

# Newtown Reporter

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## Assessment Payment Reminder

Homeowners are reminded that their fourth quarter Association Assessment Payment in the amount of \$75.00 is due no later than June 30. This payment is for the period June 1 to August 31, 2008. Homeowners who make automatic payments through a bank institution or savings and loan system should ensure the correct amount has been communicated to said institution. This is the homeowner's responsibility.

Statements are forthcoming to those homeowners who pay directly to the Association instead of making their payment through their mortgage company. However, homeowners are again cautioned that the statements are only "courtesy reminders" and regardless of not having received such a statement, all homeowners on Direct Billings must still make their payments on schedule as stipulated in the Newtown Master Declaration of Covenants. A

\$10.00 service fee will be assessed for payments received after the deadline in addition to any subsequent legal fee expenses required to collect the arrear amounts.

Homeowners are also reminded they must notify the Association of any changes to their billing address or if their Newtown Estates property has been sold. Owners who fail to do so may still be held liable for assessment late charges and related collection costs.

To all Newtown Estates homeowners who have been diligently paying your assessment dues every quarter without requiring any prompting from the Association, A BIG MAHALO! NECA appreciates your responsible attitude. Timely payments save the Association from wasting unnecessary staff time in collection procedures and thus enable the staff to concentrate their valuable time and energy in other areas, which benefit the membership.

## Candidates Sought for NECA Board of Directors

Newtown Estates Community Association is now accepting nomination papers for seats on the NECA Board of Directors. Bona fide Newtown Estates homeowners wishing to volunteer their time, energy and expertise in managing the Association should pick up a nomination application from the Newtown Recreation Center Front Office. To be included in the candidate profile for the July/August issue of the *Newtown Reporter*, applications must be submitted to the Front Office no later than May 25. Candidates who meet the deadline will be given coverage of their candidacy in the Association's newsletter.

This year, there are three positions, each for 3-year terms, which must be filled at the Annual

Homeowners Meeting to be held at the Recreation Center on Tuesday, August 12, 7:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors is currently looking for qualified NECA homeowners in good standing with the Association who are willing to help plan, conduct and evaluate the affairs of the Association by serving on its Board of Directors. Interested nominees must have the time and willingness to serve on the volunteer 'committee'. Board members are required to attend the monthly Board meeting and also serve as a chairperson for one of the many NECA committees which normally meet once a month.

If you are an interested candidate for the Newtown Board of Directors, please pick up an application from the Newtown Front Office. Remember, all applications are due back to the Front Office by May 25, in order to be included in the next issue of the *Newtown Reporter*. The absolute deadline to file a nomination is Sunday, June 29, 2008.

Newtown Estates Community Association has a new e-mail address: [newtownestates@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:newtownestates@hawaii.rr.com)

## Recreational Facility Membership Renewals

How time flies...It's been a little over one year since the NECA Recreational Facility membership process was started. Slowly, the annual memberships to use the Recreation Center are expiring. The Recreation Center staff has posted a list of memberships that have already come due or are coming due within the next month. This list will be updated on a monthly basis. Members coming to use the facility, whose membership has expired, will be permitted to enter the facility for that day and reminded to renew their membership the next time they visit the Center. Members can also call the Recreation Center Office at 487-3806 to find out their membership expiration date.

## Easter Egg Hunt Winners



Golden Egg Winners:  
4-5 years old: Garin Fukumitsu, Tehani Hallums, Pyden Iwamoto

6-8 years old: Kenneth McKinlay, Kara Abaya, Riahna Marie Cachola

9-11 years old: Marissa Kwon, Kylie Abaya, Tiyana Hallums

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# Newtown Estates Community Association Hours of Operation

## ADMINISTRATION & BOOKKEEPING HOURS:

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

## INFORMATION & PAYMENT HOURS:

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & ID PICTURE TAKING:

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## HEALTH CLUB & ATHLETIC COURT HOURS:

Monday-Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 p.m.

