CASTRO/EUREKA VALLEY
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Eureka!
The neighborhood association for the Castro, Upper Market and all of Eureka Valley since 1881.
Distributed to over 3,000 residents and businesses in central Castro/Eureka Valley

Castro/EVNA’s
NEXT PUBLIC
MEETING
Thurs
July 26th
7-9:00

ATTENTION!
Meeting Location Change!

July’s Meeting will be held at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center at 100 Collingwood Street

BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
JOIN THE EVNA BOARD OR PLANNING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

DISASTER ISSUE!

MEETING AGENDA!

• NEW DISTRICT 8 SUPERVISOR RAFAEL MANDELMAN
• SF SEAWALL PRESENTS EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS
• SFMTA TWIN PEAKS TUNNEL UPGRADE UPDATE
• NERT TRAINING INFO
• MEMBERS VOTE ON PASSAGE OF NEW BY-LAWS

PLEASE VISIT EVNA.ORG TO REVIEW NEW BY-LAWS
Does Your Street Have A Neighborhood Watch?

The Unit block of Hartford Street has one. The Unit block of Collingwood has one. Ford Street has one. The 300 block of Noe Street has one. And no doubt other blocks in the Castro have one.

“What?” you ask? They have a Neighborhood Watch.

Participating in a Neighborhood Watch means keeping a neighborly eye on your street, your block. It means staying informed and keeping your neighbor informed about the goings on in and around your neighborhood.

A Neighborhood watch can help reduce crime, and will help in the event of an emergency like an earthquake.

For information about setting up a Neighborhood Watch contact SF SAFE: https://sfsafe.org/

Checklist

Come to the Castro/EVNA July Meeting and Enter to Win a Go Pack

What’s A Go-Pack and What’s in It?

You may have heard the term “Go-Pack” or “Go-Bag” before. It’s all the rage. Simply put, it’s a backpack or gym bag (or a Louis Vuitton Neverfull beach bag) stuffed with things you’ll likely need if there’s an emergency and you need to “bug out”! Take a look at this simple list, and better yet, put one together and keep one at your front door, in your car, and at work. (https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit)

- A Basic Emergency Supply Kit
- Water- 1 gallon per person per day
- Food- at least a three day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and USB ports
- Flashlight
- First Aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle
- Dust mask, plastic sheeting
- Moist towelettes
- Wrench or pliers
- Manual can opener
- Local Maps
- Cell phone with charger/back up battery

With this simple start, you can add more specific items depending on your situation, the event you’re planning for, and your capacity.
Hope you and yours enjoyed a happy PRIDE event. After 30 years living in San Francisco, I still get excited to celebrate and take notice of how far we’ve come to be such a diverse and inclusive city, and remind myself how much work we have yet to do to stretch our understanding of what that means.

Welcome to Summer in the City; there’s nowhere with a more beautiful version of it than here in the Castro/Eureka Valley- it doesn’t escape my attention that the fog is often hanging above the crest of Twin Peaks, reminding me to enjoy the warmth of the blue sky and sun till Karl comes back.

It’s been a busy summer since our last edition with the debate and the elections. Thanks to all those who attended EVNA’s Sheehy/Mandelman debate to hear the candidates discuss the issues affecting District 8 communities and what they plan to do about it. I’d like to thank Jeff Sheehy for his work and effort over these past many months as our Supervisor. It isn’t an easy job, and Jeff worked hard to tackle the big issues of LGBTQ youth homelessness, chop shops, and crime.

With election ballots now counted, I want to congratulate our newly elected Mayor London Breed, and D-8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman. EVNA looks forward to working with both to keep our community strong by reducing the barriers to building more housing for lower and middle income families and individuals, and to effect real and positive change by getting those on the streets into the services and the stability they need to reclaim their health and their lives, and in the process, making our streets more enjoyable, safe and clean for every citizen, resident and visitor.

Then came the scooters, huh? Wow, like locusts, they were suddenly everywhere! My old-man fist was shaking in the air on many a day, having to navigate scooters on the sidewalks and discarded carcasses everywhere: leaned against newly planted trees, tossed in the bushes, parked neatly in the crosswalk, not to mention jumping out of my skin every time one of them clipped me on the elbow from behind as the rider zoomed by on the sidewalk. “Young whippersnappers!” I heard myself yelling to no one who cared. What sweet vengeance when SFMTA gave the companies like Lime, Bird, and Spin the ultimatum to get them off our streets or be impounded with heavy fines. There is justice!

