CITY OF MALIBU

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

March 27, 2026



Greetings Malibu,

It is a privilege to serve the Malibu community and to share this update with you. I remain grateful for the partnership of the City Council, our dedicated staff, and the engaged residents who help shape Malibu's future every day.

I would like to again recognize former Interim City Manager Candace Bond for her leadership during the Palisades Fire recovery. The City Council recently honored her service, and we are appreciative of the strong foundation she helped maintain during a critical time for our community.

As we move forward, our focus remains on strengthening public safety, supporting ongoing wildfire recovery efforts, and advancing infrastructure improvements that enhance daily life in Malibu. Recent efforts include completion of safety and lighting upgrades along Cross Creek Road, as well as continued coordination with County partners on public safety and compliance initiatives. We are also working to expand community engagement, including extending the Mass Evacuation Plan survey to ensure residents have a voice in shaping emergency preparedness strategies.

Our Community Development Rebuild Team continues to assist families as they rebuild and recover. Every new permit issued and every home moving into construction brings hope and inspiration, reflecting Malibu's resilience and strong community spirit as we recover together.

This newsletter highlights opportunities to stay involved and connected, from the upcoming Wildfire Recovery Summit at Pepperdine University on April 10 from 1:30pm to 3:00pm to a variety of Earth Month events focused on sustainability and environmental stewardship. Malibu continues to lead in clean energy participation, reflecting our shared commitment to a more sustainable future.

In addition, our Community Services team continues to offer a wide range of programs and events for all ages, including the Chumash Day Powwow, spring break camps, and cultural and educational activities throughout the community.

Thank you for your continued engagement and partnership. I look forward to working together to serve Malibu and support a resilient and thriving community.

Respectfully,

Joe Irvin
City Manager

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Malibu City Council Honors Former Interim City Manager Candace Bond for Post-Fire Leadership

At its Monday, March 23 meeting, the Malibu City Council honored former Interim City Manager Candace Bond with a formal commendation recognizing her leadership and service to the community following the Palisades Fire. Councilmembers praised Bond for stepping into the role during a critical time, guiding recovery efforts with compassion and decisiveness, supporting the City's rebuild work, and advocating for Malibu at the state level. The commendation also highlighted her role in helping advance key recovery initiatives and keeping residents' needs at the center of the City's response.

Watch Presentation



Wildfire Recovery Summit Coming to Malibu

City Manager Joe Irvin and Community Development Director Yolanda Bundy will join **ULI Los Angeles** and **Pepperdine University** at the Malibu Wildfire Recovery Summit on Friday, April 10, from 1:30 to 4:00 PM at Wilburn Auditorium on Pepperdine's Malibu campus. The event will bring together leaders in planning, policy, finance, and development to discuss strategies for rebuilding Malibu after wildfire and strengthening long-term community resilience.

The program will feature two panels: one on resilient planning and policy, and another on financing and development in high-risk areas, focusing on how public and private sectors can align efforts to support safer, more sustainable rebuilding.

More Information & Tickets

ENVIRONMENTAL

City of Malibu Observes Earth Month



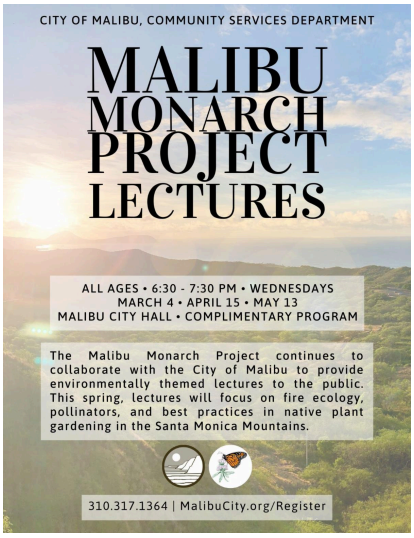
International Dark Sky Week

Monday, April 13 – Friday, April 17

Join the global effort to reduce light pollution and protect wildlife, habitats, and community quality of life. The City will post tips on

social media and encourage residents to share photos of Malibu's dark skies.

Learn More



Malibu Monarch Project Lecture Series - Testing the Limits of Resilience: Fire, Drought, and the Future of a Biodiversity Hotspot

Wednesday, April 15, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, Malibu City Hall, Multipurpose Room

California's chaparral ecosystem is adapted to periodic fire, but hotter droughts and more frequent burns are testing its resilience and are leading to losses in diversity. Drawing on research from the Santa Monica Mountains, this talk by expert Dr. Anna Jacobsen examines how these combined stresses are reshaping chaparral ecosystems.

Learn More



HHW/E-Waste Collection & Document Shredding Day Saturday

Saturday, April 18, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Malibu City Hall, Upper Parking Lot

Residents can safely dispose of household hazardous waste and electronics and securely shred up to five boxes of confidential documents at the City's drive-through collection event. Items must be clearly labeled. Accepted materials include anti-freeze, automotive & household batteries, electronics, unbroken CFL bulbs, used motor oil (up to 15 gallons), and water-based paint (up to15 gallons).

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Pollinator Plant Giveaway

Sunday, April 19, 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Legacy Park

Join the **Pollinator Protection Fund** and the City of Malibu for this pollinator plant giveaway and educational walk. A native flowering plant, an informative pamphlet, and additional planting information will be provided. Supplies are limited. No registration is required.

