

# The METNA News

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## HMART BEGINS ITS BUILDOUT AT OCEANVIEW VILLAGE

Work began on the demolition portion of the \$8.5 million renovation of the 47,108 sq. ft. supermarket site at OceanView Village on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The lead contractor, Golden Property Development of Loomis, California is in charge of the project. The work was stalled for more than

one month while H Mart waited for final approval from the Planning Department on a code issue. As of July 18<sup>th</sup> demolition began again with material being removed from the site. METNA hopes to have updated information at the August 13<sup>th</sup> neighborhood meeting, along with information regarding the hiring pro-

cess for potential H Mart employees

We will be raffling off another \$50 gift certificate for H Mart to a current METNA member in attendance at this meeting.

## SUPPORT GROWING FOR RETENTION OF THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER BROTHERHOOD WAY

Support is growing for retaining the Chumasero-Brotherhood Way pedestrian bridge. Parkmerced developers have stated that they must remove the pedestrian bridge to reconfigure the intersection of Chumasero so they can construct two 14-story towers at the corner of Junipero Serra and Brotherhood Way. The schools along the south side of Brotherhood Way, and Alma Via, an assisted-living facility for elderly citizens, plus the residents of the Merced Extension Triangle and of 800 Summit should not be subjected to an at grade Brotherhood Way crossing while there already is a safe passage. Traffic along Brotherhood Way has increased substantially over the past ten years, and a pedestrian bridge is needed to provide a safe passage-way across the intersection, for all residents in the nearby neighborhoods, especially children and the elderly, under Vision Zero Pedestrian Safety. Passage during school days in the morning and afternoon, during inclement weather, and at sunrise, sunset, and in darkness demands a safe crossing for all pedestrians and bicyclists. METNA has been in talks with representatives of Parkmerced regarding retaining the pedestrian bridge.

## NEIGHBORFEST BLOCK PARTY: SATURDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>

The Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association with the support of the Neighborhood Empowerment Network (NEN) is holding it's 3rd annual Neighborfest Block Party on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Chester-Palmetto Mini Park.

The NEN Neighborfest is a locally organized gathering that promotes and supports the community and gives residents a chance to get together, share food, socialize, and meet neighbors. The Neighborfest Block Party is free to all residents of all ages, and gives residents a chance to find out more about the Resilient MET program that was just awarded a \$25,000 grant from Norman Yee's District 7 Participatory Budget for 2019, for neighborhood emergency supplies.

METNA encourages families to attend, meet one another, and spend a few hours socializing in our wonderful neighborhood. This year's Neighborfest is being co-sponsored by Hmart, supplying food and beverages for the event. METNA is asking that each family member bring a food item (salad, main entrée, dessert) of your choice to share and to supplement Hmart's contribution. We ask that you bring a serving fork or spoon with your dish. METNA will supply paper plates, cups, utensils, water, condiments, along with garbage receptacles (for trash, compost, and recyclables). We encourage those attending to bring a small table and outdoor chairs to aid in the comfort of you and others.

No parking signs will be posted on the east side of Chester, in front of the Mini Park, for the hours 9:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The street will remain open for residents, with barriers in place only on the east side of Chester from Alemany to Palmetto. Please observe the "No Parking" regulations so that all attendees will have a safe and enjoyable time at the Neighborfest.

## RESILIENT MET MEETING

Tuesday, August 13, 2019.  
6:00 pm, Palmetto Meeting Hall  
640 Palmetto Ave.

**ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME  
TO ATTEND**

## METNA MEETING

Tuesday August 13, 2019  
7:00pm, Palmetto Meeting Hall  
640 Palmetto Avenue  
(between St. Charles and Chester)

### Invited Guests

Supervisor Norman Yee, District 7  
SF Board of Supervisors

Nick Rainsford, Captain  
Taraval Police Station, SFPD

Joaquin Torres, Director  
Diana Ponce deLeon, Project Mgr.  
Invest in Neighborhoods

Viktoria Dostal, Dir. Business Services  
Mayor's Office of Economic and  
Workforce Development

Sam Kim, Executive Director  
Hmart Companies, Inc.

Jodie Medeiros  
Executive Director, WalkSF

Noelle Duong  
Community Outreach, Recology

**ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME**

**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS—EMERGENCY SUPPLIES CHECKLIST**

Through District 7 Participatory Budgeting, thanks to Supervisor Norman Yee, the Merced Extension Triangle has been granted funds to purchase emergency supplies in case of a major disaster. METNA is in the process of holding meetings to determine what supplies to order, how much of each item, and where to store the supplies. With that in mind, individual households need to also prepare in case of an emergency. 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), poop bags
- > Cash (small bills) 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
- > 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 fire to cook, 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 1/2 inch rope
- > Plastic tape, duct tape, staple gun and sheeting for window replacement
- > City map
- > Bicycle

>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

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR****METNA MEETING SCHEDULE**

7:00pm at the Palmetto Meeting Hall @640 Palmetto Avenue (between St. Charles & Chester):  
Tuesday, August 13, 2019  
Tuesday, November 12, 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. All seniors welcome.

**POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month @the Taraval Police Station 2345 24<sup>th</sup> Ave, unless otherwise posted.  
Visit: [www.taraval.org](http://www.taraval.org) for time & location  
Tues. August 20, 2019, 6:00 pm  
Tues. September 17, 2019 6:00 pm  
Tues. October 15, 2019 6:00 pm

**OCEANVIEW VILLAGE HOA MEETING**

@ OceanView Village HOA Office.,  
Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 7:00 pm

**SISTERHOOD GARDENS**

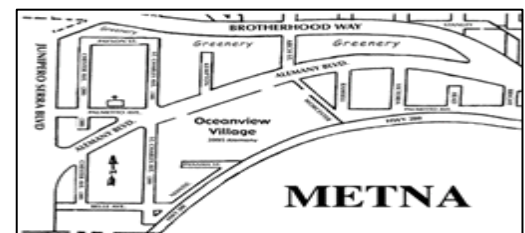
Located @ north-east corner of Brotherhood Way and Arch St. Workshops at the Garden are free & open to the public: Check kiosk at the Garden for up coming activities and dates.

**OCEAN VIEW BRANCH LIBRARY**

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

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**Diaster preparedness from page 2**

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.

**\*\* 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
- > 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

**In preparation:****CREATE a reunification plan****SET an out of state phone contact****SEND a copy of your important documents to an out-of-state contact****ASSEMBLE and STORE your emergency supplies****KEEP a flashlight and emergency supplies under or near your bed**

### ENJOY A LEISURELY WALK DOWN TO AND AROUND LAKE MERCED

There are many fabulous walking tours to take throughout San Francisco and the Bay Area. One such walking tour is right in our backyard. A walk down Brotherhood Way and around Lake Merced has many interesting sites to see.

Begin from the Merced Extension Triangle by using the St. Charles Pathway at Payson to Brotherhood Way. Turn left, heading west, and stay on the sidewalk on the south side. Just beyond Junipero Serra/Hwy. 1, along side Brotherhood Way you will pass AlmaVia of San Francisco, an elder care assisted living community, and directly behind it St. Thomas More Church, and across the street St. Thomas More School, all on Thomas More Way. Walking down Brotherhood Way you will pass (625 Brotherhood) Congregation Beth Israel Judea, (655) Brandeis Hillel Day School, (725) Calvary Armenian Church, (777) Church of Christ, (825) KZV Armenian School, and (at 999) the beautiful Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and Community Center.

When you reach Lake Merced Blvd. turn left, stay on the east side, and continue on the pathway until you reach Lake Merced Hill on the east. Continue for another 300 feet along a narrow dirt path until you reach 1100 Lake Merced Blvd. Turn in the driveway and continue to the fence, at the rear of the parking lot (with tennis courts on your right), you will see a California Historical Marker (State Registered Landmark No. 19), describing the Broderick-Terry Duel. The site is located several hundred feet past the fence and to your left, along a pathway that leads to a grove of trees with two granite shafts depicting the spot where United States Senator David Broderick and California Supreme Court Justice David Terry held their famous pistol duel. Just beyond the fence in the grove is the San Francisco Golf Club course.

Return back by the same path to Lake Merced Blvd. and continue on the east side until you reach John Muir Drive (to the right). Cross Lake Merced Blvd. at the pedestrian signal, to the south-east side of Lake Merced. Walking next to the lake along John Muir Drive you will come across a path that will take you to the water's edge, where there is a fishing pier and a bridge. You will notice that to the west is the Olympic Club's Lake Golf Course. Walking further north-west is the former Pacific Rod and Gun Club, across the street from the Lakewood Apartments. The site is being turned into a recreational area that will soon be open to the public. Just beyond at 700 John Muir Drive is the San Francisco Police Pistol Range.

