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HMART PLANS TO OPEN SUPERMARKET AT OCEANVIEW VILLAGE

Hmart, a popular upscale Korean market, has just entered into a lease agreement with Safeway-Albertsons to sub-lease the 41,000 square-foot supermarket space at OceanView Village.

Hmart is an American supermarket chain operated by the Hanahreum Group, headquartered in Lyndhurst, New Jersey. The "H" in Hmart is the initial of Han Ah Reum, which in Korean means "one full arm of groceries."

The chain began as a single store in Queens, New York in 1982. Currently there are more than 62 stores, 11 in California, along with stores in Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia. They also have stores in Vancouver, British Columbia, Toronto, Ontario, and London, England. Nine of the eleven California supermarkets are located in Southern California, with the most recent supermarket openings in San Jose, on April 5, 2017, and March 8, 2018. Expansion is planned for other Bay Area locations, including Oakland and San Francisco.

The site at OceanView Village has been closed since September, 2013 when Oceanview Supermarket, an independent Asian Supermarket, closed its doors. The lease at the site is held by Safeway-Albertsons and its parent company Cerberus Capital Management, a private equity firm, until 2027. The site was originally occupied by Albertsons, from March 19, 2002 to July 20, 2006, under a 25-year lease agreement.

The new Hmart store will offer a variety of international foods. The San Jose store features a food court with a Korean tofu house, Chinese dishes, and Japanese fusion cuisine, plus ready to cook meals to save time at home. There are fresh fish, meat, poultry, produce, and bakery departments.

On the Hmart website they state, "We've always wanted our Hmart stores to make our customers feel good about shopping there. We take pride in what our stores look like, and that also means we are meticulous about everything we offer you."

METNA will be working with the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and the Board of Supervisors, to expedite the permit process at the Planning Department and other City agencies, so that the new leaseholder can open at the earliest possible date to serve the community. METNA will be encouraging Hmart to offer a good percentage of jobs to a diverse neighborhood population.

METNA will have an update on the supermarket site at our August 14th METNA Neighborhood Meeting, and will include updates on the progress of the grand opening, and on products being offered, in future editions of the METNA News.

RESILIENT MET MEETING
Tuesday, August 14, 2018
6:00pm, Palmetto Meeting Hall
640 Palmetto Avenue
Neighborhood Emergency
Response Team (NERT)
Block Champions Program
MET Community Connectors

METNA MEETING
Tuesday August 14, 2018
7:00pm, Palmetto Meeting Hall
640 Palmetto Avenue
(between St. Charles and Chester)

Invited Guests

Supervisor Norman Yee
District 7
SF Board of Supervisors

Robert Yick, Captain
Taraval Police Station

Joaquin Torres, Director
Mayor's Office of Economic &
Workforce Development

Pete Albro, Vice-President
Milan, Gutesha, Sr. Analyst
Broe Real Estate Group, OVV

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ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME

NEIGHBORFEST BLOCK PARTY SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH

The Neighborhood Empowerment Network (NEN), of which the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association (METNA) is a charter member, is hosting Neighborfest on Saturday August 11th, from 12:00 noon to 3:00pm at the Chester-Palmetto Mini Park.

The NEN Neighborfest is a locally organized gathering that offers neighbors a chance to come together, to have fun, to share food, and build a stronger sense of community. It is a time to meet one another and learn about the Resilient MET Program that has been formed to meet the needs of the neighborhood in case of a major disaster. METNA is your neighborhood association, made up of volunteer residents, who work on your behalf to improve the quality of life issues in the Merced Extension Triangle.

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311 IS JUST A TOUCH AWAY—ONE CALL DOES IT ALL

311 is the central information center for the City and County of San Francisco. Providing services in over 170 languages, 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, 311 is just a touch away.

Residents can call 311 anytime to reach a customer service representative, who will provide information or take a request for City government services. Calling outside of San Francisco, dial 415-701-2311 (for TTY call 415-701-2323).

Customers seeking information or help with City services can also reach out to 311 using Twitter. There is also a 311 mobile application. With the SF311 app, users can quickly and easily obtain information or report quality of life issues. Smartphone and web users can search a specialized database, designed to provide information on a wide variety of topics, including birth certificates, property tax resources, parking meter enforcement times and dates, plus many more resources.