But, being practical and knowing how the SFMTA will sell a permit for anything as long as there is enough money involved, EVNA is sending SFMTA an advance letter in support of the scooters as long as a few points are addressed: proper fees to handle the increased enforcement, permits for vendors, implementation of rules for the safety of pedestrians, requiring rider helmets, and a better docking system to keep parked/unused scooters out of rights of way. That’s it! Easy fixes. I’ll be the first to use them if they can meet those simple standards.

Speaking of transit options, we all know the Twin Peaks Tunnel is now closed for 2 months while SFMTA updates the 100-year old tracks, walls and the drainage systems inside. It’s a good thing, and SFTMA has been very effective in getting the word out and educating riders on their alternative routes. On the surface, we’ll see lot’s more foot traffic at the Castro and Church Street Stations as riders scramble for buses and shuttle rides.

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Become involved in your neighborhood!
We are always looking to expand our Board of Directors with committed, active members of the community.
If you’d like to learn more, email President@EVNA.org.
EVNA is working with area neighborhood groups like Duboce Triangle, Castro Merchants, Ford Street NAG, and the Castro CBD, to launch an educational campaign on how to properly recycle cardboard. There are days, walking around the neighborhood, when things are just out of control. Some merchants are bypassing the expense and breakdown restrictions placed by Recology and instead relying on an informal scavenger system to pick up their cardboard from the curb. Unfortunately, when the driver doesn’t come around, and the wind and the street people have their way, large panels of cardboard get strewn all over the area overnight; in shop doorways, splayed out at the curb, dragged into the parking lots, used as signs for various enterprising individuals, etc. It means a lot of litter and a lot of extra work for the CBD cleaning crew every morning. I’ve noticed residents can be equally careless, putting huge flat panel TV boxes out on the curb any day of the week, stuffed with plastic, styrofoam and other boxes inside. We have to do better. An inviting street scene helps us all feel less stressed and our neighborhood more welcoming… you’ll see a joint campaign over the next couple months, and Recology has a system to encourage eventual compliance: educate, encourage, audit and finally, fining abusers who persist. If you’re a cardboard scofflaw, watch your Recology bill… it isn’t cheap.

Welcome to The Disaster Edition!
Mark D McHale, President

Emergency planning. Yes, I know, it’s a priority. I’ll get to it right away. It’s my next project. Of course it’s important… I’ll sit down and pull it together this weekend. Right?

If you’re like me, detailing an evacuation plan or assembling a 3-day emergency kit has always been “next” on my list of priorities. And talking it over with my family or doing a practice drill always comes right after that. Sure, after I work all week, pick up the dry cleaning, go shopping, wash the car and get caught up on Facebook. It’s next, I swear. What could happen?

And for weeks and months and even years, that’s where my good intentions have stayed: luckily for most of us, there’s been no real emergency; and sadly, there’s been no emergency planning.

Truth is, as much as we think we’ve tamed our surroundings and improved our odds of survival, life delivers challenges we all face like health factors and the potential for personal injury. Because we live in an urban setting, there are additional risks for emergency such as fires, power failures, unforeseen danger at social events, and any variety of industrial accidents. Layer on top of that the fact that we live in a coastal city, and that brings with it the possibility of sea rise and tsunami. Lastly, as if we don’t have reason to be anxious enough, oh yeah, we live a very active earthquake zone, too. Phew… that’s a lot. The only thing we don’t have is a volcano like they do in Hawaiian- poor souls; that is if Mt. Shasta keeps its lid on for a bit, and Mt. St. Helen takes her time to recharge slowly after that last deadly incident, and none of any of that is too worrisome as long as Yellowstone doesn’t erupt. That’s a ticking time bomb, too.

And, soberly, I tell you, these are just the local and natural disasters… we won’t get into the geo-politics in this edition.

If you’re not running for the exits after all this, then you absolutely need to get prepared now. Not having a plan is not an option, and even having a plan is not a guarantee. When the big one happens, San Francisco’s bridges will possibly fail, meaning we’re going to be cut-off from the rest of the nation to a higher degree, so any help that’s coming will take longer to get to us.

