the holidays, two important initiatives were put into motion at the Rec Center to benefit those less fortunate than ourselves. We'd like to take this time to thank the community and Robin Truxal, General Manager of Kapolei Safeway for their generosity and help in creating a joyful holiday for many island keiki and families.

Food Bank

Using a grocery cart from Kapolei Safeway, a food drive was held November 1 – 21, 2010, at the end of which, 223 pounds of food were donated to the Hawaii Food Bank.

Toys for Tots

Staff Sergeant Arriaga of the United States Marines, coordinated with NECA to provide toy deposit boxes for NECA to fill from Nov 23 to Dec 17, 2010. It was heartwarming to see children placing toys in the boxes. One of our members made it a point to donate toys before she rushed off to Thailand to visit her own grandchild. The community really pitched in to make it special for many children and families and we want to send a heartfelt thank you to all of you.



Residents Only

Over the years, NECA allowed non-residents to participate in its programs and classes (Yoga, Karate, etc...). Participants living in Newtown were pleased their non – resident friends could join in the same programs taught at the Rec Center. Instructors, NECA, and residents alike were happy about the arrangement.

Recently, we were informed by our Legal Counsel that non - residents cannot participate in NECA's programs and classes because accepting class fees from non-residents disqualifies our exclusive status. The Rec Center would then be viewed as a public accommodation and therefore subject to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Fines and litigation associated with non-compliance of this law is something NECA cannot afford. Therefore, instructors were advised beginning January 1, 2011, only Newtown residents are allowed to participate in programs and classes.

Guests are welcome at the Rec Center, as long as they are accompanied by a resident and pay fees. In addition, non-residents can still attend rental functions held at the Rec Center as long as the Rental Application is completed and paid for by a Resident.

The Covenant Connection

This past year, we received many resident comments about the overall appearance of the community. Many are pleased with the efforts made to remove graffiti and keep the common areas nicely landscaped. We also received remarks regarding garages being used for open storage and residential landscaping in poor condition. These issues were the two major concerns from residents.

When the Association was created, the founding Board of Directors took these issues into account when the governing documents, or Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (MDCCR) and NECA's Architectural Rules and Guidelines (ARG) were created.

This year, we'll be sending reminders to those residents who are not in compliance with the MDCCR and ARG. To avoid receiving these reminders, please insure items aren't stored in plain view and your yards are maintained. Together, we can all make a difference in keeping Newtown New and Royal Summit Royal 😊

Helpful tips

- Properly securing items not in use and out of view will help remove the temptation of uninvited guest(s) entering your property.
- Keeping garage doors closed when not in use and having a carport free of open storage items help to prevent uninvited guest(s) from venturing into your garage and /or home.
- Residential landscaping kept in a good and clean condition helps give a clear view of who's entering and/or leaving your property.

Reflections of a Joyful Holiday Christmas Event

On December 5, 2010, NECA held its annual Christmas event. Many fine residents along with their guests joined in the joyful celebration as they played Christmas games, sang Christmas Carols, and watched a slide show of the activities and events held at NECA throughout the year. The melodies of strumming ukuleles filled the air as students from the Roy Sakuma's Ukulele Studio delighted us with their talent. Children of all ages were surprised when Santa

arrived with "reindeer food," and they joined him for picture taking. Congratulations to those residents who won door prizes and to Devin Idefonso, who won the grand prize drawing, an ukulele donated by Roy and Kathy Sakuma!

NECA would graciously like to acknowledge and thank the following individuals and businesses for their generous contributions and support:

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Sakuma, Mr. & Mrs. Keiji Tshako, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Yogi, Mr. Al Guzman, Dr. Ricky Tshako, Mrs. Fay Uyema, Mrs. Joyce Tsuda, Insurance Associates, Newtown Golf Driving Range, Certified Management, Inc., Complete Commercial Flooring, Kabuki Restaurant, Shiros Saimin Haven, the NECA Program Committee members, and all other volunteers who helped to make this a successful event!



Residents enjoying their holiday feast!



Entertainment provided by Roy Sakuma Ukulele Studios.



Grand Prize winner accepting his Ukulele.

