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PARKMERCED PLANS TO BREAK GROUND IN DECEMBER

The Parkmerced Project is about to break ground. The "Parkmerced Vision" is a long range plan to transform Parkmerced from 3,200 housing units to 8,900 units over a 25 to 30 year period. During that period all garden apartments will be demolished. The projected \$1.2 billion renovation will begin in December, breaking ground at 199 Vidal Dr. and 300 Arballo Dr.

Tower renovations were completed this past summer at 750 Gonzalez Dr. and 350 Arballo Dr. to begin the renovation project. In the early spring of 2017 ground breaking will take place for more towers at 455 Serrano Dr., 850 Gonzalez Dr., and at 1208-1218 Junipero Serra Blvd. Then in summer, 2017, 95-99 Chumasero Dr. will be built.

At 199 Vidal, 64 new homes, including 40 replacement homes, will rise in 4 and 5 story buildings. At 300 Arballo an 8 story building will be constructed with 89 homes (16 replacement homes).

At 455 Serrano and 850 Gonzalez there will be two 11 story towers with 248 new homes. At 1208-1218 Junipero Serra there will be a 14 story and a 5 story building with 299 new homes, and

at 95-99 Chumasero there will be two additional 14 story towers, containing 313 new homes.

This build-out will drastically change the landscape looking west, approaching Brotherhood Way, from Junipero Serra Blvd. once the construction is completed. Each building construction has been estimated to last 18 to 28 months from the start date.

The Merced Extension Triangle and surrounding neighborhoods, as well as residents living in Parkmerced will be impacted during demolition and construction.

METNA met with area neighborhood associations, and environmental staff with the San Francisco Public Health Department, over a two-year period to try to encourage Parkmerced to have pre-construction air and soil samples taken. Parkmerced basically ignored our request for air and soil samples that would have shown levels of current toxins in the air and soil, and in essence would have given a base figure to compare with demolition and construction levels.

Parkmerced has stated, "A link to the full text of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), approved as part of the Vision's EIR can be found at parkmercedvision.com/planning/project-approvals/." A Noise Distribution Coordinator "will be available to take calls and inquiries through the duration of the construction." Contact information will be available at each construction site and available at the project website, listed above.

GENERAL ELECTION DAY:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016

Registered voters of the Merced Extension Triangle can vote at Precinct 9756 on **Tuesday, November 8th**, 7:00am-8:00pm at 3809 Alemany Blvd, located between Worcester and Ramsell.

FIRST OCEANVIEW VILLAGE RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCY 15 YEARS AGO

From the November, 2001 METNA News: "The OceanView Village era officially began November 1, 2001, with the occupancy of the first apartments in Building One, at the corner of Alemany and St. Charles Aves."

It has been fifteen years since the first occupants moved into the housing units at OceanView Village. Back in 2001 they were first marketed as rental units. Developer Emerald Fund initially wanted to convert the 370 units to condominiums after they had been rented for five years. Then, in March, 2003 an agreement was reached with the financier of OceanView Village to allow some of the units to be sold as condominiums. Sales began that March in Building 5, located on the eastern edge at Worcester Ave. "Introductory prices range(d) from \$240,000 for a Jr. one-bedroom, one bath, to \$505,000 for a three bedroom, two bath unit."

By January, 2004, 160 of the 178 units in Buildings 4 and 5 had been sold, plus there was 90% occupancy in Buildings 1, 2, and 3. Conversion to condos for Building 3 began in March of 2004. Some time between the end of 2004 and mid-2005, all units had been converted to condominiums.

Today, with newly constructed exteriors, OceanView Village remains a prime real estate location. General Manager Michael Gollnick states, "We have an outstanding community here and look forward to an exciting future. Plus, we are close to the BART station. We feel proud to be part of the METNA family."

