

# The METNA News

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## HMART HAS NO DATE SET TO OPEN AT OCEANVIEW VILLAGE



Hmart in San Jose on Oakland Rd.

September 2018



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Hmart, America's #1 Asian Supermarket chain, is planning to open soon at OceanView Village, however currently no date has been set. Sam Kim, Senior Director of Hmart states, "Due to the fluid business and economic environment due to Covid-19, we are currently withholding any target date for opening. Additionally, much will be dependent upon the City's building inspections (all trades), including Fire and Health Department oversight and progress."

Yeon Kwon, CEO of Hmart states, "We have always supported the development of new communities with each Grand Opening. In doing so, we contribute to do our best to establish ourselves as a company that reaches out with a helping hand. As we expand, we like to think that we are reinventing the way people eat through our robust and unique food culture that also promotes a rich and healthy lifestyle to all. Our food is our pride, and through its quality, we will do our absolute best to maintain our continuous movement towards providing our customers with the joy that comes from it."

It is anticipated that Hmart will create more than 150 full time and part time jobs. An Hmart Virtual Hiring Fair hosted by Hmart and OEWD will take place on Tuesday, February 2 and Friday February 5. For help registering candidates contact Avei St. Pierre at [apierre@ycdjobs.org](mailto:apierre@ycdjobs.org), and for First Source questions contact Lowell Rice at [lowell.rice@sfgov.org](mailto:lowell.rice@sfgov.org).

Hmart is a Korean-American supermarket chain based in New Jersey. The H in Hmart is the initial of Han Ah Reum, which in Korean means "one full arm of groceries." Hmart has been in business for 39 years. Their first store opened in 1982 in Woodside, Queens, New York. Hmart at OceanView Village will be their 71<sup>ST</sup> supermarket nationwide, with now 14 markets in California, and two locations in San Jose that opened in 2017 and 2018.

When Hmart opens at OceanView Village, shoppers will find Asian and international foods, high quality fresh produce, meats, poultry, seafood, ready to cook items, bakery goods, house-wares, American products, and food court sections with Korean, Chinese and Japanese items.

Hmart will have a Hmart Smart Savings Card. With the card, shoppers can get extra discounts, a coupon book, special in-store savings, and special entry into the Hmart Sweepstakes throughout the year. The card is free, with no annual fee. An application form will be available at the Hmart customer service center when open. Once open, Hmart will provide fresh, healthy and affordable foods and grocery items for all members of the community.

Hmart states that they will not be able to have a representative attend the February 9<sup>th</sup> virtual METNA Meeting, but will provide updates as they get closer to opening at OceanView Village.

### METNA MEETING

Tuesday, February 9, 2021  
7:00pm, Virtual ZOOM Meeting

Invited Guests

Myrna Melgar, Supervisor, Dist. 7  
S.F. Board of Supervisors

Sam Kim, Executive Director  
Hmart Companies, Inc.

Joaquin Torres, Executive Director  
Office of Economic and  
Workforce Development

Lt. Aaron Lozada  
Acting Captain  
Taraval Police Station, SFPD

Ruel Daniels, Community Engagement  
Mgr., Brookfield Properties, Stonestown  
Darren Iverson Sr General Manager  
Stonestown Galleria

THE VIRTUAL ZOOM METNA MEETING  
IS OPEN TO CURRENT METNA  
MEMBERS ONLY

Contact METNA Vice President Glen  
Hatakeyama by February 8th for a link to  
the meeting

## MESSAGES FROM METNA'S OUTGOING AND INCOMING PRESIDENTS

### **Outgoing president Glen Hatakeyama:**

I want to thank our executive board for their support and consul, and I want to especially thank vice president Marc Christensen for his tireless leadership and effort in keeping METNA such a viable organization. Also, I want to thank President Norman Yee of District 7 and his staff of Jen Low, Erica Maybaum, Caitlin Vejby, and Frances Hsieh for all of their hard work for the MET and the City without their support much of what we have accomplished would not have happened.

Working with city agencies and public officials METNA has accomplished many things such as playing an integral part in assisting Hmart getting established in Oceanview, requesting DPW to lay an asphalt sidewalk on Brotherhood Way and Lake Merced Blvd, requesting SFMTA to install a bus shelter on the corner of Arch & Alemany Blvd., asking SFMTA to install pedestrian safety enhancements at the intersection of St. Charles & Alemany Blvd., and requiring Parkmerced to retain the pedestrian bridge over Brotherhood Way. We have also received funds from District Supervisor Norman Yee's participatory budget program for our Resilient MET and Block Champions program. With these funds we have begun the process of ordering emergency supplies and have enlisted eleven volunteers for our Resilient MET program to help us in case of a catastrophic neighborhood event.

