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THE BROTHERHOOD WAY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN IS ABOUT TO BEGIN -- COMMUNITY INPUT IS ENCOURAGED

The Grant Study by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), known as the "Brotherhood Way Active Transportation and Open Space Plan" is scheduled to begin during the first month of 2023. The Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant from CalTrans to the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), puts the focus on Brotherhood Way, Alemany Boulevard, and St. Charles Avenue. The study will be looking at ways to "improve connectivity from this neighborhood to the rest of San Francisco's active transportation network and the regional transit network along Brotherhood Way and St. Charles Avenue.

"Road realignment options developed in this study will seek to improve safety, facilitate active transportation connections, and advance the 2019 Ocean View Branch Library Feasibility report's vision of a 'future connected landscape park and open space which maximizes the potential of the green space,'" is written in the proposal. The proposal discusses the possible closure of Brotherhood Way in front of the planned library site.

The Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association (METNA) has a vested interest to be directly involved with any changes to the current neighborhood traffic patterns along the key corridors, including but not limited to Junipero Serra Blvd., St. Charles Ave., Arch Street, Alemany Blvd., and Brotherhood Way. Along with its Executive Board, it is important for concerned individuals who live and have businesses in the MET, and those working and living along Brotherhood Way, including schools and churches, Parkmerced and 800 Summit (all part of District 7), and neighbors directly north of Brotherhood Way, in the OMI (District 11) to be informed.

METNA president Marc Christensen has already reached out to local businesses, and community leaders at the schools and churches to make sure they are informed about the Grant Study, and hopefully become actively involved in the decision making process. It must be stated that the primary stakeholder in any decision must come from those persons who work and live within the study's boundaries, as outlined in SFCTA's proposals.

President Marc Christensen reached out to Tilly Chang, Deputy Director for Planning at SFCTA to set up a walk through of the neighborhood to point out a few of the many reasons why Brotherhood Way cannot be closed to through traffic from Orizaba St. to Arch St., as was a specific proposal in the original Grant Study Plan. On October 1, 2022, Tilly Chang met with president Marc Christensen and vice-president Glen Hatakeyama for a preliminary walk-through of the area to look at several unique characteristics of the landscape and traffic patterns of the study's boundaries. Project lead planner, David Long, was unable to attend. The walk resulted in a very positive opening dialogue regarding safety and calming measures related to the study area.

Rachel Hiatt, Deputy Director of Planning at SFCTA gave METNA a quote for this article: "The Brotherhood Way Safety and Circulation Study will be a community-driven planning process to develop conceptual designs for transportation improvements in the area roughly by CA-1, Randolph St., and I-280. The Study's goals include improving safety, connectivity, and circulation within the project area. The study will begin with a community conversation to identify needs, then will work with neighbors to develop and evaluate transportation improvement concepts to address those needs. Community engagement will stretch across the life of the study and a Community Working Group will be formed to guide all study tasks. The study is funded by a grant from the California Department of Transportation and the voter-approved transportation sales tax. We expect to present the Study scope and schedule to the SFCTA Board in November, and the Study would begin during the winter 2022/23 and last approximately two years. To sign up to participate and be notified of study events, please write brotherhood-way@sfcta.org or visit www.sfcta.org."

SFCTA's Tilly Chang and David Long have been invited back to METNA's Neighborhood Meeting on Tuesday, November 15 to give an overview on the timeline of the Grant Study, and to provide information to stakeholders who wish to participate in the process.

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022
Polls open: 7:00am to 8:00pm
Precinct 9729

Located at St. Thomas More Church
1300 Junipero Serra Blvd,
enter from Thomas More Way

Precinct 9731

Located at OceanView Village
Shopping Center, Suite 1003
(Check your Voter Guide for any
changes)

METNA MEETING

Tuesday, November 15, 2022
7:00pm, at Palmetto Meeting Hall
640 Palmetto Avenue
(between St. Charles and Chester)

Invited Guests

Myrna Melgar, District 7 Supervisor
San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Tilly Chang, Deputy Director Planning
David Long, Transportation Planner
S.F. Country Transportation Authority

Fleisia Thiboudeaux, Exec. Director
I.T. Bookman Community Center

Robert Yick, Captain
Taraval Police Station, SFPD

ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME

We are guests at 640 Palmetto. Proper Covid-19 protocol, at this time to ensure safety, requires those persons attending to show proof of vaccination and requires those in attendance to wear a nose & mouth face mask during the meeting. Thank you for your compliance and understanding

**"A VISIT FROM ST. NICOLAS" AKA
"T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"
WAS WRITTEN 200 YEARS AGO**



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Clement Clarke Moore wrote the poem "A Visit from St. Nicolas," at age 43, written for his six children and wife, while on a sleigh ride home from Greenwich Village, after buying a turkey for his family on Christmas Eve in 1822.

According to legend, he read the poem that night to his family. Later next year, a family friend submitted Clement C. Moore's poem to the *Sentinel*, an upstate New York newspaper. It was first published on December 23, 1823, anonymously. After being published the poem quickly

appeared in subsequent years in newspapers throughout the east coast. The poem was never copyrighted by Moore, and he finally claimed ownership of it over a decade later.

Renamed "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by Clement Clarke Moore, it has now been in circulation worldwide over the past two centuries. Some scholars credit the work to Major Henry Livingston, Jr., but throughout its almost 200 years it is Clement C. Moore's name tied to this Christmastime classic, read by parents and grandparents to their children each Christmas Eve. It is his image of St. Nicolas, Santa Claus, that has defined the "Right Jolly Old Elf" and, of course the eight tiny reindeer. (Yes, there was no Rudolph, as he would come some 127 years later).

And, over the years one reindeer's name was slightly changed. Originally called "Donder" that reindeer has been more commonly referred to as "Donner."

As we approach the 200-year anniversary of a visit from St. Nicolas, dust off that old classic, and read it once again with your family. "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night."

On behalf of the METNA family, we wish to extend to you and your family the best of the holiday season.

**SAFE PRACTICES, ESPECIALLY DURING
THE HOLIDAY SEASON**

Heating Hazards

- Keep all items that can burn at least three feet from stoves, microwave ovens, fire places, space heaters, and portable heaters.

Electrical Lights

- Do not overload electrical outlets, or run extension cords under carpets, across doorways, or near heaters.
- Throw away any set of lights that have cracked or damaged cords or sockets.
- 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 candles are securely in their holders.
- Never burn candles near Christmas trees, decorations, or displays.
- Keep candles far away from curtains, shades, and other combustibles.
- Never put candles near windows or exits.
- Do not leave candles unattended, or within the reach of young children.
- Extinguish all candles before you leave a room or go to bed.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

METNA MEETINGS

**@ Palmetto Meeting Hall, 7:00pm
640 Palmetto Avenue**

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 (3rd Tuesday)
Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

SISTERHOOD GARDENS BUILD DAYS

10:00 am– 1:00 pm on the following dates:

Saturday, November 12, 2022

Saturday, December 10, 2022

MET COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

@ Golden Gate Church of Christ, 201 Head Street at Palmetto

Tuesdays 10:00 am-11:00 , senior exercise

11:00 am-12:00, social activities

Other Classes on line at:

www.sfcommunityliving.org

**D11 NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATIO DAY
Saturday, November 5, 2022**

9:30 am-12 noon

Volunteers meet at Brotherhood and Arch

JOIN METNA

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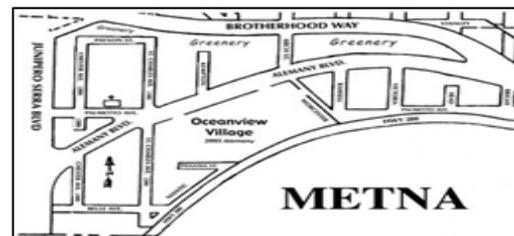
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**I. T. BOOKMAN COMMUNITY CENTER --
A SHINING STAR IN THE COMMUNITY**



new events daily!

The Southwest Community Corporation at I. T. Bookman Community Center was founded in 1985 by I. T. Bookman as a non-profit resource HUB for community driven programming in the Lakeview, Oceanview, Merced Heights and Igeside neighborhoods, located at 446 Randolph Street, at Arch St. (one block north of Brotherhood Way). The agency prides itself on striving to recognize and address the needs of community members through

the development of sustainable quality service enriched programs and services. Built on the foundation of a communal need for multipurpose space, it is known today for its partnerships with the Department of Adult Services, Department of Public Health, and the Stonestown Family YMCA.

The staff at I. T. Bookman continues to develop and manage quality activities and programs dealing with all issues that are found in communities today, such as Covid-19, air quality, heat-waves, community stress, disaster preparedness, with the support from the Neighborhood Empowerment Network and its members.

