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OCEANVIEW VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER IS BEING SOLD

Culligan Management, Inc. is in the process of selling the OceanView Village Retail Complex on Alemany Blvd. Culligan purchased the shopping center, just after it was built, in 2003. The yet to be announced new owner is still weeks away from the transaction closure. An announcement could be made in early February.

What this means for the vacant retail spaces remains uncertain. What is known is that Albertsons/Safeway, owned by Cerberus Capital Management, a private equity firm, continues to hold a long term lease on the shuttered 41,000 sq. ft. retail space. Add to the Walgreens closure in July of last year, the OceanView Village site has been without a retail food shopping source for neighborhood and surrounding area residents.

METNA president Marc Christensen has requested a meeting with the new owners at the earliest possible date. It is hoped that a meeting can be held, at a later date, with representatives of both Albertsons/Safeway and Walgreens. There is support for such a meeting from the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development and from District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee. Christensen states, "We want to be as supportive as possible to expedite a return of a retail food outlet in at least one of the two vacant sites and explore other options for the several vacant spaces."

FROM THE MET TO BART AND BEYOND

Three Bay Area airports can be reached by beginning on Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART). From the Daly City BART station travelers can take BART directly to San Francisco International Airport in 16 minutes, to Oakland International Airport in approximately 50 minutes, and to Norman Mineta San Jose International Airport via BART, CalTrain, and VTA shuttle between two and three hours depending upon transit connections.

To San Francisco International Airport (SFO) via BART, take the Pittsburgh/Bay Point train directly, traveling south. The 16-minute ride currently costs \$8.15 from Daly City to SFO. Discounts at 62.5% for seniors, children 5 to 12 years of age, persons with documented disabilities, and Medicare cardholders are \$3.06 for a one way fare.

To Oakland International Airport, via BART, take the Fremont or Dublin/Pleasanton train east to the Oakland Coliseum station, a 37-minute ride from Daly City. Then while on the station platform, walk to the southern end and proceed to the upper level by escalator or elevator to the fare gate exit and wait for the 8 minute shuttle tram to the airport. The one way fare total is \$10.70, with the discount fare (see above eligibility) at \$4.01.

To the Mineta San Jose International Airport, the trip is longer and involves two transfers. Begin by taking the Richmond train south to Millbrae. The ride takes 16 minutes at a cost of \$3.95 (\$1.48 at the discount of 62.5%). At the Millbrae station take the southbound CalTrain to Santa Clara. The wait could be 30 minutes to one hour, depending upon the time of day. Currently, the trip on CalTrain takes one hour (con't on page 4)

SPECIAL METNA / SFMTA INFORMATIONAL MEETING 19th Avenue / M-Oceanview Realignment Project

Tuesday, February 9, 2016
6:00pm, Palmetto Meeting Hall
(One hour prior to the Quarterly
METNA Meeting)

Presenting

Liz Brisson, Urban Planning
Initiatives
Kelley McCoy, Public Relations
Officer
San Francisco Metropolitan
Transportation Agency

ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME

METNA MEETING

Tuesday, February 9, 2016
7:00pm, Palmetto Meeting Hall
640 Palmetto Avenue
(between St. Charles and Chester)

Invited Guests

Norman Yee, Supervisor
SF Board of Supervisors,
District 7
Ed Reiskin, Executive
Director/CEO
Liz Brisson, Urban Planning
Initiatives
Kelley McCoy, Public Relations
SF Municipal Transportation
Agency
Scott Oswald, Sr. Business
Analyst 311
Denise Flaherty, Captain
Taraval Police Station

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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS—EMERGENCY SUPPLIES CHECKLIST

The San Francisco Fire Department-Neighborhood Response Training (NERT), the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management, and the Southwest Resilient Community Alliance (METNA member), want all residents and visitors to the area to be prepared in case of a major disaster. Stocking up now on emergency supplies can add to your safety and comfort during and after a disaster. Store enough supplies for at least 72 hours. Be prepared. Items needed:

Essentials

- > Water* 1 gallon per person/per day
- > Water purification kit*
- > First aid kit, freshly stocked
- > First aid book
- > Food**
- > Can opener – non-electric
- > Blankets or sleeping bags
- > Portable radio, flashlight and extra batteries
- > Essential medications
- > Extra pair of eyeglasses
- > Extra pair of house and car keys
- > Baby supplies: special foods/formula, bottles, clothing, blankets, baby wipes, disposable diapers, pacifier
- > Pet supplies: food, water, bowls, restraint (leash or carrier)
- > Cash and change; and ID for each person to wear

Sanitation Supplies

- > Large plastic trash bags to use for waste, shelter, or rain ponchos
- > Large trash cans
- > Bar soap and liquid detergent;
- waterless soaps, “wipes”
- > Shampoo
- > Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- > Feminine hygiene supplies

* Water: Store a gallon of water per person per day; plan for at least 3 and preferably 7 days.

