

# Miraloma I

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# The Joy of Preparing for the Big One

By Joe Engardio

Editor's note: SF Examiner contributor Joe Engardio featured the MPIC and NEN's efforts to improve disaster preparedness after attending Miraloma Park Neighborfest in October 2017. This article was originally published in the San Francisco Examiner January 14, 2018.

Sometimes a popcorn machine is not just about the popcorn. Residents at a neighborhood block party in Miraloma Park didn't realize their hot, buttery treat was actually a survival test.

The party was dubbed "Neighborfest," which is a citywide initiative run by the Neighborhood Empowerment Network designed to make disaster preparedness fun. The event lets neighborhood leaders practice using their safety response gear for when the next big earthquake or fire hits San Francisco.

At the Miraloma Park party last fall, organizers communicated with their emergency radios to manage the crowd of 500 residents. They set up triage tents as game booths. Solar generators powered the sound system for live music — and the popcorn machine. The hot dogs with grilled peppers and onions were part of the test, too.

"Our cooking station was practice for a mass feeding," said Bill Kan, president of the Miraloma Park Improvement Club. "We need to know how to handle and deliver a lot of food safely. We don't want to create more problems in a disaster by making food that makes people sick."

Volunteer cooks served 350 hot dogs without a hitch. But the popcorn machine's source of solar power only lasted an hour."The demand drained the generator faster than we anticipated," Kan said. "We learned a lot from the stress test, like where to place the solar panels for maximum performance."

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# **Stop Crime SF with Assistant District Attorney Oloumi**

**MPIC Safety Committee** 

In November 2017, the MPIC Safety Committee was invited to attend a meeting sponsored by Stop Crime SF where the guest speaker was Shirin Oloumi, the Assistant District Attorney (ADA) responsible for all auto burglary cases in San Francisco. In addition to prosecuting such cases, Ms. Oloumi also assigns and oversees these cases worked by other ADAs. The MPIC has been monitoring crime stats as auto burglaries are common in our neighborhood. MPIC continues to work with the police and district attorney as well as advocate with other neighborhood groups such as Stop Crime SF to learn what we can do to reduce auto burglaries and inform our residents.

Ms. Oloumi stated that in order to get a conviction in an auto burglary case, the government needs to prove that (1) the car was locked AND (2) that force was used to break into the car AND (3) that the defendant entered the locked car with an intent to steal. Through her office, there is discussion of proposing a state law change to the auto burglary statute (CA Penal Code 459) that would change the first element to "the car was locked OR that force was used to break into the car". Currently, breaking into a locked car is considered second degree burglary and can be either a misdemeanor or felony offense. Breaking into an unlocked car is a misdemeanor offense. A misdemeanor conviction can result in a sentence of up to a

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# The Joy of Preparing for the Big One

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Neighborfest left the Miralmoa Park team exhausted and exhilarated. It taught lessons that boosted their confidence to handle any crisis. Yet no one imagined how soon the neighborhood's resolve would be tested with an actual catastrophe.

That night, a fire engulfed a house on Molimo Street and threatened to spread to a row of attached homes. Robert Gee and Daniel Homsey, block party organizers and board members of Miraloma Park's neighborhood association, each awoke to popping sounds and an inferno near their homes.

"Everyone sprung into action before the firefighters arrived," Gee said. "A guy in pajamas was pounding on doors, and someone was spraying trees with a hose. Everyone in the neighborhood was out on the street, garages open, kids in the car, ready to evacuate."

While the fire claimed one life, it was contained without further injuries. Homsey credits the preparations Miraloma Park has made to meet the criteria of Resilient San Francisco

City Hall's Resilient SF and the Neighborhood Empowerment Network (NEN) work with other groups with life-saving acronyms like the Fire Department's Neighborhood Response Team (NERT) and the Police Department's Auxiliary Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT). Their shared mission is to help communities get organized to take care of themselves in the critical first days of a disaster when government services will be spread thin.

"After an earthquake, we'll be on our own for 72 hours. There won't be Red Cross shelters for a while," said Homesy, who directs NEN. "It will be neighbors helping neighbors."

When a minor tremor centered in Berkeley jolted much of San Francisco awake in the middle of the night earlier February 2018 Miraloma Life Page 2 this month, it was a reminder to prepare for the Big One. In a large-scale disaster, neighborhood volunteers like Joanie Van Rijn will initially focus on search and rescue.