-Glen Hatakeyama

### **Incoming president Marc Christensen:**

I wish to publically thank Glen Hatakeyama for his leadership as president of METNA over the past two years, and to each METNA officer who continues to support the mission statement, goals and objectives of our association, serving the greater community.

There are many projects that we must keep foremost on our agenda to improve the neighborhood. The immediate focus will be on (in no particular order):

1. Working with the retail ownership group at OceanView Village to find and secure new needed businesses to fill the vacant retail spaces.
2. Protect the Brotherhood Way Greenbelt from potential development, while working with District 11 officials, city agencies, and stakeholders with regards to a new Ocean View Branch Library.
3. Continue to support the maintenance of Sisterhood Gardens.
4. Continue advocating and working with Public Works on the maintenance and renovation of the Alemany-Brotherhood Dog Park.
5. Reinstatement of the 28R-19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 57-Parkmerced Muni bus lines
6. Working on parking issues in the neighborhood and at OVV retail, to ensure parking spaces for residents and visitors.
7. Advocating for the re-pavement of Palmetto Ave. from St. Charles to Junipero Serra.
8. Secure funding and working with city agencies to install a video camera for safety concerns on the median of Alemany and St. Charles.
9. Ordering emergency supplies for the Resilient MET Block Champions program.
10. Bringing back the MET Community Connectors program even stronger once the Covid-19 pandemic ends.

Working with our valued city, regional and state agencies to improve the neighborhood will be our top priority. We look forward to working with our new District 7 Supervisor, Myrna Melgar, to advance the goals of the community as a whole.

If any of the above issues are of significant importance to you, please feel free to get involved through METNA. Let your METNA officers know how you can support our efforts to improve the safety and quality of life that we all care about. Please join and support our neighborhood association, as we support you.

- Marc Christensen

**Please complete the enclosed membership application and send to Treasurer Rich Zerga with your membership check.**

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### **METNA MEETING**

7:00pm, **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020**, Via **Zoom**, for current METNA members only. Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association (METNA), will again present a virtual Zoom meeting over the internet. This meeting will be open to current METNA members (those people who have paid dues for 2021). To join the meeting, contact Vice President Glen Hatakeyama by February 7 for a link to the meeting. Glen will send the link out to METNA members who have a valid e-mail address on file, by February 8. Join the meeting no earlier than 6:55pm on February 9.

### **SISTERHOOD GARDENS**

Located @ north-east corner of Brotherhood Way and Arch St. Garden remains open for individuals to garden. Work dates:

Saturday, February 20, 2021

Saturday, March 20, 2021

Saturday, April 17, 2021

### **MET COMMUNITY CONNECTORS**

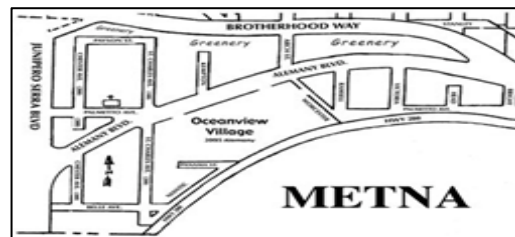
Daily on line classes, go to [www.sfcommunityliving.org](http://www.sfcommunityliving.org) for complete listing. To receive your own monthly copy, contact Laura Atkins at [laura@communityliving.org](mailto:laura@communityliving.org) or call 415-341-4713.

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### PROP B PASSES CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION & STREETS

### METNA OFFICERS FOR 2021-23

On November 3, 2020, San Francisco voters passed Proposition B, creating a Department of Sanitation & Streets (DSS) moving its functions out of the Department of Public Works. The new DSS may soon be responsible for sweeping streets and cleaning sidewalks, providing and maintaining sidewalk trash cans, removing graffiti and illegally dumped waste, and maintaining City buildings, public restrooms and street trees. The Board of Supervisors by a two-thirds vote could modify those duties.

The Department of Public Works will continue to provide all other services, such as building design and construction, including maintaining City

streets, sidewalks, curb ramps, bridges, tunnels, stairways, and plazas.