You will soon reach Skyline Blvd. and Fort Funston off to the west. Continuing on the east side of Skyline Blvd. you will soon see Harding Road to your right and the Oceanside Sewerage Treatment Plant directly across Skyline Blvd. Heading south-east into Harding Park you will soon reach the Rowing Club facility at 1 Harding Road (on your right), and then, beyond the fence, the entrance to **cont'd on page 4**

### RAIN TOTALS FOR 2018-19 WELL ABOVE AVERAGE IN THE MET

Fiscal Year 2018-19 started out as below average rainfall in the first six months, through December, but as 2019 began rainfall in the Merced Extension Triangle and the City as a whole increased significantly. For the entire fiscal year, July 1 to June 30, rainfall was significantly above average.

July, August, and September showed no measurable rainfall, as usual. October's total was 0.4 inches, with only one day of rain at the beginning of the month. November saw 3.5 inches fall, while December was a fairly dry month with only 2.4 inches of rain. By December 31<sup>st</sup> only 6.3 inches of rain had fallen in the MET.

In January of this year 6.6 inches were recorded, while February saw 6.0 inches of rain in the first fifteen days, and ended up with 9.9 inches of rainfall. March "roared in like a lion" with 3.1 inches in the first six days, while the rest of March produced 2.9 inches, for a March total of 6.0 inches of rain.

April saw 0.8 of an inch, bringing the seasonal total to 27.6 inches in the MET, by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Then in May, 2.3 inches of rain fell in a six day period, May 15-21, with 1.0 inches on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Rain fell around the Bay Area on May 26, but not in the Merced Extension Triangle. On May 30<sup>th</sup>, 0.1 inches brought the May total to 2.4, the third wettest May on record. The seasonal total as of June 1<sup>st</sup> stood at 30.0 inches, exactly.

### A NEW OCEAN VIEW LIBRARY

The Library Commission, through Public Works, is currently examining the feasibility of constructing a new library on Public Works land within the Brotherhood Way Greenbelt, on the north side, adjacent to the end of Head Street.

While METNA has yet to take a position on the possible new library, there is concern that any building on the current Brotherhood Way Greenbelt could open the doorway for further development of the greenbelt.

District 11 Supervisor Ahsha Safai, the leading proponent for the new library, and Public Works has been informed that board members of METNA would like to be included in discussions related to the feasibility study, and planning.

### BUS SHELTER AT ALEMANY & ARCH

SFMTA has informed METNA that the bus shelter requested for the north-east corner of Alemany at Arch is scheduled to be installed in early August. This will give transit riders a safe and dry place to wait for the 28R- and 54-bus lines. Thank you SFMTA.

## JOIN METNA

**Walk from page 3**

TCP Harding Park Golf Course. There you will find the Cypress Grill Restaurant, open to the public. There is also a footbridge that you can take to the north, along a pathway just beyond the restaurant, and the 18<sup>th</sup> green. You can take the footbridge to the north across the narrow inlet of the lake that will take you to the Sunset Circle, saving approximately a mile and a half of walking.

You may also return along Harding Road out to Skyline Blvd, then turn right and continue your walk around the north-west part of the lake. Off to your left (to the west) is the Janet Pomeroy Center on Hearst Road, and the San Francisco Zoo, further north on Skyline Blvd and then west on Sloat Blvd., for approximately a half mile. Remaining on the path you will then turn east on to Lake Merced Blvd, while heading toward the Sunset Circle.

At the Sunset Circle, in the parking lot near the lake is a statue of Captain Juan Bautista deAnza. Continuing your walk toward the east you will pass by Lakeshore Elementary and Lowell High School on your left across Lake Merced Blvd. As you walk further turning south, you will pass by Winston Drive on your left leading to the Stonestown Galleria while just beyond Winston Drive is the campus of San Francisco State University. On your right is the east side of Harding Park Golf Course, and just to the left, across Font Blvd. is the San Francisco State Wellness Center complex.

As you continue on the path on the west side of Lake Merced Blvd., with the golf course on your right, you will see Parkmerced on your left. Continue along the west side of Lake Merced Blvd., and walk past Brotherhood Way to the parking lot on your right to see the first of two Benny Bufano sculptures; this one titled Penguin's Prayer.

Then retrace your steps back to Brotherhood Way and cross Lake Merced Blvd., using the pedestrian signal, on the north side of Brotherhood Way. Walking back up Brotherhood Way you will soon reach 800 Summit on your left, and a meadow with the famous Peace Monument, also sculptured by artist Benny Bufano.