Online information and services are also available at www.sf311.org. You can submit service requests easily, create your own personal account to view the history and status of your requests, find information on a variety of topics, view "alerts" for items that may be time sensitive or traffic impacting, plus learn about public events on the City calendar.

311 is available for all of the following services and more:

- City government services
- City agency hours and locations
- Graffiti removal
- Pothole repair
- Report hazardous conditions on streets and property
- Illegal dumping & trash pickup
- Abandoned vehicles
- Illegally parked vehicles
- Muni information and complaints/commendations
- Street signs missing/damaged and signals not working
- Street lights not working
- Public Utilities emergencies
- Recreation and Parks schedules
- Marriage licenses
- Domestic partner registration
- Museum and performing arts events
- City sponsored events
- Tax and fee payments
- Animal licenses
- Contacting City officials

When using 311 for a service request ask for a tracking number to follow the progress of your request. 311 is San Francisco at your service. ONE CALL DOES IT ALL Use it. And....please thank the person taking your service request.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - AUGUST 7th

National Night Out will take place at the Minnie & Lovie Ward Recreation Center, on Tuesday, August 7, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, Capitol Avenue at Minerva.

There will be officers from the Taraval Police Station, a free barbeque, as well as a bouncy house for children, plus information tables on a variety of subjects. Also, there will be a free backpack giveaway for youngsters, but supplies are limited.

National Night Out is an annual community building campaign that promotes police-community relations. National Night Out is a chance for neighbors and law enforcement to build trust and partnerships within the community. Everyone is welcome to attend.

METNA COMMUNITY CALENDAR**METNA MEETING SCHEDULE**

7:00pm at the Palmetto Meeting Hall @640 Palmetto Avenue (between St. Charles & Chester):

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

MET COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

at the Golden Gate Church@201 Head Street (at upper Palmetto Ave)10:00am Tuesdays & Thursdays.
Always Active senior exercise classes

at Bethel Church, @2525Alemany Blvd.
Seismic Safety Outreach Program: All ages 11:00am–12:00noon, attend all 4 & receive a free Disaster Kit
Wednesday, August 8, 2018
Friday, August 10, 2018
Wednesday, August 15, 2018
Friday, August 17, 2018

OCEANVIEW VILLAGE HOA MEETING

@ OceanView Village HOA Office.
Tuesday, September 18, 2018 7:00 pm

SISTERHOOD GARDENS

Located @ north-east corner of Brotherhood Way and Arch St. Workshops at the Garden are free & open to the public; 3rd Saturday of each month: workday.

OCEAN VIEW BRANCH LIBRARY

@ 345 Randolph, at Ramsell Hours: M-Tue. 10a-6p, Wed. 12n-8p, Th 10a-7p, Fri. 1p-6p, Sat. 10a-6p, Su 1p-5p
Fri. Aug. 2 & 16, 10:00-10:45a: Coloring Coffee Time
Tue. Aug. 7 & 21, 4:30-5:30p: Knitting Circle
Fri. Aug. 10, 4-5:30p: Paper Craft Club
Full list of activities contact Ocean View Library

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Capitol & Minerva Sts. Tues. August 7, 5:00-8:00pm

METNA NEIGHBORFEST BLOCK PARTY

@ Chester & Palmetto Mini Park
Sat. Aug. 11, 12:nnon-3:00pm

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PEDESTRIANS GIVEN MORE TIME TO CROSS AT SIGNALS

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) in May stated that they will begin retiming pedestrian signals throughout San Francisco to allow more time for pedestrians to cross streets. The new timing will increase the time at each intersection from four feet per second to three feet per second to allow parents with youngsters, seniors and persons with disabilities the slower pace to cross from curb to curb.

There are currently over 1,200 street signal intersections in San Francisco. SFMTA plans to retime the signals when regular maintenance is done at each location. This new pledge is in line with the Vision Zero goal of reducing pedestrian fatalities.

MET COMMUNITY CONNECTORS WELCOMES SENIORS

The Merced Extension Triangle Community Connectors is "Changing Strangers into Neighbors and Neighbors into Friends." The program is open for older adults living in the Merced Extension Triangle. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00am to 11:00am are the Always Active exercise classes, specifically designed for seniors and persons with disabilities. Several Tuesdays at 11:00am are devoted to topical workshops.

All classes and workshops are free. The program is held at the Golden Gate Church, 201 Head Street, at Upper Palmetto, just two blocks east of Ocean View Village.

MET Community Connectors is partnered with the Cayuga Community Connectors Program, held at the Bethel Church, 2525 Alemany Blvd., with some workshops held there. Funding for the MET Community Connectors Program is provided through Supervisor Norman Yee's District 7 Participatory Budget and serviced through the Community Living Campaign. All seniors in the MET are welcome to attend. Suggestions for class offerings are always encouraged.

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Neighborhood is open to all residents of all ages. We encourage families to attend to meet your neighbors. METNA is asking that if you plan to attend please prepare and bring a food item to share with up to six to eight people. Your food item can be a salad, main entrée or dessert. We ask that you also bring a serving fork or spoon with your dish. Non-alcoholic beverages are encouraged. METNA will supply paper plates, cups, utensils, garbage bags (trash, compost, recyclable), as well as water and condiments. We encourage those attending to bring a small table and outdoor chairs to aid in the comfort of you and everyone.

No parking signs will be posted on the east side of the 300 block of Chester, in front of the mini park, for the hours of 9:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday, August 11th. The street will remain open for residents, with barriers in place only on the east side of the street. Please observe the "No Parking" regulations to make the area safe and enjoyable for everyone.

METNA has several host committee volunteers for the event, but could use more volunteers. If you would like to offer support for set-up, activities, or cleanup, please contact METNA Vice-President Glen Hatakeyama at 415-333-0197.

NEN and METNA look forward to having you and your family join us at Neighborhood on Saturday, August 11th.

SISTERHOOD GARDENS GOING WELL

Sisterhood Gardens on the north side of Brotherhood at Arch has a clean up day on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Information on how to receive a plot is posted on the kiosk.

Sisterhood Gardens just received a grant from the OMI Community Collaborative and YMCA. The grant will support the purchase of a power generator that will provide safety lighting and power for tools. This grant will also allow for a harvest festival, a spring celebration and a garden education workshop. More fruit trees are planned.

NOMINATION OF METNA OFFICERS

Nominations for METNA officers will take place at the August 14th METNA Meeting. Offices open for nomination are: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and sergeant-at-arms.

As per METNA by-laws (Article 5, Section 1): "Officers shall serve two years and cannot serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position, with the exception of the treasurer." The offices of president and vice-president must be vacated at the end of this term, February 1st.

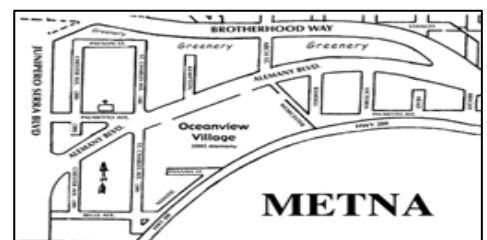
Names of candidates for any office may be submitted to Vice President Glen Hatakeyama prior to the August 14th meeting or nominated from the floor during the nomination portion of the meeting. Any METNA member in good standing, currently a METNA member who lives or owns property within the Merced Extension Triangle, or a business member within the MET, also in good standing, may be nominated.

Voting for officers, to serve from February 2019 through January 2021, will take place at the Tuesday, November 13th METNA meeting.

RESILIENT MET MEETING

Resilient MET will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, August 14, just prior to the regularly scheduled METNA Neighborhood Meeting.

We encourage those who have attended previous Resilient MET Meetings as well as those who wish to attend for the first time to participate in a neighborhood discussion related to preparing for a major disaster. Our program includes the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT), the new Block Champions Program to connect neighborhood leaders with the MET Community Connectors seniors.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

**JOE JOAQUIN AT POST NET
RETIRED ON JUNE 1ST**

PostNet opened in April, 2003 under the ownership of Patrick Fong. Joe Joaquin took over the PostNet lease in 2005.

METNA thanks Joe for his commitment to the neighborhood and his longtime support of METNA. We extend best wishes to Joe Joaquin upon his retirement and welcome Joe Wong, owner of XM Global Express, to our neighborhood. See complete details on XM Global Express under "Meet Your Neighborhood Merchants".

**GAS PIPELINE SAFETY DEVICE TO
BE INSTALLED ON ST. CHARLES
AT ALEMANY**

Work on the gas pipeline safety device on St. Charles is scheduled for sometime in the fall. No timetable has been given. Neighbors will be notified prior to the work beginning.

**SAN FRANCISCO STATE PLANS TO BREAK
GROUND THIS FALL ON TWO PROJECTS**

San Francisco State University will soon begin construction on two projects—a mixed-use, student housing development and a new academic building for Creative Arts.

The student housing buildings will be located on the south side of Holloway Avenue between Cardenas and Varela Avenues, one block west of 19th Avenue. The property along Holloway, formerly part of Parkmerced, is now owned by San Francisco State University. The Creative Arts Building will be located on Tapia Drive at the intersection of Holloway Avenue and Font Boulevard.

Construction on both projects will begin within the next six months with completion of both projects slated for mid-to-late 2020.

The Parkmerced Project, just south of SF State and north-east of the Merced Extension Triangle, has been delayed again. There is no new date to break ground on the 20-year build-out.

**SEISMIC SAFETY OUTREACH
PROGRAM**

Self Help for the Elderly is sponsoring a four session Seismic Safety Outreach Program in collaboration with the Cayuga Community Connectors (a sister group of the Merced Extension Triangle Community Connectors) at the Bethel Church, located at 2525 Alemany Blvd. The program consists of four sessions on Wednesday, August 8; Friday, August 10; Wednesday, August 15; and Friday, August 17. Each session is one-hour from 11:00am to 12:00noon. All ages are welcome to learn about 72-Hour personal preparedness, basic first aid, Compression Only CPR, fire safety, plus earthquake mitigation, and response and recovery. Those who attend all four sessions will receive a free Disaster Kit and Certificate of Completion. Merced Extension Triangle residents are encouraged to attend. Please contact Yicheng Wu at 415-677-7527 for additional information.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
MERCHANTS**XM GLOBAL EXPRESS**

Joe Wong, Founder & CEO

3931 Alemany Blvd., Suite 2003

Phone: 415-223-0488

Open: Mon.-Fri., 9:00am-6:00pm

Closed: Saturday & Sunday

Joe Wong states that he is pleased to be taking over for Joe Joaquin, who retired, under a new name XM Global Express. Joe states, "I will continue to offer the same services. XM Global Express is a dedicated shipping center. Whether you are looking for notary services, a new passport photo, mailbox rental, or are trying to ship a package across the world, I've got you covered."

XM Global Express is authorized by FedEx, DHL Express, UPS, and the United States Postal Service. Services, as stated above consist of photo copying, passport photos, notary filing, mailbox rental and local to world wide shipping, and other services. Joe Wong wants neighborhood residents to know that he is interested in meeting with you to show you the array of services offered. "Stop by our store today to explore how we can assist you."

METNA welcomes Joe Wong to the neighborhood, and asks our residents to support XM Global Express when you can.

METNA REMINDER

**GRAFFITI ON PROPERTY—S.F.
PUBLIC WORKS CODE,****Article 23, Section 1303: Prohibition:**

"It shall be unlawful for the owner of any real property within the City and County of San Francisco bearing graffiti to allow graffiti to remain." If not removed, a notice is given to the property owner to remove the graffiti within 30 days, or to request a hearing. If the graffiti has been removed, the graffiti notice is closed. If not, a second notice is sent to the property owner requesting authorization for Public Works to enter the property to remove the graffiti at the owner's expense—the greater of either \$500 or the actual abatement cost. If the property owner does not grant authorization, Public Works may seek a court order through the City Attorney to enter and abate at the property owner's expense. Public Works suggests keeping a can of your outdoor house paint color, or fence paint color, on hand in case of someone tagging your property.

