

The METNA News

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STILL WAITING FOR A SUPERMARKET AT OCEANVIEW VILLAGE

Albertsons LLC, owned by Cerberus Capital Management, continues to pay an estimated \$100,000 a month keeping the supermarket retail space at OceanView Village (OVV) closed. In late January, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) gave the final approval for the merger of Albertsons' owner Cerberus with Safeway to operate as a New York private equity firm. What this means for the retail space at OceanView Village remains uncertain. What is certain is that the space has remained vacant since October, 2013 and there is no intention on their part of having Safeway open a store at the site. The Albertsons lease at OVV runs until 2027.

To supposedly "pressure competition" in the grocery market industry by the FTC, Cerberus agreed to sell 168 stores in eight states. Most of the stores will be purchased by Hagen Food and Drug based in Oregon. Again, what this means for the OVV site remains unclear. There has been talk about dividing the 41,000 square space into two retail spaces, but nothing is firm yet. There also has been interest in both divided spaces for at least the past eight months, but still no firm offer has been accepted.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Streets in San Francisco are named after people, places, locations, things and various "other names." Streets often have their names changed after a period of years. The curious selection is not the name but the designation. Did you know that in San Francisco thoroughfares carry the following designations with sometimes no rhyme or reason: alley, avenue, boulevard, circle, court, drive, heights, highway, lane, loop, place, plaza, road, row, street, terrace, walk, and way? Some designations are obvious while others bring up questions.

The Merced Extension Triangle has some common designations and some that, perhaps, defy logic. Why is Kempton listed as an avenue, when it is not even a through street? Why isn't Palmetto Avenue listed as Upper Palmetto and Lower Palmetto for clarification, since the avenue has a break between the 400 block and the 600 block?

At the intersection of Alemany and Arch/Worcester, to the north of Alemany is Arch Street, and to the south for one block is Worcester Avenue. The same is true of Niantic/Belle. To the east of St. Charles Avenue you will find Niantic Avenue and to the west it is Belle Avenue.

And name changes: Brotherhood Way was originally Stanley Drive (there is still a Stanley Street), and Niantic Avenue was originally Schiller Street. There is also Panama Street which is anything but a street. It is for all intents and purposes an alley or terrace, and along with Bright Street could be designated as a court, place, or plaza.

METNA MEETING

Tuesday, May 12, 2015
7:00 pm Palmetto Meeting Hall
640 Palmetto Avenue

Invited Guests

Norman Yee, Supervisor
SF Board of Supervisors, District 7

Mark Farrell, Supervisor
SF Board of Supervisors, District 2

Bevan Dufty, Director
Housing, Opportunity, Partnerships &
Engagement (HOPE)

Daniel Rosiak, Homeless Outreach
Officer, Taraval Police Station

Jared Giarrusso, Associate Director
Community Relations, S.F. State Univ.

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

ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME

METNA-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, 2015. All numbers are area code 415, unless otherwise noted.

Please let your editor know if you would like any additional numbers added.

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, 9:30a-5:00p)

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 and Vacant Buildings: 558-6634

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

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 Code Enforcement: 558-6088

Building, Illegal Construction, completed: (Housing Inspection) 558-6220

Building, Illegal Construction, in progress: (Building Inspection) 558-6096

Building permits: 558-6070

Car Towing: 553-1235

Cars, Abandoned 311, or 781-5865

Cars Blocking Driveways/Parked on Sidewalk: 553-1200

Child crisis hotline: 970-3800

City Attorney, Hotline (incl. code enforcement): 554-3977

Clipper Card, registration/information: 877-878-8883

Curb/Pavement markings, replace faded or damaged: 311

Curb ramp at crosswalk, repair: 311 or 557-4685

Dept. of Health Code Enforcement: 252-3805

Dept. of Parking & Traffic: 553-1943

Dept. of Public Health/Bureau of Environmental Health Management 252-3800

Dept. of Public Works, Emergency Services: 311, or 695-2020

District Attorney, Victim services: 553-9044

Domestic Violence services: 877-503-1850; National hotline: 800-799-7233

Drug Dealing, street: 553-0123

Drunks on Street, non-medical/non-violent, 24 hrs: 431-7400

Drunks on Street: violent/medical emergency: 911

Emergency Services, Office of Disaster Preparedness: 558-2700

Flooded streets, during storms, SFPUC: 695-2096

Fire Department, Non-emergency: 861-8000 or 558-3300

Gang Task Force, M-F, 9:am-5:pm: 553-1401

Garbage pickup/ Trash not emptied (Sunset Scavenger/Recology): 330-1300

Garbage Service Complaints: 252-3872, or 252-3874

Graffiti, Police Report Hotline: 278-9454

Graffiti Removal, Public/Private: 311

Hazardous Materials: 311; pick-up: (8:00am-6:30pm, Wed-Sat): 355-3777, or 330-1405

