

The METNA News

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HMART MOVES CLOSER TO OPENING AT OCEANVIEW VILLAGE

Hmart is planning to open soon at OceanView Village. It is anticipated that Hmart will create more than 150 full time and part time jobs. Hmart has been in contact with the city's Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD). OEWD's Business Services Team is expected to enter into a First Source Hiring Agreement. Once executed, the Agreement will govern the recruitment process for local residents. Interested individuals can sign up at The Hub, coordinated by Inner City Youth, and the Workforce Referral Network coordinated by OEWD, at 200 Broad St., at Capitol, Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 6:00pm.

While Hmart specializes in traditional Asian and international foods, their stores provide high quality fresh produce, meats, poultry, seafood, ready to cook items, bakery goods, housewares, and a food court with take out items. The supermarket will ensure that a wide geographic area will have access to fresh, healthy and affordable foods for all members of the community.

Hmart Senior Director Sam Kim states, "We are doing all we can to open before Christmas. That is our goal right now." To reach that goal, there are a lot of steps in the process that must be reached. The main two issues are the construction crew working through this Covid-19 period of uncertainty and the city inspection process moving along in a timely manner. Once construction work is complete and all permits have been approved then Hmart must put in shelving and stock the supermarket with product, train their employees, and coordinate the move-in with their vendors. If all goes well, we may have a supermarket fully operational by the end of 2020, or in early 2021.

METNA TURNED 20 YEARS OLD ON OCTOBER 3rd

A nine-member neighborhood ad-hoc steering committee met several times during the summer of 2000 and adopted the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association (METNA) Constitution and By-laws, on August 22, 2000. The constitution & by-laws were approved at the Association's first general membership meeting on October 3, 2000, attended by 35 neighborhood residents.

METNA became an outgrowth of the 3995 Alemany Neighborhood Association which was formed in 1999 to give input into the development of OceanView Village, as it was about to double the population of the neighborhood. Steve Currier, at the time the president of the Outer Mission Residents Association, gave his expertise on establishing a neighborhood association.

Over one hundred fifty neighborhood residents had been involved in year-long concerns regarding the new block-long development, speaking at Planning Department meetings and letting the developers, Emerald Fund, know that the existing neighborhood would have a voice in the development project. And we did—everything from the size and scope of OceanView Village, to the retail establishments, to the neighborhood landscaping, to the neighborhood parking, and to the neighborhood sewer system. METNA very quickly established valuable connections to all city agencies.

Boundaries were set, annual dues were assessed for each household, and officers were elected at the November 14, 2000 meeting. When residents moved in to OceanView Village, METNA reached out to welcome our new members to the community. The first edition of the METNA News was published in November, 2000. 80 regular, and 3 Special Edition newsletters have been published in the past 20 years, free to every member of the community.

METNA is greatly indebted to the parishioners and leadership of the church at 640 Palmetto Avenue for allowing us to hold our quarterly meetings at their beautiful facility.

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GENERAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020
Precinct # 9756 is located at:
3931 Alemany Blvd., Suite #2003

>Polls are open, 7:00am-8:00pm

>Vote by mail prior to November 3rd. All ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 3rd.

>Mail in ballots may be dropped off at your polling place on November 3rd, prior to 8:00pm

VOTE

METNA MEETING

Tuesday, November 10, 2020
7:00pm, Virtual ZOOM Meeting

Invited Guests

Board President Norman Yee
Supervisor, District 7

Supervisor-elect
S.F. Board of Supervisors

Sam Kim, Executive Director
Hmart Companies, Inc.

Joaquin Torres, Executive Director
Office of Economic and Workforce
Development

Lt. Aaron Lozada, Acting Captain
Taraval Police Station, SFPD

Daniel Homsey, Director
Neighborhood Empowerment Network

**THE VIRTUAL ZOOM METNA MEETING
IS OPEN TO CURRENT METNA
MEMBERS ONLY**

Contact METNA President Glen
Hatakeyama by November 7 for a link to
the meeting

BUSINESSES IN THE MET

During this current difficult time, with health issues still at a high level, it is important that neighborhood residents support neighborhood businesses, whenever possible. Here is the latest information on ...

EXTREME PIZZA**Food Restaurant: (Dine in), Take out, Delivery**

3911 Alemany Blvd., Suite 1001

Owner: Vivian Hsu

Phone: 415-661-9300 / 650-992-9800

Current hours: Mon-Fri: 10:00am-10:00pm

Sat-Sun: 11:00am-10:00pm

Extreme Pizza offers Gourmet Signature Pizzas, with a variety of homemade sauces, cheeses, meats, veggies, fruits, nuts, and spices. They also have calzones, monster subs, and a large variety of garden fresh salads, along with a large selection of beverages. Vivian Hsu states: "Spend over \$38, \$68, or \$98 and ask for a free gift item." Their latest menu also contains discounts for pick-up and to go orders, delivery orders, and multiple pizza orders.