## SWIMMING POOL HOURS:

Monday-Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Lap swim hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

## NEWTOWN RECREATION CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

Thanksgiving Day November 27

Christmas Day December 25

New Year's Day January 1

*In addition, the office will close at 4:45 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.*

## Board of Directors

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Chris McDonald

### Executive Director

Shamayn Bolosan-Ogawa

## Contact Information

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Recreation Center Fax .....487-3000

NECA E-mail.. newtownestates@hawaii.rr.com

NECA Website .....newtownestates.com

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*A Blast from the Past.... This article was published in the NECA newsletter, the Newtown Reporter, in December of 1979. Although certain "situations" mentioned in the following article have changed over the years, the article truly defines the current work environment for the NECA staff, especially those in the front office. Unfortunately, it seems that the "past" is once again repeating itself at the Newtown Recreation Center...*

## GRUMPS AND GRATITUDE

written by a former NECA employee

If the staff person at the front desk greets you less cordially than previously, blame some of your fellow Newtown residents for it. Recently, the Center's staff seems to be receiving more than the "normal" types of complaints. By normal complaints I refer to the usual neighbor's yard being unkept or the pink house on the corner or a mistake in the Association's billing.

But, the more recent, less than normal, complaints have emerged in the form of direct verbal abuse using foul language... The complaints usually center on either the MDCCR or the rules and regulations of the Center's operations. However, the most violent reaction is received when the admittance by photo membership cards is enforced. The procedure is standardized and has been publicized for over six months now. But the objectors insult, belittle, provoke and even threaten "punch out" or "slap head" of any staff personnel enforcing the rule.

The amazing thing is that these residents fail to realize that the employees of the Association do not make the rules or the covenants. They receive their "orders" from the Executive Director

who in turn answers to the Board of Directors.

I feel the Center is fortunate to have an excellent staff team who are conscientious in serving the people of Newtown...but these Newtown "grumps" are getting to them. No one enjoys working in an atmosphere of intimidation where personal respect seems irrelevant as long as "my \$15 pays your salary" type of attitude exists. The employees need the support and reassurance when the service is good just to maintain their perspective and dignity.

I don't expect this article to make any drastic changes in the Newtown "grumps" attitudes since these individuals are the very ones that don't read or care less about abiding by rules and procedures. This article is more to make our residents aware of our problems. The "grumps" are here to stay, for they strut around thinking "class" can be brought by moving into Newtown Estates. Little do they realize that "class" can only be gotten by living it on a daily basis with patience and respect for others.

Mahalo for letting this staff "grump" say his piece.



## Boy Scout Troop 488 News

By Scoutmaster, Alton Motobu

**Community Service.** In addition to camping & hiking, advancing through the ranks, and earning merit badges, a key component of the Boy Scout program is volunteerism and giving back to the community. Scouts are expected to give between one and six hours of service to a school, church, community association or non-profit organization every six months. Recently Troop 488 volunteered to sand and finish the bar stools in the recreation room of the Rec Center. Eight Scouts and five adult leaders spent the morning of Feb.17 sanding the stools by hand until all of the rust and old varnish was removed. Rec Center visitors can see that the stools now look shiny and new. On March 15 the troop volunteered to spend the morning at the Newtown Easter Egg Hunt. The Scouts helped to set up the egg hunting areas, monitored the children as they hunted, distributed goodie bags, and cleaned up afterwards. All of this was done because Scouts are eager to help people and enjoy serving the community.

**Lanipo Trail Hike.** One of the most difficult hikes on Oahu, according to the hiking experts, is the Lanipo Trail in Maunalani Heights above Kaimuki. It is seven miles of up-and-down trails in rugged terrain varying from high desert to rain forest and ending with a steep climb up to one of the highest points in the

eastern Koolau range. On March 9 seven Scouts and five adult leaders challenged the trail under sunny and humid conditions.

**Blue & Gold Celebration.** The birthday of Scouting is celebrated in early February each year, and this year Troop 488 and Pack 488 held a joint dinner and program on Feb. 15, the 98th birthday of Scouting in the spirit of unity and camaraderie. The Boy Scouts demonstrated lashing skills by making an H-trestle out of ropes and poles. They also showed various methods to carry injured people, including the one-man carry, the two-arm carry, and the fireman's carry. The Cub Scouts acted as the victims for the carries.

**New Recruits Welcome.** Boys are welcome to join Troop 488 anytime during the year. The Boy Scout program is designed so that a boy can join anytime during the year and progress at his own pace. To be a Scout a boy must meet only one of the following: (1) be at least 11 years old, (2) complete the fifth grade, or (3) achieve the Cub Scout Arrow of Light. The troop meets every Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Rec Center. For more information about troop activities call Scoutmaster Alton Motobu at 486-0904 or call the Rec Center front desk at 487-3806 and leave a message.



