

# The METNA News

Newsletter of the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association

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## 57-PARKMERCED MUNI LINE NOW SERVES DALY CITY BART

On September 26<sup>th</sup> Muni expanded its 57-Parkmerced bus line to include service both inbound and outbound at the Daly City BART station. This service means that residents of the Merced Extension Triangle now have a direct service on the 57-Parkmerced to five shopping destinations. Outbound, the 57 now serves the Lakeshore Plaza shopping center, with a stop on Junipero Serra at Palmetto (where the 28 bus shelter stop is), with its terminal currently two blocks west of the Plaza on Sloat, at the bridge over Sunset Blvd. (just west of 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue). Plans are in the works to have the 57 continue to directly stop in front of Lakeshore Plaza, within the next six months. Currently there is a 10-minute layover at the Sloat and Sunset terminal. Inbound, the 57-line travels from Daly City BART northbound on Junipero Serra Blvd, with a stop at Junipero Serra and Palmetto, then on through Parkmerced, serving Stonestown, Lakeside Village, and West Portal shopping areas. There is also a stop at Font and Cambon serving the Parkmerced shopping center, just five minutes away. The inbound terminus is at West Portal and Ulloa, at the West Portal of the Twin Peaks Tunnel. There is a ten minute layover there, also.

The confusing aspect of the line for residents of the MET lies with the stops at Daly City BART, and at Junipero Serra and Palmetto. Since the 57 stops at both locations while traveling inbound and outbound a passenger has to make sure that he or she is getting on the correct bus. Do not rely on the bus sign, which could be misleading or incorrect. At Daly City BART, the inbound bus stop (heading toward West Portal) is at the curb on the east side of the station where the 28-19<sup>th</sup> Avenue bus stop is located. The outbound bus stop (heading toward Lakeshore Plaza, via Brotherhood, John Muir Drive) is located to the east of the station and east of the inbound bus stop, at the island.

If you are boarding at Junipero Serra and Palmetto, both the inbound and outbound busses stop there. You need to ask the driver in which direction the bus is traveling so that you do not inadvertently get on the wrong bus. Again, do not entirely rely on the bus signage.

From Daly City BART, the **inbound** bus route travels (cont'd on page 4)

### RESILIENT MERCED EXTENSION TRIANGLE IS PART OF THE SOUTHWEST RESILIENT COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

In April, 2015, the Empowered Communities Program (ECP), an initiative of San Francisco's City Administrator's Office, brought neighborhood organizations together, including the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association (METNA), to create a community Resilience Action Plan (RAP). Community resilience refers to a community's ability to recover quickly and function well in the wake of a major disaster. It goes beyond the two elements of disaster resilience—preparedness and response—to include mitigation, restoration, and recovery. Out of several meetings

with stakeholders along the Brotherhood Way Corridor a partnership of community organizations now known as the Southwest Resilient Community Alliance has been formed. Within the group is METNA's Resilient Merced Extension Triangle Resilience Action Plan Development Program. METNA member volunteers met in September and October looking at asset mapping and hazard analysis, goal setting, and creating an action plan specific to the Merced Extension Triangle neighborhood. The ECP program management team will now (cont'd on page 3)

#### ELECTION DAY:

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

Registered voters of the Merced Extension Triangle can vote at Precinct 9756 on **Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00am to 8:00pm, at 3809 Alemany Blvd.**, located between Worcester and Ramsell.

#### METNA MEETING

Tuesday, November 10, 2015  
7:00pm, Palmetto Meeting Hall  
640 Palmetto Avenue  
(between St. Charles and Chester)

#### Invited Guests

Norman Yee, Supervisor  
SF Board of Supervisors, District 7

Carmen Chu, Recorder-Assessor  
City & County of San Francisco

Fiona Ma, CPA  
California Board of Equalization, Dist.2

Liz Brisson, Urban Planning Initiatives  
Kelley McCoy, Public Relations Officer  
SFMTA

Denise Flaherty, Captain  
Taraval Police Station

Joaquin Torres, Deputy Director, and  
Marianne Thompson, Mayor's Office  
of Economic and Workforce Development

Natalie Chen, Public  
Information Officer, SFPD

**ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME**

## HOLIDAY SEASON BRINGS ADDED FIRE DANGER

According to the San Francisco Fire Department, the year-end holiday season—Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, and New Year's—coincides with the heating season. Combined with the use of decorative lights, candles, and parties where people perhaps drink and smoke, increases the likelihood of a fire. The most important thing to be "fire safe" is to plan for fire safety for the upcoming holiday season. METNA would like to extend to you and your family a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

### Heating hazards

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from stoves, fire places, space heaters, and portable heaters.
- Have furnace installations and all chimneys inspected and cleaned once a year before the heating season begins or whenever you suspect a problem.