Family of 4: 4 gallons times 3-7 days = 12-28 gallons of water

* Seal water containers tightly in a clean food grade plastic container. Label them with a date, and store in a cool, dark place.

* Rotate water supplies every six months.

* Keep a small bottle of unscented liquid bleach to purify water

If you have concerns about your water safety, do one of the following:

- Boil water for at least 5 minutes, let cool, then drink or use to prepare food

- Add 8 drops of unscented liquid bleach to each gallon of water. Shake or stir, then let stand for 30 minutes. A slight chlorine taste and smell is normal.

If you run out of stored drinking water, strain and treat water from your water heater. To strain the water, pour it through a clean cloth or layers of paper towels.

Treat the water by following the directions above.

Reminder:

** Food-- Recommended foods include:

- Ready-to-eat canned meats and vegetables
- Canned juices, milk, and soups
- High energy foods, such as peanut butter, jelly, crackers, granola bars, trail mix
- * Comfort foods, such as hard candy, cereals, candy bars, cookies

- > Toilet paper, small plastic bags
- > Household bleach

Safety and Comfort

- > Sturdy shoes
- > Heavy gloves for clearing debris
- > Candles and matches
- > Light sticks
- > Change of clothing
- > Knife and razor blades
- > Garden hose for siphoning and firefighting
- > Tent
- > Communication kit: paper, pens, stamps

Cooking

- > Plastic knives, forks, spoons
- > Paper plates and cups
- > Paper towels
- > Heavy-duty aluminum foil
- > Camping stove with propane for outdoor cooking: before using make sure there are no gas leaks; and never use charcoal indoors!

Tools and Supplies

- >Axe, shovel, broom
- >Adjustable wrench to turn off gas
- >Tool kit with screwdriver, pliers, hammer, nails, and wood screws
- >Coil of ½ inch rope
- >Plastic tape, duct tape, staple gun and sheeting for window replacement
- >Bicycle
- >City map

METNA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

METNA MEETING SCHEDULE

7:00pm Palmetto Meeting Hall
@ 640 Palmetto Avenue
Tuesday, February 9, 2016
Tuesday, May 10, 2016
Tuesday, August 9, 2016
Tuesday, November 8, 2016

POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

3rd Wednesday each month @ Taraval Police Station, 2345 -24th Avenue, at 7:00 pm
Wednesday, February 17, 2016
Wednesday, March 16, 2016,
*Wednesday, April 20, 2016, @ M&L Ward Rec. Center, 650 Capitol Avenue 6:00pm

OCEANVIEW VILLAGE HOA MEETING

7:00pm @ OVV HOA Office Meeting
March: time and date to be announced

NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (NERT) TRAINING

Miraloma Elementary School
175 Omar Way
February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 3, 10
All classes at 6:00pm-9:30pm
Must attend all sessions to be certified.
To enroll call: 415-970-2024

TARAVAL POLICE STATION WEBSITE

www.taraval.org

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*Dried food—select carefully as some have a high salt content
* Instant meals that do not require cooking or water
* Do not forget to include a manual can opener

THIRD YEAR OF PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IN DISTRICT 7

Participatory budgeting in District 7 is now in its third year, under Supervisor Norman Yee. This process gives District 7 residents an opportunity to propose improvement projects in their neighborhoods.

The process for this year's round began with a meeting in November outlining the procedures of the participatory budgeting process. A workshop on grant applications took place in early December. Residents then submitted a short, two-page written proposal for up to \$25,000 for general projects and slightly more for Vision Zero pedestrian safety improvement projects.

The Merced Extension Triangle has benefitted twice, once in each of the first two years. Year One was a request for interactive radar speed detection signs for Alemany Boulevard. The project was partially funded by District 7 funds in July of 2014 and the community has been waiting for over one and a half years for the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) to install the signs on Alemany Blvd, near Victoria. METNA has been promised by MTA that the signs will be installed within the next few months.

Year Two was a request to place a sidewalk with curb ramps on the south side of Brotherhood Way from Thomas More Way to the St. Charles ramp. Partial funding was allocated in July and the project by the Department of Public Works (DPW) was begun in the first week of October and completed in early November, including new curb ramps on the east side of

Brotherhood at the Junipero Serra/Highway 1 exchange. DPW made this project a priority and completed it before the winter rains came, giving pedestrians a safe passageway on both sides of Brotherhood Way.

