

The METNA News

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ALBERTSONS IS LOOKING FOR A REPLACEMENT SUPERMARKET AT OCEANVIEW VILLAGE

With the closure of the Oceanview Supermarket at OceanView Village, METNA has gone on record as stating that a full service grocery supermarket is expected to be the only viable replacement for the community. This has been conveyed to Albertsons, as they hold the lease on the 41,000 square foot space for the next 13 years.

The original agreement with the City called for a retail food outlet, after the construction of OceanView Village. Many residents remember that a Lucky (Albertsons) supermarket was the anchor store in the old shopping

complex. Albertsons signed a 25-year lease and opened on March 19, 2002. Four years later, on July 30, 2006, Albertsons vacated the site. Then on August 16, 2007 the space opened as Oceanview Supermarket as the sub-leaseholder. Six years later, on September 16, 2013, another closure. Albertsons LLC is again looking for a new sub-leaseholder.

METNA officers have met with Supervisor Norman Yee and retail complex owner Tom Culligan to discuss options for the closed retail space.

All parties are looking at supporting efforts to secure a grocery supermarket that will serve the entire community. METNA has also contacted the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development and spoken with Deputy Director Joaquin Torres to help in securing a potential leaseholder. METNA remains firm in its resolve that the retail space will reopen as a full service supermarket in the near future.

BROTHERHOOD WAY GREENBELT EYED FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN

A plan is being developed to take a parcel of land on the north side of the Brotherhood Way Greenbelt, east of Arch Street, and turn it in to a community garden.

Peter Vaernet, who developed the Brooks Park community garden, a half-acre parcel in Ingleside Heights, is the driving force behind the planned project.

The property is part of the Brotherhood Way Greenbelt owned and managed by the San Francisco Department of Public Works. The size and scope of the project has yet to be decided and several community organizations

including METNA along with legislative aides from Supervisor John Avalos' and Supervisor Norman Yee's office will meet in the coming months to discuss options. Vaernet has tentatively named the project "Sisterhood Farms."

A new program announced by the Recreation and Parks Department titled the Urban Agriculture Program will now coordinate all activities related to urban agriculture. This program brings together all city agencies and independent agencies under one management center, to help strengthen urban agriculture.

METNA MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 2014
7:00pm, Palmetto Meeting Hall
640 Palmetto Avenue
(between St. Charles and Chester)

Invited Guests

Norman Yee, Supervisor
SF Board of Supervisors, District

Alison Kastama, Manager
Communication & Public Outreach
Amy Javelosa-Rio,
Rates Administrator
SF Public Utilities Commission

Greg Harrell-Edge, Membership Dir.
Friends of the Urban Forest

Henry Ha, Officer
Taraval Police Station

Curtis Lum, Captain
J. L. Kato, Sergeant
Taraval Police Station

ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME

RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS: HOW TO OBTAIN ONE

Residential Parking Permits (RPP) are issued to residents with a permanent address on blocks posted with residential parking permit regulations. In the Merced Extension Triangle, RPP Zone B and RPP Zone CC are Monday thru Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm 2-hour parking zones. Those vehicles with a Zone B or Zone CC sticker may park on weekdays beyond the 2 hour parking limit. Permits are valid for one year and are renewable on August 1st of each year. The current fee for an RPP Zone permit is \$109 annually. Residential parking permits may be obtained at 11 South Van Ness Avenue, near Market Street.

Annual Residential Parking Permit: No more than four (4) permits may be issued to a single address. The fee is \$109 (\$54 if the area expiration date is less than six months, e.g. after February 1st for Zone B and CC). Parking permits cannot be issued for vehicles with delinquent parking citations.

Submit a copy of the following documents to obtain an annual residential parking permit:

Current California motor vehicle registration. The registration must be in the applicant's name with the current permit address and vehicle license plate number.

One additional proof of residency: utility bill (cell phone bill not acceptable), current lease/rental agreement, proof of home ownership, current vehicle insurance policy, bank statement with current address.

Completed application and payment.

Temporary Parking Permit: A temporary parking permit can be issued to residents who have recently moved into a residential parking permit area and do not have an updated vehicle registration reflecting their new address, or those who have purchased a new vehicle and do not have a license plate number to date. *Note: You must obtain the vehicle registration document in person at the local DMV office in order to obtain an annual residential permit.*

Submit the following documents to obtain a temporary parking permit:

Current California motor vehicle registration.

One additional proof of residency (see acceptable documents above).

Completed application and payment.

Short Term Temporary Permits for Visitors or Rental Cars: Permits may be purchased by any individual with a permanent residence within an RPP area.

If a resident has an existing residential parking permit, no additional documentation is required if the application is submitted by mail.

If a permit is purchased in person, the resident must show a valid I.D.