Home Water Supply Emergencies: 923-2400

Homeless Outreach Team, (SFHOT) 24-hour service line: 734-4233

Illegal Dumping: 311, or 695-2017, after hours 695-2020

METNA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

METNA MEETING SCHEDULE

7:00 pm Palmetto Meeting Hall,

(640 Palmetto Avenue)

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Tuesday, August 11, 2015

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

3rd Tuesday of each month @ Taraval Station,

2345 24th Avenue, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 7:00 pm

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 7:00 pm

Tuesday July 21, 2015 @M&L Ward Rec. Cntr,

650 Capitol Ave. 6:00 pm

OCEANVIEW VILLAGE HOA MEETING

7:00 pm @ OceanView Village HOA Office

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

TARAVALPOLICE STATION

Website: www.taraval.org

NERT TRAINING—Free Training, 6 sessions

St. Francis Episcopal Church

399 San Fernando Way @ Ocean Ave.

June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29—early evenings

Sign up: (415) 970-2022 or www.sfgov.org/sfnert

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Illegally Parked Vehicle Reporting: 553-1200
 Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice: 554-6560
 Mosquito activity, reporting: 252-3806
 Muni Information, Complaints, Commendations, Lost & Found: 311, or 673-6864
 Muni Bus Shelters, Broken glass, Graffiti, Signs missing/not working: 510-835-5900
 Municipal Transportation Agency, Customer Service Center: 701-3000, or 554-500
 Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT): Lt. Erica Arteseros, 970-2022
 Noise, quality of life (loud music/parties, barking dogs, etc) Police non-emergency: 553-0123
 Noise, from street construction: (legal from 7:00am-6:30pm, plus emergencies) DPW: 554-5810
 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
 Parks, maintenance and safety: 311, or 831-2748
 Public parking information; SFPark, Text: 877877
 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
 SAFE BIKES information/registration: 553-1968
 SFPD Tip Line: 575-4444; Text a Tip: 847411 (Tip 411)
 SF SAFE: 673-7233 or 553-1982
 Senior care: 664-9991
 Sewer Repair Complaints: 311, or 695-2096
 Signs, traffic or street, missing or damaged: 311, or 554-9785
 Spare the Air Alert: 877-460-2876
 Street Light Maintenance or Repair: 311, or 554-0730,
 after 4:30pm /weekends/holidays: 311, or 558-3265
 Street & Sidewalk Repair Complaints: 311; or sidewalk repairs: 554-5810 (8a-5p)
 Street Trees, Maintenance, or removal of damaged/fallen: 311
 Suicide Prevention: 24 hours, 781-0500
 Supervisor Norman Yee, District 7: 554-6516
 Taraval Police Station—Curtis Lum, Captain
 Taraval Captain's Clerk: 759-3113
 Taraval Lieutenant's Office: (Day and Night Platoon Commanders: 759-3102
 Tip Line (Gambling, House of prostitution, Marijuana grow house,
 Illegal activity): 553-3196
 Traffic Signal Repair, broken/malfunctioning: 311, or 550-2736
 Trash/hazardous waste on private property, M-F, 8:am-5:pm:
 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: Excessive Litter; Graffiti Removal,
 Illegal Dumping; Emergency Tree Problems, Public Property
 Maintenance Issues.

**NEW SENIOR CENTER OPENED
IN DISTRICT 7**

Self Help for the Elderly has opened a senior center at the West Portal Playground Clubhouse, at 131 Lenox Way, above the West Portal of the Twin Peaks Tunnel. The center, opened in February with the support of District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee, serves the greater District 7 community with a variety of activities and social programs geared toward seniors. Current hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 2:00pm. Monthly activity calendars are available in English and Chinese. For more information on activities call 415-753-7038 during operating hours.

**GUESTS AT THE MAY 12TH
METNA MEETING**

Making a presentation at the May 12th METNA neighborhood meeting will be District 2 Supervisor Mark Farrell. He will discuss GreenFinanceSF, San Francisco's just launched Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program. PACE programs allow qualified property owners to obtain accessible, affordable, long-term financing for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation improvements, and to repay it through their property tax bills.

Also attending the METNA Meeting will be Bevan Dufty, Director of Housing, Opportunity, Partnerships and Engagement (HOPE). Bevan will speak about the new Navigation Center at 1950 Mission Street, that will provide services such as counselors, laundry services, showers, meals, and bungalows, to no more than 75 homeless people at a time. He will also discuss the homeless situation in San Francisco in general, and how the City is providing a host of services to those in need. Also invited to attend the meeting is Daniel Rosiak, the Homeless Outreach Officer for the Taraval Police District.

