

The METNA News

Newsletter of the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association

Volume 17 Number 2

Visit us at: metna.org

February 2017

RECOLOGY ASKING FOR REFUSE RATE INCREASE

Recology-Sunset Scavenger is asking for a 16.65% rate increase for refuse (garbage) rates in San Francisco. Josh Gray, with Ratepayer AdvocateSF (RPA) and a representative from Recology-Sunset Scavenger will attend the February 14th METNA neighborhood meeting to discuss and answer questions regarding Recology's draft rate application to increase the pick-up rates for San Francisco.

San Francisco Public Works recognizes that a rate increase will have a significant impact on customers and therefore has hired Ratepayer AdvocateSF to make sure the community has input during the rate application process. Ratepayer AdvocateSF's role will be to: (1) provide the community with information about the rate increase, (2) increase awareness about the refuse rate and its processes, (3) encourage community members to attend community forums and the Public Works Director's hearings to voice their concerns, and (4) ensure those concerns are heard and addressed by the RPA at the Director's hearings.

The proposed rate increase of 16.65% would mean an approximate \$5.82 increase for each month of service. The last rate increase was in August 2013. There are discounted refuse rates available to low-income households known as a Lifeline Rate that meet certain requirements. The discounts are based on the number of persons per household and the annual gross income. There are also reduced rates for a 20-gallon trash receptacle. The standard trash bin is 32-gallons. For complete details regarding discounts go to: RecologySF.com/residentialRates.htm or call 415-330-1300.

Visit the Ratepayer Advocate website for more information on the proposed rate increase at: www.ratepayeradvocatesf.org. You may also contact the Ratepayer Advocate directly at info@ratepayeradvocatesf.org, or by calling 415-324-8477.

LAKE MERCED TO GET ELEVEN-ACRE MAKEOVER

A new recreational facility will soon adorn the western shore of Lake Merced at the site of the former Pacific Rod and Gun Club. In late October of last year, the Recreation and Park Commission unanimously approved a \$2.9 million plan to transform the 11-acre site into a recreational facility primarily for water sports and fishing. The three-phase project, supported by the Public Utilities Commission, will need final approval from the Board of Supervisors after an environmental review. The site is owned by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

The 20-year lease is a joint venture of Greener Excavations and Construction and Outback Adventures. The first phase will include a kayak and paddleboard house, docks, a public restroom, and parking area to be completed in 2018.

In phase two and three, a gazebo and a picnic area will be finished by 2019; a bird observatory, bocce ball courts, and a fishing pier would be added in 2020. The former skeet and trap shooting site closed in 2015 which ended 80 years of debris being deposited into the lake by club members. Approximately 88,000 tons of contaminated soil were removed from the site in 2015 and 2016.

District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee last year stated, "This is a better usage than the gun club. There are really not a lot of places in San Francisco to go and enjoy water like this. It's certainly going to serve a broader range of people."

The transformation of Lake Merced has been an ongoing process for over two decades. Back in 1994, lake levels were as low as 14 feet, and by 2002 stood at 17 feet. Over the next few years the lake depth doubled from the earlier low. Lake Merced is now set to return as Field and Stream magazine once called it "the number one urban fishing program in the United States."

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Department of Emergency Management (DEM) leads the City in planning, preparedness, communication, response, and recovery for daily emergencies, large scale city-wide events, and major disasters. DEM is the vital link in emergency communication between the public and first responders, providing key coordination and leadership to City Departments, stakeholders, residents, and visitors.

The DEM answers 911 calls to dispatch police, fire, and emergency medical services. It is also responsible to activate the Emergency Operations Center while coordinating information and resources during a disaster and large city special events. The DEM is charged with supporting first responders, writing emergency plans, training public safety agencies, conducting exercises on disaster response and (cont'd on page 3)

METNA MEETING

Tuesday, February 14, 2017
7:00pm, Palmetto Meeting Hall
640 Palmetto Avenue
(between St. Charles and Chester)

Invited Guests

William Scott, Chief of Police
San Francisco Police Department
Denise Flaherty, Captain
Taraval Police Station

Mark Leno, Former State Senator
District 11, California State Senate

Supervisor Norman Yee
District 7
SF Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Ahsha Safai,
District 11
SF Board of Supervisors

Bert Polacci, Parkmerced
Maximus Real Estate Partners

Josh Gray, Ratepayer Advocate
San Francisco

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR METNA PRESIDENT

While serving the past two years as METNA president, METNA has made many positive improvements to our Merced Extension Triangle neighborhood. The executive board members of METNA continue to work together to serve our community.