METNA MEETING

Tuesday, November 15, 2016
7:00pm, Palmetto Meeting Hall
640 Palmetto Avenue
(between St. Charles and Chester)

Invited Guests

Supervisor-elect
SF Board of Supervisors, District 7

State Senator-elect
Calif. State Senate, District 11

Denise Flaherty, Captain
Taraval Police Station

Mike Dayton, Deputy Director
Dept. Of Emergency Management

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Public Communications, SFPUC

Patti Spaniak
Cayuga Community Connectors

ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME

HOW TO DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

Hazardous waste materials, toxic and non-toxic items should not be sitting in someone's home, basement or garage. If you have items such as adhesives and resins, aerosols, antifreeze, batteries, cleaners, fertilizers, fire extinguishers, fluorescent lights, motor oil, paints and stains, pesticides, propane, or solvents that have not been used within the past year and are just taking up space, you can get rid of these items safely and free of charge. Call 3-1-1, Customer Service Center for the proper site.

San Francisco residents can drop off toxic items such as oil base paints, solvents, pesticides, motor oil, and cleaning products free of charge on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, from 8:00am to 4:00pm at 501 Tunnel Avenue, at Blanken Avenue, located just a few blocks east of Old Bayshore Blvd. Go directly to the Hazardous Waste facility at that location.

San Francisco residents can also schedule a free pick up of hazardous waste material by calling 415-330-1405. Pickups are currently scheduled for Wednesday through Saturday, from 8:00am to 12:00noon. You must be home for the pickup and may not leave any items out in front of your home. Full compliance procedures will be given to you when you make the pickup appointment.

For more information on hazardous waste recycling, call 415-554-4333 or go to the SF Environment website at: www.sfenvironment.org. You may also go to [/recyclewhere.org](http://recyclewhere.org), type in the item to recycle, and your zip code and then click on "find out where" to get the nearest location to drop off certain items.

For recycling of latex paint only, you may contact the following sites: Cole Hardware at 956 Cole St., at Parnassus, 415-753-2653, or Last's Paint Clearance Center, 2141 Mission Street, between 17th and 18th Sts., 415-437-0633. There is a five-gallon limit per person, per day at both sites. Paint cans must have lids, and the original label must be on the paint can and labeled as latex. Call first for drop off times. Empty latex paint cans, with lids removed, can be placed in your weekly recycling (blue) bin to be recycled. Dried latex paint cans, with a small amount of dried paint, with lids removed, can be placed in the black bin.

Most electronics can be dropped off at a Goodwill store throughout San Francisco. Contact: sfgoodwill.org for times and sites that will accept certain electronics. SF Recycling & Disposal, 501 Tunnel Road, at Recycle Road, 415-330-1400, is open seven days a week and will take up to 30 electronic items per month. Hours for drop off are: Monday through Friday, 7:00am to 4:30pm, and Saturday and Sunday, 8:00am-4:30pm.

Household batteries can be dropped off at most hardware stores in San Francisco, and at SF Recycling & Disposal, 501 Tunnel Avenue at Recycle Road.

At each location, you are asked to tape over the terminal ends of the batteries.

Recology-Sunset Scavenger will also pick up household batteries during your weekly bin collection. Place tape over the terminals of each battery, place in a clear plastic bag, and tape the plastic bag to the outside lid of your black garbage bin. Under no circumstances should you place batteries inside a garbage bin.

Be a responsible neighbor--Help keep the environment safe and clean.

METNA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

METNA MEETING SCHEDULE

7:00pm Palmetto Meeting Hall
@ 640 Palmetto Avenue
Tuesday, November 15, 2016
Tuesday, February 14, 2017
Tuesday, May 9, 2017
Tuesday, August 8 2017
Tuesday, November 14 2017

POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

A new schedule of dates, times, and locations of the Police Community Meetings is available on line at: www.taraval.org

OCEANVIEW VILLAGE HOA MEETING

7:00pm @ OceanView Village HOA Office.
Tuesday, November 15, 2016

TARAVAL POLICE STATION WEBSITE:

www.taraval.org

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COMMUNITY CONNECTORS-- "Changing Strangers into Neighbors and Neighbors into Friends"

The Community Living Campaign (CLC), transforming lives by building aging and disability friendly neighborhoods, is a program worth having in the Merced Extension Triangle. Currently a program exists in our neighboring community, the Cayuga Community Connectors (CCC). This free service, with no fees or dues, is aimed at connecting people who may be in need of neighborly support. CCC creates extended family networks that a person can join to enrich a life or a neighborhood.