# Community Bulletin Board

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Do you have a special event coming up for just a handful of people and need a place to host your event? The Newtown Recreation Center has special use permits available for this situation.

## SPECIAL USE PERMITS

A "Special Use Permit" is available to each NECA household with valid NECA Recreational Facility membership. The member applying for the permit must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and must be present at all times during the function. To register for the Special Use Permit, the household applying for the permit must be in good standing with NECA as stated in the Recreation Rules & Guidelines book. Through the Special Use Permit, each household can bring a maximum of thirty (30) guests to the premises within a six-month period. Special Use Permits can be taken out no more than four (4) weeks and no less than seven (7) days of the desired date. A non-refundable fee of \$12 must be paid upon reserving the permit. Once registered, there is a 50% fee to change the date of the special use permit. Members are only allowed to use the equipment (tables and chairs) in the area that they are utilizing. The member must supply any additional equipment needed. The Recreation Room, Lounge, Arts & Crafts Room, and Fitness Center cannot be used for special use permits. Please also note that lifeguard hours vary and may not be available at the time of your special use permit. All other applicable rules of the Recreation Center will be in effect during the reservation period. Please carefully review your Special Use Permit and NECA Rules and Regulations prior to using the facility.

## IMPORTANT NOTES REGARDING SPECIAL USE PERMITS

- Members and guests using the Special Use Permits can use the Recreational facility from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.
- The Special Use Permit does NOT reserve any area of the recreation center. Residents already using an area can not be asked to leave the area.
- NECA only schedules ONE Special Use Permit per day. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. You MUST register and pay the NECA Front Office in order to hold your 'permit slot'.
- Members requesting to register for a Special Use Permit less than seven days in advance will be assessed a non-refundable \$10 late registration fee, in addition to the required non-refundable deposit.

## UPDATE YOUR HOMEOWNER INFORMATION



In order to better serve you, it is very important for Newtown Estates Community Association to have your correct mailing address and telephone numbers. This will help to ensure that you receive any correspondence, quarterly assessment reminders and the monthly newsletter from the Association. These mail outs, and sometimes even phone calls, help to keep you informed of what's going on in the community.

To update your mailing address or phone number, please drop by the NECA Front Office or send a written request to 98-456 Kaahele Street, Aiea, Hawaii 96701. Please be sure to include the homeowner's name and signature, the NECA property address, the current mailing address, and your current phone number.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Each year, the dedicated and extremely hard working volunteers from the NECA Program Committee meet to plan and organize all the special events for Newtown members to enjoy. The Program Committee spearheads events such as the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Basketball Shootout, Halloween Happenings, Turkey Shoot, and the Association Christmas Event. Every year, the Committee tries to find new ways to improve each event and make it more exciting and enjoyable for the members of our Community. But, there is one thing the Committee is lacking.... **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!!!**

Newtown... in order to continue hosting the variety of special events available to our members, we need more help from our community.

Being part of our Program Committee requires members to attend about six (6) Program meetings a year and also put in the

time to volunteer at special event functions. If you would like to join our dedicated group of volunteers and help out your community, please leave your name and phone number with the Newtown Front Office by dropping in or calling 487-3806.

## GET PUBLISHED!

Are you interested in submitting an article to be published in the *Newtown Reporter*? Do you have any pictures or stories that you would like to share with the community? Newsletter submissions are due by the 25th of the month, two months prior to the release date (i.e. due May 25 for the July/August newsletter). All articles and pictures must be submitted in Microsoft Word format on a CD to the Newtown Front Office or e-mailed to [newtownestates@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:newtownestates@hawaii.rr.com) by the due date specified above. All editorials must be in Microsoft Word format. Articles and pictures submitted must be "community-oriented" and not commercial advertising. All submittals will be reviewed and approved by the Newtown Executive Director and/or Board before going to the publishers for print. Therefore, be sure to include your name and phone number with your submittal, in case any questions arise. Please note that articles submitted may be edited by the Newtown or R.E.D. Media staff. For questions or concerns regarding the *Newtown Reporter*, please contact NECA Executive Director, Shamayn Bolosan-Ogawa, at 487-3806.

## NO MORE BOOK EXCHANGE



Due to lack of active participation, the NECA Book Exchange program has closed. Therefore, the donation of used books for the 'book exchange' will no longer be accepted. Thank you!