METNA, over the past two years, has been responsible for working with city, regional, and state agencies to improve the safety and quality of life of the neighborhood. Accomplishments include: (1) working with area stakeholders to form and develop a Resilient MET, along with the Southwest Resilient Community Alliance, part of the Empowered Communities Program; (2) advocate for the 57-Parkmerced bus line to include service both inbound and outbound from Daly City BART to serve five retail shopping destinations; (3) secure through SFMTA a 28-R 19th Avenue bus line stop at Alemany and Arch; (4) worked with Public Works to provide a sidewalk on the south side of Brotherhood Way, from Thomas More to St. Charles, through District 7 Participatory Budgeting; (5) working with SFMTA to provide an interactive radar speed detection device, on Alemany Blvd. in both directions, through District 7 Participatory Budgeting; (6) advocate and coordinate a joint effort between SF Public Works and CalTrans to cleanup the area along the CalTrans right-of-way, and to remove overgrown trees and shrubs from Palmetto Avenue, behind OceanView Village, and along Niantic Avenue; (7) advocate and follow through on CalTrans commitment to place a concrete guardrail on the southbound John Daly Blvd. exit off of I-280, and to place new fencing and widen the sidewalk to ADA standards on Niantic Ave.; (8) negotiate with PG&E to refurbish the street on the 200 block of Head Street; (9) work with community stakeholders and Public Works to transform and develop vacant land into Sisterhood Gardens at Arch and Brotherhood; and (10) work with Public Works to raise the tree and shrub canopy on the Brotherhood Way greenbelt, an ongoing venture.

Thanks to the leadership of Vice-President Glen Hatakeyama, and the guidance of Daniel Homsey, Director of the Neighborhood Empowerment Network and the empowered communities program and his staff, the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association has begun Resilient MET and partnered with adjacent neighborhood associations to forge the Southwest Resilient Community Alliance. This program has created a community resilience action plan to address issues resulting from a local major disaster of any type. Through our efforts, and those of our neighbors, the bonding partnerships will maintain and build upon the work of the past two years.

During the next two years METNA will focus on the following projects: (1) working with the Broe Real Estate Group and their partner Citivest to secure retail businesses at OceanView Village, and to revitalize the shopping center; (2) work with Public Works to place lights on the Brotherhood Way underpass at Junipero Serra; (3) work with SFMTA to promote increased pedestrian safety awareness at the Alemany, St. Charles, Palmetto intersection; (4) secure a bus shelter on the northeast corner of Alemany at Arch; (5) working with SFMTA to continue to develop and evaluate plans for the proposed undergrounding of the M-Oceanview Metro line; (6) ongoing cleanup of the MET, especially along the Brotherhood Way greenbelt and the Alemany-Brotherhood Dog Park; and (7) finish partnering and working on developing Sisterhood Gardens for the community.

We must continually publically acknowledge and thank the many partnerships that METNA has forged with our elected officials at the local, regional and state levels, and especially to District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee and his staff.

A special thank you goes out to the men and women serving as police officers at the Taraval Police Station for their crime suppression and community support, and to the staff at Fire Station 33, and surrounding stations for their tireless and continued service to the residents of the area.

We are most appreciative of the hundreds of city and regional workers at BART, CalTrans, SFDPH, SFDPW, SFMTA, SFPUC, SFSAFE, at the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, and at the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development, for the work that each and every person does in providing vital and quality services to our neighborhood and region. We are truly grateful for their ongoing support.

I would be remiss if I did not thank FedEx Office former service center manager Ajmal Maqdour, and his staff in Colma for printing our quarterly newsletter at a substantial discount.