### Space heaters

- Keep space heaters and portable heaters at least three feet away from walls.
- Always use the proper fluid for liquid-fuel heaters. Be sure they are vented properly, and always refill them only in well ventilated areas when they are cool.

### Fireplaces

- Keep fireplace fires small, and always use a fireplace screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room.
- Do not leave small children alone in a room with a fireplace lit.
- Never burn trash or paper in a fireplace. Burning paper can float up into the chimney, onto the roof, or into the yard and start a fire.
- Do not leave a house or go to bed with a fire still burning in the fireplace.
- Remove ashes into a metal container when cold and store them outside.
- Do not use the fireplace on "Spare The Air Days." It is illegal.

### Electric lights

- Do not use, and throw away any set of lights that have cracked or frayed cords or damaged sockets.
- Do not overload electrical outlets or run extension cords under carpets, across doorways, or near heaters.
- Unplug all decorative lights before leaving your home or going to bed.
- Never use electrical lights on a metal Christmas tree.

### Candles

- Put candles in non-tip candle holders and light candles only when they are securely in their holders.
- Never burn candles near a Christmas tree, decorations, or displays.
- Keep candles well away from curtains, shades, and other combustibles.
- Never put candles near windows or exits.
- Do not leave candles unattended or within the reach of small children.
- Extinguish all candles before you leave a room or go to bed.

### Christmas trees

- Select a fresh tree and prior to bringing it into the house, shake the tree to remove dead needles and dust.
- Saw off about 1 inch from the bottom of the tree and trim the branches so there is about 8 to 12 inches clearance from the floor to the lowest branch.
- Place the tree in a sturdy stand with a water bowl and fill it to the rim with fresh water each day to reduce the risk of a tree drying out.
- Place the tree in an area that is away from any heat source: fireplaces, heater vents, televisions, or direct sunlight.
- If a tree does become dry or brittle remove it from the house to a safe area outside.
- Check to see when Recology/Sunset Scavenger is scheduled to pick up trees for recycling, and then place it at curbside for pickup. Call if the tree is not picked up.

**Call 9-1-1 at the first sign of a fire that is out of control**

## METNA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### METNA MEETING SCHEDULE

7:00pm Palmetto Meeting Hall

640 Palmetto Avenue

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

### POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

Currently 3rd Wednesday of each month

@ Taraval Police Station, 2345 -24<sup>th</sup> Avenue,

Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 16, 2015, 7:00 pm

\*Wednesday, January, 20, 2016, 6:00 pm

\*@ M&L Ward Rec. Center, 650 Capitol Avenue

### OCEANVIEW VILLAGE HOA MEETING

7:00pm @ OceanView Village HOA Office

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

### TARAVAL POLICE STATION

**WEBSITE** [www.taraval.org](http://www.taraval.org)

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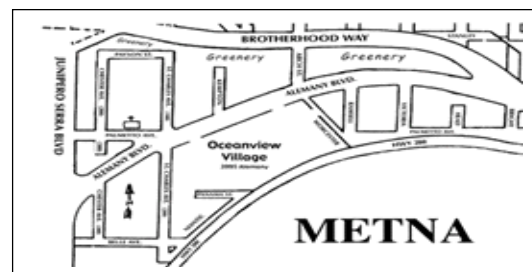
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synthesize the action plan and craft a preliminary list of unifying goals and objectives that will be incorporated in the Southwest Resilient Community Alliance action plan.

Moving forward community leaders will work collectively to create a community Resilience Action Plan, establish an infrastructure to guide its implementation, evaluate the RAP on an annual basis, and update various dimensions of the program as needed.



**New Brotherhood Way sidewalk**

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

### HERTZ NOW OPEN AT OCEANVIEW VILLAGE

Hertz opened its doors for business at OceanView Village on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

There is now a neighborhood car rental company serving the community. Hertz offers complimentary pickup and drop-off service from private residences or businesses. Located at 3911 Alemany Blvd, Suite 1003, between Alemany Dental and Subway, Hertz is open from 7:00am to 5:00pm on Monday thru Friday, and currently closed on Saturday and Sunday. There are plans to expand the hours of operation. The Hertz office can be reached at 650-994-1192.

### ONGOING MEETINGS REGARDING AIR & SOIL SAMPLES

Meetings will soon take place again regarding air and soil sample monitoring for the Parkmerced project. We hope to have a representative from the Public Health Department meet with the METNA president and vice-president along with Parkmerced developers to plan for the ongoing air and soil monitoring. After this next meeting, we will then hold a meeting with all the stakeholders in the surrounding neighborhoods that will hopefully finalize a plan for monitoring during Parkmerced's 30 year demolition and reconstruction.

