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DECEMBER 5, 2025



Greetings Malibu,

As we move deeper into the holiday season and a time of peace, family visits and reflection, I want to take a moment to recognize Malibu's incredible, unique, resilient and creative spirit. Despite a busy year of rebuilding, recovery, and planning, our community continues to come together, support one another, and embrace new opportunities.

On December 8, the City will honor the one-year anniversary of the Franklin Fire at the Council meeting. Mayor Marianne Riggins and Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Silverstein, who was directly impacted by the fire, will recognize residents and partner agencies who supported the fire response, reflecting on the community's resilience over the past year. Please join us at City Hall or via livestream on YouTube to commemorate this important moment.

A major milestone was achieved on December 1 when the Santa Monica–Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Board voted unanimously to approve the three foundational agreements for Malibu's school district separation. This historic vote brings us closer to establishing the independent Malibu Unified School District (MUSD) and keeps the interests of both Malibu and Santa Monica students at the forefront. The City Council will vote on the agreements at its meeting on December 8. This incredible movement was born of the passion, vision and perseverance of the people of Malibu over nearly 20 years!

I was proud to join Mayor Marianne Riggins and Deputy City Manager Richard Rojas for a trip to Sacramento to advocate for Malibu with state lawmakers and agencies, focused on wildfire recovery, transportation safety, economic revitalization, and long-term community resilience.

On November 24, 2025, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-37-25 to support rebuilding in Palisades fire-impacted areas by suspending certain state requirements for affected properties. The Order streamlines sewer development, maintains 2022 building codes for rebuilds, suspends solar and battery mandates, clarifies elevation standards, expands insurance eligibility, and prioritizes displaced residents for state housing programs—efforts strongly advocated by the City. Our advocacy continues as we fight to clarify and streamline the rebuilding process for all impacted residents and families resulting in the latest important update. We can confirm that rebuild destroyed beachfront homes do not automatically need to upgrade their septic system to advanced OWTS. Only systems that are actually failing require replacement. Please read more in the Community Development Department's update section.

The City continues to support our local businesses as an important part of the community's fire recovery. Malibu's small business community is growing strong with over 25 new businesses opening over the past 6 months. Small businesses create culture, memories, community gathering places, and most importantly provide jobs and revenue. We've been proud to visit recently opened businesses to congratulate and support them, and promote them on the City's social media. The community has been responding with cheers of support and patronage for our local entrepreneurs. We also encourage Malibu business owners to participate in our Local Business Survey to help guide the City's efforts to strengthen and support our local economy.

Join us at Malibu City Hall to celebrate Dick Van Dyke's 100th birthday with special screenings of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and *Dick Van Dyke 100th Celebration*, presented in partnership with the Malibu Film Society. Malibu residents can reserve free tickets and enjoy the original movie car on display during the festivities on December 5 at 6:30pm and December 7 at 2pm at City Hall.

With the rainy season underway, the City reminds all construction sites to follow best management practices to prevent sediment runoff and protect public safety. Additionally, we continue to work collaboratively with SCE and telecommunication providers on undergrounding utility lines in the Palisades Fire area to enhance safety, reliability, and fire safety going forward.

The City staff continues to commit tremendous energy and resources to our fire rebuild and recovery, effort, and as of December 5, have issued more than 440 total permits, including 18 for single-family homes, thanks to the care, compassion and hard work of our City staff. The Community Development Department held its regular meeting Malibu's Fire Rebuild Zone Captains on November 20 to distribute vital resources and guidelines, and hear feedback from the fire-impacted homeowners.

The Community Services Department has an excellent array of seasonal programs and events planned for you, including Santa Paws (yes, you can get photos of your pup with Santa!), Breakfast with Santa, a Dog Obedience Workshop, poetry readings, and the Happy Hula-days Senior Luncheon—opportunities to celebrate, learn, and enjoy the season together.

Be sure to pick up a beautiful Christmas tree while supporting a good cause and enjoying community festivities at the tree lot next to the Malibu Library through December 14, benefiting the Malibu Education Foundation!

As always, thank you to every resident, volunteer, and business owner who contributes to Malibu's thriving, caring community. May this holiday season bring you joy, connection, and memorable moments with family, friends, and neighbors.

