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OUR AREA OF SAN FRANCISCO—100 YEARS AGO

In 1923, the Merced Extension Triangle was known as the Alemany Tract, with the area west of Worcester Avenue known as Ocean View Park, according to city maps at the time. The area on the site of OceanView Village was part of the Lurie Company. By 1926, lots were being plotted by engineers Sandborn, Corinson and Clift for development that would take place in the late 1930's and early 1940's. After World War II, beginning in 1945, the Merced Extension Triangle, as developers called it, were completing homes block by block.

North of the Merced Extension Triangle, Ingleside Terraces had been in the planning stages by April 1912. Joseph Leonard's planned Ingleside Terraces was beginning to take shape with the planned opening of the Twin Peaks Tunnel, still more than five years away. The first Ingleside Terraces house was completed and occupied by June 1, 1912. Covenants, deed conditions, and exclusions on who could own and live on the property were common to residence parks of the period.

The Urban Realty Improvement Company began an advertising campaign, in full force by 1913. One promotional draw to the site was the Giant Sundial, built and located in the circular park in the middle of Entrada Court. The 110-year old Ingleside Terraces Sundial was dedicated on October 10, 1913. The company in its promotion brochure equated the opening of the Panama Canal with the eventual opening of the Twin Peaks Tunnel: "The Panama Canal unites the Atlantic and Pacific. The Twin Peaks Tunnel unites San Francisco and Ingleside Terraces."

By 1922 Joseph Leonard and the Urban Realty Improvement Company gave way to a new partnership as lots continued to be built upon. Joseph Leonard's son, George L. Leonard, and Charles H. Holt formed a partnership creating the company Leonard & Holt. Due to World War I in particular, only 150 homes had been built by the beginning of 1922. More modest homes continued to be built throughout the 1920's.

One advertisement, appearing in the San Francisco Chronicle in December 1923, stands out. Titled, "What Does Your Wife Get For Xmas?," the ad states, "If you are in doubt of what to buy your wife, suggest a new home," implying that the husband was the "bread winner" so-to-speak.

As we celebrate the holiday season once again, it is interesting to peer back in time, 100 years ago, to see how the area grew. First, the gradual development of Ingleside Terraces, and then further to the southern edge of San Francisco, the development of the Merced Extension Triangle.

Happy Holidays to all, as we look forward to the changes that lie ahead. **See page 3 for the Leonard & Holt advertisement**



Proposed Alemany Blvd. looking east from St. Charles Ave., March 8, 1926.

Photo courtesy of Outside Lands.org.

BROTHERHOOD WAY SAFETY & CIRCULATION PLAN

The San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) presented a briefing to three METNA officers on October 3rd, in advance of their four rounds of Public Outreach. Marc Christensen, president, Glen Hatakeyama, vice-president, and Claire Sanchez, neighborhood improvement chair, and a business owner, met with David Long, Transportation Planner at SFCTA, and Kelsey Frost, Sr. Communications Manager, D & A Communications, to get preliminary information on the upcoming Brotherhood Way/St. Charles Avenue study plan.

Public outreach will take place over the next nine to twelve months: (1) Need, Barriers, and Goals: collect input and ideas to guide the development concept; (2) Preliminary Concepts: collect input on potential alternatives to inform recommendations; (3) final evaluation: shape final **cont'd on page 3**

METNA MEETING

Tuesday, November 14, 2023
7:00pm at Palmetto Meeting Hall
640 Palmetto Avenue
(between St. Charles and Chester)

Invited Guests

Lynn Mahoney, Ph.d., President
San Francisco State University

Hope Kaye, Director
Office of Emergency Services
San Francisco State University

Adrienne Bechelli, Deputy Director
Division of Emergency Services
Department of Emergency Management
City & County of San Francisco

Brien Hoo, Captain
Taraval Station
San Francisco Police Department

David Long, Transportation Planner
S.F. County Transportation Authority

ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME

Face masks are recommended for the METNA meeting but are not required at this time.

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: Jackie & Betty Gan

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

Current hours: 7 Days a week: 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, chicken wings, monster subs, and a large variety of garden fresh salads, along with a large selection of beverages, including beer and wine.

The original management team is back. Offering lunch specials starting at \$7.75 and up, with daily dinner specials starting at \$12.95 and up.