"NERT runs around with hard hats pulling people out of buildings," said Van Rijn, who serves as Miraloma Park's NERT coordinator. "But when people are on the sidewalk, where do they go? Who feeds them? That's where NEN comes in."

Van Rijn was instrumental in securing disaster gear for Miraloma Park and planning Neighborfest. She helped make sure every public safety agency had a booth to present survival tips. It's part of the NEN plan — use Neighborfest parties as a fun way to educate residents and get them to know each other.

"We need to connect people pre-disaster so they're not strangers when tragedy strikes," Homsey said. "On the night of the Molimo Street fire, many of the people on the street were at Neighborfest the day before. Now, they're part of the social fabric that makes us proud to call Miraloma Park home"

Miraloma Park is a quiet community of 2,200 single-family homes built in a mix of storybook, art deco and mid-century modern styles. It's nestled below Mount Davidson. An active volunteer neighborhood association hosts holiday parties, cook-off contests and cultural performances.

They also advocated for funding and support a new program called Miraloma Community Connectors to "turn strangers into neighbors and neighbors into friends." The focus is helping isolated seniors age safely in place. There are weekly coffee klatches, quarterly pot-lucks and volunteers to run errands. The effort to encourage community bonding makes Miraloma Park one of the best-prepared areas of San Francisco. Every neighborhood should emulate it and enjoy the benefits.

"We're serious about making Miraloma Park a special place. When people discover us, they stay here a long time," Kan said. "We try to bring people together in many different ways, and disaster preparedness is one of them. Though we won't be offering popcorn in a real emergency."

# **Stop Crime with ADA Oloumi**

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year. A felony conviction for auto burglary is a sentence of 16 months, 2 years or 3 years. Repeat offenders can get a sentence of 2, 3 or 4 years.

Subsequently the discussion to change the state law became a reality. In January 2018 State Senator Scott Wiener introduced Senate Bill 916 into the California Legislature that would allow prosecutors to prove that a defendant committed an auto burglary if the burglar broke the window in the vehicle.

Ms. Oloumi shared with us that in San Francisco, there were over 20,000 auto burglary incidents in 2016. The police bring about 400-500 auto burglary cases to the District Attorney's (DA) office for prosecution. Not all defendants have criminal histories. Ms. Oloumi does charge on 80% of the cases she gets from the police. Some cases do get pled out as a misdemeanor from a felony due to a lack of a criminal record or that the offense was the 1st or 2nd offense. The overall auto burglary charge rate is good and the case quality is high. But only 1-2% of charged auto burglary cases go to trial. Most auto burglary cases will result in a defendant pleading guilty to some charge. Cases have also been dismissed for a variety of reasons. Other major crimes (sex crimes, rapes, robberies) fill the caseload of ADAs and the courts that take precedent over auto burglary cases. These higher priority cases can result in ADAs settling cases and judges pressuring defendants to take a plea before trial. Judges have discretion to impose lesser sentences.

Police rarely arrest a suspect at the scene of an auto burglary. The success of a case usually depends on a witness observing the crime in progress (breaking into the car and taking something) and identifying the suspect. This happens in about 90% of cases.

The average age of suspects are in their 20s with prior arrests. Very few have served time.

Auto burglary is not subject to Proposition 47, which requires misdemeanor sentencing for certain crimes instead of a felony. Ms. Oloumi emphasized that repeatedly. She said there is no causation between increases in auto burglaries with the passing of Prop

47. Auto burglary is also not subject to the 3 strikes rule. In San Francisco, auto burglaries are up in 2017.

But statewide, auto burglaries are down. Most of the time, the defendants can't be kept in jail due to low bail amounts. The ADA does have challenges in auto burglary cases where in many cases the witness is a foreign tourist who isn't available for a future trial.

For cases that do go to trial, having members of the community present at the sentencing is helpful. Also having the community write letters to the ADA and court is helpful.

Every auto burglar has a fence they bring the stolen goods to. Police have been trying to focus on fences also. For over a year now, the DA's office no longer "bundles" auto burglary cases. Bundling cases was done in the past to show judges that the defendant was a serial auto burglar. Now the DA will bring a single case of auto burglary.