With gratitude,

Ambassador Candace A. Bond (ret.)
Interim City Manager
CBond@MalibuCity.org

CITY COUNCIL AND MANAGEMENT



SCHOOL SEPARATION EFFORT ADVANCES WITH SMMUSD BOARD VOTE ON AGREEMENTS – CITY COUNCIL WILL VOTE DECEMBER 8

At its December 1 meeting, the Santa Monica–Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the three foundational agreements for Malibu's school district separation, a major milestone in Malibu's longstanding effort to form an independent Malibu Unified School District (MUSD).

The Malibu City Council will vote on the agreements at the next Council meeting, Monday, December 8, 5:30 PM at City Hall. Meeting details are posted on the website.

www.malibucity.org/agendacenter

The three agreements include the Property Tax Revenue Sharing Agreement, outlining how property tax revenues will be allocated; the Operational Transfer Agreement, detailing the transition of staffing, facilities, and services; and the Joint Powers Agreement, establishing shared oversight of the transition.

Each board member delivered prepared remarks in support of the separation package, emphasizing that creating two independent districts will allow Malibu and Santa Monica to focus more closely on their distinct needs.

While additional steps lie ahead—including special legislation—this vote marks a monumental step toward local education control for Malibu, with both sides committed to the best outcome for students' education in both communities. For more information, including the complete separation agreements and FAQs, visit MalibuCity.org/MUSD.



CITY OF MALIBU TO HONOR ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRANKLIN FIRE

Monday, December 8, 5:30 PM

City Hall

Live Streaming on the YouTube channel

The City of Malibu will commemorate the one-year anniversary of the Franklin Fire at the City Council meeting on December 8. The program will honor those impacted, recognize partner agencies, and reflect on the community's resilience over the past year.

Mayor Marianne Riggins and Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Silverstein will offer remarks, and the City will present certificates to key partners who supported the fire response, including regional fire agencies, law enforcement, Arson Watch, the Community Brigade, CERT, KBUU FM, Volunteers on Patrol, and the City of Calabasas.

Watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofMalibu/streams>

Watch the Live Stream



SACRAMENTO LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SUMMARY

Mayor Marianne Riggins, Interim City Manager Candace Bond and Deputy City Manager Richard Rojas traveled to Sacramento for a full day of meetings focused on wildfire recovery, transportation safety, economic revitalization, and long-term community resilience.

Discussions with the Governor's Office centered on continued recovery from the Palisades Fire. The City emphasized the need to expand the Governor's Executive Order providing Coastal Act and CEQA exemptions for the city's coastal sewer project. We also expressed the need for assistance in our tireless advocacy efforts with outside partner agencies in streamlining rebuilding and recovery efforts.

At CalSTA, the City highlighted ongoing collaboration on PCH safety, including enforcement support, grant-funded educational efforts, and physical improvements to the highway, as well as long-term transportation challenges exacerbated by geography and wildfire impacts.

Meetings with Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin and Senator Ben Allen provided updates on recovery efforts, deployment of speed cameras under SB 1297, and the need for regional wildfire prevention funding. The City also discussed PSPS-related reliability challenges and provided a brief update on establishing the Malibu School District.

The City shared with Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis its economic recovery strategy, including efforts to rebuild local revenue streams, support businesses, and expand infrastructure resilience across wastewater, coastal protection, and communications systems.

The meeting with State Parks focused on post-fire coordination, reopening parklands, and balancing public access with resource protection. The City also underscored the need for joint wildfire fuel management planning across park-adjacent areas.

Finally, at CalOES, the City reaffirmed its strong partnership on wildfire prevention, emergency communications, community resilience, and hazard-mitigation projects, including slope

stabilization and vegetation management, to reduce future disaster risk across the Santa Monica Mountains.

City of Malibu: Business Recovery & Resilience Survey

The City of Malibu is developing an Economic Recovery Strategy to restore lost TCE, restore sales tax, and build resilience after recent fires. We're conducting a survey with community leaders and stakeholders to understand current conditions, challenges, and opportunities for a sustainable, resident-serving economy. Your insights will help shape practical priorities and near-term actions for the City's recovery and long-term viability. Your participation is appreciated and will meaningfully inform the Strategy.

[Sign Up \(Google\)](#) to save your progress. [Learn More](#)

* Indicates required question

First and Last Name *

Your answer

What is your role or affiliation in Malibu? *

- Resident
- Business Owner
- Nonprofit
- Education

ATTENTION LOCAL BUSINESSES: TAKE THE SURVEY TO HELP THE CITY HELP YOU

Malibu business owners, entrepreneurs, and community leaders - we want to hear from you!

Take the survey to help better understand current business conditions and challenges, opportunities for growth and recovery, and how the City can better support and strengthen our local economy. Your input will directly shape real recommendations and actions to support Malibu's economic future. Share your perspective and help guide Malibu's path forward.

For questions, contact: BusinessSupport@malibucity.org

[Click Here for the Survey Link](#)



CELEBRATE MALIBU'S OWN ENTERTAINMENT LEGEND DICK VAN DYKE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

Join us in celebrating Dick Van Dyke, one of the most beloved entertainers of all time, here at Malibu City Hall, presented in partnership with the [Malibu Film Society](#) and [Dick Van Dyke](#).

Dick Van Dyke's 100th birthday celebration will feature the screening of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" (1968), with the original car from the movie on display on Friday, December 5 at 6:30 PM, as well as the screening of "Dick Van Dyke 100th Celebration" (2025) on Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 PM.

Malibu residents receive free tickets to the screenings with a reservation!

Reservations and tickets required by visiting mfsreservations.org.

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY – TERESSA FOGLIA HAT STUDIO + SHOP



Mayor Marianne Riggins and Councilmember Haylynn Conrad welcomed Teressa Foglia and Ty Hays on the opening of their expanded Teressa Foglia Hat Studio + Shop in Malibu Village! The couple's first studio opened in NYC in 2017; they now have locations in Malibu, Laguna Beach, and Houston. The studio offers custom and ready-to-wear hats, each lined with vintage silk, and features Ty Hays' original paintings. Teressa discovered millinery in Europe in 2016, inspiring her career change. Sustainability and supporting local artisans and female founders are central to their work. The City celebrates new business openings as a sign of

community resilience and encourages residents to support them. City Council regularly visits new businesses to promote and welcome them.



Malibu is thriving, with more than 25 new businesses opening in the past six months, a strong sign of recovery and growth. We encourage residents to explore these exciting additions, including SV2 Indoor Golf, Malibu Dance Academy, and Malibu Jiu Jitsu Studio, and support the local economy as Malibu continues to move forward.

Businesses can contact City staff directly at BusinessSupport@Malibucity.org.

Learn more: teressafoglia.com



SIGN UP TO GET SUPPORT FOR YOUR SMALL BUSINESS

Fire-impacted small businesses — we want to support YOU. Join the Recover Local Directory and get discovered by customers looking to shop and dine local this season.



If your business was impacted by the Eaton or Palisades fires, you may be eligible to be added to the business registry if you have fewer than 100 employees, brick-and-mortar food, retail, or service business; and are located in Malibu. Let's rebuild together.

Apply now: bit.ly/ShopLocalBizForm



GOVERNOR NEWSOM EXECUTIVE ORDER UPDATE

On November 24, 2025, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-37-25 providing additional support for rebuilding efforts in the Palisades fire impacted areas by suspending certain state requirements for properties destroyed or substantially damaged in the emergency.

The Order includes as applied to Palisades fire rebuilds: suspension of CEQA and Coastal Act requirements for sewer lines to support faster and lower cost development of municipal sewer systems; 2022 state building codes continue to apply to rebuilds rather than new 2025 codes; clarifying state and federal requirements related to minimum elevation standards and elevation certificates; adding items eligible for insurance purposes related to Insurance Code sections 10102 and 10103; suspension of mandatory solar and battery installation requirements; and ensuring that people displaced as a result of the fire are prioritized on the waiting lists for rental housing in the Department of Housing and Community Development's housing portfolio.

The City advocated for these supports to assist our community in streamlining rebuild efforts.



GET A BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY TREE AND SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE AT THE MALIBU EDUCATION FOUNDATION HOLIDAY TREE LOT

Open through December 14
Monday–Thursday: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Friday: 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
23575 Civic Center Way (next to Malibu Library)

Get a beautiful holiday tree, support the Malibu Education Foundation (MEF), and enjoy community festivities at the MEF Holiday Tree Lot! Fresh Christmas trees, garlands, and wreaths arrive directly from Oregon — and every purchase supports Malibu public schools.

This year, Malibu High School students, supported by parent and community volunteers, are managing the tree lot as part of a program to help students gain hands-on experience in leadership, business skills, and community service.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information, and to sign up to volunteer, deliver trees, or join a parent-student team from any of the four Malibu public schools.

<https://www.malibueducationfoundation.org/holiday-market-tree-lot>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



REMINDER: MALIBU'S GRADING POLICY AND BEST PRACTICES DURING RAINY SEASON HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

With the rainy season underway, all construction sites must have required Best Management Practices (BMPs) in place to prevent sediment runoff and protect public safety. Key requirements include:

- **Excavated Soil Management:** Store soil on-site to prevent runoff; berm or cover piles until used or removed.
- **Entrance/Exit Controls:** Install BMPs at all access points to prevent tracking sediment onto streets and into drainage systems.

Important: If BMPs are not properly followed, City inspectors will halt all construction and grading activities for the remainder of the rainy season, and Code Enforcement will be notified.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see a complete list of the BMPs.

For further questions, please contact the City's Environmental Consultant at econsultant@malibucity.org.



NOVEMBER 20: REBUILD ZONE CAPTAINS MEETING

Community Development Director Yolanda Bundy continued her ongoing engagement with Zone Captains at the Rebuild Center on November 20, bringing together community leaders to share updates and resources for the rebuilding process.

During the meeting, participants reviewed a variety of tools and guidance to support homeowners, including Reuse of Foundation Guidelines, the Landslide Mapping Tool <https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/lsl/> and key rebuild contacts:

- LA County Fire Department Rebuild Center - Jarrett Yanez jarrett.yanez@fire.lacounty.gov
(Hours 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Tuesdays and Thursdays)
- Calabasas Malibu Building and Safety Office: 26600 Agoura Road, Calabasas, CA 91302

Zone Captains were encouraged to share these resources with residents and to help address questions related to foundations, OWTS, building plan checks, and other critical aspects of reconstruction.

For rebuild questions, please contact the Rebuild Center at 310-456-2489 ext. 400 or visit <https://maliburebuilds.org/contact-us>

The City thanks all Zone Captains for their ongoing leadership and dedication in supporting homeowners and advancing Malibu's recovery efforts.

[CLICK HERE](#) or visit <https://maliburebuilds.org/zone-captains/> to find your Zone Captains.

[CLICK HERE](#) or visit <https://maliburebuilds.org/2025-community-meetings/> to see the Zone Captain meetings and other rebuild meetings.



DESIGN PROFESSIONALS MEETING - REBUILD UPDATES AND NEW STATE RELIEF MEASURES

The Community Development Department met with local design professionals—both in person and online— on December 3 to share updates on Malibu's fire rebuild progress and answer questions about the permitting process. Staff also discussed how the State's recent Executive Order N-37-35 will help streamline and support rebuild efforts for affected families.

Key Highlights from the Executive Order:

- **Solar and Battery Requirements Paused** Rebuild projects are not required to install solar panels or battery storage at this time. For insurance purposes, these requirements are still recognized, which helps keep related costs eligible for building code upgrade coverage.
- **Current Building Code Can Be Used** Homeowners can continue using the **2022 California Building Code** for rebuilds instead of switching to the 2025 Code.
 - FEMA elevation requirements still apply.
 - Sea Level Rise rules do **not** apply to rebuilds.
 - Insurance will treat the 2025 Code as effective January 1, 2026, which helps maintain eligibility for certain upgrade coverages.
- **Emergency Sewer Line Relief** Rebuild-related sewer line projects can move forward more quickly because CEQA and Coastal Development Permit requirements are temporarily suspended for these specific repairs.
- **Housing Support for Displaced Families** Households displaced by the fire in Los Angeles County may receive priority placement on State rental housing waiting lists if they meet eligibility requirements.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch video of the meeting.



CITY HOSTS LARGEST RAIN BARREL EVENT IN OVER 10 YEARS

The City hosted its largest Rain Barrel Event in more than a decade on November 22, 2025 at City Hall. A total of 150 rain barrels were distributed to over 89 households, supporting community-wide water conservation efforts. A big thank-you to our partners at West Basin Municipal Water District and the dedicated volunteers from the Malibu Optimist Club for helping make this event a tremendous success.

Didn't get a chance to attend? Subscribe to the City's Environmental Programs calendar

at malibucity.org/iCalendar.aspx and learn more about West Basin Municipal Water District at westbasinca.gov.



FREE Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Drive-Thru Collection Event

Saturday, December 13 • 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.
 Malibu Civic Center, Rear Parking Lot
 23519 West Civic Center Way Malibu, CA 90265

The City's December 20 HHW event is canceled. Residents should attend the County event on December 13.

800-238-0172 | LACSD.org/HHW | CleanLA.com

FREE HHW/E-WASTE DISPOSAL COUNTY EVENT - COMING UP ON DECEMBER 13

Please note that the City's December Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and E-Waste event has been canceled. Residents are encouraged to attend Los Angeles County's free HHW/E-Waste Drive-Thru Collection Event on Saturday, December 13, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Malibu Civic Center – Rear Parking Lot.

For details, visit LACSD.org/HHW or call 800-238-0173.

MALIBU HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING

Friday, December 26, 2025 – Sunday, January 11, 2026
 Closed December 31 & January 1

23575 Civic Center Way
 (Chili Cook-Off Lot)

MalibuCity.Org/EnviroCalendar

HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING RETURNS DECEMBER 26

Malibu's free Christmas tree recycling program will be available from December 26 through January 11 at 23575 Civic Center Way (Chili Cook-Off Lot). All trees collected will be recycled into mulch, supporting local sustainability efforts.

Drop-Off Hours:

- Mon–Fri: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Sat–Sun: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

*Closed December 31–January 1 for the New Year's holiday.

For curbside pickup, trees must be cut to fit inside your green waste bin, with all decorations removed. For more information, visit the [City's Holiday Tree Recycling Calendar event](#).

PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 17, 2025 | 6:30 PM

NEW PLANNING COMMISSIONER CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

At the November 17, 2025, Regular Planning Commission meeting, Elizabeth Riddick was elected as Chair and John Mazza as Vice Chair by a quorum of the body. City staff

would like to congratulate both Commissioners and are eager to work with them in their new roles.



ONSITE WASTE WATER TREATMENT (OWTS) REQUIREMENTS FOR BEACHFRONT REBUILDS

The City of Malibu would like to provide an **important update** for beachfront families rebuilding after the recent fires. The City confirms that rebuilt destroyed beachfront homes do not automatically need to upgrade their septic systems to advanced OWTS. Only systems that are actually failing, based on parcel-specific evidence of ineffective treatment or surfacing effluent, require replacement as determined by the Malibu Municipal Code. Applicants should work with their design professionals to determine if this option applies to their rebuild.

We remain committed to supporting beachfront homeowners, ensuring compliance with health and environmental standards, and avoiding unnecessary costs or impacts. For questions about your OWTS or rebuilding requirements, please contact the Rebuild Center.



FIRE REVIEW FEE WAIVERS

The City of Malibu extends our immense gratitude to Supervisor Lindsey Horvath for bringing forward an item to the Board of Supervisors to approve fire review fee waivers for our Malibu families. This action helps ensure that rebuilding after the recent fires is more accessible and less burdensome for our community.

Our Rebuild Center staff is currently coordinating with Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel to utilize the information gathered through our City fee waiver process. This collaboration allows the Fire Department to efficiently vet properties for eligibility, streamlining approvals, and ensuring that residents receive timely assistance.

Malibu's fee waiver process is designed to be thorough and community-focused. Residents who were owner-occupied as of January 7, 2025, can submit an affidavit along with supporting documentation to the City to have rebuilding fees waived. The Fire Department will now use the City's verified list to process their review fees, making the process easier for homeowners while maintaining the necessary safety and regulatory standards. This unified approach ensures that our residents have a single, clear process for fee waivers and refunds, reducing confusion and helping our community recover safely and efficiently. We appreciate the continued partnership of Supervisor Horvath's office, the Los Angeles County Fire Department, and our City staff in supporting Malibu families during this critical time.



CALTRANS STAFF AT THE REBUILD CENTER

We are pleased to announce that CalTrans staff representative will be joining us at the Rebuild Center each week starting Tuesday, December 9, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. They will be available to assist with encroachment permits and support property owners along PCH affected by the recent fires.

Their presence will help streamline the permit process, address questions and concerns, and ensure that reconstruction proceeds smoothly and efficiently. This collaboration reflects our ongoing commitment to working closely with all stakeholders, responding to community needs, and supporting the safe and timely restoration of affected properties. We greatly appreciate CalTrans partnership and the Council's continued guidance as we move forward.



DECEMBER 1 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

On Monday, December 1, 2025, a regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting was held at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers. A Coastal Development Permit Amendment related to the location and design of the onsite wastewater treatment system at the Malibu Middle and High School Campus was discussed along with a time extension request for a new residential development.