In year three, originally neighborhood residents discussed plans to have a pedestrian signal placed at the intersection of Alemany-St. Charles-Palmetto, where numerous pedestrians have been hit by vehicles and one fatality occurred. METNA officers met with an MTA planner at the intersection to discuss improvements. It was explained that federal mandates prohibit any pedestrian signal at stop sign intersections. Other minor improvements have been recommended, and are waiting to be implemented.

Now in year three, neighborhood residents are recommending that lights be placed on the Brotherhood Way underpass at Junipero Serra/Hwy. 1, under another Vision Zero pedestrian safety project. The much needed lights will give pedestrians an illuminated walkway in an isolated area, both at nighttime and in inclement weather, helping pedestrians, cyclists and motorists navigate the now darkened area.

METNA wishes to thank District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee, his staff, and especially Mattias Mormino, for their support for the participatory budget process for projects throughout District 7. A special thank you is extended to Director Mohammed Nuru of DPW and his staff for their excellent response in providing a safe pedestrian passageway along Brotherhood Way.

METNA looks forward to SFMTA fabricating and having the radar speed detection devices installed in a timely manner.

COMING TO METNA

As noted on page one, the METNA quarterly meeting will begin at 6:00pm with a special one-hour presentation by Liz Brisson and Kelley McCoy of SFMTA providing the latest information on the 19th Avenue/M-Oceanview Realignment Project, now in the Environmental Impact phase. New information regarding the proposals of where and how the project will look will be presented. This will be an excellent opportunity for members of the community to ask questions and provide feedback on the proposals. SFMTA Executive Director/CEO Ed Reiskin will also be present by 7:00pm to give an overview of the realignment project and discuss Muni Forward Projects planned for the neighborhood and for the City. A short question and answer session will follow.

Supervisor Norman Yee and his staff have been invited to give residents a chance to hear and ask questions regarding District 7 affairs. METNA also wishes to thank two former staff members who left the District 7 office in the past few months, Olivia Scanlon and Mattias Mormino.

Taraval Station Police Captain Denise Flaherty and/or a lieutenant will be on hand to give a status report on crime in the Taraval District and take concerns from neighbors.

Also invited to attend is Scott Oswald of 311, who will give an overview of the 311 City Services Center operation and give information on the numerous ways to contact 311.

**ELDERCOLLEGE AT SFSU
--FOR PERSONS OVER 50
YEARS OF AGE--**

SFMTA UNVEILS MUNI MOBILE APPLICATION

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) launched a new alternative to the Clipper Card to pay Muni fares. Called Muni Mobile, riders can now use a smart phone to pay Muni fares. During an 18-month test program that began in late November, the Muni Mobile app is free and works on iPhones and Android phones.

Muni riders can purchase single ride fares, as well as one, three, or seven-day passports directly by using the phone application. Muni riders create an account, choose the type of rider—regular adult, youth, senior, disabled, or paratransit—then choose the type of fare, single fare—bus, metro, or cable car—or the passport. The rider then goes to checkout and can pay by using a debit or credit card, or through PayPal. The credited app then appears on the screen of the phone to show that the person has a valid, current fare.

The new Muni app does not have a FastPass accommodation yet. Riders will have to continue to use their Clipper Card. The Clipper Card is still the best system to currently use since it is accepted on all Bay Area transit agencies, including Muni and BART.

The Eldercollege program at San Francisco State gives people over the age of 50 the opportunity to take any regular university course on a space available, audit basis with instructor approval. This program is offered during the spring, summer, and fall semesters. The cost of the program is \$55 per semester. Those enrolled participate in courses without being officially enrolled or graded. You do not have to take tests or turn in papers, but you should attend every class, participate in class discussions and ask questions. Class schedules and course descriptions are available on SFSU's website,

<http://www.sfsu.edu/online/clssch.htm>.

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and 19 minutes. CalTrain from Millbrae to Santa Clara costs \$7.25 (with a discount fare of \$3.50). There will be a CalTrain fare increase, perhaps of 50 cents, for this segment, as early as February 28th. The BART fares reflect the January 1, 2016 increases.

At Santa Clara the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) provides a free 10 minute shuttle via Airport Flyer #10. Depending upon connections and service on CalTrain allow 2 to 3 hours traveling time from Daly City to San Jose International

Airport. Check time schedules prior to planning your trip.

A Clipper Card can be used on each segment. All fares are subject to change. To get precise schedules pick up a BART brochure and a CalTrain timetable or call 511 for further information. CalTrain can be reached at 1-800-660-4287 and VTA at 1-800-894-9908.