On January 8, 2018, SFPD Chief Bill Scott announced that officers in each district station will now be assigned to focus exclusively on combatting property crimes such as auto burglaries which topped 30,000 in 2017. The new program will be tested first at the Taraval and Mission Stations and rolled out to all district stations by the end of 2018. This new initiative was in a prior legislative proposal sponsored by Supervisor Norman Yee and supported by Stop Crime SF, which the MPIC supports.

# President's Update

By Bill Kan

Miraloma Park is a great place to live. As residents, we need to give back to the community in order to keep it great. Miraloma Park has long been one of the safest neighborhoods in San Francisco. We enjoy great views of the City and have a diverse population. We have easy access to freeways, SF MTA bus lines, and BART.



Miraloma Elementary, under the leadership of Principal Noah Ingber, continues to be a magnet attracting young families to Miraloma Park.

Some of Miraloma Park's most distinguishing characteristics are our stability and a history of neighbors that care. I have met many second and some third generation

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## President's Update

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Miraloma Park families. Since it was founded in 1930, the MPIC has been a very powerful outlet for people to give back. The MPIC brought Miraloma Elementary to our community and worked with the SFMTA to add 36 bus line to address the transportation needs of our community. In the last six months, the MPIC hosted Miraloma Park Neighborfest to inform and to celebrate the ongoing efforts for disaster preparedness, brought the community together with our 25th annual Holiday Party and Cook-Off, and was a supporter of the new Miraloma Park Community Connectors program.

There are always opportunities for more people to get involved. There are currently 13 MPIC Board members with room for up to 17. The President can appoint Board members in between elections, which are held every June. Recent Board members include parents with kids currently in Miraloma Elementary, retirees, technologists, scientists, entrepreneurs, doctors, architects, government workers, financial and real estate professionals, and community advocates - all of whom have various skill sets. Aside from Board membership, people are welcome to give back by serving on a Committee on an ongoing or ad hoc basis.

Much of the heavy lifting to address the varied needs and concerns of our community are done by the six active Committees. Committees are chaired by Board members, but anyone in Miraloma Park can become a Committee member. Committees that focus on advocacy and information include the Safety, Resiliency, Zoning & Planning, and Publicity Committees. The MPIC's operation issues include Clubhouse and Membership.

To no surprise, one of the most popular is the Safety Committee, which is chaired by Robert Gee. Many people have expressed concerns about break-ins and theft. The Safety Committee works closely with the SFPD, District Attorney's Office and other neighborhood safety groups to combat crime, break-ins, drug houses and other illegal activities. The Committee has been working with Stop Crime SF, a new cross neighborhood organization, to prevent crime. The MPIC has a long-standing policy of zero tolerance of crime and seeks aggressive prosecution.

Miraloma Park's disaster preparedness is under the direction of the Resiliency Committee, chaired by Robert Gee and Daniel Homsey. Representing the MPIC, the February 2018 Miraloma Life Page 4

Committee works closely with the City's Neighborhood Empowerment Network to form Resilient Miraloma Park, which helped bring Neighborfest and NERT training to Miraloma Park. Miraloma Park's NERT team, led by Board member Joanie van Rijn, is one of the most active in San Francisco. On January 27th, the NERT team hosted a go-bag workshop for seniors using funds from a grant that the MPIC obtained through Supervisor Yee's District 7 Participatory Budget Program.

The architectural look and feel of Miraloma Park is under the care of the Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee, chaired by Karen Breslin. The ZAP Committee works with the City's Planning Department to foster exemplary design, improve our surroundings, preserve our unique heritage and comply with the San Francisco Planning code. The Planning Code includes San Francisco Design Guidelines, which includes neighborhood specific guidelines such as the Miraloma Park Residential Design Guidelines, which the Planning Department adopted in 1999.

Keeping Miraloma Park informed with Miraloma Life, our community newsletter that we circulate to 2,200 homes, and the new MPIC website is the Publicity Committee. Under the direction of Chair Karen Wood, the Committee has adopted a rotating editor system to improve how the MPIC and residents can work together inform Miraloma Park about key important issues. The Committee encourages everyone to submit articles and pictures that relate to our community. 2018 will be a year of change for us as we shift to the new website and make better use of Nextdoor and Facebook.

The MPIC recognizes it must evolve as needs change. Recently, Board member Joanie van Rijn, led the charge to form a new committee to increase awareness and advocate for services of seniors and disabled people in Miraloma Park. Some committees are temporary, such as the Nomination Committee, which helps handle the annual MPIC elections in June. Holiday Party, and representatives that focus on the annual District 7 Participatory Budget program.