"We can enrich each other's lives as well as our own, but first we must find and connect with each other."

The CCC has offered events and services that focused on goals to decrease isolation of seniors, promote socialization, education, health and wellness. They offer programs and activities on a weekly basis, that ensure that older and disabled residents feel valued, connected to people and services, and have the support needed on a daily basis. The connections made are about being a good, caring neighbor.

Patti Spaniak, with the Cayuga Community Connectors, will give a presentation of the program and how it has enriched the lives of many in the Cayuga neighborhood, at the November 15th METNA Meeting.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

19TH AVENUE/JUNIPERO SERRA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The 19th Avenue/Junipero Serra Improvement Project will soon break ground.

A new pedestrian refuge will be built alongside the inbound M-Oceanview tracks, new curb ramps will be constructed, traffic signals will be relocated, and the northbound Junipero Serra to 19th Avenue lanes will slightly relocated to provide for a better turning radius. Expect some further backups and delays at the northbound intersection during the construction, as lane closures are a possibility.

BROTHERHOOD WAY TUNNEL LIGHTING PROJECT

Partial funding has been provided for the Brotherhood Way Tunnel Lighting Project through District 7 Participatory Budgeting funds. Public Works has assigned a project manager. No firm start date has been assigned, however public works plans to start the project within the next few months.

HEAD STREET RESURFACING

According to PG&E, Head Street from Palmetto to the stairs above Alemany will be resurfaced some time within the next month. Barriers will be placed on both sides of Head Street and no parking will be enforced during the resurfacing.

Any vehicle not removed from Head Street during the posted hours of work will be towed at the owners expense.

"MICRO SURFACE" STREET CLOSURES

Kempton Avenue and Ramsell Street (and not Vicotria St.), between Alemany and Palmetto & Worcester, is set to receive a "micro surface" protective pavement coating.

Micro-surfacing preserves the asphalt pavement by protecting the surface from environmental factors, and sealing off the roadway subsurface from any moisture. Micro-surfacing takes two days to complete, usually seven or so days apart.

Kempton Avenue is tentatively scheduled to be closed to any vehicular traffic on Monday, October 31 and Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Ramsell Street is scheduled to be closed on Tuesday, November 1, and Wednesday November 9, 2016. A "ten-day notice of construction" will be given to all residents and homeowners and will outline the "no parking" and "no driving" restrictions. In addition, barricades will be placed on the sidewalks approximately 72 hours in advance of work beginning.

NOVEMBER QUARTERLY METNA MEETING MOVED TO TUESDAY

NOV. 15TH

Please make note of the fact that the scheduled November 8th METNA Meeting has been moved to Tuesday, November 15th, due to the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8th.

ELECTION OF THE 2017-19 METNA OFFICERS

Voting will take place at the November 15th METNA meeting. Officers will serve from February 2017 through January 2019. MET residents, property owners, and business members in good standing are eligible to vote. One vote per household, per METNA by-laws.

Candidates:

President: Marc Christensen

Vice President: Glen Hatakeyama

Secretary: Eric Berquist, Celia Herman

Treasurer: Rich Zerga

Sergeant at Arms: Glenn Rogers

During the work no vehicles will be allowed on the roadway for at least 24 hours, until the material cures. Residents must park their car on a nearby street if they plan to use their vehicle during the two-day process. METNA has requested that SFMTA suspend the two-hour parking restriction during the street closures.

SISTERHOOD GARDENS PROJECT

Plot applications were distributed in late September with a due date of October 22, prior to this edition of the METNA News. The application has appeared on the metna.org website, during the past month. Fencing is scheduled to go up soon.