So the question is not when, but “how?” And lucky for us, many experts have done the work for us, and for us, it’s just a matter of tuning in, adopting the plan that works, and stocking the right resources to increase your odds of survival.

In this “Eureka: The Disaster Edition”, the newsletter committee has pulled together stories from neighbors about their emergency experiences and identified tips and resource lists to make a solid evacuation plan improve your odds. There are even links to help you create of simple first aid kit, or pull together a 4-person survival kit for a major earthquake. We try to have some fun with it, but take the matter of disasters and planning very seriously. We hope you read the entire edition- it can save your life.

To really bring the topic home, we’ll continue the topic at our next public meeting on July 26th at 7:00pm at the EV Rec Center. We’ve got a super agenda planned for you, and a few surprises, too.
Working for You
By Supervisor Jeff Sheehy

Supervisor Jeff Sheehy is the member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors representing District 8, which encompasses Eureka Valley, the Castro, Noe Valley, Diamond Heights, Glen Park, and Dolores Park.

Prioritizing Housing for those released from behavioral health facilities

This past month, I introduced my “Breaking the Cycle” legislation to make sure homeless people who are treated for mental health and substance use issues get housing when they finish their programs and don’t end up back on the streets. I have seen homeless individuals, who go into treatment, back out on the streets in the same location again and again. My legislation will ensure a seamless transition from a clinical facility into housing following discharge. The constant recycling between treatment and the streets is traumatic for homeless people with behavioral health issues and wasteful for our budget.

Participatory Budgeting

I am the first Supervisor to bring Participatory Budgeting to District 8. Participatory Budgeting is a democratic process which gives community members the opportunity to set budgeting priorities and make decisions on which community projects should be funded. District 8 residents will decide on how best to spend $250,000 for neighborhood enhancements, beautification, safety, open space and other improvements. Voting ended May 1.

Public Safety

Last month, Mayor Farrell and I walked through the Castro with Police Chief William Scott and Director Nuru of DPW. Following the walk, implementation of the “Healthy Streets”, multi-agency unified command homelessness response began that specifically prioritizes the Castro. Importantly, these improvements include Homeless Outreach Teams being deployed in the evening instead of just during the day.

I have been assured that our police foot beats in District 8 will continue. These include four officers in the Castro, four around Dolores Park, as well as one officer in Noe Valley. I am advocating in this budget cycle for more officers so we can have foot patrols everywhere we need them, so that we can completely cover the Castro, and so we can increase and expand specialized crime units for property and other crimes.

Castro Cultural District

I have introduced a resolution to establish the “Castro LGBTQ Cultural District”. The Castro has been the heart of the LGBTQ community for decades and the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District will enable us to preserve our history and continue building our community in the neighborhood. The Castro is a haven for our community and is a beacon of hope around the world. With the creation of the Castro Cultural District, I hope to further protect the integrity of this enclave from the many pressures that are facing our community due to a rapidly changing city, so that the Castro can continue to be the heart of the LGBTQ movement well into the foreseeable future. Many thanks to Senator Wiener and so many other members of our community for your partnership!

We’re here to Serve You

We are here to serve you with ongoing projects as well as new ideas or concerns. Please feel free to email me directly: jeff.sheehy@sfgov.org or call my constituent hotline at 415-554-7753.

See you in the Neighborhood
Best Resources to Build a Plan that Works for Your Situation

Whether you’re building an emergency plan for your family at home, or for your work environment, www.Ready.Gov is one of the most comprehensive planning resources available. You can choose the type of emergency you’re planning for, and then drill down from there to create your best plan, assemble needed resources, communicate with others, and hold practice sessions before a big event.

Here’s the Ready.Gov plan for earthquakes (https://www.ready.gov/earthquakes), and what to do during a seismic event:

**What TO DO During: Survive**

Drop, cover, then Hold On like you practiced. Drop to your hands and knees. Cover your head and neck with your arms. Hold on to any sturdy furniture until the shaking stops. Crawl only if you can reach better cover without going through an area with more debris.

If in bed, stay there and cover your head and neck with a pillow.

If inside, stay there until the shaking stops. DO NOT run outside.

If in a vehicle, stop in a clear area that is away from buildings, trees, overpasses, underpasses, or utility wires.

If you are in a high-rise building, expect fire alarms and sprinklers to go off. Do no use elevators.