Keep Miraloma Park great. Get involved with the MPIC.

## Thank you for Your Membership

MPIC Membership Committee

The Miraloma Park Improvement Club thanks everyone that renewed or became new members in January. January is our biggest month for renewals. If you missed the January membership drive, it is not too late to renew or to join. Membership is on a rolling basis and is good for the next 12 -months from the time of renewal.

As your neighborhood organization, MPIC needs your membership to fulfill its purpose. My short version of what is stated in the bylaws is that the MPIC promotes the collective interests and quality of life for people in Miraloma Park. The MPIC is a people powered, volunteer driven, neighborhood organization.

I am always amazed at what the MPIC is able to achieve on a shoestring budget. Over the last year, the MPIC helped arrange community events that included ones on safety with the Ingleside Police Station and SF SAFE. It put on an information session to help families with kids get into their preferred schools within the San Francisco Unified School District. The MPIC hosted Neighborfest, provided regular meeting space for the Miraloma NERT team, and sponsored the annual Miraloma Park Holiday Party. Imagine the work and the cost to host the Neighborfest block party that drew 400-600 neighbors. Volunteers worked tirelessly for months to help our community. What about hosting indoors over 100 guests at the 25th annual Miraloma Park Holiday Party with live music, a clown to entertain kids, and food? The MPIC is an amazing people powered organization.

Your membership dues make possible these and many other activities. The MPIC works hard informing and communicating with Miraloma Park. We publish and circulate Miraloma Life, and have been working on a new website that will get us into the 21st century. We are also stewards with a great community resource.

The MPIC is one of the few neighborhood groups blessed with having its own Clubhouse. Built around 80 years ago, the Clubhouse at 350 O'Shaughnessy is where the MPIC hosts many community events. The Clubhouse is also available for rent for celebrations, meetings and other private events. An additional benefit of being a MPIC member is the discount on the rental fee for the Clubhouse

Renting out the MPIC Clubhouse is the biggest source of income for the MPIC. Rental income totalled \$31,180, which is about 75% of the \$41,198 total income in 2017. Membership dues totaled \$6,6643, and advertising in Mira loma Life generated \$3,135.

The two biggest expenditures were the Clubhouse and the production of Miraloma Life. The MPIC spent almost \$35,000 last year to keep the Clubhouse running safely and for the volunteers to publish and circulate Miraloma Life to 2,200 homes in Miraloma Park ten times a year. Rental revenue and advertising covered the \$35,000 last year. What's left to cover community events, taxes and other operating expenses came from membership dues.

The volunteers and the MPIC Board hope you express with your membership your support for the collective interests and quality of life of everyone in Miraloma Park.



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# Miraloma Park Community Connectors Senior Exercise Program

By Darlene Ramlose

!!!!!Our program has taken off with amazing success!!!!!

Thank you, to all who have attended and are continuing to attend. We are thankful for our location – Cornerstone Trinity Baptist Church at 480 Teresita Blvd. We have a great location for easy access.

The Always Active exercise program is specifically designed for aging adults, it's FREE and we supply all the equipment you need. Studies show that for people to age in their homes, about 20% of what they need comes from formal services. The other 80% comes from family, friends, and other community members. This is at the heart of what we do. Classes are Tuesday and Thurs-

#### day at 10:30 AM

Starting in February 2018 we will have weekly coffee and conversation gathering, educational and entertaining programs and other fun activities:

- February 8, we will have a visit from the "Vial of Life", a program designed for seniors to let first responders know your health conditions and medications should you need emergency help.
- February 23, we will have a Valentine party. Bring a photo and make a Valentine card for someone special.

Invite your neighbors, especially those with disabilities who might be isolated from others in the community. We will provide many senior and disability services and activities available in San Francisco.

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Let us know your ideas, your hobbies, share your skills. Come join the fun.

For more information please contact your Community Connector – Darlene Ramlose at *Darlene@sfcommunityliving.org* or by phone at 714 423-8844.















