

# The METNA News

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## WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE RETAIL SPACES AT OCEANVIEW VILLAGE?

For almost a year rumors have circulated that a national food chain supermarket is interested in moving into the 41,000 square foot retail space currently under lease by Safeway-Albertsons until 2027.

The national supermarket chain that cannot be identified at this time, due to current delicate negotiations, would bring a supermarket to the site in the near future. Once a lease is signed it may take six months or more for the interior of the site to be remodeled and go through the permitting process. METNA has assurances that the permit needs will be moved along at a quick pace.

The site has remained vacant since September of 2013 when Oceanview Supermarket, under a sublease from Albertsons, closed its doors after a six year stay. The Broe Real Estate Group, a leading investment manager of commercial real estate property, purchased the OceanView Village retail complex in March of 2016 for an estimated \$30.6 million from Culligan Management, Inc. Citivest Commercial, a real estate operating company, is serving as Broe's operating partner.

Safeway-Albertsons is owned by Cerberus Capital Management, a private equity firm, and they are currently paying the monthly lease, estimated around \$100,000 for the shuttered retail space.

The vacant Walgreens site on the east side of the complex has an interested party, but will only commit once the anchor supermarket store has an active long term tenant.

As soon as there is credible information to report regarding the site and other vacant retail spaces at OVV, the METNA News will inform neighborhood residents with a special edition newsletter.

## WATER RATES GOING UP OVER NEXT 4 YEARS

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission approved a four-year rate increase for water and sewer rates beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. The rates will increase on average by approximately 8.4% each year through 2022. By 2022 the overall rate increase will amount to approximately 55% in 8 years (from 2015 to 2022) for the average single-family household.

Additional funding is needed for major infrastructure upgrades to both the water and sewer systems across San Francisco. Part of the increase, \$800 million, will go to the construction of a new Calaveras Dam, as well as additional money for the water system that brings water from Hetch Hetchy to Crystal Springs. Also, there is an ongoing Sewer System Improvement Project replacing miles of pipeline and a \$1.3 billion upgrade to the solid-waste processing center at the Southeast Treatment Facility.

## MET COMMUNITY CONNECTORS PROGRAM IS GOING STRONG

The Merced Extension Triangle Community Connectors (METCC) Program is offering free Always Active exercise classes for seniors and disabled individuals on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:00am to 11:00am. Along with those exercise classes, there have been a series of workshops offering a variety of topics, including Fire Safety at Home, the Vial of Life, and Zero Waste information from the San Francisco Department of the Environment.

Located at 201 Head Street, at Upper Palmetto just two blocks east of OceanView Village, the program is open to all senior residents living in the Merced Extension Triangle. The METCC program is funded by District 7 Participatory Budget funding and serviced through the Community Living Campaign. A list of upcoming activities will appear on page 2 of each newsletter under the Community Calendar.

### METNA MEETING

Tuesday May 8, 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

Carmen Chu, Assessor  
City & County of San Francisco

Bevan Dufty, BART Board Director  
Molly Burke, Govt. & Community  
Relations  
Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)

Jill Fox, Voter Outreach Manager  
San Francisco Dept. of Elections

Robert Yick, Captain  
Taraval Police Station

Joaquin Torres, Director  
Diana Ponce deLeon

Mayor's Office of Economic &  
Workforce Development

**ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME**

## 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, 2018. All numbers are area code 415, unless otherwise noted.*

*Please let METNA know if you would like any additional numbers added. Some numbers have been removed, others added to 311 (see below).*

**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, 9:30am-5:00pm)

**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

Auto burglaries: in progress, 911; report: 553-0123; tip line: 553-7337

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): Capt. 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

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## METNA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## METNA MEETING SCHEDULE

7:00pm at the Palmetto Meeting Hall

@640 Palmetto Avenue (between

St. Charles & Chester)

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

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

11:00am workshops (more to be added,  
check):

Tue. May 15: Calif. Telephone Access Program  
(CTAP)

## OCEANVIEW VILLAGE HOA MEETING

@ OceanView Village HOA Office.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 7:00 pm

Tuesday, July 17, 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:

Saturday, May 12, 2018: Planting for Pollinators  
& Wildlife;

Saturday, June 9, 2018: Seasonal Health &  
Medicinal Herbs.

## 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

Tue. May 8, 1p-3p: iPhone/iPad EZ PZ

Wed. May 9, 2p-4p: Preserving Memories: Scan  
& Deliver

Sat. May 12, 12p-1p: Chinese Melodies w/  
Angela Wang

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**Service Numbers cont'd from page 2**

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 Robert Yick; Taraval Captain's Clerk: 759-3113  
 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, 8:00am-5:00pm:  
 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

**Other City services: Call 311 and they will direct your call.**

### **RANKED-CHOICE VOTING: DO YOU FULLY UNDERSTAND IT?**

Ranked-choice voting in San Francisco occurs for most local offices. A voter can rank up to three candidates—their favorite candidate and two runners-up. If no candidate gets a majority of first choice votes, then votes transfer from candidates with the fewest votes to the next choice ranked on an individual ballot until one candidate has a majority (50.1%). Ranked-choice eliminates the need for a run-off election, saving time and voting expenses.

Jill Fox, voter outreach manager with the San Francisco Department of Elections, will attend the May 8<sup>th</sup> METNA Meeting to give complete details regarding ranked-choice voting and to answer questions and

concerns.

Residents 18 years of age and older on Election Day, if registered to vote, may vote in the June 5<sup>th</sup> election. Persons may register with the County in which they live at least 15 days prior to Election Day. Approximately one month prior to each election, a Voter Information Pamphlet will be mailed with all pertinent information, including polling place location. For further information go to: [sfvote@sfgov.org](mailto:sfvote@sfgov.org) or call 415-554-4375. Precinct #9756 serving the Merced Extension Triangle will be located at 306 St. Charles, near Belle Ave., for the June 5<sup>th</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup> elections.

### **OCEAN VIEW BRANCH LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE IN JUNE**

In June, 2000 the Ocean View Branch Library was the first branch in 30 years to have a new building built from the ground up. In celebration of that seminal event, which was soon followed by a system-wide Branch Library Improvement Program, there will be an Open House Party scheduled for Saturday, June 16, 2018 from 11:45am to 3:00pm, at the library, located at 345 Randolph Street, at Ramsell.

Festivities include a performance by Flyer Angels Chinese Dance Performance Company, a carnival theme with popcorn, cotton candy, balloon animals, and face painting. Everyone is welcome.

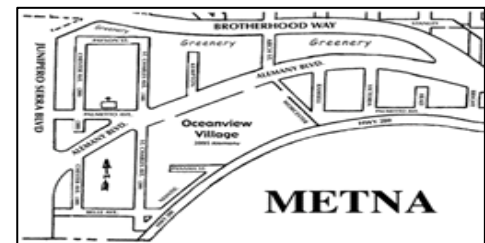
Under the METNA Community Calendar, on page two, a few of the special events will be listed. For more information on a host of activities at Ocean View Branch Library go to the [sfpl.org](http://sfpl.org) website.

### **NOTICE**

A mail flier has been circulating in the neighborhood titled "Nextdoor METNA," underneath with "Glenn Rogers, Alemany Blvd." METNA would like you to know that we not only did not give permission to use METNA (the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association), but that we have nothing to do with Nextdoor, and at no time have we endorsed "Nextdoor METNA." We have contacted Nextdoor and asked that they change the name.

Anyone wishing to contact METNA Officers can use the information on page two of our METNA News.

### **JOIN METNA**



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

**NEW CURB RAMP CONSTRUCTION  
IN THE MET**

Under the direction of Public Works, work was completed in late April on curb ramps at Chester & Palmetto and at Palmetto & Victoria. METNA will keep residents informed if and when other new curb ramps will be installed in the MET.

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

Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) will be installing an above ground box called a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) on St. Charles near their underground regulator station. The SCADA box along with an antenna placed on a utility pole will provide continuous real-time monitoring of natural gas on their distribution line. PG&E states that this SCADA device will be connected to the gas pipeline below ground and feed signals to a small computer above ground which communicates wirelessly to PG&E's control center. Any change in gas pressure, for example an emergency rupture of the gas line, will allow for an emergency response to the site for shutoff capabilities.

PG&E anticipates the SCADA installation to take place on St. Charles within the next six months. Some construction and street/sidewalk digging will be required during

installation. There will be minor traffic, pedestrian, and parking restrictions during the construction period. Signs will be posted and neighbors within 300 feet will be given notice. METNA has suggested that any street digging be limited to the hours of 9:00am to 3:00pm, due to the heavy morning and afternoon volume of commute traffic on St. Charles.

**SISTERHOOD GARDENS GRAND  
OPENING**

The Grand Opening of Sisterhood Gardens took place on Saturday, April 21st. Close to 100 people attended the opening of the community garden at Brotherhood Way and Arch Street. A delicious bar-b-que was provided free to everyone in attendance.

On hand for the celebration were Director of Public Works Mohammed Nuru, Deputy Director Larry Stringer, Deputy Bureau Manager of Urban Forestry at Public Works Carla Short, and District 11 Supervisor, Ahsha Safai.

Resolutions signed by the Sisterhood Gardens Steering Committee were read and presented by Marc Christensen, on behalf of the Steering Committee, to Nuru and Stringer extending their sincerest thanks to the men and women of Public Works, "for their continued work on behalf of the citizens of San Francisco to make Sisterhood Gardens an environmentally friendly place for people to meet, garden, and share a community space."

**Sisterhood Gardens Grand Opening , April 21, 2018****MEET YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD  
MERCHANTS****HERTZ RENTAL CAR**

**Rudy Lacey, Branch Manager**

**3911 Alemany Blvd., Suite 1003**

**Phone: 650-994-1192**

**Open: Mon.-Fri., 7:00am-5:00pm**

**Closed: Saturday & Sunday**

Rudy Lacey is a native San Franciscan, having lived here his entire life. His friendly, outgoing personality and knowledgeable service make for an inviting experience for customers.

Rudy states, "Hertz is a company that prides itself on great customer service and provides vehicles at a very competitive price." Hertz carries a variety of vehicles from small compact cars to mini vans, SUVs, and convertibles. Rudy wants neighbors to know that he and staff are available to help everyone who comes in. Rudy further states, "Feel free to stop by anytime (during business hours) to get a quote or just to ask questions. Be sure to ask about our 'neighbor' rate."

**METNA REMINDER****Street-SF: Street Tree Maintenance  
(Prop. E)**

Proposition E was a measure passed on the November 8, 2016 ballot regarding responsibility for maintaining street trees and surrounding sidewalks. The City officially took responsibility of street trees beginning July 1, 2017.

Trees will be pruned on a three to five-year pruning cycle beginning after July 1, 2018, based on the species of tree and the needs of each individual tree.

A pruning schedule will be posted at [sfpublishworks.org/trees](http://sfpublishworks.org/trees) in July, 2018.

Property owners will still be responsible for sidewalk damage that is not caused by trees, but the City will be responsible for any tree-related sidewalk damage.

To report tree damage and/or sidewalk damage related to trees, call 311