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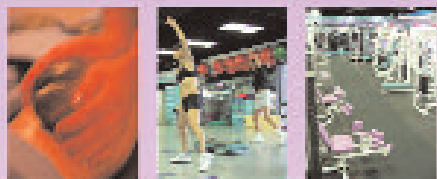
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# COVENANTS

## NECA Architectural Application Process

Planning any home improvement projects? Well, it is most likely that you will need to apply for a NECA Architectural Permit to do your 'planned project'. Basically, any change, addition or improvement to your home or property, visible from the street or neighboring properties does require NECA Architectural Committee approval. Permits are even required for replacing things such as your roof, garage door, fence or repainting—even if you are planning to replace the item with the same material or color. For those planning to re-paint or re-roof, please be sure to pick a NECA approved color or material from the paint color swatch board or the approved roof material list available at the Newtown Recreation Center. Architectural Applications can be picked up at the Newtown Recreation Center's Front Office.

There is no application fee to re-paint, re-roof, or replace a standard garage door or solar unit. Approval of these items takes 3 to 5 business days.\* All other Applications have a \$25 permit fee and must be presented at the NECA Architectural Committee meeting for approval. The Architectural Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All applications to be presented at this meeting are due the Sunday prior to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Applications submitted after this time will not be reviewed until the next month's meeting. Homeowners whose applications have been reviewed by the Committee will be notified within 5 to 7 business days of the meeting regarding

the status of their application.\* Please call the Newtown Front Office at 487-3806 with any questions about the Architectural Application Process.

Remember... please attain NECA approval before starting any construction or improvement work on your property. Homeowners who begin 'construction' without approval will be fined \$75 for starting work without a permit. And, it is not guaranteed that your modification will be approved by the Architectural Committee. Therefore, to save you time, money and effort, the Association urges all residents to comply with the NECA Architectural approval process.

*\* The approval time listed is the time it takes NECA to approve the application. Upon NECA's approval, applications for members living in sub-associations will then be sent to the sub-association property manager/director for their approval. Each 'sub-association' has their own time frame of approving applications.*

## Architectural Permits

The Newtown Architectural Committee asks that you post your permits, please!!! Members who apply to do construction or alterations to the exterior of their property are issued an Architectural permit from the Association. These permits show the NECA staff, as well as your neighbors, that you have received permission from the Association to do specific work on your property. So, remember, before starting any construction, post your NECA approved permit on an area of your home that is visible from the street.

## Sub-Associations Information

The Newtown staff often receives calls with questions or concerns about parking, payments, problems with utilities, etc. from members living in sub-Associations. These sub-associations include Harbor Terrace, Hillside Terrace I, II, III, and IV, Chateau Newtown, Newtown Villa I and II, Newtown Meadows & Ke Kumulani. While these sub-associations are subject to the NECA governing documents, they are also separate entities, each with their own set of governing documents as well as assessment fees. Each sub-association also has their own managing agent which is responsible for issues within that particular sub-association. Therefore, for questions or concerns regarding property or issues within a specific sub-association, please contact the managing agent for that association. The following is a contact list for homeowners residing in sub-associations:

**Harbor Terrace:**  
Management Specialists (Lester Higa)  
949-7611

**Hillside Terrace I:**  
Certified Management (Cheryl Burr)  
837-5250

**Hillside Terrace II & III:**  
Certified Management (Reiko Marino)  
837-5232

**Hillside Terrace IV:**  
Par Management, Inc. (Don Brough)  
951-8870

**Chateau Newtown:**  
Hawaiiana Management (Kevin Cole)  
593-6369

**Newtown Villa I:**  
Kazuo Totoki, Limited (Rand Totoki)  
531-0221

**Newtown Villa II:**  
National Mortgage Corp. (Shantelle Ramos)  
539-9548

**Newtown Meadows:**  
National Mortgage Corp. (Ron Kobashigawa)  
539-9754

**Ke Kumulani:**  
Certified Management (Jennifer Alcantor)  
837-5202



# NECA Policies & Procedures

## Recreation Center Rules

Many members and their guests come each day to use the Newtown Recreation Center. But, most are not aware of the rules and regulations of the facility. Following are the general rules of the NECA recreational facility. For more detailed rules and information, the NECA Rules and Regulations book is available at the Recreation Center's front office. Please take the time to review the following rules. Knowing what is and is not allowed at the Center, before using the facility, will definitely make your day at the Newtown Rec. much more enjoyable.