## **MPIC Safety Committee Update**

From the MPIC Safety Committee

Date of Incident	Time	Location	Type of Incident	Source
19-Dec	9:49 AM	200 Block Evelyn Way	Vehicle Break-In	Crimemapping.com

It's no secret that car burglaries have risen to high levels throughout the City and, in response, Ingleside Station's command staff have committed significant resources to combating this crime. On this date, a car owner left his home, walked toward his parked car nearby, and noticed a man, wearing a black ski mask, peeking around the back of his car. Suddenly, the suspect who was holding a brown box, jumped into an older Volkswagen with paper plates and sped away. The victim walked to his car and noticed a back window broken and items, including the brown box, missing. He called police and fortunately, the suspect, driving the Volkswagen, was soon spotted and stopped by Ingleside Sgt. Anderson, along with Officers Jensen, Klaib, and Ferraresi at Monterey and Ridgewood. The victim was driven to the scene and identified the car and its driver as the suspect in the auto burglary. The victim's brown box, containing Christmas presents, was found in the car along with burglary tools and a ski mask. The suspect was arrested for auto burglary and driven to Ingleside Station for booking.

27-Dec	9:45 PM	700 Block Portola Drive	Vehicle Break-in	Crimemapping.com
31-Dec	12:42 PM	700 Block Portola Drive	Assault	Crimemapping.com
1-Jan	2:11 PM	100 Block Evelyn Way	Assault	Crimemapping.com
7-Jan	11:00 AM	600 Block Myra Way	Vehicle Break-in	Nextdoor.com
12-Jan	4:06 AM	300 Block Bella Vista Way	Burglary	Crimemapping.com
13-Jan	10:32 PM	400 Block Melrose	Assault	Ingleside Station Newsletter

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Ingleside Officers Hermosura and Lundy were on routine patrol when they spotted a stolen black Acura, with Florida license plates, double parked in front of an address on the 400 block of Melrose. The officers placed their patrol car approximately 15 feet in front of the Acura facing the front of the vehicle. When the Acura's driver noticed the patrol officers, he started the Acura and accelerated into the front of the patrol car in an attempt to escape. When he couldn't move the patrol car, the suspect exited the Acura and ran away only to be apprehended a short time later on the 600 block of Mangles Street. He was arrested at the scene and was transported to San Francisco General Hospital for treatment. Later, he was booked for aggravated assault on a police officer and other crimes before being taken to the county jail.

14-Jan	9:57 PM	00 Block Gaviota Way	Vehicle Break-in	Crimemapping.com
17-Jan	10:00 AM	300 Block Los Palmos	Hot Prowl	Ingleside Newsletter

A resident getting ready to step into the shower heard a tapping on the front door. She told Ingleside Officers Gomez, Thompson, Tiffer, and Sgt. Young that she looked out her front bedroom window and didn't see anyone. She then returned to the bathroom and turned on her shower. She heard loud knocking at the front door but did not leave the bathroom. But, when the loud knocking turned into a loud booming sound, she turned off the water and looked out the bathroom and said, "Hello" twice. She told the officers that she walked out of the bathroom and noticed her front door was open. Understandably frightened, she ran to her bedroom, locked the door, and dialed 911. The victim told the officers she didn't think anything was missing but she did notice that her laptop and cell phone had been moved from one room to another. The officers determined the suspect entered and exited the residence through the front door.

18-Jan	5:23 PM	600 Block Portola Drive	Vandalism	Crimemapping.com
21-Jan	5:16 PM	700 Block Rockdale Drive	Burglary	Crimemapping.com

# Clarification of the December 19, 2017 Burglary at Los Palmos and Stanford Heights

The January 2018 newsletter article about this burglary stated that a resident on Nextdoor reported the burglary on December 19. The article also stated that the burglars "drove down the street, seemed to notice an open garage, pulled in front of the house immediately after the occupants left." We want to clarify that the burglary took place on December 18 and that the garage door was closed after the occupants left their house.

#### 12 Ways to Switch to Reusables

By Catherine Homsey

Last month, I suggested some resolutions for a more sustainable lifestyle. This month, let's dig a little deeper into the first one: **Switch to Reusables.** 

We live in a disposable society. Ads tell us to buy their product because we can throw it away. This may sound convenient, but is it really? Is the ability to throw something "away" worth the pollution and garbage produced by single use items? The companies that make the products sure think so – we spend a lot of money on disposable stuff! The average family spends over \$200 a year on paper towels and plastic sandwich bags alone. It reminds me of a funny "Onion" article I read recently that told a fictional story of a new product: napkins that are pre-soaked with barbecue sauce so they can be thrown away straight out of the package!





