

Local Experts Help San Bruno Families Tackle Recovery Challenges

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Local

non-profits host "Dollars and Sense" info fair and workshops on Home Repairs, Insurance, Rebuilding and Recovery: January 9th, 1pm-4pm, Skyline College

SAN BRUNO, CA – January 9, 2010 – Sunday January 9th at Skyline College from 1pm to 4pm, United Policyholders and Rebuilding Together are offering a free community information fair featuring Roadmap to Recovery™ Workshops. The City of San Bruno,

PG&E representatives and local experts on insurance claims, construction and real estate will be on hand to answer questions from residents related to navigating insurance claim processes, understanding the nuts and bolts of hiring repair professionals and techniques for avoiding delays and disputes.

"Now that the holidays are over, residents are focusing on getting out of their temporary living quarters and back home. Insurance negotiations and contractor challenges are at the top of their 2011 'to do' lists," said Amy Bach, Executive Director of insurance consumer advocacy group United

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Policyholders. "From the first days after the event four months ago, UP has been in San Bruno applying our twenty years of experience helping people overcome post-disaster obstacles on the road to recovery."

"People need clear information on construction, home repair and insurance claims from knowledgeable, unbiased experts.

That's what they will get at this event" said Seana O'Shaughnessey,
Executive Director of Rebuilding

Together Peninsula. "We're partnering with UP to offer our expertise in getting homes repaired and our contacts with qualified local vendors."

This two-part event begins with a Community Information Fair where local businesses and nonprofit organizations will offer their resources for assisting in the rebuilding process, and concludes with four workshops presented by local professionals: contractors, claim adjusters, realtors and finance experts, as well as previous disaster survivors with personal experience.

1pm: Inventorying and Valuing the Contents of

Your Home - Free UP Home Inventory flash drive tools will be distributed.

2pm: Repair/Rebuilding 101 - Working with

construction professionals

3pm: Insurance Negotiations – Resolving disputes over repair methods and costs

4pm: Rebuild or Buy - Financial

considerations insurance, tax and real estate)

For more information on any of the workshop topics, or details about the event, please contact United Policyholders Program Coordinator, Emily Cabral at 415) 393-9990. Funding for this event was provided by the generous donors who gave to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation and San Francisco Foundation's San



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About United Policyholders

United Policyholders is a national non-profit that has been helping guide disaster victims on the road to recovery since 1991. UP offers tips and info from previous disaster survivors and from experts on insurance claims, legal matters and the rebuilding/repair process. UP partners

with the American Red Cross, the California Department of Insurance, faith-based and other non-profit aid organizations, claim, legal, tax and construction experts, and public officials.

UP is a member of Voluntary Organizations Assisting in Disaster VOAD), the Coordinated Assistance Network CAN), and SFCARD. UP accepts no funding from insurance companies.

About Rebuilding

Together: Rebuilding Together

Peninsula RTP) is a

nonprofit organization that builds volunteer partnerships to rehabilitate homes and community facilities for low-income people in need so they can live in warmth, safety and independence. Serving all of San Mateo and northern Santa Clara County, RTP provides more free major home repairs than any other peninsula organization and is the only one to provide free roof repair and replacement services. With the help of nearly 78,000 volunteers, RTP has restored 1331 homes and community facilities with an estimated reconstruction value over \$32,000,000. RTP is the local affiliate to the national Rebuilding Together network, which completes over

10,000 repair projects across the United States each year. Found on the web at: