

# The METNA News

Newsletter of the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association

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## THE LATEST OUTSIDE THE MET

To the west of the Merced Extension Triangle Summit 800, formerly the 700 Brotherhood Way Project is being landscaped over with an area of public open space.

Summit 800 is the 182-unit development of \$1 million-plus townhouses that will have new single family detached and attached homes situated on individual lots with three and four bedroom homes of between 1,500 and 2,300 square feet each. A new road, Summit Way, will circle the property with its entrance and exit on Brotherhood Way.

A public meadow has been returned to the lower portion of the Summit 800 property, adjacent to Brotherhood Way. A small public children's playground now sits to the east of the meadow and a small dog park to the west of the Benny Bufano "Peace" monument has been developed. The land is not open to the public yet.

To the north-east of the MET, at the Minnie & Love Ward Recreation Center, a \$7 million renovation of the multi-acre athletic field is partially completed. New stairs at both ends on Lobos St. have been added along with new fencing and lighting. The artificial turf has been installed at the east end, with the west end just near completion. The work is scheduled to be completed by September and open to the public soon after.



Restoration of Meadow at Summit 800



Peace Statue at Summit 800

## DISTRICT 7 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING METNA PROPOSED PROJECT FUNDED

District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee gave residents of the supervisorial district a process to directly decide how to spend over \$100,000 of the 2013-14 Fiscal Year discretionary funding for District 7.

Since March, District 7 community members have come together to discuss community needs and potential projects to meet those needs. The projects fell under four main topics: Safety and Traffic, Community Services and Neighborhood Enhancements, Beautification, and Open Space Access and Improvements.

METNA proposed the placement of two permanent speed limit detection devices on Alemany Blvd. between Victoria and St. Charles. This much needed traffic calming measure in a posted 35 mph speed limit zone was one of nine traffic safety measures approved by a vote of District 7 residents who participated in the selection process. Twenty thousand dollars will be set aside from the discretionary budget to fund this project through Supervisor Yee's Participatory Budgeting Project. It is not known whether the money will fund one or two radar detection devices. METNA will work with city agencies to make sure that there are devices placed in both directions along Alemany Blvd.

Nine projects in the Safety and Traffic category were selected, along with two in the Community Services *(continued on page 4)*

## METNA MEETING

Tuesday, August 12, 2014  
7:00pm, Palmetto Meeting Hall  
640 Palmetto Avenue  
(between St. Charles and Chester)

## INVITED GUESTS

Edwin Lee, Mayor  
City and County of San Francisco

Jen Low, Legislative Aide to Norman Yee  
SF Board of Supervisors, District 7

Ed Reiskin, Executive Director/CEO  
SF Municipal Transportation Agency

Harlan Kelly, General Manager  
Catania Galvan,

Coordinator of Citizen Involvement  
SF Public Utilities Commission

Irina Chatsova, Program Director  
Mason Lee, Public Safety Coordinator  
San Francisco SAFE

Curtis Lum, Captain  
J. L. Kato, Sergeant  
Taraval Police Station

**ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME**

**PARK SAFETY**

**METNA COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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San Francisco’s parks are safely utilized throughout the year by thousands of pedestrians, runners and joggers, cyclists and motorists for the purpose of leisure and entertainment. Parks and public green spaces in the City vary from mini-parks, to squares, playgrounds, open spaces, and a few larger parks. Some parks have a range of environments within, and may even host large events. The natural surroundings that create beauty in parks can also reduce the range of visibility and provide opportunities for criminal activity. The following tips can improve your safety in the parks.

**Plan for Safety**

Think about the park area you want to visit and what you want to do there. Factors that affect your safety in a particular park include the local crime rate, the extent of visibility, the time of day, your intended activities there, alone or accompanied, and your degree of local familiarity.

- Consider going with a friend, especially if going to an area that is unfamiliar or not well populated with people engaged in safe activities.
- Always carry identification. Plan to bring minimal valuables. Choose a bag that will contain your items and that you can comfortably carry and hold during your outing.
- Dress in reflective or light colored outerwear.
- Remember that headphones, or use of an electronic device, reduce your awareness and ability to identify potential problems.
- Park where your vehicle will be safe for the duration of your stay, and your walk to and from the vehicle will be safe as well.
- Avoid opening the trunk once parked. Gather all the items that you will need into the passenger compartment before parking at your destination.
- Self-defense classes can be a great way to increase your knowledge and confidence around street safety.