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When I hear an ad use the word "reusable" instead of "disposable," it gets my attention. Not only are reusables more sustainable, but they're also prettier (glass, wood and cloth are so much nicer than plastic!) - and they end up costing less in the long term.

In case you would like to start using more reusables and fewer disposables, below are 12 things that are easy to do.

- **1. Give up bottled water.** Instead of buying plastic bottles of water, buy a reusable water bottle and get into the habit of filling it before you leave the house.
- **2.** Carry a travel mug for coffee. Take it with you when you go to the coffee shop. Even better, ask for your coffee in a real mug and sit down to drink it if you have time.
- **3.** Use cloth shopping bags. Keep a reusable cloth bag filled with reusable shopping bags in your car or near the door so you can grab them when you leave. You can also buy a reusable shopping bag that folds into a small pouch to keep in your bag or at your desk so you're never caught without one.
- **4. Ditch the paper towels.** Use reusable cleaning cloths that you buy or make out of old towels or t-shirts. We just cut up old towels into squares and they're perfect for cleaning. Tea or hand towels also get downgraded to cleaning towels when they become stained.

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# 12 Ways to Switch to Reusables

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5. Cloth shower curtain liners. Plastic shower curtain liners are hard to clean and eventually must be thrown out. A fabric shower curtain liner might cost a little more initially, but will cost less in the long term because you can just toss it in the washing machine. We have a hemp shower curtain we like that can go in the washer and dryer.

- **6. Lunchbox containers.** Instead of packing lunches in plastic baggies, try some stainless steel lunch containers. They cost more than a box of Ziplocs, but you only have to buy them once so you spend less in the long term.
- **7. Food storage.** Again, ditch the plastic baggies and use glass or stainless steel containers for leftovers. I love glass tomato or pasta sauce jars because they're the perfect size for most of our needs. If what you have is too big for a jar, you can always put it in a bowl and cover it with a plate.
- **8. Cloth napkins.** Invest in some cloth napkins and stop buying paper ones. They're so much nicer! And like so many other things, it costs less in the long term than constantly re-buying disposable napkins. We even use them in the kids' lunches.
- 9. Use real silverware. Most of us probably already use real cutlery at home, but what about camping and parties? Make a small investment in real stainless utensils buy as many as you normally need for entertaining. I bought our extras at a thrift store for about the same price as a package of plastic ones.
- **10.** Use real plates. We bought second hand melamine plates for serving cake at kids' parties and some stainless steel plates for camping. For indoor parties, we use our regular day to day white porcelain plates.
- **11. Use real cups.** For indoor parties, real glasses should be fine. If you're worried about breakage, there are nice looking, inexpensive tempered glasses. Picardie Duralex bistro glasses are my favorite. For outdoor parties or camping, consider investing in stainless steel tumblers or

shop the thrift stores for second hand plastic cups if budget is a concern.

**12. Just say "no" to straws.** Ask for "no straw, please" when you order drinks and avoid buying them for your home. If you really must use a straw, buy reusable ones made of stainless steel or tempered glass. They can even go in the dishwasher.

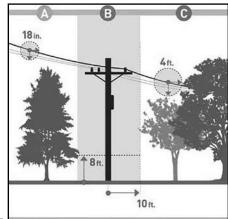
Have you noticed a trend here? "Buy Once, Buy Well" sums it up pretty well, doesn't it? If you're looking for places to buy reusables, always check your favorite thrift store first, and try lifewithoutplastic.com as well as Amazon.

Follow me on Instagram @joyofzerowaste for more tips.

# Do you have trees that are close to PGE high voltage lines?

**MPIC Safety Committee** 

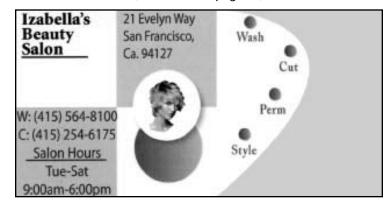
With wet and windy weather approaching, some residents have expressed concern that tree limbs and vegetation are touching or too close to PG&E power lines in their back yards thus being a potential fire hazard. In general,



trees cannot be with-

in 18 inches of high voltage lines at any time (Figure A). This requirement is pursuant to General Order 95, Rule 35 which addresses vegetation management. You should call PG&E if you believe you have this situation so that they can assess and trim the trees interfering with their high voltage lines if necessary. However, any trees interfering with the electrical supply line coming from the power pole into your house is not the responsibility of PG&E.