SUBWAY

Food Restaurant: Dine in, Take out, Delivery, Catering

3911 Alemany Blvd., Suite 1004

Owner: Sean Pouyamehr

Phone: 650-757-6100

Hours: Mon-Fri: 7:00am-9:30pm, Sat-Sun: 9:00am-9:00pm

Subway offers a variety of sandwiches, breakfast combos, wraps, two soups of the day, salads, sides and beverages. Subway also has catering options. Subway has freshly sliced deli meats.

Sean Pouyamehr has been the owner-operator of Subway at OceanView Village since 2007, supporting the community and METNA. Sean states, "We greatly appreciate the community's support."

7 LEAVES CAFÉ (to open soon)

Food Restaurant: Specializing in tea, coffee, and pastry items

3931 Alemany Blvd., Suite 2002-03

Owner: Alex Anderman

Phone: not in service yet

Hours, tentatively set: 8:00 am-10:00 pm

H-MART

Korean-American Supermarket

3951 Alemany Blvd. Suite 3001

Owner: Hmart Companies, Inc.

Store Manager: Judy Suen

Phone: 650-993-7450

Hours: 7 Days a week: 8:00am-10:00pm (14 hours a day)

Hmart, the State-of-the Art Korean Supermarket, offers a wide variety of international foods, and a line of American products. There are fresh fish, meat, poultry, produce sections, as well as the standard supermarket products, including a wide variety of beer, wine, and alcoholic products, with several houseware aisles. Within Hmart is the Paris Baguette Bakery, along with the K-town food court with Korean, Chinese, and Japanese fusion cuisine. Ready to cook meals are also be available to cook at home.

Judy Suen states, "We are respectful, friendly, and open to making genuine friendships with those who live in the neighborhood, offering fantastic customer service."

CHASE BANK

Express Bank (not full service)

3981 Alemany Blvd.

Branch Manager: currently none

Phone: 650-756-6437

24/7 Service: 888-994-5626

Hours: Mon-Fri: 9:00am-5:00pm. ATMs open 24/7.

The closest full service branches available are: Stonestown (265 Winston Drive), and West Portal (98 West Portal Avenue).

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

METNA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
@ Palmetto Meeting Hall, 640 Palmetto Avenue at 7:00pm

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

SISTERHOOD GARDENS' BUILD DAYS

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

Brotherhood & Arch:

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Saturday, December 9, 2023 (tentative)

Saturday, January 13, 2024

MET COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

@ Golden Gate Church of Christ
Community Room, Corner of Upper
Palmetto & Head

Tuesdays, 10:00am – 11:00 Senior Exercise

Tuesdays, 11:00am-12:noon Social Hour

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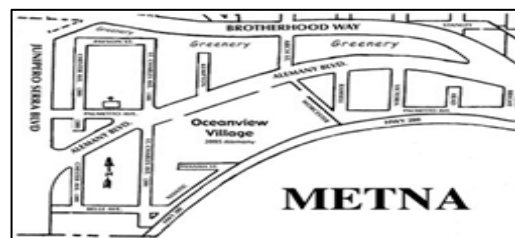
235 St. Charles

415 308-3486

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3934 Alemany Blvd

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SAIL AWAY CRUISES & LAND VACATIONS Travel Agency

3990 Alemany Blvd, Suite A

Owner: Dennis & Claire Sanchez

Phone: 415-334-3700

Info @ sailawaynow.com / Claire@sailawaynow.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 twenty-five years. They have extensive travel experience, specializing in both ocean and river cruises and also offer land based tours and vacations. They also are charter members of METNA.

KEEP OUR POSTAL CARRIERS AND MAIL SAFE

The United States Postal Service (USPS) in a letter dated August 23, 2023 and received on October 13, 2023 titled, "Help Us Protect Your USPS Letter Carriers" was sent to postal customers stating, "One of your most important connections to the local community and to the world is mail," writes Douglas Smith, San Francisco Postmaster.

There has been an uptick in postal carriers in the Bay Area being robbed and assaulted with mail and keys to mailboxes being taken, along with postal vehicles.

The letter asks for the public's help and vigilance to keep our employees and the mail safe. The letter goes on to state, "Be alert for...(1) unusual activity around the mail carriers; (2) unusual activity around mailboxes; (3) damaged mailboxes, including broken locks; and (4) missing mail items that you normally receive.

If you see something suspicious or someone following your mail carrier, call 9-1-1 immediately, giving the location and a description of the possible suspect, and then call the Postal Inspector at 877-876-2455.

Postmaster Douglas Smith states "Reporting suspicious activity protects your letter carrier and your mail and provides law enforcement the necessary time to respond and prevent possible criminal activity. Please go to usps.gov for more information."