SUBWAY**Food Restaurant: (Dine in), Take out, Delivery, Catering**

3911 Alemany Blvd., Suite 1004

Owner: Sean Pouyamehr

Phone: 650-757-6100

Hours: Mon-Fri: 8:00am-9:00pm

Sat: 10:00am-7:00pm, Sun: 10:00am-6:00pm

Subway offers a variety of sandwiches, breakfast combos, wraps, two soups of the day, salads, sides, and beverages. Subway also has catering options. Subway uses delivery services Doordash, UberEats, and Postmates. There is also a Subway app.

Sean Pouyamehr has been the owner-operator of Subway at OceanView Village since 2007. Sean states, "We greatly appreciate the community's support." METNA wishes to thank Sean for his support at our quarterly neighborhood meetings for the past dozen-plus years.

H-MART (To open soon)**Food Supermarket**

3951 Alemany Blvd. Suite 3001

Owner: Hmart Companies, Inc.

Store Manager: Not available yet

Phone: Not yet available

Hours: TBD (possibly, daily 8:00 am to 9:00 pm)

Hmart plans to open in OceanView Village within the next few months. The State-of-the Art Korean-American Supermarket will offer a wide variety of international foods and American products.

CHASE BANK**Express Bank (not full service)**

3981 Alemany Blvd.

Branch Manager: Jaclyn Crisostomo

Phone: 650-756-6437

24/7 Service: 888-994-5626

Hours: Currently only open for lobby ATMs

METNA reached out to Branch Manager Jaclyn Crisostomo. There is no date set to reopen the OceanView Village Branch. She stated, "I do want to express my gratitude to all our valued customers for their patience during this time." The closest branches that are available for indoor services are: Stonestown (265 Winston Drive), and West Portal (98 West Portal Avenue).

SAIL AWAY CRUISES & LAND VACATIONS**Travel Agency**

3990 Alemany Blvd, Suite A

Owner: Dennis & Claire Sanchez

Phone: 415-334-3700

Info @ sailwaynow.com / Claire@sailwaynow.com

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm

Weekends by appointment only.

"Personalized, knowledgeable and friendly service is what best describes us. Our goal is to help make your next vacation memorable and affordable. Please check out our 5 Star Yelp reviews". Dennis & Claire Sanchez have owned their travel agency for over 20 years specializing in both ocean and river cruises, as well as land tours and vacations.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR**METNA MEETING**

7:00pm, **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020**, Via **Zoom**, for current METNA members only.

Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the last two meetings of the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association (METNA) were cancelled.

METNA will present a virtual Zoom meeting over the internet. This meeting will be open to current METNA members, who wish to join the meeting. A complete list of "Invited Guests" appears on page one. To join the meeting. at 7:00pm, contact President Glen Hatakeyama by November 7 for a link to the meeting. Secretary Eric Berquist will send the link out to METNA members who have a valid e-mail address on file, by November 8. Join the meeting no earlier than 6:55pm on November 10.

SISTERHOOD GARDENS

Located @ north-east corner of Brotherhood Way and Arch St. Garden remains open for individuals to garden.

A winter volunteer work schedule is posted on the kiosk at Sisterhood Gardens, subject to change due to weather conditions

JOIN METNA

**Send \$20 check made out to METNA
to Rich Zerga, 1095 Clayton St.,
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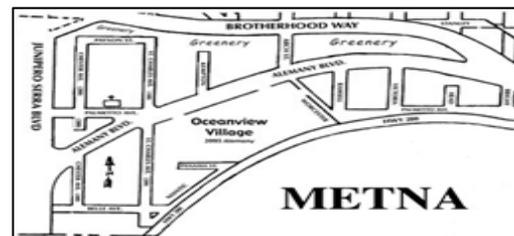
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CHOICES FOR GENERAL ELECTION VOTING ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 3rd

ELECTION OF METNA OFFICERS FOR 2021-23

San Francisco Elections has made the voting process for the Tuesday, November 3rd General Election very easy. Each voter has several choices on how to vote.

VOTING BY MAIL

To ensure that San Franciscans can vote safely, all registered voters should have received a ballot in the mail, in early October. Each ballot packet included an official ballot, instructional insert, a postage paid return envelope, and an "I voted" sticker. Vote and return your ballot as early as possible. All mail in ballots must be postmarked on or before November 3rd to be counted. Your signature must resemble the signature on your driver's license.

An Accessible Vote By Mail (AVBM) system is also available. To access a ballot go to: sfelections.org/access. The AVBM system allows voters to mark the screen readable ballot to vote.

VOTING AT CITY HALL VOTING CENTER

The City Hall voting center is located at 99 Grove Street in front of the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium between Polk and Larkin Streets. It will provide registration and voting services between October 5 and until the close of polls (8:00pm) on Election Day, November 3rd. The center will be open Mon-Fri, October 5-November 2, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, plus Sat-Sun, October 24-25 and October 31-November 1 from 10:00am to 4:00pm, and on Tuesday, November 3 from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY—NOVEMBER 3rd

Precinct #9756 for Merced Extension Triangle registered voters will be open from 7:00am to 8:00pm at 3931 Alemany Blvd., Suite #2003, located in the OceanView Village Retail Complex for in person voting and vote by mail ballot drop-off. The Department of Elections has adopted several new health and safety protocols at all polling places.

October 19th was the last day to register to vote and receive a ballot in the mail. After October 19, anyone who is eligible to vote can still register conditionally and vote provisionally in person.

To check if you are registered to vote or confirm that your information is up to date, go to: sfelections.org/voterportal.

Reminder: RANKED CHOICE VOTING

For local offices, including the District 7 Supervisor race, you may rank all (seven) candidates, if you wish. Make sure to bubble in no more than one candidate in each column. Do not mark each candidate more than once. Follow the prompt on the ballot.

KEY VOTER RESOURCES

View info regarding elections, voting & more: sfelections.org. Register to vote or update registration: registertovote.ca.gov View registration, request a replacement ballot:

sfelections.org/voterportal
Map out voter plan for Nov. 3 election:
sfelections.org/myelectionnavigator

Sign up for ballot tracking notification, via email, text, or call:
wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov

Learn about ranked choice voting: sfelections.org/rcv
Request translated election materials:
sfelections.org/language

View FAQs:
sos.ca.gov/elections/frequently-askedquestions

Or by phone: English, 415-554-4375; Espanol, 415-554-4366; Chinese, 415-554-4367; Filipino, 415-554-4310, TTY: 415-554-4386.

Voting for METNA officers usually takes place during the November METNA neighborhood meeting, in even years. Since there will not be a November in person meeting due to the ongoing Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, voting will take place by mail ballot.

Current METNA members in good standing, who live, own property or a business within the METNA boundaries, may vote. One vote per household (Article 4, Sec 1; Article 5, Sec 1) is allowed. Current METNA members will receive a ballot with their November METNA Newsletter. The ballot contains instructions on how to vote and return the ballot. Voting will take place between November 1st and 10th.

Candidates for office are:
President: Marc Christensen
Vice-President: Glen Hatakeyama, Glenn Rogers
Secretary: Cecilia Herman
Treasurer: Richard Zerga
Sergeant-at-Arms: Eric Berquist, Sue Harless,

If you did not receive a ballot with your newsletter, please call Marc Christensen (phone number on page 2) to request a ballot. All ballots must follow the proper instructions, and be returned by November 10th to be counted.

ON LINE CLASSES

COMMUNITY LIVING CAMPAIGN CLASSES

The Community Living Campaign (CLC) continues to offer senior and/or disabled residents CLC Virtual Community Connector Network free classes in a variety of topics, Monday thru Friday. The CLC monthly calendar is available at: www.communityliving.org/events. Go to the website to see how you can connect to the classes. Those wishing a monthly calendar can contact MET Community Connector Laura Atkins at: laura@sfccommunityliving.org or at 415-341-4713.

Vote

PG&E GAS LINE WORK IN THE MET

In August of 2018, the METNA News reported that "Work on a gas pipeline safety device on St. Charles is scheduled for sometime in the fall (2018)." The work finally began in August, 2020. The work involved a gas pressure distribution monitor on the neighborhood distribution line. The sensor sends an automatic signal back to PG&E monitoring the gas pressure in the line. The work, on the corner of Alemany and St. Charles was completed in September.

Meanwhile, PG&E (Pacific Gas & Electric Company) began replacing gas distribution lines in the MET beginning in August. Prior to the work, METNA was not informed of the extensive work that would take place. If we had been notified METNA would have featured an article in the August METNA News. In reaching out to PG&E in early September, we found out that PG&E is replacing gas lines plus also replacing and relocating many gas meters throughout the neighborhood. Work began on the 600 block of Palmetto and will continue for approximately six months. The lines to be replaced are on lower Palmetto, the 300 block of St. Charles, the south side of the 4000 block of Alemany Blvd,
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They have been partly responsible for our success over the years, allowing us to bring in a wide array of invited guests covering a variety of informational topics, on a quarterly basis.

Moving into its second score (twenty years), the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association and its allied organizations are strong and looking to continue to improve the health, safety, and quality of life for our entire community. METNA has established two important community programs:



Established in May, 2015, as an inaugural neighborhood resilient group, sponsored by the Neighborhood Empowerment Program (NEN), Resilient MET was formed to provide community support in case of a major catastrophic event. Resilient MET is currently supporting community work during the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic.