If near slopes, cliffs or mountains, be alert for falling rocks and landslides.
Meet Your NERT Neighborhood Coordinator: Sean Gallavan

Sean Gallavan moved to the Castro four years ago and lives on 17th street. He volunteers his time heading the Castro chapter of the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team. Under his watch our neighborhood has been holding quarterly preparedness meetings and was granted $25k to purchase and store emergency supplies that will benefit all residents of the Castro when the next big earthquake hits. NERT is a program run by the San Francisco Fire Department which started after seeing what an impact neighbors working together had in saving much of the Marina district after the 1989 earthquake. NERT trains individuals on the basics of personal preparedness and prevention. The training also includes hands-on disaster skills that will help individuals respond to a personal emergency as well as act as members of a neighborhood response team. Anyone is free to attend, and the training is completely free. Read on for an interview with Sean, our neighborhood NERT coordinator.

How did you get involved with NERT? How long have you been involved?

- I was looking to find out more about disaster awareness and looking to help out, so I took the training about 3 years ago. I volunteered to become neighborhood coordinator about 1 year ago after seeing that the position had stood empty for several years.

What does a NERT neighborhood coordinator do?

- I organize quarterly meetings to discuss preparedness, we usually have between half a dozen to a dozen people attend; during the meetings we discuss how we are preparing/prepared and share ideas while building community. We always welcome more NERTs to attend our meetings. I am so glad we were granted $25k to get equipment for emergency preparedness which we are working with SFFD to procure. Things like generators, medical supplies, rescue equipment. We are also looking at providing medical training - wilderness first aid skills for existing NERTs or those looking to sign up for NERT.

What should residents of the Castro know about NERT?

- NERT training doesn't require volunteering or ongoing involvement, anyone can take it. Our goal is to get as many people as possible trained as NERTs so individuals are personally prepared. Of course it is great if people can help others after ensuring they and their friends/families are safe, and NERT provides a structure for that as well.

How do I find a training?

- Search online for “NERT training” and you will find the SFFD site. After the fires in Napa/Sonoma last year the trainings have been filling up early, so keep an eye on the website to see when a new session will be opening. The trainings happen year round in different locations around the city.

What do you like most about being neighborhood coordinator?

- It is good and necessary work, it feels good knowing that the neighborhood will be much more prepared for an emergency.

What are the challenges?

- It is a lot of work! If someone doesn’t have time to complete the entire NERT training, what do you recommend they do now to prepare for a major disaster?

- Number one is have 3-5 days of food and water on hand at all times - there will be food and water coming but it will not be coming right away.

- Second would be having some sort of “go bag” - basic things in case you need to leave quickly, for example if you wake up and there is a fire in your home. The Go Bag should include cash (including small bills), copies of passport/license and other important documents, a first aid kit including any prescription medications you need, an emergency blanket, water, a multi-tool, and anything else you might need - consider pets, children as well.

- And last but not least, have a plan. There are great resources on the SFFD website including worksheets for coming up with a family emergency plan, what to have in your go bag, how to create an emergency plan for pets, how to shelter in place, etc.

Any fun fact we could know about you?

- I’m an avid backpacker - I completed 130 miles on the John Muir Trail last year over 2 weeks. I’m also trained as a wilderness first responder and I help run an LGBT-oriented hiking and camping group.

More information on how to make sure you are ready for the “big one” and how you can help others can be found on the SF Fire Dept website at sf-fire.org, or feel free to email Sean directly at castro.nert@gmail.com
Handy Resources for Home

Call 311 for:
Report Litter and Graffiti, St. Cleaning, Abandoned Vehicles, St. Signs Missing/Damaged, Pot Holes

Police:
Non-Emergency: 553-0123
Report nuisance and non-urgent issues. Always ask for a CAD #.
Mission Station: 558-5400
Captain Bill Griffins email: bill.griffin@sfgov.org

Homeless issues:
Community Awareness & Treatment Service (CATS)
non-emergency: 734-4233

Parking and Traffic Issues:
SFMTA Parking Enforcement: 553-1200
SFMTA Parking Tickets: 701-3000

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Greetings EVNA Readers!
Supervisor Elect Rafael Mandelman

I write to you as your Supervisor-Elect, incredibly grateful for this opportunity to serve. It is of course a special honor to be able to represent the Castro/Eureka Valley, a neighborhood of such rich history and cultural significance.