Programs and services provided include, but are not limited to:

- Weekday inexpensive breakfasts (M-F)
- Daily nutritious lunches and dinners (M-F)
- Weekly distribution of fresh produce, dairy and breads/cereals
- Access to hard to get items (PPE, toiletries, hygiene & cleaning products)
- Activities and learning workshops, such as zooming with seniors, book club, music programs, and adult choir
- Social service programs providing information and referrals to other CBO's and assessments
- Addressing isolation via technology (computer lab, other technical programs and training)
- Senior health and safety classes
- Covid testing and vaccinations (Friday-Saturday)

Executive Director, Felisia Thibodeaux, a true champion in so many areas of civic programs and services, has been invited to speak at the November 15th METNA neighborhood meeting.



August 20th METNA Neighborfest block party

Over 60 neighborhood residents participated in the METNA Neighborfest Block Party. Resilient MET Block Champion members met with neighbors to share food and meet one another in a social gathering at the Chester-Palmetto Mini Park on August 20th.

SENIOR PROGRAMS WITH METCC

Now on Tuesdays, the Merced Extension Triangle Community Connectors (METCC) program offers neighborhood residents a senior exercise class at the Golden Gate Church of Christ, located at 201 Head Street, at Upper Palmetto. Doors open at 9:50am for a 10:00am exercise program. The second hour features social and educational programs. There will be cooking demos, arts and crafts, games, plus updates on City Services. Join the program. Ideas are welcomed. Contact Laura Atkins, Community Living Campaign Community Connector at 415-341-4713 for more information.

**ELECTION OF METNA OFFICERS
FOR 2023-25**

Voting for METNA officers will take place at the Tuesday, November 15, METNA neighborhood meeting. Officers will serve from February 2023 through January 2025.

Current METNA members in good standing who live, own property or a business within the METNA boundaries, along with Sponsoring members and Benefactors are eligible to vote. One vote per household (Article 4, Sec. 1; Article 5, Sec. 1) may vote.

The following persons were nominated at the August 9th METNA meeting:

- President: Marc Christensen
- Vice-President: Glen Hatakeyama
- Secretary: Eric Bergquist
- Treasurer: Sue Harless
- Sergeant-At-Arms: Neil Hunt, James Lee, Wayne Shotten

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Christmas Trees

- Select a fresh tree. Shake the tree to drop and remove all loose needles before bringing it into your home.
- Place the tree in an area away from any heat source: fireplace, heater vents, heaters, televisions, and direct sunlight.
- Place the tree in a sturdy stand with a water bowl, and keep the bowl full of water daily, to reduce the risk of the tree drying out.
- If the tree becomes dry or brittle, remove the tree from the house to a safe outside location.

Smoke Detectors / CO2 Detectors

- Make sure you have a working smoke detector and CO2 detector on every level of your home, especially around sleeping areas.
- Test a smoke detector every six months and clean away dust. Replace all detectors within ten years of use.

Fire Extinguishers

- Have a fire extinguisher on each level of your home, especially one (or more) in your kitchen.
- Check every three months to see that the extinguisher is fully charged.
- Replace fire extinguishers that do not have the arrow in the green (fully charged) zone.

Immediately, Call 9-1-1 in case of a fire. Give exact location of the fire.

M-OCEANVIEW & SAFETY PROJECT

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is in the early phases of a study of the M-Oceanview Muni Metro Line, developing ideas for transit, safety, and accessibility for improvements in the project corridor. SFMTA would like to get community feedback on the project to help guide the direction of potential improvements.

Project materials showing the current ideas and proposals can be viewed at SFMTA.com/MOceanView. Feedback can be shared online. Please note, the ideas shown on the materials are not final, as extensive community feedback going forward will help build a detailed project proposal.

TWO NEW VOTING PRECINCTS NOW IN THE MET FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS

San Francisco began using the new State Assembly and U.S. Congressional District maps beginning on June 7, 2022, and will now be used for the next ten years. This is a result of the recent post-census redistricting process.

In December 2021, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission redrew the boundary lines of California's State Assembly, State Senate, State Board of Equalization, and U.S. Congressional Districts. Then in early 2022 the BART Board of Directors Redistricting Committee redrew the BART districts, and the local Redistricting Task Force redrew the boundary lines of the San Francisco Supervisorial Districts. The BART and Supervisorial Districts of the MET stayed in tact.

It was the California Citizens Redistricting Commission that split our neighborhood down the middle of the 200 block of St. Charles, and the 3900 block of Alemany, thus creating two districts which resulted in the realignment of the voting precincts. The two new voting precincts created by the San Francisco Department of Elections are: **Precinct 9729**, representing the west side of St. Charles (300-200 blocks), all of St. Charles (both sides, 100 block), the north side of Alemany (3900 block), as well as all of Belle, Chester, Payson, Lower Palmetto, and Kempton.