Block Captains have been identified, are being trained in first aid and CPR, and emergency supplies will soon be ordered to be used when a natural or man-made disaster occurs.



Established in November, 2017, as a neighborhood senior support group by the Community Living Campaign (CLC), and co-sponsored by District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee, the MET Community Connectors program was established to provide activities, information, and support for our aging population. While socializing has temporarily been put on hold during the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, on-line, and monthly services have been given to our senior citizens.

METNA will continue to analyze neighborhood needs with community input and work with city, regional, and state agencies to improve the quality of life to a constantly changing population. Our goal has always been service to the community.

Please consider joining our unique neighborhood association to support us, as we support you. Joining now, your annual dues will be applied to next year.

MAJOR CHANGES & DELAYS COMING TO 19TH AVE.

Construction will begin soon on 19th Avenue, between Holloway Avenue and Lincoln Way. The work will consist of water main and sewer replacement, along with Auxiliary Water Supply Service (AWSS). New pedestrian bulb outs, transit bulbs, and traffic signal work will also be included. The work will limit lanes and create traffic backups. SFMTA removed seven bus stops in mid October, for its 28-19th Avenue bus line, between Ocean Avenue and Irving Street "to improve transit reliability," according to SFMTA. The work is scheduled to take place over a 3-year period, "to be completed in 2023."

Once completed, MUNI buses will stop at transit bulbs for passengers in the right hand lane, thus backing up and delaying traffic.

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between Chester and St. Charles, then the 200 block of Chester, Payson, between Chester and St. Charles, and the 100 block of St. Charles. At times gas service may be interrupted. PG&E will notify customers.

Signs will be posted, and each residence will be notified as to when street and sidewalk construction will take place. When "No Parking/Tow Away Zone" signs are posted, residents can still park when no construction is eminent, however PG&E requests that each vehicle parked in a "Temporary, No Parking Zone" have a sign placed on the vehicle's dash board, clearly visible that gives the owner's name, address, and telephone number, so that they can notify the owner when it is time to move the vehicle. Their policy is to work with neighborhood residents, and not tow vehicles whenever possible.

Any questions regarding the gas line replacement and parking concerns can be addressed to Gas Crew Forman, Josh Garza at 415-740-4242, between 7:00am and 5:00pm. PG&E thanks you for your cooperation and understanding as they work to improve the safety upgrade to gas distribution in the neighborhood.

METNA REMINDERS**UPDATE ON COVID19 PROTOCOLS**

The following safety protocols are in place regarding the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic:

- >Wash your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds throughout the day, especially after coming in from outdoors and before you eat any food.
- >Keep your hands away from your face, especially your mouth, nose, and eyes.
- >Social distance at least six feet from anyone you come in contact with, outside of your immediate family members.
- >Wear a mask when going outside, and make sure a face mask is in place at least 20 feet from other people.
- >When in public and entering any building a face mask is required.
- >Waiting for or riding on any public transportation requires a face mask to be worn at all times.
- >Isolate from any family member who has any symptoms and then have that person and your family be tested.
- >Wearing nitrile-type gloves, although not mandatory, is recommended when touching or handling items outside of your home.
- >Wearing an eye covering is also recommended.

***Be smart, protect yourself and others.
Stay safe and stay healthy!***

FIRE SAFETY DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

METNA and the San Francisco Fire Department want you, your family and neighbors to be safe, year round, but especially during the holiday season. Safety tips include:

- >Check to see that you have working CO2 and smoke detectors, on every level of your home, especially outside every sleeping area.
- >Make sure you have fully charged fire extinguishers on every level of your home, especially near or in the kitchen, and that you know how to use them.
- >Keep any Christmas tree fresh, by storing it in a fresh water bowl at the base, and check it frequently. If a tree becomes dry and brittle, throw it out.
- >Keep any combustible material at least three feet away from stoves, fire places, space heaters, and portable heaters.
- >Make sure any extra holiday electrical lights are in good working condition, and always unplug them before leaving your house or going to bed.
- >Put candles in non-tip containers, and make sure they are secure. Keep candles well away from any combustible material and curtains.
- >Do not leave candles unattended, or within the reach of small children and pets.
- >Practice good fire safety habits at all times, and let small children know all fire safety protocols.
- >Dial 9-1-1 (cell phone 1-415-553-8090, program now) at first signs of a fire.

METNA wishes to extend a very happy and safe holiday season to everyone.

WINTER SPARE THE AIR DAYS

The Bay Area Air Quality Control District wants to remind residents that the winter season Spare The Air days run from November 1 to February 28. When an alert is issued there is to be no use of burning material of any type. Check before you burn at SparetheAir.org, or call 877-466-2876.

