



SUMMER 2011 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: CENTRAL YMCA

As many of you know, the YMCA of Honolulu has put the 60-year old Central YMCA building on the market for sale. The building has been on the market intermittently over the past few years. We are now in the process of reviewing offers.

Although the possible sale of the building will not impact our members right away, we want to keep you as informed as possible about your membership and the future of the YMCA building.

Please review the questions and answers we have put together. We will also have a box at the Welcome Center for you to submit more questions or concerns, and will answer them to the extent we have the information. Our goal is to keep you updated as more information becomes available.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Q: Why is the YMCA selling the Central YMCA branch?

A: The condition and age of the current facility makes renovating it economically impractical. In addition, the escalating cost of providing parking to our members has made it difficult to operate the Branch profitably. Our intent is to sell the building and then reinvest the resources, which will allow us to better serve all of our members now and for years to come.

Q: Is the Central YMCA closing?

A: Not immediately. When there is more information on the sale of the building, staff and members will be provided with advanced notice of all changes taking place and options available to them. While it is our intent to sell the Central building, we do plan to continue serving the members of our Central Branch.

Q: What are some of the future plans for the Central branch?

A: Various options have been discussed and explored over the past few years. Our intent is to select a plan that will continue to serve the valued members of the Central branch and be economically feasible for the YMCA. These options are being looked at and considered by our Metropolitan Board of Directors, with input from the volunteer and staff leadership of the Central YMCA. We will keep staff and members updated as we work through the process.

Q: What is the timetable?

A: We do not know at this time. Depending on the sale of the building, we will have more information on the timetable and will fully inform all of our staff, members and residents.

Q: During the transition, will members be able to use the other Y facilities?

A: Given that virtually all members will have island-wide memberships effective January 1, 2011, members will be able to use any branch they choose. These include Atherton, Kaimuki-Waiialae, Kalihi, Leeward, Mililani, Nuuanu and Windward YMCAs.

Q: Is my membership/resident cost going to increase due to the move?

A: No. The move will not impact membership cost. The cost of membership is something we decide as an Association and not on a branch level. With the move to island-wide memberships, there was a slight increase for those members currently paying branch rates, but this increase is not the result of the intended sale of our Central Branch.

Q: Where can I go for more information?

A: Our website will be periodically updated as more information becomes available.

You may also contact

- Mike Doss, YMCA Chief Operating Officer at mdoss@ymcahonolulu.org or 671-6495.
- Troy Tomita, Central YMCA Executive Director at tomita@ymcahonolulu.org or 941-3344.

Other Facts:

Central YMCA

- Age: 60 years old
- Lot Size: 1.77 acres
- Building Size: 67, 600 square feet
- Price: Not listed
- Listing Agent: Colliers Monroe Friedlander

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