With passage of Prop B, there will be two five member commissions overseeing Public Works and Sanitation & Streets. How much money will be budgeted for each agency has yet to be decided. City Controller Ben Rosenfield has stated, the cost of implementing this new agency, DSS, "would have a significant impact on the cost of government beginning in fiscal year 2022-23, ranging from \$2.5 million to \$6 million annually. This estimate does not include changes to current service levels."

It remains to be seen if the Board of Supervisors delays portions of implementation.

The following METNA members were elected to office by mail vote, and announced at the November 10, 2020 METNA Neighborhood Zoom Meeting.

**President: Marc Christensen**

**Vice President: Glen Hatakeyama**

**Secretary: Celia Herman**

**Treasurer: Rich Zerga**

**Sergerant At Arms: Sue Harless**

Remaining on the Executive Committee are

Neighborhood Improvement: Steve Heide

At Large: Eric Berquist and Neil Hunt.

### CUSTOMIZED BART IN-APP NOTIFICATIONS

### 19<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE RENOVATION PROJECT IS ONGOING FOR NEXT TWO YEARS

The 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue Rapid Project, Muni Forward, began in November, 2020. The 27-month long project began with water and sewer main replacements along 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between, Lincoln Way and Noriega Street.

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors approved the project in July, 2015, as part of Muni Forward, to "improve and enhance core bus routes," and advance the city's Vision Zero Pedestrian Safety initiative aimed at reducing and a goal of eliminating all traffic related fatalities by 2024.

The first phase of the project is to replace and upgrade the water and sewer lines along 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Holloway Avenue at the south end, to Lincoln Way in the north. Along with those replacements, infrastructure upgrades for "pedestrian safety" will also be added. Bulb out sidewalks are slated for key intersections, placing pedestrians closer to traffic traveling along 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, while also giving pedestrians a shorter distance to cross the busy thoroughfare.

The transit bulb outs are another issue, as once completed Muni buses will stop in the right hand lane to pick up and disembark passengers, thus backing up traffic behind it and also backing up the very Muni buses that hope to move more quickly along 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We will see how that turns out.

There are scheduled to be 12 transit bulbs, as seven bus stops have been eliminated along 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, while 19 pedestrian bulb outs are planned. Traffic signal upgrades are also part of the improvement package, along with improved signage.

19<sup>th</sup> Avenue is State Highway 1 and falls under CalTrans jurisdiction. The last phase of the project, scheduled for late 2022, or early 2023, will be a complete repaving of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Holloway to Lincoln. During the next two years, expect traffic delays in and around the construction sites.

### LASTEST PROPOSAL BY PARKMERCED REGARDING BROTHERHOOD WAY PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

In late October Parkmerced presented two alternatives to the Brotherhood Way Pedestrian Bridge after input from Public Works. This is part of the Brotherhood Way and Chumasero Drive Intersection Improvements. The plans were made public in late December.

The original "2B" Option turns out not to be feasible, as the proposed bridge extension would place the north end on the east side of a 14% grade of the new Chumasero roadway. Due to ADA compliance, no grade may exceed 8%. Therefore the proposed extension would end on an unacceptable grade. Now the preferred alternative, 2B-1, would reconstruct the north side of the bridge and extend the bridge 195' further to the north, and have an outlet to a pathway to the east of the extension.

A second alternative would require a concrete retaining wall on both sides at the end of the extended bridge making the pathway 395' longer. That proposal, 2B-2, is not being recommended.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

### METNA'S STEVE HEIDE WINS AWARD

Steve Heide, Neighborhood Improvement Chair of METNA, was given the Community Living Campaign (CLC) "Neighbor of the Year Award," in December. With that recognition Steve received a Certificate of Honor by the Board of Supervisors, stating in part, "...distinction and merit for outstanding service to a significant portion of the people of the City and County of San Francisco," and further, "for your unwavering commitment to community service and neighborhood beautification..."

Congratulations to Steve Heide. The award is richly deserved.

### A SAD GOODBYE

Patti Spaniak Davidson and her husband are moving to North Carolina within a month. This is a great loss to the Community Living Campaign (CLC), the Cayuga Community Connectors Program, along with the greater south-west sector of the City.

Patti has been a tireless advocate for the greater community, giving so much of her time to volunteer work. Patti is responsible for putting together the Merced Extension Triangle Community Connectors Program (METCC). She has been a strong advocate for senior programs and those individuals with disabilities throughout San Francisco.