METNA现在提供《METNA通讯》的中文版本。翻译成中文的《METNA通讯》将呈现在网上，并可以通过E mail信箱watsoclark@comcast.net与METNA秘书TerryWatsonc联络，索取免费的中文版本。

The translated METNA News appears online and can be obtained free of charge by contacting METNA secretary Terry Watson at <watsoclark@comcast.net>.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

SEWER REPLACEMENT ON ALEMANY AT BRIGHT

The Department of Public Works replaced a sewer line on Bright Street at Alemany, in March. More sewer line work is scheduled along parts of the 3400 block of Alemany in the next six months. When the work is complete a further segment of the roadway on the south side of Alemany will be resurfaced through the Brotherhood-Orizaba-Sagamore intersection.

SISTERHOOD FARMS AT BROTHERHOOD AND ARCH

The proposed "Sisterhood Farms" along the north side of Brotherhood Way at Arch St. has had several community meetings over the past few months to discuss a number of issues to move the community garden forward.

The multi-agency collaboration with the Department of Public Works, owner of the land, along with the Recreation and Park Department, the Parks Alliance, District 11 Supervisor John Avalos and interested area community leaders, including METNA's Marc Christensen, Glen Hatakeyama, and Glenn Rogers, are working on various volunteer roles of the planning stages. Moving forward, a vision will be created involving communication, promotion, fundraising, governance, design and construction.

If neighbors are interested in participating in this community project, contact <http://sisterhoodfarms.com>.

WALKWAY ALONG BROTHERHOOD WAY

The Brotherhood Way Pedestrian Walkway Improvement Project, sponsored by METNA, and endorsed by many individuals and groups within District 7, was part of the Participatory Budgeting Process in Supervisor Norman Yee's District. The walkway will replace a dangerous dirt and rock pathway from the St. Charles Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway westward to Thomas More Way. The project was voted upon by citizens in District 7, in early April, and will now be a project forwarded on to the Department of Public Works (DPW) for approval, funding, and construction. With direction from METNA, working with DPW, it is hoped that the walkway will be constructed within the next ten

months. A special thank you is extended to all District 7 residents who voted for this and other worthy District 7 projects.

MUNI'S 17-PARKMERCED BECOMES #57

SFMTA has changed the Parkmerced bus route from #17 to #57. Also, the 28L-19th Avenue line becomes 28R-19th Avenue, denoting R "Rapid" rather than L "Limited." More information on the route changes will be given in future METNA News articles.

PINE TREES REMOVED ALONG PANAMA STREET; AT J.SERRA & ALEMANY

In February, the Department of Public Works removed the tall pine trees along Panama Street that were in various stages of stress and dying. The removal is the beginning of a planned renovation of the street. The planter boxes along the north side of the street will be removed, a new curb will be installed, new trees will be planted, and the street will be resurfaced with asphalt. A reminder that there is no parking allowed on either side of Panama Street as the street must remain clear for emergency vehicles at all times. In March, the largest pine tree in the neighborhood at Junipero Serra and Alemany had to be removed as it too succumbed to disease and died. Planted around 1950 when the overpass was constructed, the stately pine tree served as the south-western gateway to the neighborhood for over 60 years.

A CLEANUP ALONG UPPER PALMETTO

At METNA's request, a joint effort between CalTrans and the SF Department of Public Works has resulted in a major cleanup along upper Palmetto, from Oceanview Terrace to Head Street, during late March and April. Work crews cleared brush, cut back tree branches that overhung the fence line, and removed trash that had accumulated over a long period of time. METNA has also requested that CalTrans clear dead trees, fallen branches and trash along the 280/John Daly Blvd. exit to the fence line at OceanView Village and along Niantic Avenue. It is anticipated that the area will be cleared within the month of May.

The long anticipated guardrail along the same stretch of the John Daly Blvd. exit behind OceanView Village has been designed. The project will go out to bid later this year. The installation of this much needed safety measure is currently scheduled for spring or summer 2016.

BUSINESS OF THE ISSUE

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Alemany Dental accepts all PPO dental insurance policies such as Cigna, Metlife, and Delta Dental. Dr. Chad Lyew and his team will make sure each patient has the smile of a lifetime. The Merced Extension Triangle is very fortunate to have a top quality dentist in our neighborhood.

METNA REMINDER

**SIDEWALKS (Sec. 706, PWC)
OWNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR—**
Under Section 706 of the Public Works Code in San Francisco, property owners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of sidewalks with frontage on their property. "Failure of the owner to maintain the sidewalks and sidewalk area as set forth in this Section also shall constitute a public nuisance." This relates to trash, cracked sidewalks and missing sewer vent covers that can create a tripping hazard and collect debris.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) strongly encourages property owners to keep their sidewalks clean and clear of tripping hazards as soon as possible in order to avoid fines and prevent pedestrian injuries that they may be responsible for and lead to litigation.