

The METNA News

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LATEST INFORMATION ON HMART AT OCEANVIEW VILLAGE

Hmart, with headquarters in Lyndhurst, New Jersey, is working to open a state of the art supermarket at OceanView Village (OVV). Hmart has committed \$8.5 million to renovate the 41,000 sq. ft. space under a sublease from Safeway-Albertsons.

An impressive group of individuals, with links to the OceanView shopping center and Hmart's sublease agreement, attended and gave their support at the METNA meeting on August 14th. The individuals in attendance included Jarlene Choy, legislative aide for District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee; Joaquin Torres, Director, Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development; Alex Lazar, Director, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services; Pete Albro, Vice-President, and Miulan Gutesha, Senior Analyst, both with Broe Real Estate Group, along with Michael Mossman with Citivest Commercial, all three part of the OVV retail ownership group; Drew Greenspan, Retail leasing agent; and Sam Kim, Senior Director with Hmart.

Over one hundred neighborhood residents attended the METNA community meeting and were given preliminary information regarding each person's commitment to support Hmart's preparation.

On September 5th community leaders, including METNA's Marc Christensen and Glen Hatakeyama, along with Al and Mary Harris of OMI-NIA, were invited to view the Hmart store on Oakland Road in San Jose as guests of Hmart's Executive Director Sam Kim. A pictorial display of the Hmart supermarket will be presented at the November 13th METNA meeting.

On October 2nd Hmart submitted a planning application for Conditional Use Authorization. This will require a Pre-Application Meeting (Community meeting) to discuss the project and process with community input. The meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Tuesday, November 13 at 3951 Alemany Blvd, Suite 3001, site of the future Hmart. All community members are welcome. This meeting will take place one hour prior to our regular METNA neighborhood meeting. Plan to attend both meetings.

Hmart will then go before the Planning Commission to apply for their formula retail business. Once all permits are approved an \$8.5 million renovation of the site at OceanView Village will begin. No estimated date for completion and opening has been given. METNA will have further updated information in the February 2019 newsletter.

Il Yeon Kwan, founder and CEO of Hmart states, "We have always supported the development of new communities with each Grand Opening. In doing so, we continue to do our best to establish ourselves as a company that reaches out with a helping hand. As we expand we like to think that we are reinventing the way people eat through our robust and unique food culture that also promotes a rich and healthy lifestyle for all. Our food is our pride."

MET COMMUNITY CONNECTORS CELEBRATES ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY

November marks the first anniversary of the Merced Extension Triangle Community Connectors (METCC) program. The METCC will celebrate with an anniversary luncheon on Thursday, November 15th at 11:30am at 201 Head Street on the corner of Upper Palmetto and Head. All METNA residents, of any age, are welcome to attend. The free event will be a "pot-luck" affair. Please bring a food item to share, such as a salad, main dish, or dessert. Prepare at home and bring. Items can be heated there. METCC will also provide food items and beverages.

The MET Community Connectors program meets regularly for free activities and to help strengthen our community. Offerings consist of:

- *Always Active senior exercise classes
- *Weekly coffee/tea and conversation gatherings
- *Educational and entertaining programs (aligned with the Cayuga CC program)
- *Periodic intergenerational pot-luck events
- *Connection to many senior and disability services and activities

Any senior (60+) or person with a disability is welcome to participate in any offering.

PRE-APPLICATION COMMUNITY MEETING FOR HMART

Tuesday, November 13, 2018,
6:00pm-7:00pm at supermarket
site at OceanView Village,
3951 Alemany, Suite 3001

ELECTION DAY:

Tuesday,

November 6, 2018

Registered voters of the Merced
Extension Triangle can vote at
Precinct 9756, at 306 St. Charles
Avenue, on Tuesday, November 6th
from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

METNA MEETING

Tuesday November 13, 2018
7:00pm, Palmetto Meeting Hall
640 Palmetto Avenue
(between St. Charles and Chester)

Invited Guests

Norman Yee, Supervisor
SF Board of Supervisors, District 7

Ahsha Safai, Supervisor
SF Board of Supervisors, District 11

Robert Yick, Captain
Taraval Police Station

Joaquin Torres, Director
Diana Ponce De Leon, Project
Manager

Invest in Neighborhoods
Mayor's Office of Economic
And Workforce Development

Sam Kim, Executive Director
Hmart Companies, Inc.

ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME

HOLIDAY SEASON BRINGS ADDED FIRE DANGER

As we approach the holiday season, METNA wants to make sure you and your family are safe. Here are very important reminders about fire safety. 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 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

- >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.
- >If a fuse blows or a circuit breaker trips, chances are you have an overloaded circuit. Do not overload any circuit.

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.

Smoke Detectors

- >Make sure you have a smoke detector in every level of your home, especially outside of every sleeping area.
- >Use flashing light detectors for the hearing impaired.
- >Test smoke detectors monthly, and clean the detector every six months.
- >Replace detectors after 10 years of use.

Fire Extinguishers

- >Have a fire extinguisher on each level of your home, especially one in your kitchen;
- >Look to see that the fire extinguisher is fully charged, and check every three months.
- >Replace fire extinguishers that do not have the arrow in the green zone.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

METNA MEETING SCHEDULE

7:00pm at the Palmetto Meeting Hall (640 Palmetto Avenue)
 Tuesday, November 13, 2018
 Tuesday, February 12, 2019
 Tuesday, May 14, 2019
 Tuesday, August 13, 2019

MET COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

at the Golden Gate Church@201 Head Street at upper Palmetto Ave,10:00am Tuesdays & Thursdays: Always Active senior exercise classes.
 Thursday, November 15, 2018 11:30am: one year Anniversary Pot Luck Luncheon. Community members of all ages are welcome to attend (see article on page 1).

POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

3rd Tuesday each month
 @ Taraval Police Station, 2345 -24th Avenue, unless otherwise posted at other locations,
 Visit: www.taraval.org for time & location

OCEANVIEW VILLAGE HOA MEETING

7:00 pm@ OceanView Village HOA Office.
 Thursday, November 15, 2018

SISTERHOOD GARDENS

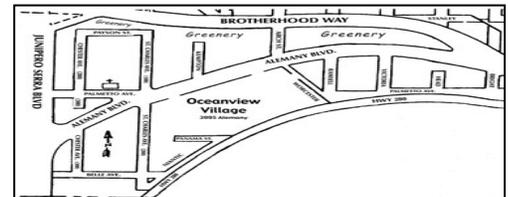
@Brotherhood Way and Arch St. Workshops at the Garden are free & open to the public:
 Saturday, November 10: Herb workshop, 3:00pm
 Saturday, November 17, 2018: Build Day, 9:30am
 No activities planned for December

OCEAN VIEW BRANCH LIBRARY

@ 345 Randolph, at Ramsell
 Hours: M-Tue 10am-6pm, Wed. 12n-8pm,
 Th 10am-7pm, Fri. 1pm-6pm, Sat. 10am-6pm,
 Su 1pm-5pm

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Holiday Season from page 2**Escape plans—in case of a fire**

- >Draw a map of your home. Mark EVERY way out of your home, so everyone knows every exit.
- >Show every room, door, window and mark an easy way out.
- >Plan and practice your escape routes. Every household member should know at least two escape routes.
- >Make sure everyone in the household can unlock every window and door quickly, even in the darkness.
- >Pick an outside place in front of your home to meet after you have escaped, accounting for everyone.
- >Practice your escape plan every six months, especially with children.
- >Never hide from a fire and follow your escape plan.
- >Practice crawling low under smoke, about 12 to 14 inches above the floor.
- >If you live in a multiple unit complex, count the number of doors between your unit and the two nearest exits, in opposite directions. You may have to escape in the dark.
- >Never use an elevator during a fire. Make sure exit doors remain unlocked from inside.
- >Test doors before opening. Make sure doorknob and door is cool before opening.
- >If the door is hot, DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR. USE AN ALTERNATE ESCAPE ROUTE.
- >Do not stop to collect possessions or pets. Immediately call 911 after exiting.

NEVER GO BACK INTO A BURNING BUILDING.

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

MORE HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association wants everyone to be safe all year round. The holiday season brings added concerns when you are out and about, so here are more safety tips:

Personal Safety

- >Do not be distracted by your phone.
- >Be aware of your surroundings.
- >Keep personal items that you need on your person and leave all items not needed at home.
- >Avoid overloading yourself with packages.

Auto safety

- >Park in well-traveled and well-lighted areas.
- >Lock your car.
- >Leave nothing visible in your car, especially electronic devices, including garage door openers.
- >Store items in the trunk before parking and take only what is needed.
- >Do not put items in your car or car trunk and return to shopping.