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## 12 Ways to Switch to Reusables

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There's also a general rule that vegetation should be clear 10 feet around a power pole and 8 feet above the base of the power pole. See Figure B. Section 4292, Public Resources Code.

Lastly, Figure C addresses a 4 foot clearance requirement with power lines and trees but this is applicable only in State Responsibility Areas of which there are none in San Francisco. Section 4293, Public Resources Code.

#### Goxo-Goxoa

Sky Charlesworth

Go-Sho Go-Shwah, is how you pronounce Goxo-Goxoa, the name of the new gift shop on Evelyn Way, around the corner from Miraloma Market. Goxo-Goxoa in the Basque language means 'comfy cozy'. The owner Anna Marie Etcheverria, a Miraloma resident for 15 years, opened the shop the end of October.

When arriving at her shop you will see a doormat that says "Happy Everything". Next to the mat is a water bowl for dogs. Music is playing and Anna Marie greets you with a smile. The left side of her shop has items for sale, and the smaller right section is her workshop where she can be found singing as she works. She has 2 Pyrenean-Lab mix dogs named Ethel and Lucy, though since the dogs are large and the shop is small, we may not be lucky enough to meet them.

Anna Marie has enjoyed restoring and revamping old furniture and making her home comfy, and now she is expanding to share such objects to the public. She describes her esthetic as "rustic farmhouse". The shop has reworked furniture and new products, as well as old, to decorate the home, and items suitable for gifts, for example, blankets, jewelry, and ceramics. As she has written, "It's an itty-bitty shop that strives to make every corner, of every space, comfy cozy." And how perfect is it that her last name means "new house" in Basque!

Hours will be posted on a chalkboard to the left of the front door. If you are not already there, it may be best to confirm opening times. As of now the shop is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11:00ish to 6:00ish, and most Saturdays 10:00ish to 2:00ish, and by appointment. Phone number 415-659-9529, 29 Evelyn Way.

Anna Marie, Miraloma Park says "Ongi Etorri", which is Basque for Welcome. You and your store are a great addition to Miraloma Park.



#### Miraloma Park Improvement Club Membership Application Please complete and mail with your dues to the Club address below. Make check payable to Miraloma Park Improvement Club, 350 O'Shaughnessy Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94127. (No cash, please). Thank you! [ ] New Member [ ] Renewing Member Date: Name: Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Please send me an email reminder to renew my membership. Enclosed are my dues for the next twelve months (check one): \$12 Senior Member(s) [ ] \$15 Single Member [ ] [ ] \$25 Family Membership \$35 Supporting Member [ ] [ ] \$50 Contributing Member [ ] \$ Other No MPIC membership information is shared with other parties or organizations.

#### **Important Phone Numbers**

Land Line 9-1-1 or Cell Phone 415-533-8090 **EMERGENCY All City Services** 3-1-1 or www.mysf311.org Online Police Reports sanfranciscopolice.org/reports Call Before You Dig (PG&E) 8-1-1 Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222 Non-emergency Police Dispatch 415-553-0123 Suicide Prevention Hotline 415-781-0500 Ingleside Police Community Room 415-404-4000 **Parking Complaints** 415-553-1200 **Abandoned Cars** 415-553-9817 Security Survey/Nbd. Watch 415-673-SAFE Office of Citizen's Complaints Against SFPD 415-241-7711 Narcotics Tips (anonymous) 1-800-CRACKIT SFPD Tip Line 415-587-8984 Domestic/Family Violence (24hrs) 415-864-4722 Stray, Abused, or Dangerous Animals 415-554-6364 Dumped Item Pickup - DPW 3-1-1 Vital Records 3-1-1 Code Enforcement Hotline 415-554-3977 Graffiti Cleanup - DPW 3-1-1 Police New Graffiti Hotline 415-278-9454 MUNI Shelter Damage/Graffiti 1-510-835-5900 Ingleside SFPD Hearing-Impaired line 415-404-4009 School of the Arts 415-695-5700 Norman Yee, Supervisor Dist. 7 415-554-6516 (norman.yee@sfgov.org)

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