

The METNA News

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UPDATE ON NEARBY HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

The 7.7 acre site on the north side of Brotherhood Way by developers Maracor and Comstock Homes, known as the 700 Brotherhood Way Project, is well underway with the first of 182 units of \$1 million-plus townhomes set to be occupied by this summer. The developers broke ground last April, removing many mature trees in the meadow along with the Benny Buffano statue "Peace" which had been moved from the San Francisco International Airport to the meadow in 1998. The statue has been returned to the site and will be part of a new plaza adjacent to Brotherhood Way.

Just east of the Merced Extension Triangle, the 43,077 square foot plot

of land, located just to the north of the I-280 freeway and to the south of homes along the south side of the 100 block of Sagamore, is being developed. It is Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco's 28-unit development, known as Habitat Terrace. Hard working Americorps members and community volunteers have already framed the first twelve homes. Roofs are up on the first eight homes and windows, siding, electrical work and plumbing are currently being installed. The homes are scheduled to be completed and turned over to homeowners starting in June of 2016. Habitat will begin accepting home ownership applications for Habitat Terrace

homes in late 2014 or early 2015. Habitat Terrace is currently hosting 50 volunteers each day on weekdays and 70 volunteers on weekends.

To sign up to volunteer visit habitatgsf.org/volunteer.

The Parkmerced Project, a \$ 1.2 billion, 30-year renovation is currently on hold, waiting for a court date on a final appeal. Maximus Real Estate Partners and the Fortress Investment Group development are set to demolish 1,538 garden apartments and build 7,217 new housing units between 2015 and beyond 2040, for a total of 5,679 net additional units. At the completion of the four-phase build out Parkmerced plans to have 8,900 housing units.

A WALK IN THE PARK—NOT FAR AWAY FROM THE MET Cayuga Playground, A "Hidden Jewel" Among Rec and Park Facilities

Last year Cayuga Playground underwent a \$9.4 million renovation, making the 63 year old playground one of the "hidden jewels" in the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's vast array of sites. Opened in April 1951 both as a park and recreation area, Cayuga Playground is located in the Outer Mission at the southern end of Cayuga Avenue, just south of Modoc Avenue, at Cayuga and Naglee Avenues, and two blocks south of Foote Avenue. One entry way is located on Alemany Boulevard, one block north of Farragut Avenue.

The renovation, part of the 2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond, closed the 3.89 acre playground for a year and a half while a new 3,400 square foot clubhouse with a living plant roof was built. The children's playground, was upgraded and the tennis and outdoor basketball courts were rebuilt.

The park was underutilized until the mid-

1980s when recreation and park gardener Demetrio Bracerros, known as "Demie," was assigned to the playground. Demie immediately started taking care of the plant life and carving sculptures out of wooden tree remnants that had fallen over time. Over the next twenty-two years Demie carved over 370 wooden sculptures at the park. Many of the sculptures were painted bright colors. During the renovation many of his artwork pieces were given a protective coat, while other sculptures were moved to the clubhouse or put in storage for safe keeping. The objects displayed are some of Demie's best creations. Demetrio used simple tools to craft fallen and reclaimed wood into beautiful and unique sculptures.

A rededication of the playground occurred on August 17th of last year. Ornamental ironwork artist Eric Powell, responsible for the St. Charles Bridge sculptures titled "Migration," created new gateways to the Cayuga Playground entrances.

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METNA MEETING

**Tuesday, May 13, 2014
7:00pm, Palmetto Meeting Hall
640 Palmetto Avenue
(between St. Charles and Chester)**

Invited Guests

Norman Yee, Supervisor
SF Board of Supervisors, District 7

Les Wong, President
Jared Giarrusso, Associate Director
Community Relations
San Francisco State University

Rani Singh, Asst. District Attorney
Neighborhood Prosecution Unit

Kyra Millich, Community Outreach
Conflict Resolution Services

Liz Brisson, Transportation Planner
S.F. County Transportation Authority

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

ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME

METNA – CITY SERVICE NUMBERS

METNA annually provides emergency service numbers as a courtesy to our neighborhood residents. Please understand that telephone numbers do change from time to time, so we cannot guarantee the accuracy of all numbers listed. Numbers were in service as of April, 2014. All numbers are area code 415, unless otherwise noted.

Please let your editor know if you would like any additional numbers added.

Emergency: 911 (from cell phone: in San Francisco: 911, or in/out SF: 553-8090)

Police, Non-emergency: 553-0123

Human Services Hotline: 211, 24 hours (direct service link M-F, 9:30a-5:00p)

SF Customer Service Line: 311, 24 hours (for TTY, call 701-2323)
(outside SF call 701-2311)

Telephone Information (Directory Assistance): 411

Transportation Hotline: 511

Telephone Repair, AT&T: 611

California relay for hearing impaired: 711

Underground Service Alert (USA) locating underground utilities: 811

Abandoned and Vacant Buildings: 558-6634

Anonymous Tip Line: (Taraval Station) 242-9753; (General) 392-2623

Animal bites to report: 554-9422

Animal Care & Control: 554-6364; Emergency: 554-9400, non-emergency: 554-9406

BART Customer Service: 510-464-7134

BART Police: 877-679-7900

BART Transit Information: 989-2278

Bay Area Air Quality Management District: 800-334-6367

Bee Swarms (police non-emergency, info on beekeepers): 553-0123

Building Code Enforcement: 558-6088

Building, Illegal Construction, completed: (Housing Inspection) 558-6220

Housing Inspection (District 10): 558-6490

Building, Illegal Construction, in progress: (Building Inspection) 558-6096

Building Inspection (District 9): 575-6923

Building permits: 558-6070

Car Towing: 553-1235

Cars, Abandoned 311, or 781-5865

Cars Blocking Driveways/Parked on Sidewalk: 553-1200

Child crisis hotline: 970-3800

City Attorney, Hotline (incl. code enforcement): 554-3977

Clipper Card, registration/information: 877-878-8883

Curb/Pavement markings, replace faded or damaged: 311

Curb ramp at crosswalk, repair: 311 or 557-4685

Dept. of Health Code Enforcement: 252-3805

Dept. of Parking & Traffic: 553-1943

Dept. of Public Health/Bureau of Environmental Health Management 252-3800

Dept. of Public Works, Emergency Services: 311, or 695-2020

District Attorney, Victim services: 553-9044

Domestic Violence services: 877-503-1850; National hotline: 800-799-7233

Drug Dealing, street: 553-0123

Drunks on Street, non-medical/non-violent, 24 hrs: 431-7400

Drunks on Street: violent/medical emergency: 911

Emergency Services, Office of Disaster Preparedness: 558-2700

Flooded streets, during storms, SFPUC: 695-2096

Fire Department, Non-emergency: 861-8000 or 558-3300

Fire Protection, Bureau of (BFP): 558-3300

Gang Task Force, M-F, 9:am-5:pm: 553-1401

Garbage pickup/ Trash not emptied (Sunset Scavenger/Recology): 330-1300

Garbage Service Complaints: 252-3872, or 252-3874

Graffiti, Police Report Hotline: 278-9454

Graffiti Removal, Public/Private: 311

Hazardous Materials: 311; pick-up: (8:00am-6:30pm, Wed-Sat): 355-3777, or 330-1405

Home Water Supply Emergencies: 923-2400

Homeless, sleeping on sidewalk, homeless encampments; services: 734-4233

Illegal Dumping: 311, or 695-2017, after hours 695-2020

METNA COMMUNITY CALENDAR**COMMUNITY CALENDAR****METNA MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

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, May 20, 2014

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

* 6:00pm @ M&L Ward Rec. Center, 650 Capitol Avenue

*Tuesday, July 15, 2014

OCEANVIEW VILLAGE HOA MEETING

7:00pm @ OceanView Village HOA Office

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

TARAVAL POLICE STATION WEBSITE

www.taraval.org

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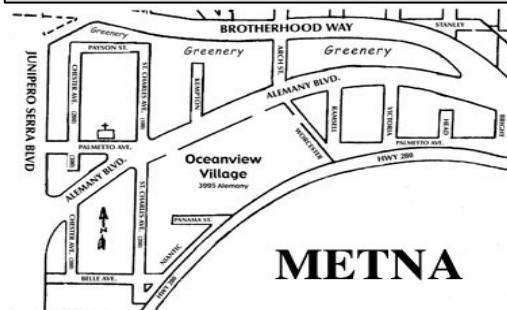
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METNA – CITY SERVICE NUMBERS (continued)**THE 628 AREA CODE IS COMING**