Traffic Safety

- >Pedestrians should not be distracted crossing streets.
- >Do not jaywalk, especially across busy roadways.
- >Use pedestrian signals, and do not cross on a red or flashing red.
- >At intersections look both ways before crossing and make sure every motorist sees you and stops before you enter a driving lane.
- >Motorists must yield to pedestrians
- >Do not drive cars in bicycle only lanes, plus look & yield to cyclists, especially when making a right turn.
- >Watch out for cyclists before opening a car door.
- >Cyclists must stop at all red signals and stop signs.
- >Cyclists must yield to pedestrians.

Phone Theft

- >Keep your cell phone hidden while being a pedestrian.
- >Try not to use your phone in public, especially non-essential use.
- >Write down the make, model and ID of your phone for easier recovery if lost or stolen.
- >Consider installing anti-theft software.
- >If a phone is stolen, immediately discontinue service.
- >If your phone is stolen, use another phone to dial: 415-553-0123 to report theft giving complete information.

ELECTION OF METNA OFFICERS

Voting for METNA officers will take place at the November 13th METNA meeting. Officers will serve from February, 2019 to January, 2021. Merced Extension Triangle residents, property owners and business members within the MET who are “members in good standing” are eligible to vote. One vote per household, as stated in the METNA by-laws. The following persons were nominated at the August 14th METNA Meeting.
 President: Glen Hatakeyama
 Vice President: Marc Christensen
 Secretary: Eric Berquist
 Treasurer: Rich Zerga
 Sergeant at Arms: Glenn Rogers
 No other individuals were nominated.

SECURE YOUR VEHICLE – PREVENT AUTO THEFT

Auto break-ins continue to occur throughout San Francisco. Be safe and smart by securing your vehicle. Do not make your vehicle an attractive target.

Auto theft prevention tips:

- *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. Items that should not be left in a car overnight include GPS mapping devices, FasTrac toll monitors, and other electronic devices, including a garage door opener.
- *Lock all valuables that you may need on your trip inside the trunk before arriving at your destination. Remove valuables that you do not need.
- *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.

OCEAN VIEW BRANCH LIBRARY OFFERING FREE PROGRAMS TO RESIDENTS

Ocean View Library, 345 Randolph Street at Ramsell, offers many free programs such as Coloring Coffee Time, every Thursday at 10:00am and a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesdays at 4:30pm. Beginning knitters are encouraged to attend.

Other offerings in the next few months include: Native Storytelling and Fry Bread: Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2:00p-3:00p; Preserving Memories: Scan & Deliver, Wednesday, Nov. 7, 1:00p-4:00p; Cooking Together: Vegetarian Cop Cookbook, Wednesday, Nov. 14, 4:00p-5:30p; Tenant Know Your Rights, (English) Wednesday, Dec. 5, 6:00p-7:00p, (Cantonese & Mandarin) Saturday, Jan. 19, 2:00p-3:00p.

Plus an offering on Electric Cars 101, is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 12, 6:00p-7:30p.

There are also free programs for teens and children. Visit the library for a complete listing of programs, dates, and times.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

**PARKMERCED IS FINALLY
PLANNING TO BREAK GROUND IN
2019**

According to Parkmerced to Parkmerced groundbreaking for their multi-million dollar, 20-25 year, makeover will begin soon. They state, "The (new) timeline is representative of the most accurate schedule to date. Dates are (still) tentative and may shift."

The latest revision shows that the "Phase 1A, Street Improvement Plan" will begin within the next few months. Part of the street improvements will include new crosswalks and pedestrian bulb outs at a new reconfigured intersection at Higuera Avenue and Lake Merced Blvd. Also, planned is a new intersection along the perimeter of Parkmerced at Acevedo Avenue and Lake Merced Blvd. The traffic signals at both intersections will be interconnected.

The construction of new buildings at 199 Vidal Drive, 300 Arballo Drive, 455 Serrano Drive, and at 850 Gonzalez Drive will follow in the first half of 2019, according to the latest estimates. Later in the year, two 14-story towers will be built at 95-99 Chumasero Drive, near the north-west intersection of Junipero Serra Blvd. and Brotherhood Way.

For the latest information go to: info@parkmercedvision.com.

**SISTERHOOD GARDENS AT
BROTHERHOOD AND ARCH**

Currently six plots are available at Sisterhood Gardens. For information regarding applying for a plot, go to sisterhoodgardens@gamil.com or call 415-391-6986, X 102.

There will be a herb workshop on Saturday, November 10, from 3:00pm to 4:00pm at the Garden. On Saturday, November 17 there will be a build day at the site.

Gardeners and interested volunteers are encouraged to attend to lend support anytime between 9:30am and 3:00pm.

**METNA NOW COLLECTING DUES
FOR 2019**

METNA is now collecting dues for next year. You may pay at the November 13th meeting, or send a check for \$20, payable to METNA, and send to Treasurer Richard Zerga, 1095 Clayton Street, San Francisco, CA, 94117. Make sure to stipulate "for 2019." Please support your neighborhood association, as we support you.

**WALKWAY ALONG LOWER
BROTHERHOOD WAY & LAKE
MERCED BLVD.**

Partial funding has been provided to Public Works from the Public Utilities Commission to place an asphalt walkway along the south side of Brotherhood Way from Church Access Drive to Lake Merced Blvd., and on the east side of Lake Merced Blvd., from Brotherhood Way to Lake Merced Hill Drive. Bushes will be cut back and grading will take place prior to the installation of the asphalt pathway. The asphalt will replace a dirt path that is a safety concern, especially during inclement weather. Construction is slated to begin soon.

**RADAR DETECTION
INTERACTIVE SIGNS ON
BROTHERHOOD**

Interactive Radar Signs on lower Brotherhood Way will soon be installed in both the westbound and eastbound directions, near the 800 Summit complex.

The signs are part of the Participatory Budgeting, provided through Supervisor Norman Yee's District 7 funding, as part of the Vision Zero program for vehicle and pedestrian safety.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
MERCHANTS**24 HOUR FITNESS**

3951 Alemany Blvd.
General Manager: Dan Puentes
Telephone: 650-985-2400
e-mail: cmclub273@24hourfit.com
Hours: Mon-Fri.: 5:00am-11:00pm
Sat-Sun: 7:00am-9:00pm

Dan Puentes is the new General Manager at 24 Hour Fitness. Dan states, "We offer a variety of functional state of the art training equipment plus a wide range of group classes. Our purpose is to help members achieve what they want in health. We have a team of personal trainers who can help members focus on what is important and assist each member on their fitness journey."

Classes currently include: Body Combat, Body Pump, Cycle, Cardio Blast, Pop Pilates, Total Body Class, Yoga, and various Zumba classes, plus Silver Sneakers. Class schedules are available at the front desk.

Dan is offering non-members a free "3-day pass" to visit and sample 24 Hour Fitness at OceanView Village. Ask for Dan Puentes, or the visitor's pass when you arrive.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL MERCHANTS

METNA REMINDERS

**WINTER SPARE THE AIR DAYS
BEGIN NOVEMBER 1st**

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 28. 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, or call 877-466-2876.

You may also check the air quality district's website at www.baaqmd.gov. Residents may also sign up to receive automatic notification of no-burn days by e-mail or recorded telephone messages.

**MANDATORY RECYCLING AND
COMPOSTING ORDINANCE
City Ordinance No. 100-09**

City Ordinance 100-09 states, "All persons in San Francisco must separate their refuse into recyclables, compostables and trash." Recology is the City's refuse collection company. Their three-bin system, BLUE for recycling, GREEN for composting, and BLACK for landfill trash requires that all residents take precaution in separating all trash items. Residents may now place the following items in the BLUE bin: empty paper cups, incl. coffee cups, empty paper milk cartons, juice boxes, plus soft plastic bags and wrap, that is collected together in a clear plastic bag showing its contents. The GREEN bin is for food scraps, paper to go containers, dirty paper, yard trimmings and products marked "compostable." The BLACK bin is used for: soiled diapers, toothpaste tubes, potato chip bags, and wrappers that have metallic lining, menstrual products, plus pet waste and pet litter placed in plastic bags. The following items **do not** belong in any bin: batteries, household chemicals, paint, medicine, electronics, fluorescent light bulbs, used motor oil, and any bulky items. Contact Recology-Sunset Scavenger for disposal of those items, free of charge. For more information contact customerservice@recologysf.com, or call 415-330-1300.

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