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UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENTS ADJACENT TO THE MET



Summit 800



Habitat Terrace

This is an update on three projects adjacent to the Merced Extension Triangle written about in the May, 2013 METNA News. One of the three projects, Parkmerced, has been chronicled extensively over the past eight years.

Habitat Terrace: Twenty-eight new town houses have been built on the parcel of land between Sagamore Street and the I-280 freeway from Capitol Avenue to Alemany Boulevard. The grand opening was last fall, and the Habitat for Humanity Project now has all units owner occupied. There are eleven two-bedroom houses along with seventeen three-bedroom buildings.

Summit 800: The project on the north side of Brotherhood Way just below Chumasero Drive, originally referred to as "800 Brotherhood Way (and sometimes "700 Brotherhood Way") has been christened Summit 800 and is nearing completion. A majority of homes have been built and are either owner occupied or original owner rentals. The last dozen of the 182 units are nearing completion.

Parkmerced: Within the next month or so groundbreaking will take place at Parkmerced to transform

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PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROJECTS FOR 2017

Between March 19 and March 31 District 7 residents went to the polls to vote for Participatory Budget (PB) Projects for 2017. Participatory Budgeting is a democratic process in which community members directly decide how to spend a small portion of the City budget.

Participatory Budget Projects were divided into four categories: (1) Pedestrian Safety, (2) Culture, (3) Neighborhood Services, and (4) School, Education, and Youth. There were a total of 21 projects that were approved for voting.

Two PB projects, the Merced Extension Triangle Community Connectors Aging in Place Program (Neighborhood Services), and Permanent Interactive Speed Radar Signs on Brotherhood Way (Pedestrian Safety Vision Zero), were endorsed by METNA.

District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee was able to secure \$550,000 for his district's Participatory Budgeting. The only other supervisorial district to offer PB this year was Malia Cohen's (District 10), at much less funding.

Results of the March voting for the two METNA sponsored projects show that the MET Community Connectors program will be fully funded and the interactive radar signs on Brotherhood Way received enough votes to be partially funded.

Go online to see which projects will receive funding for this year at: <http://sfbos.org/supervisor-yee-district-7>.

METNA wishes to thank Supervisor Norman Yee plus his legislative aide, Erica Maybaum, for offering residents another year of Participatory Budgeting.

METNA MEETING
Tuesday, May 9, 2017
7:00pm, Palmetto Meeting Hall
640 Palmetto Avenue
(between St. Charles and Chester)

Invited Guests

Supervisor Norman Yee, Dist. 7
SF Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Ahsha Safai, Dist. 11
SF Board of Supervisors

Denise Flaherty, Captain
Taraval Police Station

Mohammed Nuru, Director
SF Department of Public Works

Molly Burke, Govt. &
Community Relations, BART

Paul Guisti, Recology
Duane Jones, Ratepayer AdvocateSF

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 2017. All numbers are area code 1+415 unless otherwise noted. Please let METNA know if you would like any additional numbers listed. Some numbers have been removed, others added to 311 (see page 3).

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 Vehicles: 553-9817

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 Lost and Found Line: 510-464-7090

BART Police: Emergency: 510-464-7000; Non-emergency: 877-679-7000

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 permits: 558-6070

Child crisis hotline: 970-3800

City Attorney, office: 554-4700

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

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

Crime Stoppers (Anonymous): 553-9755

Dept. of Health Code Enforcement: 252-3805

Dept. of Parking & Traffic: 553-1943

District Attorney, office: 553-1751

District Attorney, Victim services: 553-9044

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

Emergency Services Management, (Dept. of): 558-3800

Emergency Services, Office of Disaster Preparedness: 558-2700

Flooded streets, during storms, SFPUC: direct, 695-2096; or 311

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

Fire Hydrant, leaking/in need of painting: 558-3403

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

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

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

Graffiti, Police Report Hotline: 278-9454

Home Water Supply Emergencies: 923-2400

Homeless Outreach Team, (SFHOT) 24-hour service line: Urgent 355-7445,

Non-urgent 355-7401, Office 355-7555

Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services: 554-5975

Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development: 554-6969

Mosquito activity, reporting: 252-3806

Municipal Transportation Agency, Customer Service Center: 701-3000, or 554-5000

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT): Lt. Erica Arteseros, 970-2022