1. Only NECA members and their house guest(s) and/or guests, with valid Recreational Facility Membership, may use the Newtown Recreation Center.
2. Any person using the facility agrees to abide by the NEWTOWN ESTATES RECREATION CENTER RULES & REGULATIONS and any legitimate instructions of NECA staff personnel as a condition of remaining on the premises.
3. Persons entering the premises do so at their own risk to their safety and to the possible loss or damage of their personal property, including property stored in lockers or any storage area, or left in the possession of NECA staff personnel.
4. NECA reserves the right to search any bag or container in the possession of a member while they are on the premises. A fine of not less than \$100 and suspension of membership privileges for a period of not less than six (6) months will be levied against any person(s) caught attempting to remove NECA property without proper authorization. Should Association property be discovered in the possession of anyone who refuses to provide identification, the person will be detained and the Honolulu Police Department will be summoned.
5. Owners will be held financially liable for any NECA property they, their tenants, house guests, or guests damage, misplace, abuse or render unusable. No NECA property may be removed from the premises without the prior approval of the NECA Executive Director or his designee.
6. Children eight (8) years and younger must be supervised by an adult at all times while on the Newtown Recreation center premises.
7. Members, house guests and guests may not bring any pet on the premises. Handicapped members, house guests or guests, dependent upon a certified guide or signal dog may bring them onto the premises. However, said animal will not be allowed in the swimming or wading pools nor be allowed to cause any unreasonable disturbance.
8. No individual shall threaten, intimidate or use profane language against other persons while on the premises. Anyone engaging in such conduct will be removed from the premises by the NECA Executive Director or his designee. Any repetition of the offense will result in suspension of facility privileges for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.
9. Consumption of food or beverages is not allowed in the Lobby, Health Clubs, Basketball, Volleyball and Tennis Courts and the Swimming and Wading Pool areas.
10. Illegal activities (e.g. gambling, drug use, smoking by minors) are prohibited on the premises.
11. Any activity or use of equipment within the Recreation Center, which the NECA Executive Director or his designee deems injurious to members or damaging to property, is prohibited.
12. Smoking is prohibited in the building and within 25 feet of any entry/exit in accordance with City & County law.
13. Any commercial activity or soliciting is prohibited on the premises unless approved in writing by the Membership Policy Committee.
14. The facility parking lot is for members or guests actively using the Recreational facility and for members of Alphabetland Preschool. All other vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.
15. Loitering in the parking lot area is not permitted.
16. Drinking alcoholic beverages is not permitted on the NECA premises, with the exception of facility rentals at which a police officer is present.
17. Radios and other sound equipment are permitted only at the pool, playground and court areas. Use of this equipment must be used so as not to be a nuisance to others.
18. Fees, payable in advance, may be assessed from members for certain classes or special events.
19. Some areas of the facility may occasionally be closed for repair or maintenance. When possible, advance notice of closure will be given.
20. Outdoor areas may be closed at the discretion of the NECA Executive Director or his designee due to inclement weather.
21. The NECA Executive Director may waive any part of these rules for supervised classes or activities, provided the waiver does not interfere with the fair and equitable treatment of any member.



## Honolulu City & County Frequently Requested Phone Numbers

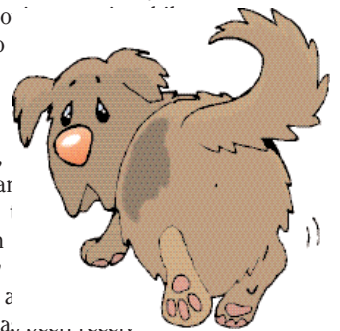
Cracking sidewalks, damaged light fixtures, neighbors parking too close to driveway entryways or stop signs...all these 'problems' fall into a similar category—they are the responsibility of the Honolulu City & County.

Please note that anything on the streets or sidewalks fall under the City's jurisdiction. Complaints regarding the street or sidewalk areas should be reported by the affected homeowner to the proper City and County Department. Following is a list of frequently requested telephone numbers:

Parking violations	911
Abandoned vehicles	733-2530
Damaged sidewalks	527-6308
Planting strips	527-6303
Potholes (City & County streets)	527-6006
Street lights	564-6113
Street signs	523-4472

## PET POOP

Residents out on their daily stroll, children enjoy riding their bikes...only to find themselves stepping in or riding over something brown, gooey and smelly on the ground. I'm sure we all know what I'm talking about. The Association has been receiving many complaints about pets leaving droppings on sidewalks, and sometimes even in the yards of other homeowners, during their daily walk. Although there is a City & County Ordinance regarding pet droppings, members should just use the 'consideration factor' and pick up after their pet. The Association asks that you PLEASE clean up, bag, and remove your pet's droppings. Let's all help to keep Newtown looking (and smelling) beautiful and clean!