(cont'd on page 3)

METNA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

METNA MEETING SCHEDULE

7:00pm Palmetto Meeting Hall
@ 640 Palmetto Avenue
Tuesday, February 14, 2017
Tuesday, May 9, 2017
Tuesday, August 8, 2017
Tuesday, November 14, 2017

POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

A new schedule of dates, times, and locations of the Police Community Meetings is available on line at:

TARAVAL POLICE STATION WEBSITE:
www.taraval.org

OCEANVIEW VILLAGE HOA MEETING

@ OceanView Village HOA Office.
Sunday, March 19, 2017, 6:00 pm Annual Mtg
Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 7:00 pm
Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 7:00 pm

METNA OFFICERS

President
Marc Christensen
60 Kempton Ave.
415 585-2465
christensen.marc.
metna@gmail.com

Vice-President
Glen Hatakeyama
207 Chester Ave.
415 333-0197
ragtime217@
gmail.com

Secretary
Eric Berquist
233 Chester Ave.
415-939-2377
ericafon@gmail.com

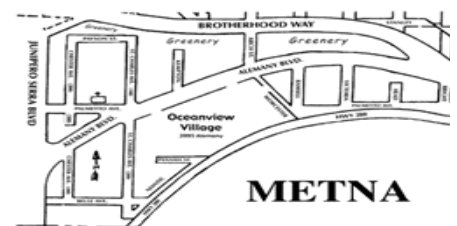
Treasurer
Richard Zerga
1095 Clayton St.
SF 94117
rjz1comcast.net

Sergeant at Arms
Glenn Rogers
3425 Alemany Blvd.
415 -333-9317

Neighborhood
Improvement
Steve Heide
306 St. Charles Ave.
650 991-0463

Executive Committee
Terry Watson
272 St. Charles Ave.
650-992-8583

Neil Hunt
239 St. Charles Ave.
415-308-3486



MESSAGE from page 2

A very special thank you is extended to the members of the Palmetto Meeting Hall Church who have given us their space over the past seventeen years to host our quarterly neighborhood meetings. Thank you so much for your continued support of METNA.

Finally, our association could not function well without the continued support of the wonderful neighbors in the Merced Extension Triangle. With your ongoing support and help we have accomplished quite a bit. Your METNA officers consistently work on everyone's behalf.

If you have not done so already, please consider joining and supporting your neighborhood association, as we support you. Everyone is always welcome to attend our quarterly neighborhood meetings, and we value each person's input and feedback. Working together we can all make a positive difference in our community and in the City.

-Marc Christensen, President

METNA COLLECTING DUES FOR 2017
The Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association is collecting dues for 2017. Membership levels are as follows:

METNA res/property owners: \$15
Associate members (living outside the MET boundaries): \$15
Business members: \$50
Sponsor: \$100
Benefactor: \$250

To join, make a check payable to "Merced Extension Triangle N.A." and

mail to Rich Zerga, Treasurer at 1095 Clayton Street, San Francisco, CA 94117

METNA OFFICERS FOR 2017-18

The following METNA members were elected to office at the November 15, 2016 meeting for the 2017-2018 term:

President: Marc Christensen
Vice-President: Glen Hatakeyama
Secretary: Eric Berquist
Treasurer: Richard Zerga
Sergeant At Arms: Glenn Rogers

BART MEASURE PASSES IN NOVEMBER ELECTION

Proposition RR—the BART Safety, Reliability and Traffic Relief Measure in the three county BART District passed with a favorable 70.1 per cent vote, overall.

The general obligation bonds to fund the measure will be paid by property tax in the three county—San Francisco, Alameda, and Contra Costa—BART District, over the next 48 years, which means the bonds will not be fully repaid until 2065.

An estimate on the property tax assessment stated in the voter pamphlet is approximately "\$2.02 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2017-18. It will rise to \$17.49 per \$100,000 assessed valuation in fiscal year 2035-36."

The \$3.5 billion infrastructure bond, Proposition RR, passed in San Francisco with 81.3% in favor. In the Merced Extension Triangle, (Precinct 9756), the yes vote was 152 and no vote 59, at 72% favorable. The total "yes" votes in Alameda County were 70.9%, and in Contra Costa County 59.5%.