Newspaper racks, damaged or abandoned: 554-6917, or 554-5905

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

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

SamTrans Information: 800-660-4289

SF SAFE: 673-7233 or 553-1982

Spare the Air Alert: 877-460-2876

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 Denise Flaherty; Taraval Captain's Clerk: 759-3113

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METNA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

METNA MEETING SCHEDULE

7:00pm Palmetto Meeting Hall

@ 640 Palmetto Avenue

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:

TARAVAL POLICE STATION WEBSITE:
www.taraval.org

OCEANVIEW VILLAGE HOA MEETING

@ OceanView Village HOA Office.

Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 7:00 pm

NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (NERT) TRAINING

CPMC Davies Campus Davies Auditorium

601 Duboce Ave @ Scott St

May 18 4, 6:30p-10:00p: Class 1

May 25, 6:30p-10:00p: Class 2

June 1, 6:30p-10:00p: Class 3

June 8, 6:30p-10:00p: Class 4

June 15, 6:30p-10:00p: Class 5

June 22, 6:30p-10:00p: Class 6

<http://sf.fire.ora/training-schedule-registration>

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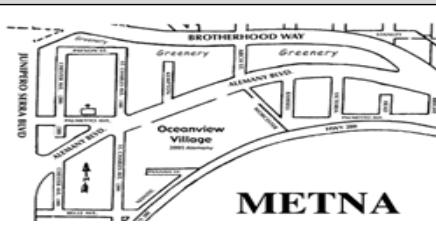
272 St. Charles Ave.

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239 St. Charles Ave.

415-308-3486



Service Numbers from page 2

Code Enforcement Officer & Permit Officer: 759-3123
 Taraval Lieutenant's Office: (Day and Night Platoon Commanders): 759-3102
 Tip Line (Illegal activities): 553-3196
 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: (ask for tracking # to follow progress)

Building, Code enforcement/	Dept. of Public Works emergencies
Illegal construction	Excessive litter
Graffiti removal	Hazardous materials
Illegal dumping	Illegal parking
Muni information/complaints/	Muni bus shelters: broken glass/
Commendations/lost and found	graffiti/signs missing, not working
Parks: maintenance/safety	Public property maintenance issues
Public Utilities: emergency services	Sewer repair complaints
Street & sidewalk repair	Street sign repair/missing/damaged
Street trees: maintenance/ removal of	Traffic signal repair
damaged/fallen trees	

RECOLOGY GIVES INCOMPLETE INFORMATION AT FEBRUARY METNA MEETING

In the February, 2017 METNA News, and at the February 14th METNA Neighborhood Meeting residents were lead to believe that Recology was asking for a one-time rate increase of 16.65%.

Within days after the February 14th meeting, METNA learned that Recology is "requesting to rebate surplus revenues to ratepayers and to increase rates, for an effective increase of 16.40% in the first year (or about \$5.70 a month for an average single family home), plus 4.98% in the second year, and 0.62% in the fourth year." This would mean a total rate increase in excess of 22% in the next three years. The application proposes separate rate schedules for residential buildings with 1-5 dwelling units and for buildings with 6 or more dwelling units. If the proposed rate increases are approved, the City and Recology anticipate that the new rates will begin on July 1 in each of the years, 2017, 2018, and 2020. The application also seeks annual cost-of-living adjustments similar to that approved in prior rate orders.

A series of public hearings were held in March and April, with a final hearing scheduled on May 3, 2017 at 8:00 am at City Hall in Room 400. The City has appointed a "ratepayer advocate" to assist the public during the rate application proceedings.

METNA president Marc Christensen attended a technical workshop at City Hall on February

28th to voice his concern to both Recology and the Ratepayer Advocate that only partial rate increase information was given to as many as 24 neighborhood groups prior to February 28th. Christensen, also speaking as an individual, and not as METNA president, offered several suggestions of how Recology could save millions of dollars a year in their daily collection of trash, recyclables, and compostables. He further stated at the February 28th meeting, and at the March 15th hearing, that a first-year rate increase of 16.40% was unfair to the ratepayers. He testified that Public Works and the Ratepayer Advocate should negotiate a modest 3-year rate increase and that the total not exceed the proposed one-year increase of 16.40% during those three years. Oral comments at the public hearings will not count as a formal protest. Formal protests must be in writing and submitted by the last hearing.

Then on May 4, 2017 at 9:00am in Room 416 at City Hall the Public Works Director will hold a Proposition 218, a "Right to Vote on Taxes Act," hearing at which time the Director will tabulate written protests to the rate increase. The Director will then issue a report.

In June, the Rate Board convenes to hear objections to the Director's report, consider objections from the public and then issue a final determination. The outcome will be a rate increase effective July 1, 2017 that will include subsequent years.

Now is the time for ratepayers to make their voices heard. The Ratepayer Advocate can be reached at 415-324-8477, or online at: www.ratepayeradvocates.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

BROTHERHOOD WAY TUNNEL LIGHTING

Partially funded by Supervisor's Norman Yee's Participatory Budget from 2016, Public Works completed lighting on Brotherhood Way under Junipero Serra in late March. This Pedestrian Safety Vision Zero project now serves pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists by illuminating the underpass.

SISTERHOOD GARDENS

The grand opening celebration of Sisterhood Gardens is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 10, 2017.

Work continues on Sisterhood Gardens to build additional gardening plots so that all applicants will have a space to garden. A Community Challenge Grant was applied for to secure needed funding to enhance the workspace.

RENOVATION OF OVV RETAIL PARKING LOT

A renovation of the OceanView Village retail parking lot took place in February and March. Many of the pine trees that were planted sixteen years ago and that were uprooting the parking lot asphalt were removed and replaced with an appropriate variety of trees. New shrubs were planted throughout the complex, and a new slurry coating was added to the asphalt surface with new ground striping. The result is a more attractive looking parking lot with improved visibility.

CLEANUP ALONG I-80/JOHN DALY BLVD. EXIT

High ranking representatives of CalTrans met with Marc Christensen and Steve Heide of METNA and Michael Golnick (General Manager of OVV) on March 23 to discuss the lack of maintenance by CalTrans over the past several years on the CalTrans property adjacent to Interstate 280, along Upper Palmetto Avenue, behind OceanView Village, and along Niantic Avenue. Two CalTrans superintendents promised to soon have crews clean up and periodically maintain their strip of land to the satisfaction of OVV and METNA. A claim to CalTrans is being submitted by OVV for damage from poorly maintained and falling trees along their property.

Coming to future editions of the METNA News

A three part series on the building and opening of the Twin Peaks Tunnel, and the result of land development to the southwest of Twin Peaks.

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the current 3,200 unit complex into 8,900 housing units over the next twenty-plus years. After numerous delays the project is finally on track to begin shortly.

During the course of the build-out, all garden apartments will be demolished and larger buildings will be added along with more towers, including two 14-story buildings slated for the north-west side of Junipero Serra at Brotherhood Way.

For complete and up-to-date information on the Parkmerced Project visit: parkmercedvision.com.monitored.

METNA ARTICLE UPDATES

GROUNDWATER PROJECT— WATER BLENDING

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (SFPUC) Groundwater Supply Project, first reported in February, 2005 in the METNA News, and again in a feature article in May, 2010, plus in subsequent articles, is now delivering "blended" groundwater to residents in various parts of San Francisco. All households in this part of San Francisco are now receiving the blended water. The groundwater from a large west side aquifer is now being added to the once pristine Hetch Hetchy water supply that feeds all of San Francisco and other neighboring communities. The plan for this year is to blend up to 1 million gallons of groundwater into the Sunset Reservoir, approximately 3 per cent of the total water volume. In subsequent years the SFPUC hopes to increase the pumping up to five million gallons of water a day, which amounts to approximately 15 percent of the total volume. Six wells have been drilled, including one at Lake Merced, near the intersection of Lake Merced Blvd, at Brotherhood Way. The water is being treated with chemicals due to the water's acidity and to treat the excessive nitrates and minerals that are common in many groundwater aquifers. Chlorine will also be added, as it has been for the Hetch Hetchy water supply.