Precinct 9731, representing the east side of St. Charles (200 block only), Niantic, Panama, the south side of 3900 Alemany (including all of OceanView Village-Ocean View Terrace), all of the south side of Alemany (3800-3400 blocks), Upper Palmetto, Ramsell, Victoria, Head, and Bright.

For the November 8, 2022 Consolidated General Election, the voting precincts will be currently located at: **Precinct 9729** at St. Thomas More Church, 1300 Junipero Serra Blvd. (enter from Thomas More Way), and **Precinct 9731** at Oceanview Village Shopping Center, Suite 1003.

Voting options for November include:

1. **Vote by mail.** The Department of Elections sent out vote-by-mail packets in early October to all registered voters.
2. **Vote early, in person, at city Hall Voting Center:** October 11 to November 7, weekdays 8:am to 5:pm, two weekends (Oct. 29-30, and November 5-6) 10:am to 4:pm, or on Election Day, November 8, 7:am to 8:pm.
3. **Vote at your Precinct polling place:** November 8, 7:am to 8:00pm.

Please note that when voting occurs on the second Tuesday in November (this time November 8), METNA moves its November Neighborhood Meeting to the third Tuesday, this year to **Tuesday, November 15th**.

THE PARKMERCED BUILDOUT - WHERE IS IT NOW?

According to Parkmerced's Pulse Resident Newsletter for Fall 2022, "Project teams are working closely with the City to finalize the Street Improvement Permit and working towards pre-construction in late 2023."

Also, Parkmerced is "working towards finalizing an intersection design by the Spring of 2023" for the new Brotherhood Way and Chumasero Drive intersection. In December, 2020, Parkmerced agreed to keep the pedestrian bridge as part of the intersection redesign (alternative plan 2B-1), which will reconstruct the north side of the bridge, extending the bridge 195 feet to the north, with an outlet to a pathway to the east side of the extension.

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Send \$20 check, made out to METNA
To Sue Harless, Treasurer
79 Kempton Ave., SF CA 94132

METNA REMINDER

WEED ABATEMENT ON SIDEWALKS— YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Property owners and residents are reminded that each one is responsible to keep sidewalks in front of their home free of weeds and debris. The responsibility extends from the building to the curb. Municipal Police Code 34/Public Works Code 174 states, "Litter/debris, grease, grime, stains and weeds shall not accumulate or remain upon the sidewalk."

BE A RESPONSIBLE NEIGHBOR

The accumulation of weeds, grease, oil on a sidewalk is not only unsightly, it also can be a tripping hazard. Pedestrian safety is of primary importance. Please check and remove any weeds and other items on the sidewalk in front of your property on a regular basis. If you have a next door neighbor who has difficulty maintaining their sidewalk, consider helping them, at the same time. Thank you for being a good neighbor.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

7 LEAVES CAFÉ AT OCEAN VIEW VILLAGE

Plans were submitted in early October to the Planning Department. They will now wait for the permits to be issued and hope to complete the build-out in the first half of 2023, with a target date of opening in late spring of 2023.

AT&T NEGOTIATING A LEASE AT OVV

An A.T.&T. franchise is negotiating a lease agreement to open a store at OceanView Village, in the spaces formerly held by Hertz and the dentist office.

No further details are available at this time.

D11, NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION DAY

The District 11 Love Our City: Neighborhood Beautification Day, formerly known as the Community Clean Team Day, will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 9:30am to 12:noon, throughout District 11. METNA is asking for volunteers to help clean up the Brotherhood Way Greenbelt, mostly on the north side of Brotherhood Way, from the area just east of Sisterhood Gardens, and the land from Arch St. down to at least the St. Charles Pathway. Public Works is asking volunteers to register. Sign up at: Volunteer@SFPDPW.org/LoveOurCity. State "Brotherhood Way." If you cannot register, then just show up at 9:30 on November 5th for the cleanup. Bring work gloves, and wear work clothes, and sturdy shoes.

MORE STUDENT HOUSING FOR SFSU

On October 14, California Assemblymember Phil Ting announced that \$116 million will go to San Francisco State University for a new student residence hall on West Campus Green, providing 750 beds for first-year students. The California State University Systemwide Revenue Bond Program will also finance this project. Phil Ting states, "Currently slated to open in Fall 2024, it could ease pressures on the area's housing market. When hundreds of students are able to live at school, it frees up rentals everywhere else."