### SISTERHOOD FARMS AT BROTHERHOOD AND ARCH

Currently in the preliminary design phase, Sisterhood Farms planning continues to move forward. There will be more to report in upcoming editions

### RADAR DETECTION INTERACTIVE SIGNS ON ALEMANY

A meeting was held on Alemany Blvd, with METNA officers Marc Christensen, Glen Hatakeyama, and Steve Heide, along with Mattias Mormino from Supervisor Norman Yee's office and a representative of SFMTA to discuss the placement of the interactive radar speed signs along Alemany Blvd. The suggested spots for the signs on Alemany Boulevard are east bound on the median between Ramsell and Victoria, and west bound on the north sidewalk of Alemany near the Victoria intersection, for the best visual sight lines and traffic calming location. We wait for SFMTA to place the signs at these locations within the next few months.

### WALKWAY ALONG BROTHERHOOD WAY

The San Francisco Department of Public Works (SFPDWP), on October 1<sup>st</sup>, began working on a concrete walkway along the south side of Brotherhood Way, from Thomas More Way to St. Charles Avenue. The new walkway now connects with previous paved walkways to the west and east, along with putting in eight curb ramps at the various intersections along the route. A partial cost for this project came from District 7 Participatory Budget funding thanks to Supervisor Norman Yee's Office and District 7 residents who voted to fund this pedestrian safety project. We also wish to thank SFPDWP Director Mohammed Nuru for making this project a priority under the pedestrian safety program Vision Zero.

### Coming to the METNA Meeting

Carmen Chu, Assessor-Recorder for the City and County of San Francisco, has been invited to address neighbors on the duties of her job, to explain how property tax in San Francisco is determined from the assessed value, and to answer questions regarding property taxes and the recording of all public documents.

Also invited is Fiona Ma, former Speaker pro Tempore of the California State Assembly and currently District 2 member of the California Board of Equalization, representing 23 counties, including San Francisco, and stretching from Del Norte and Humboldt to the north and to Santa Barbara in the south. She will explain and answer questions related to the Board of Equalization.

Supervisor Norman Yee is scheduled to attend to give residents an update on projects and issues affecting District 7 and the City as a whole. He will also elaborate on his ongoing Participatory Budgeting for District 7 residents.

Joaquin Torres will give an update on dealing with the vacant leaseholders, Albertsons/Safeway, and Walgreens at OceanView Village, as Deputy Director of the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development. A member of his office, Marianne Thompson, will discuss a new citywide campaign—Shop and Dine in the 49, a local initiative to focus on shopping and utilizing services within our neighborhoods. The goal of the campaign is to encourage residents and visitors to shop locally and to experience local restaurants, events and cultural institutions.

Liz Brisson, and Kelley McCoy, both of SFMTA, will give a brief update on the 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue/M- Ocean View realignment project. They will return in February to give complete details of the status of the project.

Natalie Chen, Public Information Officer at DPW, has requested to address concerns from neighbors regarding the visibility of garbage receptacles in the neighborhood.

Daniel Homsey, from the Empowered Communities Program, will give a brief follow up to two neighborhood Resilient Planning meetings held in the MET in September and October, with an eye on the EPC Community Resilient Summit to be held at City Hall in December.

**Join METNA**

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R-John Daly, R- Junipero Serra, R-on-ramp to Brotherhood (west), R-Chumasero, L-Font (through Parkmerced), R-Lake Merced, R- Winston, R-Buckingham, L-20<sup>th</sup> Ave (through Stonestown), R-Eucalyptus , L-Junipero Serra (at Ocean), R- West Portal, to terminal at West Portal Station. The approximate times to Stonestown (west side: 11 minutes) east side is 14 minutes. Travel time to Lakeside Village (at Ocean Avenue) is 19 minutes, and to West Portal and Ulloa is 24 minutes.

From West Portal, the **outbound** bus route travels via West Portal, L-15<sup>th</sup> Ave, R- Portola, L-Junipero Serra, R- Eucalyptus, L-20<sup>th</sup> Ave., R-Buckingham (south of mall), L-Winston, L-Lake Merced Blvd., L- Font, R-Chumasero, L-Brotherhood, R-on-ramp to Junipero Serra , exit John Daly Blvd. east, R- John Daly, L-Delong, L-Niantic, L-“Bus Only” lane, unload at island. The approximate times to Daly City BART from West Portal is 26 minutes, from Lakeside Village is 20 minutes, and from Stonestown is 14 minutes.