If the permit is purchased by a visitor, then one proof of residency from the existing permit holder must be provided.

If a resident does not have an existing residential parking permit, two proofs of residency must be submitted.

There are two types of short term temporary permits:

One-day Flex Permits: Buy in advance and scratch off the corresponding date on the permit when it is used. A maximum of 20 permits per address may be purchased per calendar year. Each one-day flex permit is \$16.

Two Week Increment Permits: The start date for use must be provided when purchasing these permits. SFMTA will issue these permits with the start date provided at the time of purchase. This start date cannot be altered or changed. Vehicles displaying permits with altered start dates will be cited. Fees are: \$37 for 2 weeks, \$54 for 4 weeks, \$72 for 6 weeks, or \$93 for 8 weeks.

For further information contact the SFMTA/RPP Division at 415-701-3000 or at www.sfmta.com/rpp.

METNA COMMUNITY CALENDAR**METNA MEETING SCHEDULE**

7:00pm Palmetto Meeting Hall (640 Palmetto Avenue)

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Tuesday May 13, 2014

Tuesday, August 12, 2014

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

7:00pm @ Taraval Police Station, 2345 -24th Avenue,

3rd Tuesday each month

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

OCEANVIEW VILLAGE HOA MEETING

7:00pm @ OceanView Village HOA Office

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 (Annual Meeting)

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

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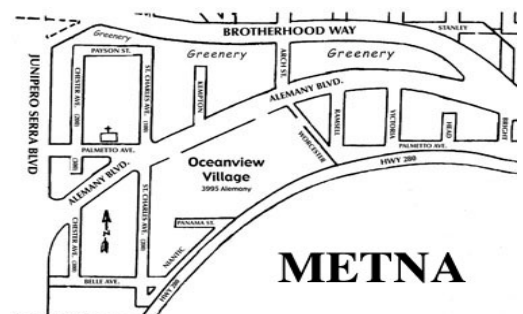
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Aerial photo at San Francisco-San Mateo County Line: February, 1947, looking north with the Merced Extension Triangle in the center of the photograph. *Photo courtesy of History Guild of Daly City/Colma.*

19th Avenue is in the upper left corner, with Junipero Serra Blvd. heading north-south near the left center. A series of plant hot houses were located on the south side of Alemany Blvd, where OceanView Village now sits. Construction of Parkmerced was just beginning, and the Daly City BART Station was still 25 years away. The land at Westlake was beginning to be developed, while Interstate 280 was more than 10 years away from opening, and at the time was a Southern Pacific train right of way. The Alemany overpass above Junipero Serra, built in 1950, was in the planning stages.

HISTORY OF THE AREA IS JUST A SHORT WALK AWAY

The History Guild of Daly City/Colma is located in the Daly City History Museum at 6351 Mission Street in Daly City.

The History Guild is preserving the history of the area with displays of historic artifacts along with files of historical documents and photographs. A highlight of the museum is an exhibit entitled "A Walk Through Time." It is a display depicting local events and their relationship to events of the world at the time. The History Museum is open on a

limited volunteer basis. Current hours are Tuesdays and Saturdays from 12:00noon to 3:00pm. To reach the Daly City History Museum, from the Merced Extension Triangle, travel east on Alemany Blvd. to Crystal St. Right on Crystal to Goethe St. Left on Goethe, one block to San Jose Avenue. Right on San Jose Avenue to Mission St., "Top of the Hill," Daly City. The museum is on the east side of Mission Street, prior to the Hillside Blvd. & John Daly Blvd. intersection.

METNA COLLECTING DUES FOR 2014

The Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association (METNA) is collecting membership dues for 2014. Annual dues are assessed each calendar year and are due by February 1st. A membership application form is included as an insert in this newsletter. Please consider joining METNA at the membership level that you can afford. Dues for the current year are \$15 per household. You may also join as a supporting member at \$100, or at the \$250 level as a benefactor. Either way, your support is greatly appreciated. Support your neighborhood association, as we support you.

CLEAN POWER-SF CURRENTLY GOING NOWHERE

CleanPowerSF, a renewable energy alternative to Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), has been stalled. Last August, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) board rejected the CleanPowerSF plan as too costly to consumers with not enough renewable

energy sources currently available to make the plan viable. Now the program sits in limbo, while proponents look at ways to either build local renewable power facilities, such as from wind and solar, or possibly hook up with Marin County's Clean Energy program.

METNA'S MARC CHRISTENSEN RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association Vice President Marc Christensen was honored at City Hall on January 24, by the Neighborhood Empowerment Network (NEN), with the NEN Lifetime Achievement Award for community service.