# NECA Programs & Activities

## NECA Board, Committee & Sub-Association Meeting Schedule

*Because newsletter articles are prepared several months ahead of schedule, all regular meeting dates are listed. However, meetings may be cancelled if no agenda items are present or meeting dates/times may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Please call the Newtown Front Office at 487-3806 for updated meeting information.*

Board of Directors Mtg: May 6, & June 3, 7:00 p.m.	Greenbelt Mtg May 14, & June TBA, 7:00 p.m.	Chateau Newtown May 22, & June 26, 7:00 p.m.	Hillside Terrace IV May 15, & June 19, 7:00 p.m.
Architectural Mtg May 7, & June 18, 7:00 p.m.	Membership Mtg May 8, & June 12, 7:00 p.m.	Harbor Terrace May 22, & June 26 6:30 p.m.	Ke Kumulani No Meeting
Budget Mtg May 27, & June 24, 6:00 p.m.	NNSW Mtg No Meeting	Hillside Terrace I May 1, 6:30 p.m. & May 8, 7:00 p.m.	Newtown Meadows No Meeting
Building & Grounds Mtg May 29, & June 17, 7:00 p.m.	Personnel Mtg: May 15, & June 19, 7:00 p.m.	Hillside Terrace II May 22, & June 26, 7:00 p.m.	Newtown Villa I No meeting
Covenant Mtg May 21, 6:30 p.m.	Program Mtg May 1, & June 5, 7:00 p.m.	Hillside Terrace III May 8, & June 21, 6:00 p.m.	Newtown Villa II No meeting

**\* Dates & Times of the meetings may change without notice. If NECA members wish to attend a meeting, please notify the NECA Executive Director 7 days in advance by calling 487-3806.**

## Classes, Seminars & Workshops

### Aerobics

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.  
Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

### Judo

Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### Kempo-Karate

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.  
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### Yoga by Keith

Fridays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
May 2nd thru June 27th

## NECA Sponsored Programs Meeting Schedule

### Boy Scout Troop #488

Fridays, 7:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

### Cub Scouts Pack #488

Fridays, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### NECA Senior Citizen Club

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## Want To Become a Better Artist?

Wayne Takazono, a full time professional artist since 1985, will be giving drawing classes to those who are interested. He is currently teaching beginning and advanced drawing classes part time at the Pacific Buddhist Academy High School, Hawaiian Graphics and Art at the Atrium.

Wayne would like to bring these drawing classes to you, the Newtown residents. He will be teaching the Fundamentals of Drawing. In each class you will be learning the basic skills for realist drawings. There will be emphasis on seeing edges; negative shapes; proportions; perspective; and light and shadows. He will also be teaching the basics of portraiture.

#### Class Info:

Cost	\$100/month for 3 months
Ages	12 years of age and older
Day	Monday
Where	Arts and Crafts Room
When	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Duration	June 9-August 25
Minimum	8 participants
Maximum	15 participants
Deadline	Thursday, June 5, 2008

Please sign up at the Front Office.

The course will consist of 12 sessions each session will be 2 (two) hours long meeting once a week.

*\*Depending on the amount of interest, an advanced drawing course may be offered.*

## KEIKI CLUB 2008 Summer Day Camp

The Keiki Club Program will be operating a Summer Day Camp from Friday, June 6 thru Tuesday, July 29.

Summer Day Camp activities will include daily swimming at the Newtown pool, arts and crafts, indoor/outdoor games, two excursions a week... and more!

More information about the Keiki Club Summer Day Camp is available in the Summer Application/Information Packet now available

at the Newtown Rec. Center. Enrollment in the Keiki Club Program is on a first-come-first-serve basis. Full payment is required upon registering for the Program. Application deadline is Thursday, May 15. Any applications submitted after May 15 will be subject to a 25% late fee and the Program Coordinator's approval.

For more information on the Newtown Keiki Club Summer Day Camp, please contact Jenna Wong at 487-3806.