The video for the meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UX9Pa2I1z7s>



MALIBU REMAINS A CLEAN ENERGY LEADER WITH CPA

Malibu is a clean energy leader! With 94.2% overall participation and 96.3% of active customers on 100% Green Power, our community is making great strides towards a green energy future. Residential participation is 94.5% and non-residential is 93.0%. Since 2018, CPA members agencies have avoided 15.968 billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions—equivalent to planting and growing 119 million trees for 10 years! Way to go Malibu! To learn more about Clean Power Alliance,

visit <https://cleanpoweralliance.org/>

PUBLIC WORKS



MALIBU PERMANENT SKATE PARK UPDATE

Work slowed temporarily on construction of the Permanent Skate Park due to recent storm events and muddy conditions. Now, crews are preparing and placing concrete for the deck areas while also setting pool coping. Underground electrical and sewer utility work got started for the new restroom building and connections to the mainlines. The restroom building material was delivered on November 6 and construction will begin once underground utilities have been completed.



SCE & TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNDERGROUND EQUIPMENT UPDATE

The city staff has been working with SCE to continue their efforts of undergrounding the existing electrical circuits with the Palisades Fire area. Along with the undergrounding efforts, SCE has committed to additional benefits to Malibu:

- Expedite the electrical undergrounding project on Latigo Canyon Road - Cuthbert electrical circuit
- Supply temporary generators for the PCH Signal Synchronization Project - needed to perform final testing and system operation.
- Partner with the City and Santa Monica School District to install automatic transfer switches and generators at Malibu High and Elementary schools.
- Work with the City to promote SCE's backup battery rebate program to the community.
- Maintain the Community Resource Center at the Michael Landon Community Center and will collaborate with the City of adding an additional Community Resource Center within Malibu.
- During extended outages, will work with the City to deploy a Community Crew Vehicle in Malibu.
- Partner with the City and Caltrans to develop technical solutions for the PCH traffic signal battery backup systems.

Additionally, on November 18, 2025, The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (motion by Supervisor Horvath) voted to pursue action at the CPUC to require telecommunications companies to underground their facilities in coordination with SCE's undergrounding projects. This County initiative could create a regional regulatory framework that supports the City's goal of undergrounding the telecommunication lines. Lastly, the City has submitted a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application to fund the undergrounding of existing telecommunications facilities and the removal of remaining poles within the Palisades Fire area. If awarded, it would give the City both the funding and

leverage needed to achieve the goal of undergrounding both electrical and telecommunication lines.

[Learn More](#)

PUBLIC SAFETY

TAKE THE CITY OF MALIBU EVACUATION PLAN SURVEY AND HELP SHAPE OUR DISASTER RESPONSE Deadline: December 31



Your voice matters, whether you live, work, or visit Malibu! Take the short survey to share your thoughts on improving the City’s evacuation routes, alerts, and transportation options. Spread the word to your neighbors and networks so more voices can be heard. All responses are confidential. The City will also host a Community Workshop in the spring where you can learn more about Malibu’s Evacuation Plan, ask questions, and share feedback.

[Take the Survey](#)



FIRE CONDITIONS UPDATE – LOW FIRE DANGER DUE TO RECENT RAINS, HIGH FUEL MOISTURE

Current fire danger for Malibu remains low due to the significant rain of more than 3 inches Malibu received in November. That significantly raised the dead fuel and live fuel moisture levels, key indicators of the threat that a fire can grow fast and large. Fortunately, live fuel moisture in the Santa Monica was measured at 98% on November 22 - below 80% is conducive to fire, and below 60% is critical. Humidity percentage levels for the coming seven days will vary, as low as 15% on some days and as high as 70% at other times. Wind will vary, with some days experiencing 15 – 35 MPH winds and some days at zero wind. No rain is in the short-term forecast.



HOMELESSNESS UPDATE

The City of Malibu maintains a proactive, service driven approach to addressing homelessness year-round, strategically balancing outreach and enforcement while considering community impacts. Recent measures include collaboration between the Community Services and Public Safety Departments and the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department to develop new Legacy Park signage related to the Very High Fire Hazard Severity

Zones, adding language on Malibu Municipal Code's camping and encampment regulations. The City is also installing security cameras in strategic locations throughout Legacy Park to assist with enforcement, as well as deploying private security to patrol our parks and public spaces for public safety.

The City continues its strong partnership with Los Angeles County Beaches & Harbors to post encampment removal notices on County Beaches. On October 4 and November 13, Beaches & Harbors cleared multiple encampments from Surfrider Beach, and on October 6, another extensive encampment was cleared from Westward Beach.

Following the installation of new signage at the entrances to the Malibu Library parking lot to aid enforcement, parking enforcement has proceeded successfully and allowed the City to address multiple homeless-related issues within the lot. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the City's Homeless Outreach Team, and City staff continue to contact unhoused individuals, providing outreach, and conducting enforcement as applicable.

These efforts contribute to a continual reduction in people experiencing homelessness in Malibu, underscoring the City's commitment to addressing homelessness through innovative strategies, support services and community collaboration.

Homeless Count numbers in Malibu:

- 2016 – 161
- 2017 – 178
- 2018 – 155
- 2019 – 154
- 2020 – 239
- 2021 – 157
- 2022 – 81
- 2023 – 71
- 2024 – 69
- As of October 2025 – 21 Individuals and 25 dwellings

COMMUNITY SERVICES



SANTA PAWS

Saturday, December 6

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Malibu Bluffs Park

Complimentary

Sit, stay, sleigh! Celebrate the season with your four-legged friends. Grab a treat for both you and your pup and take a picture with Santa. Please ensure that your pet is kept on a leash and under control at all times during the event for the safety of all attendees. Walk-ups welcome, no pre-registration required.



SENIOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & SAFETY WORKSHOP

Thursday, December 11
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Malibu City Hall, Surfrider Room
Complimentary

Presented by the Disability Community Resource Center. Attend this workshop to learn tips for senior emergency and disaster preparedness, as well as which essential items to keep on hand. DCRC specializes in working with the elderly and disabled populations to ensure they are ready and equipped for any situation. RSVP required by calling (310) 456-2489, ext. 357, refreshments provided.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 13
9:00 AM
Malibu City Hall
Ages 2+ - \$10 per participant
Children under 2 - Complimentary

'Tis the sea-sun! Enjoy a pancake breakfast and hot chocolate with some added holiday cheer! The event includes art activities, story time with the Malibu Library, and photos with Surfin' Santa and Mrs. Claus. The event may sell out, so register early. Registration required. Visit <https://www.rec.us/malibu>

[Click to Register](#)



DOG OBEDIENCE WORKSHOP – TRICKS & TREATS

Saturday, December 13
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Malibu Bluffs Park
Complimentary

Learn new tricks and playful training techniques that boost confidence, sharpen communication, and make learning with your dog fun and engaging. Instructed by My Best Friend Obedience. Visit <https://www.rec.us/malibu>

[Click to Register](#)



CAFFEINATED VERSE, OPEN MIC POETRY, AND FEATURED READERS

Saturday, December 13
11:00 AM
Malibu Library
Complimentary

Join Malibu Poet Laureate Charlotte Ward and Peg Quinn at this complimentary monthly poetry event. RSVPs are not required. Visit <http://www.malibucity.org/poetry>

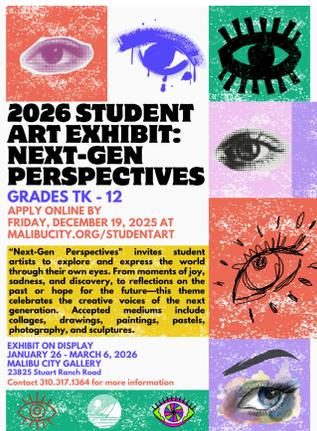
[Click to Register](#)



HAPPY HULA-DAYS – SENIOR LUNCHEON

Thursday, December 18
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Spruzzo Restaurant
\$5 per participant

The Malibu Senior Center invites you to celebrate the holiday season at Spruzzo Restaurant. Lunch will feature a selection of salads, pastas, and an entrée. 70 participants maximum. Pre-registration required. Visit <https://www.rec.us/sections/08527786-70cb-40b8-95fc-ed65b49c5ca1> to register or call (310) 456-2489, ext. 357.



APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE NEXT STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

December 19 Application Deadline
Complimentary

Students in grades TK to 12 are invited to submit work for the "Next-Gen Perspectives" art exhibition. From moments of joy, sadness, and discovery, to reflections on the past or hope for the future, this theme celebrates the creative voices of the next generation. Accepted mediums include collages, drawings, paintings, pastels, photography, and sculptures. Artwork will be on display at the Malibu City Gallery from January 26 to March 6, 2026. Apply on the [City's website](#).



MALIBU MARLINS SWIM TEAM

Tuesday, December 2, through Friday, February 27
Workout schedules vary by level
Community Pool at Malibu High School

The Malibu Marlins offers a diverse range of swim programs for all ages and skill levels. Join the team to enhance your skills and be part of a dedicated swimming community. Workout schedules for the Winter session of the Malibu Marlins Swim Team (Ages 5 to 17) are available on the City's [Aquatics website](#).



WINTER CLOSURE

Malibu City Hall, the Senior Center, and the Rebuild Center will be closed December 24 through January 1.

PARKS AND FACILITIES HOLIDAY HOURS

City Parks will be open for regular hours, 8:00 AM to sunset. The Community Swimming Pool at Malibu High School will be closed on December 24-25, 31, and January 1-2. Starting December 22, Swimming Pool hours are 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on weeknights and 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on weekends.

Park Info

Aquatics Info

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

DECEMBER 5

City Council Library Subcommittee Meeting – City Hall, 1:30 PM

DECEMBER 8

Regular City Council Meeting – City Hall, 5:30 PM

DECEMBER 16

Regular Planning Commission Meeting – City Hall, 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 17

City Council Special Meeting – City Hall, 4:30 PM



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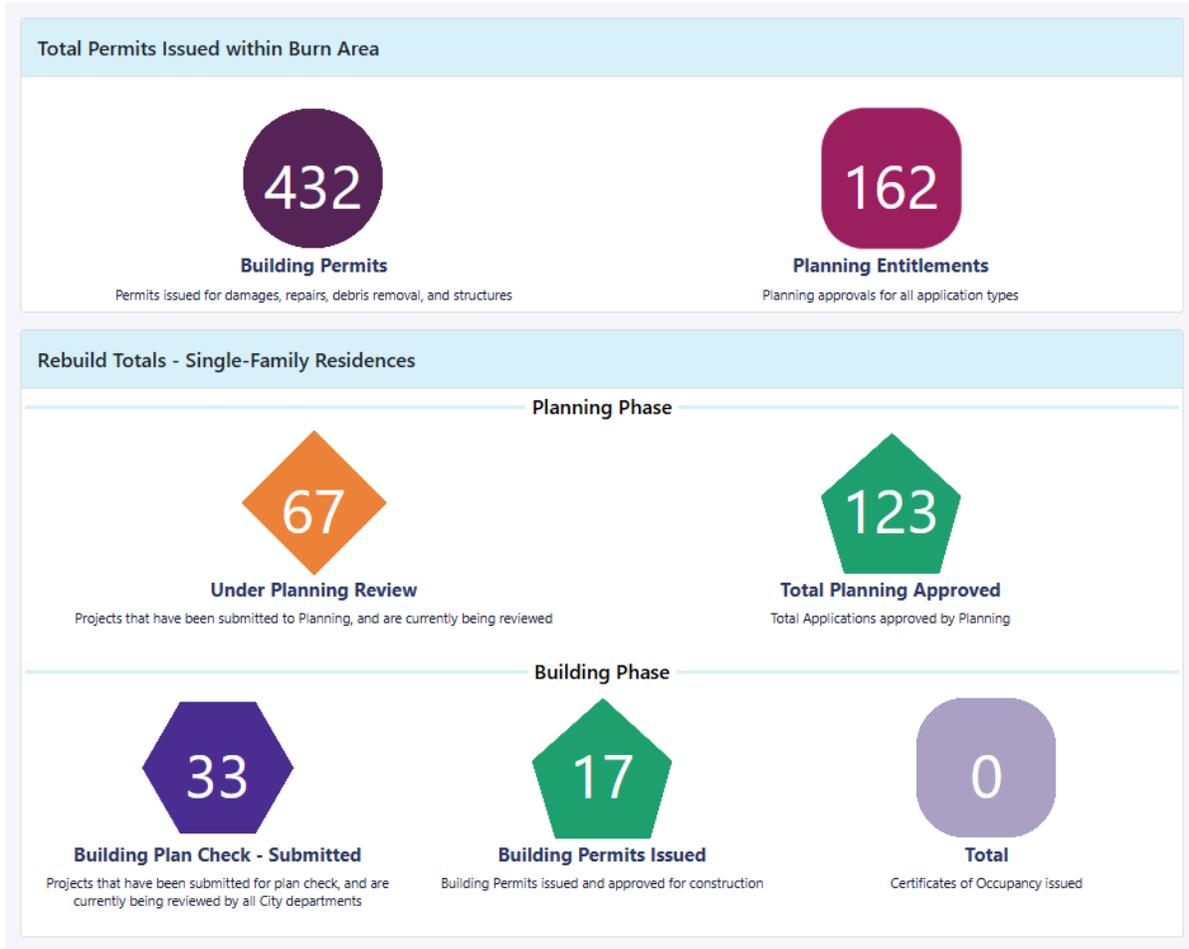
[Rebuild Website](#)

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.



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