Marc helped co-found METNA in 2000 and has served as either president or vice-president of METNA for the past fourteen years. Christensen helped establish a SAFE block on Kempton Avenue in the early 1990's, which is still very active today. Marc sits on the Taraval Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB), he is a member of the

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT), and he has sat on the Kezar Stadium Advisory Board to the Recreation and Park Department for close to 25 years. Marc is also co-founder and president of the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame.

Marc retired from teaching in 2008, after a 39- year career in the San Francisco Unified School District. During that time he also served as a mentor teacher for over 20 years. He continues to coach track and field to the youth of San Francisco and will begin his 45th year of coaching this month.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

ALEMANY-BROTHERHOOD DOG PARK GETS MAKEOVER

This past October 25th and 26th members of the Department of Public Works-Bureau of Urban Forestry and volunteers from the Mission Neighborhood Center (MNC) and METNA neighborhood residents refurbished the Alemany-Brotherhood Dog Park. Decomposed granite was added to the park to prevent soil erosion. Trees were pruned, tree stumps removed, and the gates were painted. The drinking fountain at the Alemany entrance to the dog park was also cleaned and repaired. METNA wishes to thank Joey Furuto, Lavonda Williams and their DPW Urban Forestry crew, Julia Brashares, Stewardship Manager with the SF Parks Alliance, as well as the MNC and METNA volunteers and to Ken Yee.

who added sheet metal guards to the lower portion of the gates as a safety measure for small dogs.

SIDEWALK AND GUARDRAIL IMPROVEMENTS ALONG NIAN TIC AVE.

Work was completed the first week in January on the much anticipated and needed sidewalk along Niantic Avenue from St. Charles to Panama St., thanks to the SF Department of Public Works who oversaw the project. There is now a 4-foot wide sidewalk along the south-east side of Niantic.

METNA has been in discussions with CalTrans to put in a concrete guardrail for approximately 800 linear feet along the southbound John Daly Blvd. exit off of I-280 as a much needed pedestrian safety measure.

That project is now in the planning stages and installation is at least two to three years away. In December, METNA

UPDATE-19th AVENUE TRANSIT STUDY

The final report for the feasibility study phase work for the study regarding the M-Oceanview along 19th Avenue has just been completed. The document focused on planning goals framework, the existing and future conditions analysis, options developed and evaluated, community input and responses, including an initial funding and implementation strategy for the work. The next phase, of conceptual design, will be led by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the San Francisco Planning Department, along with Parkmerced, San Francisco State, and General Growth Properties (owners of the Stonestown Galleria). This phase will run through 2014 and focus on the work needed to begin the environmental review process in 2015.

Two meetings are planned in February: The Transportation Plans and Programs Committee, February 11, 10:30am, at City Hall, Room 263, and then the Transportation Authority Board Meeting, February 25, 11:00am at City Hall, Room 250.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, *cont'd*

Vice-President Marc Christensen met with CalTrans transportation engineers at the site to discuss a temporary barrier (K-rails) to be placed along the outer edge of the off-ramp until the permanent safety barrier is installed. No decision has been made with regard to the temporary fix. The hope is that CalTrans will act quickly to ensure the safety of those who use the areas along OceanView Village and Niantic Avenue.

MINNIE & LOVIE WARD REC. CENTER PLAYFIELDS

October marked the beginning of the \$7 million renovation of the Minnie & Lovie Ward Recreation Center's athletic fields, part of the \$52 million Playfields Initiative, which was established in 2006. The project is scheduled to be completed in late spring or early summer depending upon the amount of inclement winter weather.

PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES EXPLAINED

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is proposing water and sewer rate increases this year to help pay for replacing the aging water and sewer lines throughout the city. METNA has benefitted in the past from multiple sewer upgrades and we continue to get prompt service for issues such as clogged storm drains and pipes throughout the Merced Extension Triangle. The water and sewer rates have made the work possible.

The SFPUC's priorities are to "provide reliable service, while keeping rates affordable and our process transparent," according to SFPUC General Manager Harlan Kelly, Jr.

Representatives from SFPUC will be in attendance at the February 11th METNA meeting to make a short presentation and to answer questions regarding their ongoing infrastructure projects and the proposed rate increases to pay for the work.

METNA REMINDER

PUBLIC WORKS CODE 170(a): ARE YOU IN VIOLATION?

A few residents living within the Merced Extension Triangle still leave their trash receptacles out in public view on non-pickup days, in violation of Public Works Code 170(a). The code states: "Garbage receptacles are allowed on the sidewalk after 6:00pm prior to the scheduled collection days and must be brought behind the property line and hidden from public view within 24 hours after the can is serviced." This applies to all trash receptacles including the black, blue and green Recology bins. Failure to comply with this City code may result in fines from \$100 to \$500. Help keep the neighborhood safe, clean, and attractive by adhering to Public Works Code 170 (a).