**Be Actively Aware, Trust Your Instincts**

- Be aware of anyone who appears to be monitoring the activities of others in a suspicious manner, such as to possibly take advantage of someone.
- If you intend to picnic or lounge in the park, choose an area where it is safe to do so. Maintain possession of your important belongings and always carry a cell phone.
- Be very careful during storms and stay away from large trees that may break loose and fall.
- As you move through the park and time passes, notice changes in conditions and people around you. If you do not feel genuinely safe, move or change your course as the situation warrants.
- Be actively aware of your environment as part of enjoying the park. Know how to identify potential problems.
- If you feel threatened, take immediate action by running in the opposite direction or calling out for help.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**METNA MEETING SCHEDULE**

7:00pm Palmetto Meeting Hall  
(640 Palmetto Avenue)  
Tuesday, August 12, 2014  
Tuesday, November 11, 2014

**POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING**

7:00pm @ Taraval Police Station,  
2345 -24<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month  
Tuesday, August 19, 2014  
Tuesday, September 16, 2014  
\*6:00pm @ M&L Ward Rec. Center, 650  
Capitol Avenue  
\*Tuesday, October 21, 2014

**OCEANVIEW VILLAGE HOA MEETING**

7:00pm @ OceanView Village HOA Office  
Tuesday, September 16, 2014  
Tuesday, November 18, 2014

**TARAVAL POLICE STATION WEBSITE**

[www.taraval.org](http://www.taraval.org)  
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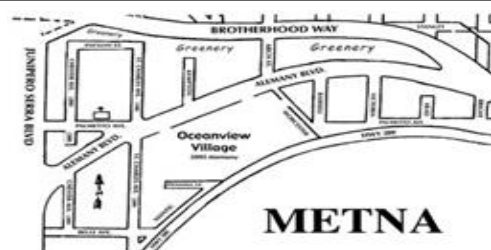
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### MOBILE APP FOR 3-1-1

A mobile application for SF Customer Service Line 311 is available for those who have an iPhone or Android-based phone with a compatible operating system.

Using the mobile app, a person can submit requests for service regarding: abandoned vehicles, graffiti, illegal postings, street or sidewalk cleaning, streetlight repair, blocked sidewalks or space, damaged public property, sign repair, emptying a litter receptacle, overgrown grass or weeds in public places, tree maintenance, and other city related services.

To download the SF311 App to an android-based smart phone or tablet open the Play Store app on your device and follow these steps.

1. Select the "search" link.
2. Search for SF311 and look for the 311-logo.
3. Select and install and the app.

will download to your device.

You can also use the link:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id#org.sfgov.sf311>

To download the SF311 App to an iOS (Apple) iPhone or iPad, open the Apple App Store on your iPhone/iPad and follow these steps:

1. Select the "search" tab.
2. Search for SF311 and look for the 311-logo.
3. Tap the "free" button.
4. Once the "Free" changes to "Install", tap "install" and enter your Apple ID password and push "ok."

You can also use the link:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/apps/sf311/id66635420/mt=8>

If you have further questions about the app, please contact SF311 app, 24 hours a day, at 1-415-701-2311.

### NOMINATION FOR METNA OFFICERS

Nominations for METNA officers will take place at the August 12<sup>th</sup> METNA meeting. Offices open for nominations are president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and sergeant of arms. Voting will take place at the November 11, 2014 METNA Meeting. Officers will serve from February, 2015 through January, 2017. Any METNA member who lives or owns property within the MET, currently in good standing, or a business member within the MET, also in good standing, can be nominated.

### TRANSPORTATION 2030 TO BE DISCUSSED AT AUGUST 12 METNA MEETING

Transportation 2030, the proposed infrastructure investment program, is being proposed for the November 2014 ballot. Through three ballot measures and two funding sources, Transportation 2030 will provide \$1.5 billion to complete hundreds of transportation infrastructure projects throughout the City over the next 15 years. Funds will go toward street paving, new Muni vehicles, transit stop and route upgrades, pedestrian safety enhancements, and other infrastructure investments.

Ed Reiskin, Executive Director/CEO of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) will make a presentation at the August 12<sup>th</sup> METNA Meeting. This is an informational item, as METNA does not endorse candidates or ballot measures. It will give neighborhood residents a chance to listen and ask questions regarding the proposals under Transportation 2030.

### CONFLICT RESOLUTION SERVICE AVAILABLE

Do you have a problem with a roommate, family member, neighbor, tenant, or landlord? Community Boards in San Francisco offers affordable conflict resolution services.

Kyra Millich, Community Boards, Neighborhood Mediation Services, made a presentation at the May 13<sup>th</sup> METNA meeting outlining the services provided. The Community Board program has a success rate of approximately 85% in solving disputes. Mediations, if both parties agree, are usually resolved within a few weeks.

Issues such as landlord & tenant disputes, family conflicts, roommate issues, and neighbor issues that involve a myriad of problems can be discussed through mediation. Mediation is the voluntary process in which people directly involved in a dispute work with neutral parties -- the mediators -- to create their own solutions. There are no lawyers or judges involved. Mediation is about people directly involved finding a solution to an issue that works for both parties.