During the campaign, I often observed that the Castro is at the moment a neighborhood in need of some serious love and attention. The challenges are clear: an unacceptable retail vacancy rate, a growing concentration of street people on our sidewalks and public plazas, and a general feeling of insecurity for residents and visitors alike, to name a few. There are unfortunately no easy fixes for any of these problems, but I know we can do better.

In June, Mayor-Elect Breed and I travelled to Sacramento to testify in favor of Senator Wiener’s conservatorship legislation, SB 1045. The Mayor-Elect and I share a strong commitment to getting sick people (especially the mentally ill and those suffering from severe drug addictions) off the streets and into the care they need. Senator Wiener’s legislation will provide our local public health officials an additional tool to accomplish that result.

I have also met with Mission Station Captain Caltagirone and representatives of the Departments of Public Health, Public Works and Homelessness and Supportive Housing to learn more about the work they are doing and to underscore the urgency of addressing the situation on the ground in the Castro and Upper Market.

One of the things that gives me great hope is the tremendous engagement of so many neighbors and merchants. Folks in the Castro don’t just complain; they step up and work to improve their neighborhood. In the months and years ahead,

I look forward to supporting these neighbors as we all work to ensure a bright, vibrant and exciting future for one of America’s greatest neighborhoods.

SFMTA Update - Twin peaks Tunnel
Phillip Pierce

Major construction on the Twin Peaks Tunnel started June 25 and will continue during a closure of the tunnel for approximately two months. Work will be 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. During the closure, Forest Hill and West Portal stations will be closed, the K Ingleside will travel on a shortened route, and bus service will run for the L Taraval and M Ocean View lines. Nx buses will not operate during the closure, but additional N Judah trains will be in service. With 100 years of service under its belt, Twin Peaks Tunnel needs extensive work to its interior to continue to operate safety and reliably for years to come.

In order to allow a safe loading zone for the outbound L and M buses near 17Th Street/Market/Castro, the cement island stretching east from Pink Triangle Park was demolished and restriped. This change allows cars and bikes to pass buses while they load near the stairs to Castro Station. Once the project is over, there will be a process to determine what to do with area and how the design might fit into other projects.

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Castro Theater at 479 Castro St., circa 1910. Does this room look familiar?

EVNA Membership Drive:
We NEED you!

EVNA is only as strong as our membership. A robust membership helps fulfill our mission to improve the neighborhood AND provides much-needed clout with city agencies.

Please join or renew your membership today, http://evna.org/join.
Join the Port as we protect the city and strengthen the Embarcadero Seawall

By Elaine Forbes, Port of San Francisco Executive Director and Castro Neighborhood resident

The Embarcadero Seawall transformed what was once a tidal mudflat into the thriving waterfront we know today - all of today's activity along our northern waterfront can be attributed to this vital piece of infrastructure.

If you have never heard of the Embarcadero Seawall before, you are not alone. It's a rock and concrete wall, mostly hidden from view below the Bay, that stretches over three miles from Fisherman's Wharf to Mission Creek, just beyond AT&T Park.

This vital but largely unseen piece of San Francisco infrastructure was constructed more than a century ago. The Seawall has served us well, but it is now in need of significant improvements to withstand the next major earthquake and protect us from increasing flood risk due to sea level rise.

The Embarcadero Seawall may seem far from the Castro, but it is protecting and supporting vital transportation and utility resources that reach every neighborhood in the city. Every day, approximately 500,000 people use San Francisco Municipal Transportation transit routes that terminate downtown or along the waterfront. The Seawall also supports more than $100 billion in assets and economic activity along the waterfront.

In addition, a resilient San Francisco and resilient Bay Area require a strong Embarcadero Seawall. Our waterfront serves as a critical emergency response and recovery area. In the event of a major earthquake or other natural disaster, the Embarcadero waterfront must be available for emergency response access and evacuation.

Join the Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association and the Port of San Francisco on Thursday, July 26 to learn about the San Francisco Seawall Earthquake Safety and Disaster Prevention Program – and how together we can strengthen our Seawall for public safety, adapt to sea level rise, and envision a waterfront that is more resilient and sustainable for generations to come.
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Being Prepared is The First Best Thing You Can Do to Survive!