On a side note, the BART Oakland Airport connector has been a success with daily ridership on the one year old 3-car tram averaging 3,300 passengers a day, according to BART and airport officials.

BUSINESS OF THE ISSUE**CHASE (JP MORGAN CHASE BANK)
3981 Alemany Blvd.**

Branch Manager: Kwong Mark
Phone: 650-994-4992
Service Line: 800-935-9935
Online Banking: 877-242-7372
Hours: M-F: 9:00am-6:00pm,
Sat. 9:00am-4:00pm

Chase opened its doors at OceanView Village on December 5, 2011. Chase is a full service financial institution with access to over 16,000 ATMs and 5,500 branches nationwide.

Services offered include: various checking and savings accounts. With advanced banking technology they offer: Chase Mobile App, Chase Quick Deposit, Chase Quick Pay, Online Banking, Online Bill Pay, Text Banking, and more. Their portfolio includes: Credit Cards, Business Banking, Certificates of Deposit, Auto Loans, Mortgages, Home Equity Lines of Credit, as well as investment banking.

Chase ATMs are available 24-hours a day. You may visit: chase.com/MyChase to learn more of the services offered.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**MUNI'S 28R-19th AVE. BUS TO STOP AT
ALEMANY & ARCH IN APRIL**

SFMTA has announced that they will place a bus stop for the 28-Rapid line, both inbound and outbound at Arch and Alemany at the precise spots where the 26-Valencia used to stop over a decade ago.

METNA president Marc Christensen has been requesting this stop for close to two years once it was revealed that the 28R line would terminate at the Balboa BART station rather than the Daly City BART station under the MTA's Muni Forward program. Originally MTA planned to bypass the Merced Extension Triangle traveling along Brotherhood Way with no planned stop. Christensen states, "The key to the stop is that residents

of the Merced Extension Triangle, especially residents of OceanView Village will have a convenient way to travel to San Francisco State and beyond northbound along 19th Avenue, and directly to Balboa BART eastbound. Retail businesses will now be served as well." The regular 28-19th Avenue line will continue to stop at Daly City BART.

**GUARDRAIL ALONG 280/JOHN DALY
BLVD. EXIT**

CalTrans has just stated that a contract for the K-rail placement along the John Daly Blvd. exit of 280, adjacent to OceanView Village and Niantic, has been awarded. Work could begin within the next few months weather permitting. More details on this will appear in the May newsletter.

METNA REMINDER**HAZARDOUS WASTE**

To dispose of hazardous waste material call 3-1-1. Also, you may call Recology-Sunset Scavenger at 415-330-1300 for residential services. San Francisco residents can also call 415-355-3777 to schedule a pickup or take away unwanted paint, oil, or other chemicals to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at SF Recycling and Disposal. It is currently open on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8:00am to 4:00pm and is located at 501 Tunnel Avenue, at Blanken Avenue, a few blocks east of Old Bayshore Blvd. For more information visit www.sfhazwaste.com.

Free disposal of household batteries and fluorescent lights can be dropped off at various locations throughout San Francisco. The closest location to the MET is Papenhausen Hardware, located at 32 West Portal Avenue, between Ulloa and Vicente. Call 415-681-6717. Always call the drop off site first to find out if there are any restrictions or special instructions for the items you wish to bring to the site.

SECURE YOUR VEHICLE—PREVENT AUTO THEFT

Last year saw a significant rise in auto break-ins in San Francisco. The San Francisco Police Department, San Francisco SAFE, and METNA want to help reduce the chance of vehicle break-ins and vehicle theft. Be safe and smart by securing your vehicle. Do not make your vehicle an attractive target.

Here are some tips to minimize the chance of being targeted:

- Try to park in a well lit and busy area. Avoid isolated areas if possible.
- Do not leave ANY personal or valuable items inside a vehicle, especially electronic devices, garage door openers, briefcases, or backpacks.
- Lock all valuables inside the trunk BEFORE arriving at your destination.
- Lock all doors and roll up all windows.
- If your car is not equipped with an alarm system, use an anti theft device such as a "club" on your steering wheel.
- Removable stereo systems should never be left in a vehicle.
- GPS mapping devices --dash or windshield mounted-- should never be left in a vehicle when parked.
- FasTrak toll devices should not be visible on windshield, dashboard, or in a tray when a vehicle is parked. Use Velcro mounting tape to easily place and remove the toll device.
- Report all break-ins and theft to the San Francisco Police Department at 415-553-0123, at any district police station, or online at www.sf-police.org. Provide police with the make/model, year and license plate of your car.
- Call 9-1-1 if you see someone tampering with a vehicle or if any crime is in progress. Make accounts and descriptions as detailed as possible.