The process starts by contacting the Community Board and paying a one-only \$40 case opening fee if you want to try mediation. The fee can be waived if you are unable to afford the fee. The person handling your case then contacts the other person(s) to explain the mediation process. If they agree to meet, a time and place to meet is scheduled. During the meeting each party is allowed to talk uninterrupted. The mediator guarantees that everyone is listened to and respected. All agreements and their effects are under the control of both parties.

The mediation can be conducted in English, Spanish, Mandarin, or Cantonese, or any combination, with the mediators fluent in those languages.

You can go online to start the mediation or to get further information at: [www.communityboards.org](http://www.communityboards.org), or by calling 415-920-3820, X100. Community Boards is also available on Facebook: [facebook.com/communityboards](https://www.facebook.com/communityboards); LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/company/communityboards](https://www.linkedin.com/company/communityboards); or on Twitter: [twitter.com/communityboards](https://twitter.com/communityboards).

**BUSINESS OF THE ISSUE**

**3931 Alemany Blvd., Suite 2001**  
**Store Manager: Anthony Wong,**  
**CPhT 650-757-5175**  
**Hours: 8:00am – 10:00pm, Daily**

Walgreens at OceanView Village turned 5 years old on May 18, 2014. Walgreens Pharmacy replaced Rite Aid in 2009. Store manager Anthony Wong states, "As the most trusted pharmacy in America, we are focused on improving the wellness of everyone. Our trusted and friendly pharmacists are available daily during pharmacy hours to do consultations and recommendations for any health related issue. All your necessary immunizations are also available daily without appointments. Our store is also trained and certified as a "Center of Excellence" for HIV patients ensuring safety and privacy."

Walgreens carries many everyday needs such as medical and first aid supplies, cosmetics, groceries, magazines, greeting cards, beer, and wine. The first Tuesday of every month is Senior Day, when Walgreens offers 20% off regularly priced items (exclusions apply).

Walgreens at OceanView Village has seen an increase in stolen shopping carts from the plaza. Dating back to the beginning of 2013, the store has been victimized by the loss of over 100 shopping carts. Due to this ongoing problem, Walgreens has instituted a new policy that will allow customers to be able to only use the carts while inside the store. This necessary step has been taken to ensure that customers have a cart to shop with while inside the store. Store manager Anthony Wong states, "While this decision was not easy to make, and we sincerely apologize to all patrons this (policy) will inconvenience."

Walgreens takes pride in offering goods and services to help best serve the community. Please consider supporting Walgreens in OceanView Village, along with the other fine retail tenants in our neighborhood.

**Join METNA**



**Ward Recreation Athletic Field**

**DISTRICT 7 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING. cont'd**

and Neighborhood Enhancement category, and two in both the Beautification and the Open Access and Improvement categories. To see a complete list of the grantees selected for each category of funding go to : [sfpb.net](http://sfpb.net).

Thanks goes to Supervisor Norman Yee and his staff, Jen Low, Matias Mormino, and Olivia Scanlon for making the funds available through the Participatory Budgeting process to enhance the safety and quality of life issues within District 7 for the benefit of all San Franciscans and those who visit the City.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH****SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AND PAVING ALONG ALEMANY BLVD.**

Sidewalk curb cuts, sidewalk renovation along parts of Alemany Blvd. due to tree roots, and the repaving of Alemany Blvd. through the Merced Extension Triangle took place over a four-month period. The work was completed in June. A new experimental sidewalk, made of a permeable rubber compound, along segments of the north side of Alemany Bvd. between Brotherhood and Arch was installed. The new asphalt roadway and sidewalk renovations were part of the Department of Public Works' Ten Year Capital Plan to improve the safety of traveling throughout San Francisco.

**METNA NEWS TO BE TRANSLATED INTO CHINESE**

METNA will be offering translation of the METNA News into Chinese. The translated METNA News will appear online and can be obtained free of charge by contacting METNA Secretary Terry Watson at [watsonclark@comcast.net](mailto:watsonclark@comcast.net). Give Terry

your name, mailing address and an email address and request the Chinese Edition.

Your edition will be sent to your email address and you will be deleted from receiving the the METNA News hardcopy delivery. This service begins with the August 2014, Volume 14, No. 4 edition of the METNA News. We may, in time, offer a hardcopy Chinese edition as well, if there are many requests.

**METNA REMINDER****PARKING VEHICLES ON A SIDEWALK (CVC, Sec. 22500f)**

The California Vehicle Code Section 22500f prohibits the parking, stopping or standing of a vehicle on any portion of the sidewalk (property line to curb line).

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) states that "Parking on the sidewalk is a hazard to pedestrians and disabled individuals and is subject to a fine." Enforcement is 24 hours a day. This is a safety issue. Please be courteous and do not block a sidewalk at any time.