

## Neighborly News #7

*Summarizing county, city and community updates in support of Tubbs fire Recovery*

Neighborhood Liaisons, including county Block Captains (BC) and interested residents offer periodic information from civic and other sources of interest.

### A. Santa Rosa City Newsletter [Newsletter](#) contains information about:

- Survey on City's General Plan Update
- Weed Abatement
- Wildfire Recovery Update

### B. Press Democrat (May 2) [PG&E sets up \\$105 million fund for wildfire survivors](#)

### C. Information from Amy Bach, United Policyholders

- Regarding **non renewals**, United Policyholders was interested to revive the matchup program, creating a network of brokers that have access to companies that will write policies for homes in high threat areas. She also recommended checking out this United Policyholders publication: "[Dropped by your insurer where to go for help in California.](#)" Amy also suggested using this insurance finder tool hosted on the United Policyholders website: <https://www.uphelp.org/insurance-finder>
- If you end up in the **FAIR plan** (<https://www.cfpnet.com/>), it's not the end of the world. Work to find supplemental coverage, or difference in conditions (DIC) policy. Keep trying to get out of FAIR, once a year, because the insurance market is dynamic.

### D. Highlights of 4/25/19 BC meeting ([click for full meeting notes](#))

#### Informational Speakers:

- Councilmember Victoria Fleming [vfleming@srcity.org](mailto:vfleming@srcity.org)
- Lieutenant Ron Nelson, Santa Rosa Police Department [rnelson@srcity.org](mailto:rnelson@srcity.org)
- Jason Nutt, Director – Transportation & Public Works [jnutt@srcity.org](mailto:jnutt@srcity.org)
- Gabe Osburn, Deputy Director – Development Services  
[gosburn@srcity.org](mailto:gosburn@srcity.org)
- Alane Wall (Laney), Community Advisory Board Member (4<sup>th</sup> City District)  
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1. **Crime and vandalism** –Lt. Nelson provided statistics; stated that most crime in [Beat 4](#) occurred outside of the burn zone. Homeowners made a case for more coverage to discourage criminal activity especially during rebuilding. Councilmember Fleming to bring concerns back to Mayor Schwedhelm and Police Chief Schreeder
2. **Sidewalks** – Cost of repair likely going to fall to the residents. FEMA has denied City's applications. FEMA placing responsibility on property owners based on a pre-existing City ordinance. The City appealed this decision once and it will be appealed again.
3. **Streetlights** – TPW Director Nutt apologized for how long it has taken to address the streetlight damage. Information recently published by the City on streetlight repair can be found in the weekly [newsletter](#). TPW has committed to City Council that most lights will be operable by end of summer, with all to be restored by end of fall 2019.

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4. **Funding gaps & CDGG-DR** – Councilmember Fleming reported that she and the Mayor are lobbying Sacramento regarding funding gaps of FG/HVE homeowners.
5. **Next Meetings:**
  - a. **May 9 Christel Querijero**, Office of Recovery and Resiliency **Q1 update** on two of County's top ten priority projects (**insurance, utility hardening**)
  - b. **May 23 Deva Marie Proto**, County Clerk-Record-Assessor-Registrar of Voters and Greg Walsh, Chief Deputy Assessor All things **taxes and assessments**

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