

The meeting was called to order by Michael Furlong at 6:30 p.m. **Note:** Minutes were recorded starting at ~6:50.

Kim Jones, a representative from the Sonoma Ecology Center (SEC), noted the SEC is spearheading a project to contain runoff from properties burned in the October fire. Consent is needed from property owners to install the containment barriers (sandbags and wattles). The SEC will provide a short program on the project at the Forum's January meeting. Several of those in attendance praised the effort. Maud Hallin noted that the Sonoma Land Trust (SLT) was able to contain contaminant in its Stewart Creek enhancement project using the same techniques. Those interested can get more information by contacting the SEC or [visiting the website](#).

Margie Foster noted the Glen Ellen Forum (GEF) donated 200 bulbs to the planting project along Dunbar Road, which took place over two weekends in early December.

Jim Burch, a Glen Ellenite who runs a 53-year-old design and architectural firm, expressed his interest in being part of "architecture and fabric" of bringing Glen Ellen back. Michael Furlong responded by noting that people should ask for help, because there's lots of help available, from assisting with paperwork to providing meals to inviting people to dinner and more. The Forum's website, www.glenellenca.org, offers a way to hook up services offered with those who need them; residents should also talk to each other to ensure they ask for and get the help they need.

Burch also noted that the San Ramon Rotary has transferred money to the local rotary to assist with recover efforts. Another resident noted that gift cards are available through the local rotary club.

BJ Blanchard enquired about the individual who perished in the fires in Glen Ellen—Chadwick Lee Rogers. "Who is this person?" she asked. Anyone who knows should contact BJ through the Forum (forum@glenellen.org).

Tracy Salcedo noted that she has food available for fire victims provided by the No Pay Café. Anyone interested should contact Tracy through the Forum (forum@glenellen.org).

It was noted that FEMA would only be at Hanna Boys Center for another week. Only about 70% have registered with the organization, and those who may not have registered were encouraged to do so.

Holly Bennett stated her "pop-up" store, which she has been offering for several weeks, would be open on Saturday, Dec. 9. Fire victims were encouraged to come by; everything from appliances to clothing were available.

Nancy Padian stated that an informational meeting titled Fire Recovery A to Z: Help from California Fire Lawyers, would be held Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. at the Kenwood Depot. Attorneys from different firms would be on hand to discuss insurance and other issues.

On the trees: Michael warned people to be aware and careful of falling trees, noting that structural damage could continue to bring them down, especially when the rains arrive. PG&E is cutting down trees near powerlines. The SEC representative asserted that if a fire-damaged or dead tree doesn't threaten people or structures, leave it on your property. Trees provide habitat even when dead. The SEC is also encouraging property owners to not cut down trees for a year, as they are fire adapted and while they may look dead now, they could be fine.

Nick and Rosemarie Ramponi were thanked for providing the Garden Court Cafe as an ongoing free venue for GEF meetings.

Leslie Vaughn and Dave MacDonald from the Valley of the Moon Winery at Madrone Estate were thanked for the Dec. 3 Community Holiday Dinner, which was a huge success.

The Traffic and Safety Committee was meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 6, to further discuss emergency preparedness. Maps were provided at the meeting for people to sign up as neighborhood coordinators in the event of another (the next) emergency. Plans are also in the works for a social in January or February at Michael's house.

Maud Hallin commented on artists making "one-of-a-kind" glass cups as a benefit for a local artist who lost his home and his daughter in the Tubbs fire. The website is buyacupformike.com.

Brenda Albertz, whose property includes retaining walls that front on Arnold Drive, would like to install a permanent memorial and thank-you commemorating the 2017 fires. She would love to have help getting the memorial installed.

Ron and Judy Smalley, who've lived in Sonoma Valley and Glen Ellen for 45 years, noted they were looking forward to working with the forum.

Michael Wray, who moved to Santa Rosa after the Glen Ellen fires, noted he wanted to stay in touch with the community. "This is an amazing group of people," he said. "We will be back."

Margie Foster noted there is a need for a barn or warehouse to store donated furniture until fire victims are able to rebuild. There may be an offer for such a facility but it is in the works.

The next meeting was slated for Jan. 8, 2018, the second Monday in January.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Attendees

Dave Rodondi	Jim Burch
Gary Bryant	Margie Foster
Anna Bryant	Nick Brown
Joyce Clover	Jim Shere
Anne Teller	Ben Compton
Janie Soto	Diana Sanson
Brenda Albertz	Betsey Moses
Beverly Hafernik	Geoffrey Herrick
Angela Nardo-Morgan	Cherie Chooljian
Larry Davis	Judy Smalley
Mike Witkowski	Ron Smalley
Jane Witkowski	Henry Beaumont
Marge Everidge	Michael McClure
Archie Horton	Bev Rodondi
Ross King	Candice Ludlow
Brad McCarty	Carrie Castro
Chris Brown	Leslie Vaughn
Michael Wray	Cheryl Franzini-Pegan
Stacey Vilas	Michael Furlong
Tracy Salcedo	