Any robbery or assault on a postal worker is a Federal offense, with severe penalties, as announced by the Northern District of California U.S. Attorney's Office.

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evaluation of alternatives; and (4) Study Conclusions: share recommended designs and final report. All events will have Spanish and Cantonese interpretation.

Round 1 will involve meetings, a survey with a site visit, a virtual town hall, while engaging a community working group. There will be interagency coordination with San Francisco Municipal Transit Agency (SFMTA) BASIP project (reported in the August 2023 METNA News), and the SF Public Library's Oceanview Branch Library concept. We were hoping to have dates available for round one in this newsletter. METNA has invited David Long and Kelsey Frost to our November 14th neighborhood meeting, where we hope they will have round one dates to share at that time, give us an update on the plan, and answer clarifying questions.

To learn more and sign up for the events go to: sfcta.org/brotherhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

7 LEAVES CAFÉ BEGINS CONSTRUCTION AT OVV

7 Leaves Café began construction on October 18th at OceanView Village. The buildout should be completed in early January. The target date to open is around February 1, 2024.

WHAT DOES YOUR WIFE GET FOR XMAS?

Why not make this Christmas the happiest your family has ever spent? Why not have that Christmas tree in your own home? It can be done! If you are in doubt as to what to buy your wife, suggest a new home. If you are not living in your own, no gift that money can buy will so appeal to her. It's easier than you think. Come out to

Ingleside Terraces

Look over the multitude of new houses — see the new ideas and color schemes. We know you'll like them. Thousands have praised them, hundreds have bought them. Many thought they would never be able to own their own, but we have shown them the way. If you pay \$75.00 a month rent, come out and talk over that initial payment with us. Our terms may surprise you.

This development will not last long—never again in the City of San Francisco will you see such values.

How to Get to INGLESIDE TERRACES

BY STREET CAR—Take Market St. "R" or then 24th or 26th Aves. to Junipero Serra Blvd. our then house, get off at Cerritos Ave. or then 24th or 26th Aves. to Junipero Serra Blvd.

LEONARD & HOLT

39 MONTGOMERY ST. TEL. SUTTER 7038

INGLESIDE TERRACES 65 Cerritos Ave., Tel. Jan. 4326

WE'RE ALIVE

San Francisco Chronicle Dec. 8, 1923

(Leonard & Holt)

METNA MEMBERS CONTINUE TO PAINT OUT GRAFFITI

METNA officers Eric Bergquist, Joan Broer, Marc Christensen, Sue Harless, Glen Hatakeyama, and Claire Sanchez, along with METNA members Evelyn Lee, Kim Mayor, and Romeo Perez spent the evening of October 14th painting out graffiti from the Alemany Pink Bridge and the fences along the east side of Junipero Serra from Alemany to Brotherhood Way. Other areas, including signal boxes and the Head Street Wall at Alemany will be painted out shortly after graffiti appears.

A reminder: Property owners are responsible for graffiti removal on their property and should be removed in a timely manner. Graffiti removal is a top priority for METNA. Contact METNA officers if you wish to participate in our next neighborhood graffiti cleanup.

If you see individuals or groups actively defacing public or private property, call 9-1-1 immediately, giving the location and a description of the individual(s).

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A LOOK BACK AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD 60+ YEARS AGO

**Alemaný Blvd & the neighborhood as remembered
by Gladys Bran**

In 1964 Mike and Gladys Bran moved their family from Brunswick Street in Daly City to what became their final home on Alemaný Blvd. in San Francisco. This is Gladys' story.

We moved into our house on Alemaný Blvd. in 1964. I had bought a Ford Falcon which is the car I drove when we moved to Alemaný Blvd. At the same time, the I-280 freeway was being constructed. To get to our house we drove down Alemaný Blvd. from across town. At one point they closed (west bound) Alemaný Blvd. and we had to drive down Sagamore Street to get home. Within a few years BART was also being built as well as the Daily City BART station. (It opened on November 5, 1973).

We bought our produce from a small store on Sagamore Street (Pesci's) and I drove my Ford Falcon to Westlake Market (now Safeway).

We had two sons at the time, Jim age 11 and Max age 13. The neighborhood was safe. The kids could go out and play, and I did not need to watch them. Mr. Lester O'Keefe and wife Lois lived in the neighborhood. Mr. Whillet lived next door. He was a detective. One day I came home from downtown. I was gone for two or three hours and found my garage door was open. I told Mr. Whillet. He said, "Stay here. I will search the house." He brought his gun and searched around the house. Then he came back out and said, "Everything is safe. You can go in the house now."