Inhouse-Maintenance Crew



Pictured from left to right: Robert Pantaleon, Leo Calaro and Richard Shiroma

Often times, we don't notice the upkeep of a facility until it begins to fall apart or it stops working. Cleanliness is also something we don't notice unless it's dirty. Mr. Richard Shiroma and his staff do an excellent job in using available resources to keep the Rec Center clean and in working condition. Much of the maintenance and repair work is done in-house, which avoids using association



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money to pay an outside contractor for their work or service. Examples of our in-house maintenance and repairs include: extensive wood rot repair, Kilinoe playground equipment repairs, swimming and wading pool cleaning and balancing, sidewalk re-surfacing and a host of other carpentry, plumbing and masonry repairs.

In-house effort is also put into beautifying the community by covering graffiti and



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improving landscaping. Recently, our staff cleared the triangle traffic island at the intersection of Komo Mai and Ka'ahumanu and planted ground covering, thus removing an eyesore that has been there for some time. This area does not belong to us, however, we received many comments and complaints. When you see Richard and his staff - give them a "high-five" for a job well done.

Slow Down Please



January 25, 2011 – NECA neighbors and staff, concerned about speeding in our community took to the streets with Honolulu Police Officers, Kathy Capellas and Tony Bonilla to hold signs reminding drivers to slow down and drive safely.

Signwaving was held on the corner of Kaahele St and Lulu Place and at the entrance of the Rec Center. The signs displayed messages such as “Arrive Alive...Drive Slowly . . . Watch for Keiki . . . Live Aloha . . . and No Need to Speed.”

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) would like to thank the residents for volunteering their time in partnership with the HPD.

HPD is working towards the department’s goal of making Oahu’s streets safer for pedestrians and drivers.

If you live in the Pearl City area and would like to get involved in events similar to this one, contact Sgt. Arleen Apuna of the District 3 (Pearl City) Community Policing Team at 723-8805.



Happy New Year!

Celebrate all year with almond cookies. Thank you to Lillian F. for baking these delicious cookies for our Annual Meeting last August and for sharing her recipe.

Almond Cookies

- 1 cup butter (2 blocks)
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup oil
- 4½ cups flour
- 1 teaspoon almond extract

Cream butter and sugar till fluffy.

Sift flour and baking soda.

Add dry ingredients alternately with oil, almond extract.

Form small balls, flatten.

Put a dab of red food coloring in the center of each cookie.*

Bake at 325 degrees, 20 minutes.

*For a Valentine’s Day treat, angle a second dab of red food coloring to make a heart shape.



Neighborhood Security Watch Beat 373 (Pearl City/Newtown) Statistics Oct 2010 – Dec 2010

Type of Call	Oct	Nov	Dec
Abuse	2	0	1
Alarm Call	36	25	25
Argument	23	23	13
Assault	1	2	2
Auto Theft	1	1	2
Auto Theft Recovery	1	1	2
Burglary	8	7	9
Criminal Property Damage	5	4	2
Dropped 911 Call	9	6	7
Misc Public	11	7	4
Misc Services	23	30	20
Noise Complaint	20	17	6
Nuisance/Disorderly	8	6	6
Parking	26	2	4
Robbery	0	0	2
Suspicious Circumstance	14	11	25
Theft	9	1	7
Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle	3	3	4
# of Calls for Beat 373*	200	146	141

*Data is specifically for beat 373 and may differ from District counts.

To view updated data, go to www.honolulupd.org and click on Statistics near the top. Click either District 3 or the Sector 2 link under District 3.

HPD, NECA and the Newtown Neighborhood Security Watch (NNSW) are working together to make Newtown a safer community. By joining the NNSW program, you can meet with other Newtown “block captains” and an HPD Officer every other month to exchange ideas for making our community safer. You will receive email reports from HPD and other Newtown block captains that you can forward to your neighbors to warn them about crime and suspicious activity occurring nearby.

If you’re interested in protecting your family, neighbors and property, please leave your contact info with Aiden Guzman at the Rec Center Front Office (name, email address, phone #). He will forward to the NNSW Chair Person who will contact you.