In Santa Clara County, Measure B passed with 71% of the vote, a \$6.3 billion sales tax measure for various transportation related projects. As

much as \$1.6 billion of that tax money can be used to extend BART to San Jose. Another portion of that sales tax in Santa Clara County will be used for Caltrain and road repairs.

That brings us to San Mateo County, not part of the three county BART District. Nick Josefowitz, District 8 BART Board member, which includes our area, was asked how San Mateo County would fulfill its obligation regarding funding for infrastructure. His response to METNA was "We are working with San Mateo County for a long term solution so that they pay their fair share for modernization and to rehabilitate the system."

In November, outgoing BART Board president, Tom Radulovich, stated, "We are grateful for all the Bay Area voters who doubled down on their commitment to transit and to BART, approving the \$3.5 billion infrastructure bond to keep our system safe and reliable." Radulovich, who served on the BART Board for 20 years and decided not to seek re-election in BART District 9 has been replaced by former San Francisco supervisor

Emergency Management from page 2
recovery, directing city wide information technology projects, maintaining public warning systems, managing homeland security grant funds, plus educating and preparing the public for emergencies.

Bijan Karimi, Assistant Deputy Director of the DEM attended and spoke at the November METNA neighborhood meeting. He explained the responsibility and functions of the DEM. He discussed what would happen if San Francisco experienced a major disaster that prevented citizens to access every day resources that we take for granted. Working on building a Resilient Merced Extension Triangle in case of a major emergency, METNA realizes that for the first 48 to 72 hours (and perhaps beyond) key emergency services may not be available from first responders and the DEM. Each community in San Francisco must have to rely on their local resources and neighborhood residents first. Resilient MET is working through the Neighborhood Empowerment Network and its Empowered Communities Program (ECP), and nearby Resilient community groups to coordinate a disaster preparedness plan of action. Individuals may join us in that effort by working with the Resilient MET group as we move forward. Look for announcements regarding our meetings in this newsletter and at our website: metna.org.

The DEM manages the City's mass notification alert and warning systems that include the Outdoor Public Warning Sirens (for decades tested every Tuesday at 12:00noon throughout San Francisco). There are also Wireless Emergency Alerts, and AlertSF.

AlertSF allows the public to register and receive customized emergency alerts over a cell phone with specific location notifications (for example, at home, work, or at a child's school). For ease of registration, one can send a text message to 888-777 with the wording "AlertSF" in the message, along with a zip code (for example, 94132) to start receiving AlertSF messages immediately.

and former homeless czar, Bevan Dufty, in the November election.

Also, sales tax propositions in San Francisco (Prop K) went down to defeat with a no vote of 65.1%, which needed a simple majority to pass. In Contra Costa County (Measure X) received a 62.5% favorable vote, but needed a two-thirds majority to pass. Proposition K would have increased the sales tax in San Francisco by 0.75% to 9.25% that would have helped BART expand its rail car fleet and give the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) money for transportation improvements in San Francisco.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

NOVEMBER STREET PAVING
November 5th and 6th had the Alemany-Brotherhood-Sagamore-Orizaba intersection, including Bright St. paved. On November 1st and 9th, Ramsell between Alemany and Palmetto-Worcester received a micro coating. On November 8 and November 28, Kempton Avenue from Alemany to the end received the same micro surfacing pavement preservation.

Also on November 8, Head Street from Palmetto to the stairs above Alemany received a new asphalt surface. Head Street was completed by a private contractor under an agreement between PG&E and METNA. The other projects, all done by private contractors were under the supervision of SF Public Works.

PARKMERCED PROJECT TO BEGIN SOON WITH A DUST CONTROL PLAN
The Parkmerced Project has been delayed by several months. Currently, plans are to begin the build-out in March of this year.

On December 13, a coalition of nearby neighborhood associations met with members of Maximus Real Estate Partners, representatives of Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI—Engineering, Consulting & Testing), along with SF Public Health Department's Senior Environmental Health Inspector to continue discussions regarding air and soil sample testing. A 27-page report issued by the SF Public Health Department in August, 2016 titled, "Dust Control Plan Approval—Parkmerced Redevelopment," was discussed. PSI gave an overview of their soil and dust control plan. Another meeting with the same stakeholders will take place in approximately six months. Bert Polacci, with Parkmerced Maximus Real Estate Partners will give an update on the planned Parkmerced Project at the February 14th METNA meeting.