Mr. Rotea Gillford lived on Kempton. He was also a SFPD detective. He had two boys who played with my boys. Max and Jim's friends were Michael and Steven Gillford, Kevin Restani, Carol, Gail, and JoAnne McCreedy (also, all living on Kempton), Bob Whillet, Michael and Warren Webb, Thom Faust, and a girl from Barstow named Gail, but whom the kids called "Mousy."

Our sons went to St. Thomas Moore Catholic School. In 1966, my sons went to El Salvador to live with their grandmother for a year.

The city planted the Cypress trees that align Alemaný Blvd. We don't have a tree in front of our house because Mr Whillet asked that trees not be planted in front of this house to the corner of Kempton. So the three Alemaný houses near Kempton have no trees. Our backyard was all grass. During an early drought period, we had to remove the grass because City regulation stated that we had to conserve water.

Across the street on Alemaný was a nursery (the California Evergreen Nursery) that grew garden plants. It was on an elevated hill. By 1967 the nursery had shut down and dirt was removed from the large area (stretching a full city block), while the beautiful nursery was demolished. They removed the dirt in big dump trucks. Everything was dusty. It went on for a few months. When they finished leveling the property in 1967, a Payless Drug Store was built. (It opened October 11, 1967). It had a pharmacy, home electronic appliances, shoes, clothing and many things. An Albertsons Supermarket also went in on the property. Many trees were planted in the parking lot. It was beautiful and was like a mini mall. When they opened, there were so many cars that they hired police to direct traffic. Payless lasted about five or six years and then it became a Thrifty Drug Store. (Albertson's became a Lucky Supermarket). Then, with a parking lot on the roof, the complex was shut down with water leaking from the parking lot roof.

In the late 1990's, developers (Emerald Fund) proposed a large housing complex to sit on top of new retail ground floor tenants. The neighborhood protested the large scope of the housing units (not the retail space), the lack of sunlight and excessive traffic from the apartments. To protest the number of housing units, the neighbors organized a meeting in the original parking lot (before demolition), and included the neighborhood supervisor. We complained that it would bring too many people to the neighborhood, at hearings held downtown.

But the project went ahead anyway (but with a few modifications).

This has been a nice neighborhood. We lived in peace. You could go anywhere safely. Now you have shopping stores all around. Back then it was a special and very nice place to live.

Gladys Bran is now 95-years-old. She told these stories from memory.

TELESERVE: SF POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTING SYSTEM

Residents can now make police reports, using Teleserve, 24-hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week. Teleserve personnel will handle and be responsible for the following types of reports:

- Auto Boosting / Auto Burglary / Auto stripping
 - Check forgery / Fraud
 - Fraudulent Use of Credit / Debit Card
 - Lost Property
 - Grand Theft / Petty Theft
 - Malicious Mischief / Vandalism
 - Pick Pocketing
 - Suspicious Occurrence
- Teleserve will not handle:
- Crimes in progress
 - Suspect known incidents
 - Any report with evidence that requires booking

There is also an Online Reporting System at: www.sfgov.org/police, that may be used for harassing phone calls, lost property, theft, vandalism, vehicle boosting and burglary.

Teleserve can be reached at: 415-553-4912
311 (from within SF) 415-710-2311 (TTY: 415-701-2323)

911 (on cell phone, 415-553-8090) **for emergencies only.**

METNA REMINDER

TRASH RECEPTACLES LEFT ON SIDEWALK AND/OR VISIBLE IN FRONT OF PROPERTY Public Works Code 170 (a)

Public Works wants to remind residents about leaving trash receptacles on the sidewalk and/or out of public view on non-pick up days.

Public Works Code 170 (a) states:

"Garbage receptacles are allowed on the sidewalk after 6:00pm prior to the scheduled collection days and must be brought behind the property line and hidden from public view within 24 hours after the can(s) are serviced."

This applies to all trash receptacles including the black, blue, and green Recology bins. Recology, which picks up the bins, very early on Mondays, allows for bins to be placed on the sidewalk (not blocking pedestrian access) after 6:00pm on Sunday evening, and removed by residents by Tuesday morning (at the latest). Recology asks that all bin lids be closed, preventing wild animals such as raccoons, coyotes, and rats from foraging through trash bins.

Violators are subject to a citation and fine. Help keep the neighborhood safe, clean, and attractive by adhering to Public Works Code 170(a).

If a bin is skipped and not picked up by 2:00pm on Monday, call Recology at 415-330-1300.