From Daly City BART, the **outbound** bus route travels R-John Daly, R- Junipero Serra, R-off-ramp to Brotherhood (west), L-Lake Merced, R- John Muir, R-Skyline, R-Sloat to terminal at Sloat and Sunset. The approximate time from Daly City BART to south-east side of Lake Merced is 4 minutes, and to the terminal two blocks west of Lakeshore Plaza, on Sloat, is 10 minutes.

From the terminal west of Lakeshore Plaza, the **inbound** bus route travels via Sloat, R-on-ramp to northbound Sunset, R-Yorba, R-36<sup>th</sup> Ave., R- Sloat, L-Skyline, R-Herbst, R-Skyline, L-John Muir, L-Lake Merced, R-Brotherhood, R-on-ramp to Junipero Serra, exit John Daly Blvd. east, R- John Daly, L-Delong, L-Niantic, L-“Bus Only” lane, unload at curbside. The approximate time from the terminal two blocks west of Lakeshore Plaza to the Daly City BART station is 15 minutes, and from the south-east side of Lake Merced to Daly City BART is 6 minutes.

All travel times are approximate mid-day, weekday times. Add several minutes to the peak morning and evening commute times. Buses are scheduled to run at 20-minute intervals.

Currently there is no bus stop inbound at Brotherhood and Thomas More. METNA is requesting that SFMTA place a bus stop on the south-west corner to serve the residents of Alma Via, plus the students of St. Thomas More Elementary, and the worshippers of St. Thomas More Church. It would also serve as a stop for Merced Extension Triangle residents and visitors who wish to walk up the south side of Brotherhood on the new walkway being placed there by SFDPW.

## SECURE YOUR VEHICLE – PREVENT AUTO THEFT

Auto break-ins have been on the rise in San Francisco during the past year. Be safe and smart by securing your vehicle. Do not make your vehicle an attractive target.

*Auto theft prevention tips:*

- Older vehicles are being targeted more often because they are easier to break into, especially those without alarms. If you have an older model vehicle consider securing your vehicle with an anti theft device, such as a steering wheel club.
- Vehicles are targeted that have valuables showing. Remove all valuables from your car, especially when parked in shopping areas, and when parked on the street overnight.
- File a police report if your car has been broken into and/or stolen. This is important to show the police department where trends are occurring and to identify neighborhoods that need additional police patrols.

## METNA NEWS – CHINESE TRANSLATION

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

## BUSINESS OF THE ISSUE

### 24 HOUR FITNESS SUPER SPORT

3951 Alemany Blvd.

**Manager: Todd Shypertt**

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**Hours: Mon-Fri.: 5:00am-11:00pm**

**Sat-Sun: 7:00am-9:00pm**

24 Hour Fitness – Alemany opened on December 21<sup>st</sup>, at OceanView Village. They offer a variety of functional state of the art training equipment as well as group classes, ranging from Silver Sneakers, Spin, Body Pump, to Zumba, with many other options. Todd Shypertt states, “Our purpose is to help members achieve what they truly want in health. We have a team of personal trainers who can help members focus on what is important, and to assist them in their fitness journey.”

Todd is offering non-members who read this a free “3-day pass” to visit 24 Hour Fitness Super Sport at OceanView Village, to sample the programs and classes offered. Ask for Todd Shypertt when you arrive.

## METNA REMINDERS

**NEIGHBORS ARE COMPLAINING—  
GARBAGE BINS LEFT OUTSIDE ALL WEEK  
Public Works Code 170(a)**

Neighborhood residents have been complaining about neighbors who leave their trash receptacles out in public view on non pick-up days in violation of Public Works Code 170(a). The code reads: “Garbage receptacles are allowed on the sidewalk after 6:00pm prior to the scheduled collection days (in our case, Monday morning) and must be brought behind the property line and **hidden from public view** within 24 hours after the can is serviced.” Failure to comply with the City code may result in fines from \$100 to \$250. Help keep the neighborhood safe, clean, and attractive by adhering to Public Works Code 170(a). Complaints may be filed by calling 3-1-1.

### WINTER SPARE THE AIR DAYS

#### BEGIN NOVEMBER 1

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) wants to remind residents that the winter season Spare The Air days run from November 1 through February 29. Fireplace burning produces about one-third of the particulate pollution on any given night. When an alert is issued by the BAAQMD due to certain conditions, there is to be no use of fireplaces, wood burning stoves, pellet stoves, and outdoor fire pits. For more information on wintertime Spare The Air days, check before you burn at [SparetheAir.org](http://SparetheAir.org), or call 877-466-2876.

You may also check the air quality district’s website at [www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov).