

CITY OF MALIBU

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



JULY 3, 2025



Greetings Malibu,

It's heartening to see more visitors enjoying our beaches, trails, and supporting local businesses, many of which are still recovering from recent fires and PCH closures. Their presence brings vital energy to our economy and ongoing recovery efforts.

I'm proud of the City Council's quick action in launching the Small Business Micro Stabilization Grants, with awards set for later this month. The rebuild continues at a strong pace, with more and more homeowners starting to get their projects in process. We continue to meet weekly with our Malibu Rebuild Ambassador to ensure that we are addressing the most critical rebuild issues. Meanwhile, fire debris crews are clearing an average of 15 sites a day, and have cleared 3,701 properties in total across the entire Palisades Fire area.

These milestones reflect the commitment of our recovery teams and the resilience of our community. At the same time, the City continues its regular services with the adoption of the FY 2025-26 Budget, active wildfire preparedness, and a full lineup of fun, active summertime Community Services programs for families and kids.

Wishing everyone a safe and joyful 4th of July as we continue building a stronger, thriving Malibu together.

With gratitude,

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CITY COUNCIL

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES FY 2025-26 BUDGET FOCUSED ON FIRE RECOVERY

On June 23, the Malibu City Council unanimously approved the \$110.32 million Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget, prioritizing recovery from the Palisades and Franklin Fires while maintaining strong financial health. The Budget includes \$10.1 million for disaster



rebuild efforts, \$8.4 million for fire-damaged infrastructure, and funding to complete the Permanent Skate Park and Malibu Bluffs Park Snack Shack. It also supports digital upgrades, resiliency planning, and economic development. While reserves are healthy, the City continues to seek state and federal funding to ensure a safer, stronger Malibu.

[Click here for details](#)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENTAL - CITY ATTENDS REGIONAL MEETING ON MARINE MAMMAL CRISIS

On June 26, City staff joined the first Regional Marine Mammal Meeting hosted by the LA County Department of Beaches and Harbors to address the worsening domoic acid crisis. This year's toxic algal bloom — linked to climate change — killed over 300 dolphins and overwhelmed wildlife centers. Cities, agencies, and wildlife rescue groups have called for regional coordination, expanded public education, and long-term support. Malibu will continue participating in quarterly meetings to help develop sustainable strategies to protect marine life and public safety amid rising ocean temperatures and harmful algae events.



PLANNING - WORKING ON TEMPORARY USE PERMITS AND SIGN REGULATIONS TO HELP BUSINESS

On July 14, the City Council will consider amending the City's Temporary Use Permit and Sign Permit regulations as part of an effort to help local businesses struggling from the impacts of the recent fires and PCH closure. Meeting details will be posted in advance [on the website](#).



MALIBU REBUILD PROGRAM HONORED WITH REGIONAL AWARD

The City of Malibu was proud to receive the 2025 Award of Excellence for Resilience and Sustainability from the American Planning Association's Los Angeles Section at its annual Awards Gala. The award recognizes the Malibu Rebuild Program's innovative and community-focused efforts to support residents in recovering from the 2018 Woolsey Fire. The City is honored by the recognition and is working hard to support the community through every step of the Franklin and Palisades Fires rebuild and

CODE ENFORCEMENT



TRANCAS COUNTRY MARKET - CONCERTS ON THE GREEN

The City's Code Enforcement team supported the popular, free live music event held on June 27 at the Trancas Country Market to ensure the event was safe and did not cause any disturbances to the surrounding neighborhood. More than 400 guests attended, without incident. Parking enforcement ensured proper parking. The music ended promptly at 9:00 PM. All event signage was clearly displayed along the residential street, crossing guards were on hand for safety, and event staff ensured trash bins were emptied and no trash was left on site.

Code Enforcement Officers will continue to support the weekly summer concert series, ensuring for permitting compliance, traffic and parking safety, and preventing alcohol consumption in non-designated areas to make sure the event remains safe and enjoyable for the community.

To report issues to Code Enforcement, call: 310-456-2489, ext. 484.

FIRE SAFETY



FIREWISE USA™
Residents reducing wildfire risks

LEARN HOW TO GET FIREWISE CERTIFICATION FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN ADVANCE OF FIRE SEASON

Getting Firewise USA® certification is a great way to make your neighborhood more fire safe, and the City's Fire Safety Liaisons can guide you through the process. This voluntary program from the National Fire Protection Association offers a simple, effective framework to help communities reduce wildfire risk. The City is proud to currently have 13 recognized FIREWISE communities, most of which got certified with the of Fire Safety Liaison Bradley Yocum. To get your neighborhood involved, email Bradley at BYocum@MalibuCity.org. [Click here to learn more.](#)



GET A FREE HOME WILDFIRE ASSESSMENT TO BE READY FOR FIRE SEASON

Our Fire Safety Liaisons offer free Home Wildfire Assessments to help reduce your home's risk from flying embers during a wind-driven wildfire. Each 30–45 minute visit includes a walk-around and a no-obligation list of easy, often inexpensive steps you can take to harden your home. The City has conducted nearly 550 Assessments since the program was launched in 2019. [To book an appointment, click here.](#) Questions? Email FireSafety@MalibuCity.org.

CONDUCT BRUSH CLEARANCE BEFORE FIRE



SEASON TO PROTECT YOUR HOME!

While the June 1 deadline for annual brush clearance has passed, it is still crucial to conduct brush clearance before fire season. It helps create the “defensible space” that firefighters need to protect life, property, and the environment. It is required by law, and non-compliant homeowners could face fines. For questions about brush clearance on properties with homes, please call LA County Fire Department Defensible Space Section at (818) 222-1108. For vacant properties, please call LA County Agricultural Commissioner Weights / Measures at (626) 575-5484.

PUBLIC SAFETY



NO PERMITTED FIREWORKS DISPLAY IN MALIBU THIS JULY 4, BUT FAMILIES CAN FIND MANY PUBLIC FIREWORKS DISPLAYS IN THE AREA

Enjoy July 4th fireworks safely and legally! The LA County Fire Department has not issued permits for fireworks displays in Malibu for this July 4. Remember, **all personal fireworks are illegal** in LA County – they are dangerous, especially for kids, and can cause injuries, house fires and wildfires. Illegal fireworks in LA County can result in fines up to \$50,000 and one year in jail, depending on the violations. Consider attending one of the permitted public fireworks displays in Marina Del Rey, Thousand Oaks, Redondo Beach, Camarillo and other locations for a safe, fun, family experience. [Click here to see a list of fireworks shows.](#)



CITY RECEIVES STATE GRANT FOR PCH SAFETY MEASURES

The City of Malibu has been awarded an \$87,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety to support Pacific Coast Highway safety initiatives. The grant will fund DUI checkpoints, saturation patrols, bicycle and pedestrian enforcement operations, and two new motorcycle radar devices. Public Safety staff will oversee the program, which will conclude by September 30.



TEMPORARY IMPOUND YARD BEGINS OPERATIONS TO ADDRESS ILLEGAL PARKING DURING BUSY SUMMER SEASON

On May 24, the City began operating a temporary day-use impound yard at the Malibu High School parking lot on Morning View Drive to address illegal parking during the busy summer season. Since then, nearly 130 vehicles have been towed into the impound yard, where they are removed at the end of each day. The impound yard will continue to be used on weekends and holidays through summer for the temporary storage of vehicles that are towed for illegal parking or posing a public safety hazard in Malibu. To report illegal parking or request a tow, please call the Malibu-Lost Hills Sheriff's Station at (310) 456-6652.

Vehicles Towed:
May 24 - 26: **13**
May 31 - June 1: **15**
June 7 - 8: **31**
June 14 - 15: **14**
June 21 - 22: **26**
June 28 - 29: **30**

COMMUNITY SERVICES



INDEPENDENCE DAY - FACILITY HOLIDAY HOURS

On Friday, July 4, Malibu City Hall, the Senior Center, and the Community Swimming Pool at Malibu High School will be closed in observance of Independence Day. City parks will be open from 8:00 AM to sunset. Alcohol, BBQs, open flames, and fireworks are prohibited in City parks. Normal operating hours will resume on Saturday, July 5. For more information on City parks and facilities, [click here](#).



MALIBU BLUFFS PARK MULTIPURPOSE FIELD CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE, JULY 7 - AUGUST 15

The Multipurpose Field at Malibu Bluffs Park will be closed July 7 through August 15 for the bi-annual rest and renovation, which is essential in keeping the field safe and playable throughout the year. Other facilities at Malibu Bluffs Park will remain open.



SUMMER DAY CAMPS, JULY 7-10 AND JULY 14-17

Register now for the City's excellent Sports Camps and Enrichment Camps, a fun, healthy way for kids to enjoy the summer break!

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

July 7-10:

- Super Soccer Stars (ages 6 -11)
- Karate Camp (ages 6 -11)
- Skateboarding Camp (ages 6 -11)
- Surf Camp (ages 8 -14)

July 14-17:

- International Sports Camp (ages 6 -11)
- Karate Camp (ages 6 -11),
- Skateboarding Camp (ages 6-11)
- Tennis Camp (ages 6-11)
- Basketball Camp (ages 6 - 11)
- and Surf Camp (ages 8 -14)

PARK TALES STORYTIME IN THE PARK: "SHOOT FOR THE MOON"

Kids ages 2-5 can enjoy fun, free story time with the Malibu



Librarian that includes an art activity and a free snack, Thursday, July 10, 10:00 AM at Malibu Bluffs Park. Pre-registration is recommended but not required.

[Click here for more information.](#)



LEARN TO SWIM LESSONS

Kids Swim Lessons Are Back! July 7-August 2

Whether your children are just getting started or already know the basics, our Learn to Swim classes are a great way to build confidence and stay safe in the water and have fun doing it! Lessons are offered for kids ages 1–10, with sessions Mondays through Thursdays, and Saturdays at the Malibu Community Pool at Malibu High School. Check out the full schedule and sign up on the [Aquatics page](#) (click on the Swim Lessons button)!

City of Malibu, Community Services Department

Summer Jubilations

Hosted by Ann Buxie and Ricardo Means Ybarra
Complimentary, RSVP not required

Saturday, June 28
2:30 - 4:00 PM
Malibu Library
Featuring
Susie Duff, Eileen Fiori,
and Charlotte Ward

Saturday, July 12
5:00 - 6:30 PM
Malibu Bluffs Park
Featuring
Jolynn and Sophie Regan,
Peg Quinn, and Charlotte Ward

POETRY JUBILATIONS

Enjoy an evening of poetry with beautiful ocean and mountain views! Join former Malibu Poet Laureate Ricardo Means Ybarra and featured readers for original poems, an open mic session, and light refreshments, Saturday, July 12, 5:00 PM at Malibu Bluffs Park (at the Whale Tale sculpture). Free and open to all. No RSVP required.

[Click here for details.](#)

COASTAL REFLECTIONS

A COMMUNITY EXHIBITION HOSTED BY THE MALIBU ARTS COMMISSION



Marc Blain, "Sunrise at Surfside", Oil Painting, 16" x 20", Copyright © Marc Blain, All Rights Reserved

"COASTAL REFLECTIONS" ART EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION

Catch the wave of creativity at the free opening reception of "Coastal Reflections," Malibu's summer art exhibition celebrating surf culture, on Sunday, July 13, 12:00 PM at the Malibu City Gallery at City Hall. See original works in a variety of mediums by over 25 talented local artists. On display through August 22. Free to attend, no RSVP needed.

[Click here for details.](#)

MALIBU CITY GALLERY
23825 Stuart Ranch Road



CELEBRATE MALIBU'S PARKS DURING JULY, PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH!

Celebrate Parks and Recreation Month with the Community



Services Department! An initiative of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), to recognize the importance and impact of parks and recreation in communities nationwide. Malibu residents are encouraged to celebrate and participate in special programs this month.