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by Melanie Martin, Personal Trainer

### Boot Camp: Are you up for the challenge?

Need something new to jumpstart your exercise program or perhaps get over a plateau? You may want to consider boot camp!

Melanie Martin, Boot Camp Instructor, wants to "whip you into shape" at the first Newtown Boot Camp starting in March. The class is based on the military's basic training regimen, with a few modifications. Exercises to be performed will be push-ups, sit-ups, jumping jacks, and much more.....

Cost: \$40 for all 8 sessions

Dates: Thursday, starting  
May 29 - July 17

Time: 6:15 p.m.

Where: Newtown Rec. Center's Upstairs Lounge and/or Outdoors

Deadline: Tuesday, May 27

The classes will be intense, but everyone is welcome, regardless of their fitness level. Things to bring include a yoga mat or towel, water, and your enthusiasm. The session will run for eight weeks. Class will be held in the Lounge (upstairs) and may also be held outdoors from time to time.

*Personal training services are available at the Newtown Rec Center by appointment only. Contact Melanie Martin at 220-6732, email melamart\_2000@yahoo.com or Aaron Sakai, at 398-4181, email aaron-sakai@yahoo.com.*

## Planning For Financial Success

Think of your family as a business. It has financial goals and must produce ongoing revenue to meet those goals. And to reach those goals, like a business, you and your family need a financial strategy.

You'll need to begin, of course, by defining your goals. Most people, for example, want to save to buy a house, pay for college or prepare for retirement. Your financial goals should be more precise. Where do you want your home and how large should it be? What college do you want your child to attend and when will they be attending?

In addition to looking at how much you need to save, you need to look at an investment time line - how long you have to save until you need money for each of your financial goals - and your tolerance for risk. Based primarily on these three factors - the amount of money you'll need, your timeline and your risk tolerance - you can choose from a mix of investments designed to help you achieve your goals.

To achieve your financial goals, you will also need to manage risk, so your financial strategy should also consider your insurance needs. Will you need life insurance to protect your family and, if so, how much and what kind? What about disability protection or long-term care insurance? A financial strategy typically considers all of these issues. Depending on your goals and financial means, a financial strategy may also consider issues such as estate planning and charitable giving.

A financial strategy is a life-long roadmap for helping achieve your financial goals. Stick to the directions it provides and you should be on your way to achieving your goals.

### Life Cycle Planning

It is important to keep in mind, of course, that financial goals change. It is typically recommended to review and adjust your financial goals and investment strategy at different stages of

your life. This approach, called "life-cycle planning," breaks a person's life cycle into early career, wealth accumulation, pre-retirement and retirement.

Each stage has different needs. Saving can be difficult during the early career, when income is low and financial demands are high. Marriage, children, initial home ownership and paying off student loans are typically the major financial responsibilities during this stage. During the mid-career, or wealth accumulation, stage, parents are typically saving for their children's college educations, achieving financial independence, and investing for retirement. By pre-retirement, most people achieve financial freedom. Their homes are paid for and their children are living independently. At retirement, the focus should shift to preservation of wealth.

While financial pressures are greatest early on in the life cycle, the more you save and invest early in life, the greater the likelihood that you will have enough saved for retirement. Earnings on money saved and invested early will have longer to compound, which can make a dramatic difference over time. Most people lack the discipline to begin saving early in life, but they are more likely to do so if they have a financial strategy that identifies their goals and what they need to do to get there. You're more likely to save if you know what you're saving for.

Grant Yamaguchi will conduct a free seminar to teach you how to identify your goals as precisely as possible and help to estimate how much money you will need to achieve those goals.

Wednesday, June 25, 2008  
Newtown Recreation Center's  
Arts & Crafts Room  
6:30 p.m.

Please register with the Newtown Front Office, 487-3806, no later than Wednesday, June 18.

## "Get on the Ball"

(Stability Ball Class)

- Learn how to do a total body workout
- Gain strength & flexibility
- Flatten your stomach

Cost: \$30 for all 6 sessions

Dates: Tuesdays, starting May 13 -  
June 24 (No class on June 3rd)

Time: 6:15 p.m.

Where: Newtown Rec. Center's  
Upstairs Lounge

Deadline: Thursday, May 1

Things to bring to class: ball and dumbbells (3 and/or 5 pounds) Register and pay at the Front Desk by Thursday, September 6, 2007 for Session 4. A minimum of 5 people must be registered to hold class.

For more information,  
call Melanie Martin at 220-6732

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