There is, however, a concern that pumping excessive amounts of water out of the Westside Basin aquifer may introduce saltwater intrusion from the Pacific Ocean, which in some cases is only a mile away from the freshwater aquifer. That they say will be closely monitored.

The SFPUC has stated that the underground water is needed for a growing Bay Area population, continuing drought periods in the future, the fact the federal government may require more Sierra water to be diverted to rivers, and in case of an emergency cutoff of the water supply from Hetch Hetchy.

CLEAN POWER SF

Clean PowerSF became a reality in May of 2016 in limited areas of San Francisco, enrolling over 75,000 customers. Clean PowerSF, first written about in the November, 2010 METNA News, and featured in numerous articles over the past seven years, is about to move into other parts of San Francisco within the next few months, according to the SFPUC. The program, approved by the California Public Utilities Commission, will automatically enroll all current PG&E customers and it would be up to each individual household to "opt-out" of the program and return to PG&E, with no penalty, if done within a specific time frame. It is up to the individual rate payer to look at all options within the coming months to make an informed decision as to which energy program you wish to have service your home. Information on each program can be obtained on line, Clean PowerSF at: www.cleanpowersf.org. and PG&E at: www.pge.com.

RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS

SFMTA is looking at a possible strict limit to the number of Residential Parking Permits (RPPs) that can be issued to a household address or limiting the number of permits to each individual registered driver. This scale back is in response to certain San Francisco neighborhoods that are dense and have more parking permits per RPP Zone than there are parking spaces on the street. SFMTA thinks that limiting the number of parking permits to the number of parking spaces will make parking easier.

This is all part of the SFMTA trying to regulate parking in residential neighborhoods and the recent parking permit evaluation and reform project first written about in the METNA News last May. Community input was encouraged for suggestions to better serve the City.

The major problem is that some households have as many as four RPPs. Five residential parking permit

zones have more than 120% of issued permits to parking spaces. An additional seven zones have between 101% and 120% permits to spaces ratio. The Merced Extension Triangle, with two Zones, B and CC, have only 52% permits to parking spaces, according to SFMTA's Permit Data and Parking Census figures.

SFMTA is looking at a stricter cap on permits issued, perhaps only two per household or one per registered driver. Current RPP Zone permits are \$127 per year.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD MERCHANTS

EXTREME PIZZA

3911 Alemany Blvd, Suite 1001

Jackey & Betty, Owners

Phone 415-661-9300 or 650-992-9800

Online at: oceanview.extremepizza.com

Hours: 11:00am – 10:00pm, daily

Jackey & Betty have owned the OceanView Village Extreme Pizza Restaurant since it opened in October of 2004. Extreme Pizza has many signature pizzas, vegan gluten free pizzas, and classic create your own pizzas. Not just a pizza restaurant, they have calzones, submarine sandwiches, buffalo wings, numerous salads, beverages, including beer and wine, and desserts.

Dine in, take out, or delivery are all part of the Extreme Pizza experience. Stop in for a menu of offerings, plus "Extreme offering discounts" on selected items. Their slogan "Extreme – not mainstream" says it all.

SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD MERCHANTS

METNA REMINDER

DOG FECES PICKUP

Public Health Code: Sec. 40:

"Dogs to be controlled so as not to commit nuisances. It shall be unlawful for the owner or custodian of dog who permits said dog to defecate on public or private property, or who walks a dog without carrying a container suitable for the removal of dog excrement." This public health code applies to sidewalks, streets, vacant lots, and other property, including one's own backyard. The Public Health Department reminds anyone with a pet to properly and immediately clean up after your pet. All dog walkers must carry a bag to pick up and properly dispose of the pet litter. Please be a responsible neighbor and always pick up after your pet. Let's work together to keep our neighborhood safe and clean.