For information regarding the project go to: parkmercedvision.com. Concerns regarding dust control once the project is underway can be made to Parkmerced at 415-405-4666.

MET COMMUNITY CONNECTORS
METNA Executive Board member Terry Watson is proposing a Merced Extension Triangle Community Connectors Program. The program

will provide seniors and/or disabled neighbors services through a supportive, active social and educational outlet. The proposal has been submitted for District 7 Participatory Budget funding. If the application is approved, District 7 residents will be given the opportunity to vote on this proposal from March 3rd to the 19th. Information regarding this will appear after February 20th at metna.org.

BROTHERHOOD WAY TUNNEL LIGHTING PROJECT

Contractors will begin working on placing lights on the Brotherhood Way underpass at Junipero Serra Blvd. in the coming months. Part of the funding for this project comes from Supervisor Norman Yee's Participatory Budgeting Program, under the Vision Zero Pedestrian Safety Program.

INTERACTIVE SPEED LIMIT RADAR DETECTION DEVICES ON BROTHERHOOD WAY

A proposal to place interactive speed limit radar detection devices on Brotherhood Way, between Summit Way and Lake Merced Blvd. in both west bound and east bound directions is being proposed. Motorists travel at speeds in excess of the posted 45mph speed limit with frequency, on a roadway that sees in excess of 35,000 vehicles a day. METNA is supporting this Vision Zero Traffic Calming Safety Measure. District 7 residents will soon be asked to vote for this and other Participatory Budgeting Projects. On-line voting will take place March 3rd to 19th.

SISTERHOOD GARDENS PROJECT

In December, 38 applicants for a gardening plot at Sisterhood Gardens (Arch and Brotherhood) were informed that they would receive an approximately 32-square foot plot. There were 54 applicants, so a random lottery was established to decide who would get a plot space. Sixteen applicants were placed on a wait-list in a random draw.

The goal over the next few months is to have those on the initial wait-list, as well as those receiving a plot, to build an additional 16 spaces in planter boxes to allow for 54 gardening plots. Anyone applying after January 1, 2017 will be placed on a new wait-list on a first come first served basis when plots become available.

A community meeting, followed by a work day will take place on Saturday, February 11, beginning at 10:00am at IT Bookman Community Center, at 446 Randolph St, at Arch St. Those persons who now have a plot and especially those on the wait-list are encouraged to attend. The February 11th work day at Sisterhood Gardens will begin after the meeting.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD MERCHANTS

Chad Lyew, DDS
Alemany Dental
3911 Alemany Blvd., Suit4 1002
Tel: 650-997-3317

Days/Hours of Operation:
Monday - Saturday, 9:00am - 5:00pm
Closed Sundays

Dr. Lyew is from San Jose and is a graduate of the University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. Dr. Lyew volunteers his time to give back to the community, such as offering free dental exams at San Francisco elementary schools.

Alemany Dental is a dental office with a goal to provide the highest quality of dental care through general or restorative services, such as cleanings, fillings, invisalign, and more. The Merced Extension Triangle is very fortunate to have a top quality dentist in our neighborhood. If you are in need of a dentist, please consider Dr. Chad Lyew, DDS, at Alemany Dental.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL MERCHANTS

METNA REMINDER

DUMPING OF HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

Municipal Police Code 35A

MPC Code 35A states, "Dumping household or commercial garbage in, alongside, or on top of City litter receptacles is illegal." Obviously, it is also illegal to dump household garbage on the street or in a vacant lot.

City litter receptacles have been placed in various strategic locations throughout the Merced Extension Triangle for people who must dispose of litter, rather than dropping it on the sidewalk or street. There are five such receptacles in the immediate area and they are not to be used for household trash.

If you see that the litter receptacles are full, please call 3-1-1 and report the location. Help keep our neighborhood clean and litter free.

JOIN METNA