Patti will be missed by so many people, programs, and neighborhoods that she touched. METNA wishes to thank Patti Spaniak Davidson for her work to make our area of the City a more livable and compassionate place. We wish Patti and her husband all the best as they embark on this new phase of their lives.

### CITY-WIDE BURGLARIES ALSO HIT THE MET

Burglaries citywide are up 47% over the previous year (2019). In 2019, there were 4,827 reported cases of house burglaries, which rose to 7,084 in 2020 (SFPD statistics to December 15, 2020).

In the Taraval District, there were 41 reported residential burglaries during the month of November, 2020, up 17%. During the same period 104 auto burglaries were reported, yet that was down 37% from the year, mostly due to the lack of tourism and rental cars during the pandemic. Also on the rise are vehicle thefts citywide, with 83 reported cases in the Taraval District, up 33% from the previous November.

In the MET, over the past few months there has also been an increase of home burglaries and auto thefts. Most home burglaries involve entering through a garage door, or side door near the garage. One tactic being used by the burglars is to drill a hole in the garage door and then use a bar to manually trip the door. In one recent case in the neighborhood, a home surveillance camera caught a good image of the suspect. His likeness, not only was given to police detectives, it has been distributed to key residents in the area to keep a lookout for suspicious activity in the neighborhood. It was not posted to tip off the suspect. On another occasion, a home invasion burglary took place (residents at home during the burglary) which traumatized the victims.

METNA is publishing this article to inform neighbors to be on the lookout for suspicious activity, vehicles or people in the neighborhood who stop and wander on to property. Call 911 if you suspect a crime is being committed. Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Be safe.

### CRUISE ON THE ROADWAY

Seven years ago Cruise embarked on a journey to reshape transportation with a driverless automobile. In December, Cruise received its driverless testing permit from the California Department of Motor Vehicles. Cruise has begun testing its driverless cars in the Inner Sunset neighborhood of San Francisco.

As Cruise advances its driverless testing, they are making important strides toward a new transportation system that will impact the reshaping of driverless automobiles. You may soon see Cruise vehicles in the neighborhood.

## METNA REMINDERS

### NO PARKING ON PANAMA STREET

Panama St. is a "No Parking Zone" on both sides, listed as a "Fire Lane." The S.F. Fire Dept. needs complete access to Panama St. for homes on the south side, as well as for OceanView Village on the north side. Residents and guests, please keep Panama Street clear for all emergency vehicles.

### UPDATE ON COVID19 PROTOCOLS

The following safety protocols are in place regarding the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic:

>Wash your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds throughout the day, especially after coming in from outdoors and before you eat any food.

>Keep your hands away from your face, especially your mouth, nose, and eyes.

>Social distance at least six feet from anyone you come in contact with, outside of your immediate family members.

>Wear a mask when going outside, and make sure a face mask is in place at least 20 feet from other people.

>When in public and entering any building a face mask is required.

>Waiting for or riding on any public transportation requires a face mask to be worn at all times.

>Isolate from any family member who has any symptoms and then have that person and your family be tested.

>Wearing nitrile-type gloves, although not mandatory, is recommended when touching or handling items outside of your home.

>Wearing an eye covering is also recommended.

>Follow any stay at home orders by SFPD.

*Be smart, protect yourself and others. Stay safe and stay healthy!*

### HOW TO SAFELY DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

To properly dispose of hazardous waste material, call 311. You may also call Recology-Sunset Scavenger at 415-330-1300 for residential services. San Francisco residents can also call 415-355-3777 to schedule a pick up. The Household Hazardous Waste Facility is located at 501 Tunnel Avenue (enter off Recycle Road), and will accept paint, oil, and chemicals, and is open currently only on Thursday and Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm. For more information visit: [www.sfhazwaste.com](http://www.sfhazwaste.com).

Free disposal of household batteries or florescent lights, may be dropped off at Pappenhansen Hardware, 32 West Portal Avenue. Call 415-681-6717 to find out if there are any restrictions.

### Pedestrian bridge con't from page 3

There is a further recommendation to include a concrete staircase near the end of the bridge extension, facing Chumasero, thus giving pedestrians wanting to use the sidewalk on the north side of Brotherhood Way a much shorter option. There will still be a new at grade crossing with pedestrian signals.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, no in person community meetings are being held. All communication remains through electronic means. Those who wish to view the latest proposal can go to:

<http://parkmercedvision.com/outreach/community/brotherhoodchumasero/>.