Illegally Parked Vehicle Reporting: 553-1200
 Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice: 554-6560
 Mosquito activity, reporting: 252-3806
 Muni Information, Complaints, Commendations, Lost & Found: 311, or 673-6864
 Muni Bus Shelters, Broken glass, Graffiti, Signs missing/not working: 510-835-5900
 Municipal Transportation Agency, Customer Service Center: 701-3000, or 554-500
 Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT): Lt. Erica Arteseros, 970-2022
 Newspaper racks, damaged or abandoned: 554-6917, or 554-5905
 Noise, quality of life (loud music/parties, barking dogs, etc) Police non-emergency: 553-0123
 Noise, from stationary noise sources (air conditioner, ventilation noise):
 Bureau of Environmental Health, 252-3800
 Noise, from street construction: (legal from 7:00am-6:30pm, plus emergencies) DPW: 554-5810
 P. G. & E.: 974-1555; 24 hour service: 800-743-5000; Outage: 800-743-5002
 Pets, lost hotline: 567-8738
 Poison Center: 476-6600 or 476-2845, 800-222-1222
 Parks, maintenance and safety: 311, or 831-2748
 Public parking information; SFPark, Text: 877877
 Rape Crisis: 24 hours, 647-7273
 Recycling, Sunset Scavenger pickup: 330-1300
 Recycling, (CalRecycle) recorded message on locations/hours: 800-732-9253
 Residential Permit Parking: 503-2020 or 701-3000
 SAFE BIKES information/registration: 553-1986
 SamTrans Information: 800-660-428
 SFPD Burglary Investigation: 553-1351
 SFPD Domestic Violence Unit: 553-9225
 SFPD Gang Task Force: 553-1401
 SFPD Hate Crimes Unit: 553-1133
 SFPD Robbery Investigations: 553-1201
 SFPD Sex Crimes Unit: 553-1361
 SFPD Vice Squad (Prostitution on street): 553-1426
 SFPD Tip Line: 575-4444; Text a Tip: 847411 (Tip 411)
 SF SAFE: 673-7233 or 553-1982
 Senior care: 664-9991
 Sewer Repair Complaints: 311, or 695-2096
 Shopping Carts, pick up in neighborhood: Walgreens: 650-757-5175
 Signs, traffic or street, missing or damaged: 311, or 554-9785
 Spare the Air Alert: 877-460-2876
 Street Cleaning Services: 311
 Street Light Maintenance or Repair: 311, or 554-0730,
 after 4:30pm /weekends/holidays: 311, or 558-3265
 Street Environmental Services (Planting: Brotherhood Way):
 District Supervisor: 695-2178
 Street & Sidewalk Repair Complaints: 311; or sidewalk repairs: 554-5810 (8a-5p)
 Street Trees, Maintenance, or removal of damaged/fallen: 311
 Suicide Prevention: 24 hours, 781-0500
 Supervisor Norman Yee, District 7: 554-6516
Taraval Police Station: 759-3100 or 553-1612
 Website: www.taraval.org
 Captain Curtis Lum
 Code Enforcement Officer & Permit Officer: 759-3123
 Taraval Captain's Clerk: 759-3113
 Taraval Lieutenant's Office: (Day and Night Platoon Commanders: 759-3102
 Tip Line (Gambling, House of prostitution, Marijuana grow house,
 Illegal activity): 553-3196
 Traffic Signal Repair, broken/malfunctioning: 311, or 550-2736
 Trash/hazardous waste on private property, M-F, 8:am-5:pm:
 252-3800; voicemail: 252-3805
 U.S. Postal Service, Information & Services: 800-275-8777
 Water Department Emergency: 923-2400 or 551-3000,
 24 hours: 550-4911
 West Nile Virus hotline: 877-968-2473
CONTINUE TO CALL: 311: Excessive Litter;
 Illegal Dumping; Emergency Tree Problems, Graffiti Removal.

Starting in February 2015 new phone numbers issued in San Francisco and Marin County will carry the new area code: 628.

After 67 years, the 415 area code has run out of new number combinations. Last December the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) decided to use the overlay method giving new lines the 628 area code rather than splitting the 415 area with the new 628. For the Merced Extension Triangle it will mean three area codes, 415, the new 628, as well as the 650 for most residents south of Alemany Blvd.

Current numbers will not change, however anyone calling from a 415 number to another 415 phone number will have to use all ten digits, preceded by a 1. It will still be a local rate charge, however beginning soon dialing calls from 415 will require the 11 digits. Such is not the case for someone dialing from a 650 area code to another 650 number. Confusing? Perhaps it will be confusing at first but most phones have an autodial feature, so start programming in the 1-415 prefix on your most frequently called numbers. The CPUC will soon be notifying all phone users with a media campaign to explain the changes.

**NO NEWS YET ON OCEANVIEW
VILLAGE SUPERMARKET SITE**

Albertsons LLC is looking for a viable sublease for the supermarket site. There is no firm offer yet that can be reported. METNA will keep the neighborhood informed when there is something substantial to report.

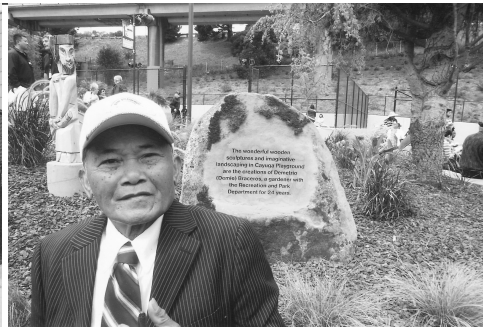
**SFPD WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU
IF A CRIME OCCURS**

The San Francisco Police Department wants you to be aware of your surroundings at all times.

Please report any crimes that occur in the neighborhood. If you see any suspicious activity, call 415-553-0123. In an emergency or with a crime in progress, dial 911.



*Cayuga Playground,
Alemany Blvd. Entrance*



*Demetrio Bracerros,
at rededication, August 17, 2013*

BUSINESS OF THE ISSUE

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY FOR SUBWAY IN OCEANVIEW VILLAGE

Subway
3911 Alemany Blvd., Suite 1004
Owner: Sean Pouyamehr
Phone: 650-757-6100
Hours: 7:00am – 10:00pm, daily

June 30th marks the 10th Anniversary of Subway in OceanView Village. Sean Pouyamehr has owned the Subway franchise since April, 2007. He also owns one other Subway Restaurant on San Bruno Avenue at Burrows St., in the Portola District. Sean states, “It has been a pleasure being part of the community.” Sean further states, “Subway is fast food, but it is quite a bit healthier than other fast food restaurants.” All items contain a visible calorie count range for the consumer.

Subway not only offers quality sandwiches but Sean is proud of his selection of soups and salads. Two soups are always available as well as a wide variety of salads made to the customer’s choice. There is also a good selection of beverages and chips, plus there are daily specials. There is comfortable seating inside and outside.

Subway can accommodate a wide variety of catering services to any type of event, at affordable prices. There is no limit on size and products within a budget range. Sean donates quarterly to our METNA meetings with trays of sandwiches. We thank him for his support.

A WALK IN THE PARK—CAYUGA PLAYGROUND, *continued*

The only drawback to the atmosphere at the site is the roar of BART trains traveling on the elevated track-way above the playground. Otherwise the playground has a beauty that few parks and playgrounds can share. With the new renovations, the site along Alemany Blvd. should be a destination that you will enjoy.

Cayuga Playground is a 1.2-mile level 20 minute walk from the Merced Extension Triangle. Walk east on Alemany Blvd. to Sagamore Street. Walk two blocks east on Sagamore to San Jose Avenue. Cross San Jose Avenue walking under the I-280 freeway on Sickles Avenue to Alemany Blvd. Turn left on Alemany walking north-east, on the west side of Alemany past Pacific Super, Patio Espanol and Excelsior Auto Care. One block north of Farragut Ave. on the western side of Alemany, below grade, is the Cayuga Playground. There is an entrance on Alemany, usually open. If the gate is locked, continue one block north on Alemany to Foote Avenue. Take a left on Foote, then left on Cayuga, past Modoc Avenue, to the main entrance at Naglee and Cayuga Avenues.

There are programs at the Cayuga Playground afternoons and evenings for youth, adults and seniors, including art, yoga, and a senior social club. You may find out more information on line at sfrecpark.org, or call 415-831-6800.

On your way back, as you pass by Patio Espanol you may wish to stop in at the restaurant for a genuine Spanish entrée. Many fine authentic dishes are on the menu including their famous tapas and paella. Patio Espanol is open Wednesday through Sunday, 5:00pm to 9:00pm, and for a very popular Sunday buffet brunch from 11:30am to 3:00pm.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

SIDEWALK AND PAVEMENT RENOVATION ON ALEMANY BLVD.

Work began on the Alemany Boulevard Pavement Renovation Project on February 14 with new curb cuts complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Concrete sidewalk work was also done in numerous areas on both sides of Alemany Blvd. from Junipero Serra Blvd to the Bright St./Brotherhood Way/Sagamore St./Alemany Blvd. intersection. Base repair work and then new asphalt is being laid along Alemany Blvd. Work is

being performed by LC General Engineering and Construction under the direction of the Department of Public Works (DPW), as a project of the City’s Ten Year Capital Plan (Contract 2063J).

HERTZ RENT-A-CAR AT OCEANVIEW VILLAGE

Hertz is opening a rental car office in OceanView Village in the retail space at 3911 Alemany Blvd, Suite 1003, between the Alemany Dental Office and Subway.

Details will appear in the August METNA Newsletter.

METNA REMINDER: WEED ABATEMENT ON SIDEWALKS (MPC34/PWC174)

Property owners and residents are responsible to maintain sidewalks and keep them relatively free of weeds and debris (Municipal Police Code 34/Public Works Code 174): “Litter/debris, grease, grime, stains and weeds shall not accumulate or remain upon the sidewalk”.

Especially during and after the rainy season weeds can grow in cracks and crevices along a sidewalk and at the curb. Please check and maintain the sidewalk in front of your property on a regular basis. Pedestrian safety is the primary concern.