[For details, click here.](#)

BUSINESS SUPPORT



MALIBU RESTAURANTS IMPACTED BY THE RECENT FIRES CAN APPLY FOR DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS THROUGH JULY 7

DoorDash and Hello Alice are offering \$10,000 grants through the Restaurant Disaster Relief Fund to help restaurants impacted by the fires rebuild and recover! Applications are accepted through July 7, 3:00 PM. [For details and to apply, click here.](#)



LEGAL HELP & TRAINING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, JULY 8

Small businesses are invited to join a free training session with legal experts who can provide help with commercial leasing, Tuesday, July 8, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at the Malibu Library. Hosted by the LA County Department of Economic Opportunity and Bet Tzedek, a non-profit legal organization. Includes a one-on-one consultation after the presentation (registration required). [Click here to register.](#)

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

JULY 14

City Council Regular Meeting – [City Hall & remote via Zoom](#) - 5:30 PM

JULY 15

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting – [City Hall](#) - 6:30 PM



MALIBU REBUILDING UPDATES

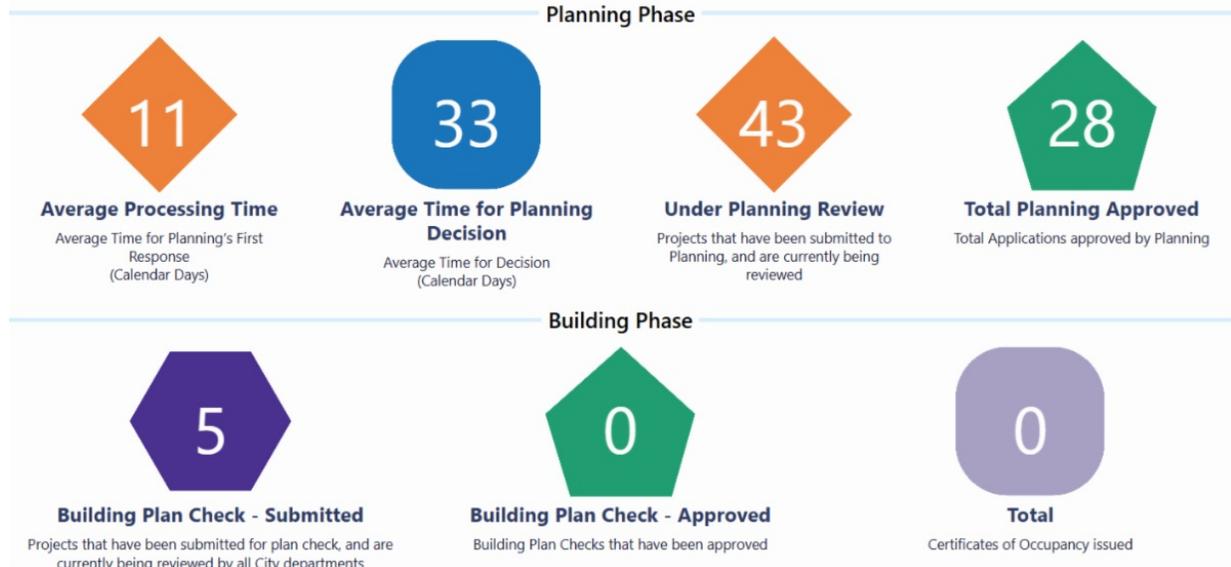
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STATISTICS

For more Rebuild information & resources, see the Rebuild website & newsletter



Staff continue to work with homeowners at the Rebuild Center.

- Contact or Visit the Rebuild Center 23805 Stuart Ranch Road, Suite 240 Open Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Schedule an in-person or virtual appointment [on the website](#) or call 310-456-2489, ext. 400. Walk-ins are also welcome.

SIGN UP FOR NOTIFY ME!

Sign up for City notifications to receive important updates about emergencies, road closures, community events, public meetings, and more—straight to your phone or email. Stay connected and be the first to know what's happening in your community!

FOR MORE INFORMATION



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