Walking further along Brotherhood Way you will reach Chumasero Drive, soon to be reconfigured by the new Parkmerced development. Take the pedestrian overpass on Chumasero to safely cross Brotherhood Way, and then again head east under Junipero Serra Blvd./Highway 1, back to the Merced Extension Triangle.

Travel time, depending upon the alternate routes you take and your stop times, could be as little as two hours or up to three and one half hours. The distance from St. Charles and Brotherhood Way and around Lake Merced and back is approximately 6.5 miles. The trip around Lake Merced itself is 4.7 miles.

Even on a warm day, weather can turn quickly with fog off the ocean. Dress appropriately, but be sure to carry a jacket and water with you on this interesting journey.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH****FIX-IT TEAM VISITS THE MET**

The Fix-It Team SF, empowered by the Mayor to fix quality of life and safety issues identified by residents and businesses, met with Merced Extension Triangle residents on June 4<sup>th</sup> to hear about areas for improvement in the neighborhood.

Headed by Public Works Fix-It Director Sandra Zuniga, the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting gave residents a chance to identify concerns. No business owners were present despite being notified.

The most pressing issues that arose were: safety concerns at the Alemany-St. Charles-Palmetto intersection; the stated removal of the pedestrian bridge at Brotherhood and Chumasero; current conditions and maintenance at the Alemany-Brotherhood Dog Park, maintenance of the city trash receptacles at five locations in

the MET; and weed abatement along with tree pruning throughout the neighborhood on Public Works and Public Utilities property. Other issues that were mentioned by more than one resident concerned school bus parking during the day on Alemany Blvd. and the lack of parking control officer enforcement in Zones B and CC.

**ROADWORK ALONG HIGHWAY 1 BEGINS**

New roadwork has begun along Highway 1. The entire scope of the project involves roadway replacement on the north bound lanes of Highway 1 (Junipero Serra-19<sup>th</sup> Avenue-Park Presidio) from the San Mateo-San Francisco County Line to the Veterans Blvd./Presidio Parkway exit. Locally, work will include replacement of curb, gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps and roadway replacement on the

on-and-off ramps at Junipero Serra and Brotherhood Way.

Due to heavy daytime traffic along Hwy. 1 all work will take place from 10:00pm to 6:00am, Monday through Friday. Construction areas will be posted 72 hours in advance of the work. Detour signs have been posted in the MET, to divert nighttime traffic through the construction work. Neighborhood residents will see increased traffic on Brotherhood, Alemany, and lower Palmetto during the night work.

**PUC CLEANS UP PROPERTY--JUNIPERO SERRA FROM PALMETTO TO BROTHERHOOD**

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) met with several METNA officers in early June, along their property adjacent to Junipero Serra/Hwy. 1 to discuss the cleaning and maintenance of their property. The land sits above a major water main that brings water from Crystal Springs into San Francisco. The land has been neglected with overgrown weeds and a patchwork of shrubs. The preliminary clean-up took place in June and early July. The goal is to level the land and provide a maintenance schedule once funding can be secured. This property serves as one gateway into San Francisco and should receive continued attention.

**POSSIBLE MONEY SAVINGS ON YOUR PROPERTY TAX**

The office of Assessor Carmen Chu and the San Francisco Public Library are partnering to present a free educational workshop on *Property Tax Savings for Families and Seniors*. The workshop will cover how your property taxes are calculated and the share of tax savings that you may be eligible for as a homeowner in California. The workshop will be held Wednesday, September 25, 2019, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at the Merced Branch Library, 155 Winston Drive, at 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. RSVP at [tinyurl.com/TaxSavingsMerced](http://tinyurl.com/TaxSavingsMerced).

**JOIN METNA****METNA REMINDER****2-HOUR PARKING TO BE STRICTLY ENFORCED IN THE MET**

With the opening of Hmart at OceanView Village in the coming months, parking will be at a premium both in the OVV parking lot and on the streets in the neighborhood. As a result, SFMTA will be enforcing the 2-hour Monday-Friday, 9:AM to 5:PM parking restrictions.

Residents with a Residential Parking Permit (RPP) may park beyond the 2-hour limit. Residents of OceanView Village may purchase a Zone B (Blue) RPP sticker, and neighborhood residents may purchase a Zone CC (Green) RPP sticker for their vehicle, both issued from September 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. The current price for a RPP sticker is \$136. Residential Parking Permits may be obtained at 11 South Van Ness Avenue. You must have two valid proof of resident documents to qualify for a sticker.