BROTHERHOOD WAY GREENBELT—PART OF DISTRICT 7 COMMUNITY CLEAN TEAM DAY

San Francisco Public Works began a three-day cleanup of the Brotherhood Way Greenbelt, on the south side from St. Charles to Victoria, as part of the District 7 Community Clean Team Day on Saturday, October 22nd. Beginning on October 20th and completing the work on October 22nd, Public Works and community residents, including METNA members, worked in tandem to remove overgrown brush, dead branches from trees, plus trash, and to refurbish the greenbelt. The north side of Brotherhood Way will be targeted on District 11 Community Clean Team Day, scheduled for Saturday, November 19th. Volunteers are always welcomed.



Construction of ParkMerced, with Merced Extension Triangle in foreground, Oct. 21, 1950

*San Francisco History Center
San Francisco Public Library*

RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING STREET TREES & SURROUNDING SIDEWALKS GOES TO THE BALLOT AS PROPOSITION E

On July 29, 2016, the Board of Supervisors looked at different proposals to fund the maintenance of street trees and voted 11-0 to place Proposition E on the ballot.

Proposition E reads: **"Shall the City amend the Charter to transfer responsibility from property owners to the City for maintaining street trees on sidewalks around their property as well as sidewalks damaged by the trees, and pay for this by setting aside \$19 million per year from the General Fund, adjusted annually based on City revenues?"**

The proposed amendment would require a general fund contribution to a Street Tree Maintenance Fund, beginning July 1, 2017. The measure, with no additional cost to taxpayers, would require the city to fix all tree-related sidewalk damage and assume liability for any accidents related to uneven/cracked sidewalks, and for injuries or property damage due to limbs or trees falling. The proposition also requires \$500,000 of the city's tree budget to be spent on the care and maintenance of trees at SF Public Schools. The measure requires a simple majority of affirmative votes to pass. This is an informational news item, as METNA does not endorse candidates or propositions.

GUIDED WALK AROUND LAKE MERCED

A free guided walk with Healthy Parks, Healthy People occurs on the second Saturday each month, from 10:00am to 12:noon. Meet at the Lake Merced Boathouse at 1 Harding Park Road, just off Skyline Blvd, across from the sewage treatment plant.

Stroll around the lake. The two-mile trail loop includes beautiful views of San Francisco's wetlands providing opportunities to see nesting birds and native plants.

For an enjoyable walk, dress comfortably, wear sturdy walking shoes, bring water, and use sunscreen.

Please check the local forecast. The trail walk will be cancelled during inclement weather or unsafe conditions. The walks are free and require no pre-registration. For more information contact: lisa.mchenry@sfgov.org.

VISIT METNA WEBSITE: metna.org

The Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association (METNA) has a website with announcements, reminders and notices related to the neighborhood. Included are back issues of the METNA News. Each issue of the METNA News contains "Neighborhood Watch" with articles related to the ongoing projects. Each May issue contains "METNA City Service Numbers" to help residents navigate vital services provided. For the latest information visit: metna.org.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD MERCHANTS

Joe Joaquin, Owner of PostNet.

POSTNET

3931 Alemany Blvd. Suite 2003

Tel: 650756-8500

Days/Hours of Operation:

M-F 9:00am-6:00pm; Sat. 10:00am-3:00pm

Joe Joaquin has owned the OceanView Village PostNet for more than 11 years. He is a very dedicated and service oriented person. Joe's business offers shipping (UPS/FedEx/USPS), faxing, copying, mailbox rental, notary, computer rental, tax preparation, and the sale of packaging and office supplies.

Joe also offers free of charge drop off or pre-paid items for UPS and FedEx. He also has a drop off spot for United States Postal Service letters and packages, which are picked up late in the day. Joe Joaquin is a contributing business member of METNA, and we thank him for his support.

Support your local merchants

METNA REMINDER



SF GiantSweep encourages citizens to get involved with cleaning the neighborhood.
JOIN THE TEAM. KEEP SF CLEAN!