Handy Resources for Home

Report Litter   2B-CLEAN
Report Graffiti   241-WASH
Police Non-Emergency   553-0123
Police/Mission Station   556-5400
Help A Homeless Person   431-7400
(Hotline Assistance Patrol dispatched)
Street Cleaning   695-2017 or 695-2020
Abandoned Vehicles   553-9817
DTP Dispatch   553-1200
Street Signs Missing/Damaged   554-9780
Pot Hole Repair   695-2100
Supervisor Bevan Dufty’s Office   554-6968
bevan.dufty@sfgov.org

Join EVPA by Sending Us This Completed Membership Application

Name:_______________________________________________________________
First                                              Last
Name:_______________________________________________________________
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Organization: _________________________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________
City: San Francisco, CA Zip Code:__________________________
Day Phone: (_____ )_______ Evening Phone: (_____ )_______
Email: ________________________________________________________________
(My concerns for the neighborhood include __________________________)
I am interested in working on the following issues:
___City Planning/Zoning ___Transportation, Utilities & Neighborhood Commerce
___Public Health/Safety ___Education/Recreation ___Membership & Promotion
___Finance  ___Internal Affairs ___Pink Triangle Park
___Renewing membership. ___ New membership.
___ I wish to receive my copy of the Eureka! Via the internet rather than by US Mail
My concerns for the neighborhood include __________________________

Annual Membership dues are $20 per calendar year for individuals, $30 for households and $40 for businesses or nonprofits in Castro, Upper Market, and Duboce Triangle (Eureka Valley). EVPA is a non-profit California corporation. Please return this form with your check payable to EVPA to:
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Safety Tips: Charity Scams

Thank YOU!

From Captain John Ehrlich, SFPD
Courtesy of Northern Station

This season a great many charities are counting on our generosity to keep them afloat. Given a slowly recovering economy, the war in Iraq, and several natural disasters their need may be especially urgent.

There are four basic ways to receive solicitations from a charity, in person, on the phone, over the internet or through the mail. To begin with, do not let solicitors who arrive at your front door step unannounced into your house. If you can talk to them without opening the door do so. If at any time you feel they are a scam artist call 9-1-1 immediately. They may be casing your domicile for a burglary or home invasion. For those solicitors you are still evaluating, at your front door step or anywhere else, always make a practice of asking the following pertinent questions before you consider giving them any money.

1. What is the exact name of the charity? Watch out for names that approximate other, well-known institutions. If it’s close to the name of some another group, ask if they are affiliated.
2. What is their contact information: web site URL, telephone number and address? If they don’t give you this information, there is something wrong.
3. Ask them how your donation will be distributed. How much will go to the program and how much will cover the charity’s administrative costs. Among other administrative concerns, some charities will hire professional fund-raisers to solicit donations, and those fund-raisers are entitled to some of the money you pledge.
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EVPA volunteers collected donations for the Castro Street Fair at Castro and 18th Street.
6. Don’t donate right away. Wait. Do not give them anything on the first pass. You have homework to do. Resist high-pressure, emotionally charged appeals.

Now that you have made contact with someone soliciting your donation, you need to confirm the information you’ve received. Your goal, ideally, is to find a reliable phone number altogether different from that which the first solicitor provided you, though connected with the same institution, and speak to someone who can confirm the solicitor’s good intentions.

Good places to start are either the Better Business Bureau’s Wise Giving Alliance, the American Institute of Philanthropy, or Guide Star. We have provided their phone numbers and URLs below. If you suspect the solicitation was a sham, you can report the questionable solicitation to these same institutions. You may also report them to the Federal Trade Commission.

If you can’t confirm the solicitor’s group, a growing caution would be prudent. Remember, simply calling the number your original solicitor gave you will prove nothing. You might simply be making a return call to a scam artist. Waiting for the mail-out material that you requested in step number four might be justified at this point. Once you have found a reliable alternate number, run down the above list with the corroborating person you have contacted, and reconfirm the information received in questions one through six. If it squares up, you’re in business.

Charity Scam Prevention:
BBB Wise Giving Alliance: 1 (703) 276-0100 or go on line at www.give.org Guide Star: 1 (757) 229-4631 or go on line at www.guidestar.org

American Institute of Philanthropy: 1 (773) 529 2300 or go on line at www.charitywatch.org


Identity Theft:
Federal Trade Commission: 1 (877) 438-4338 or go on line at www.consumer.gov/idtheft

Equifax: 1 (800) 525-6285 or go on line at www.equifax.com

Experian: 1 (800) 311-4769 or go on line at www.experian.com

Trans Union 1 (800) 680-7289 or go on line at www.transunion.com

U.S. Postal Service: for consumer complaints, 1 (800) 275-8777

Halloween is almost here!
Get ready. Below is a map of the event venue and fare gates. Donations collected will be distributed among local charities. Please see the website www.halloweeninthecastro.com for more information on street closures, MUNI reroutes and entertainment.
Be safe and enjoy!

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Neighborhood Residential Property Sales Data
3rd Quarter 2005

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Join SF’s grass-roots quality of life group! free to join: www.plancsf.org

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