I think San Francisco is among the lucky. It’s true, we live in an area that, by its nature, puts us at risk area for many different types of emergencies, from earthquakes to wild fires, but we are also among the most prepared. Every place Americans call home comes with its own list of potentials for disaster, from floods and heatwaves, to tornado’s and volcanoes, there’s danger everywhere we go. It’s being prepared and knowing what to do when the big one happens that can make all the difference of surviving or not.

We’re lucky because our city and county government has had the forethought and commitment to safety and survival to create some of the most pro-active online educational tools and resources in order to help citizens get prepared for that emergency that will eventually befall us all. If you’ve got your kit ready-kudos to you, and if yours needs a bit of tuning up, now is the time!

There are plenty of online resources you can tap into now to get yourself, your family, and your home and work environments prepped and ready for action. You can google search and find a dozen options: The Red Cross, the Emergency.com, Ready.Gov, and the National Safety Council to name just three.

One of the most comprehensive, easy to understand and local online resources is:

“SF72.org”

This website is geared toward those who live right here in San Francisco. It does a great job breaking preparedness down into easy to accomplish tasks, starting with 3 easy steps:

• Get connected
• Gather supplies
• Make a Plan

Visit their site to dive into each of these major topics, and it will unravel the mystery of being prepared, and let you create a plan that is tailored to your specific situation.

Get Connected means to define your “group” whether it’s family, friends, neighbors, co-workers or any combination of those groups. It encourages planners to use social media, including Facebook, to keep your group aware of your situation and location. Another brilliant idea is to store important ID and personal information on a cloud service, rather than having to remember to grab and carry bulky papers with you during the emergency event.

Once you’ve define your group, set up your social media accounts and stored your most important ID and personal papers, it’s time to Gather Supplies to dramatically raise your survival odds. You can borrow things you already have from home, or you can buy pre-assembled “emergency survival kits” to support any number of people for the most essential 72 hours post emergency- this is where SF72 gets its name- that make-or-break window of time after the event during which we can expect no outside help. Take a look at graphic for the items you’ll want to pack and have ready to grab during your next emergency- it’s pretty simple.

And lastly, Make a Plan is where it all comes together. Knowing what to do, where to go, who to tell, and then practicing your moves in advance is essential to a good plan. For more information, read through the rest of the newsletter, and better yet- visit their website at:

www.sf72.gov.
Mission Station Captain’s Letter
Captain Gaetano Caltagirone
Mission Station

Hello Everyone,

The Officers at Mission Station have been working hard on combating vehicle break ins, in the District. Apprehending the vehicle break ins, is difficult but it takes team work. The team work I’m talking about is the assistance of citizens in conjunction with police officers. A few weeks ago a citizen observed an individual who looked suspicious looking into vehicles. The citizen called the police immediately and gave a great description head to toe of the suspicious individual.

Officers were in the area immediately and located the individual inside a parked vehicle going through the entire vehicle attempting to take anything available. The individual located a laptop and was attempting to exit the vehicle with it. The officers placed him into custody without incident. This individual was responsible for numerous vehicle break in’s, in the District.

There are numerous times that we can use the assistance from citizens like you. I ask if you do see anything suspicious please call it in immediately. Your help, helps everyone around us. I thank all of you for being proactive and aware of your surroundings.

So not to sound like a broken record I ask everyone to be diligent and park smart. I ask everyone not to leave anything visible inside your vehicle. No bags, clothing, jackets, cell phone charging wires, etc… I also have the foot beat officers when they see people parking their vehicle they peek into the vehicle to see if they left anything in plain view. If anything is visible they alert the indvidual to return to their vehicle and secure their belongings. Every little bit helps.

Thanks for everyone’s help,
How to recycle your cardboard:

All cardboard must be broken down and placed in the blue recycling bin so the lid can close completely.

Cardboard that does not fit in the blue recycling bin must be flattened, bound together neatly, and set out with the bin.

All refuse should only be set out for collection after 6:00 pm the evening prior to a scheduled pickup.

How NOT to recycle your cardboard

Loose cardboard can increase litter and blight. Avoid fines by properly preparing your cardboard to be picked up and recycled at the appropriate time for pickup.

For questions or more information, please contact San Francisco Public Works at (415) 641-2635

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