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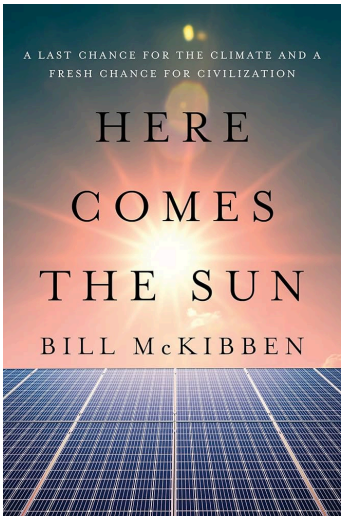


Pepperdine Earth Day Fair

Tuesday, April 21, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Pepperdine University, Malibu Canyon Rd at Seaver Dr

The fair features sustainability-focused activities and booths, connecting students, faculty, and community members with environmental organizations and climate solutions as part of Pepperdine's Climate Calling 2026 conference.

Learn More



Malibu Library Speaker Series Featuring Leading Environmental Author Bill McKibben

Wednesday, April 22, 5:00 PM, Pepperdine University, Malibu Canyon Rd at Seaver Dr Free, no RSVPs are required

The City and **LA County Library**, in partnership with **Pepperdine University**, will present the Earth Month special edition of the 2026 Malibu Library Speaker Series featuring leading climate change advocate, author, and journalist Bill McKibben. The event will highlight McKibben's work on global climate solutions and provide the community with an opportunity to engage with one of the world's leading voices on environmental action.

Learn More



Pollinator Garden Installation and Earth Day Celebration

Sunday, April 26, 1:00 – 4:00 PM, Malibu Bluffs Park

Join the **Santa Monica Mountains (SAMO) Fund** and the City of Malibu for a community pollinator garden installation. Learn the proper way to install native plants and participate in pollinator-themed activities with educators from the SAMO Fund and the Malibu Library.

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PUBLIC WORKS

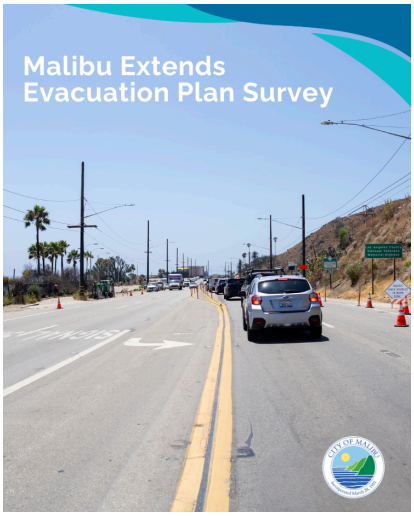


Public Works Completes Cross Creek Road Safety and Lighting Improvements

The Public Works Department recently completed improvements along Cross Creek Road in the Civic Center, replacing aging lighted bollards at pedestrian crosswalks with new solar-powered units. The upgraded lighting enhance nighttime visibility, improving safety for both drivers and pedestrians. Designed for durability and energy efficiency, the solar-powered system operates independently of the grid, reducing energy use and maintenance costs while supporting the City's sustainability goals.

These improvements contribute to a more welcoming and visually appealing environment for residents and visitors in the Civic Center area.

PUBLIC SAFETY



Malibu Extends the Mass Evacuation Plan Survey

The City of Malibu invites all residents, workers, and visitors to participate in a brief community survey to help strengthen the City's Mass Evacuation Plan. Your feedback is essential in improving evacuation routes, alerts and notifications, transportation options, and overall community readiness. All responses are confidential.

Survey

Learn More



City and County Agencies Partner on Food Truck Compliance Effort

On Monday, March 23, the City's Public Safety, Code Enforcement, and Parking Enforcement teams conducted a multi-agency food truck enforcement operation with partners from the **Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department**, **Los Angeles County Department of Public Health**, and the **Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector**.

Enforcement focused on areas that have recently seen an increase in food truck activity, including Cavaleri Road, Winding Way Road, Point Dume, and Pacific Coast Highway. Multiple food trucks were contacted, resulting in several citations and orders to cease operations due to public health violations.

The City will continue coordinating with partner agencies to ensure compliance with the Municipal Code, as well as Los Angeles County business licensing and food vending requirements.





Deputies Arrest Suspects for Felony Vandalism on Pacific Coast Highway

At the Monday, March 23 City Council meeting, Sgt. Chris Soderlund, Malibu's liaison to the Malibu-Lost Hills Sheriff's Station, reported a recent vandalism arrest as the City continues addressing multiple complaints of graffiti on burned homes in the Palisades Fire area. The City and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will not tolerate vandalism of properties belonging to families who lost their homes in the fire.

Sgt. Soderlund emphasized the importance that property owners obtain a Letter of Agency, which allows Deputies to take enforcement action against trespassers on private property if the property owner is not on site.
To obtain a Letter of Agency, contact the **Malibu-Lost Hills Sheriff's Station** at **818-878-1908.**

COMMUNITY SERVICES



Trancas Canyon Park Multipurpose Field Closed for Maintenance

The Multipurse Field at Trancas Canyon Park will be closed from Monday, March 30 to Monday, May 11 for annual rest and renovations to ensure the field remains safe and playable throughout the year. Playing fields at Malibu Bluffs Park will remain open.

Learn More



25th Annual Chumash Day Native American Powwow and Intertribal Gathering

Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Malibu Bluffs Park
Free Parking and shuttles at 23825 Stuart Ranch Road
Complimentary Admission

A festive cultural celebration honoring Malibu's original residents, the Chumash Native Americans. The event includes Native American tribal ceremonies, dances, and special guest performances. Twenty Native American artisan vendors will have merchandise for sale, including jewelry, flutes, moccasins, beading accessories, leatherworks, pottery, dream catchers, and more. Food will be available for purchase. This free event is open to all.

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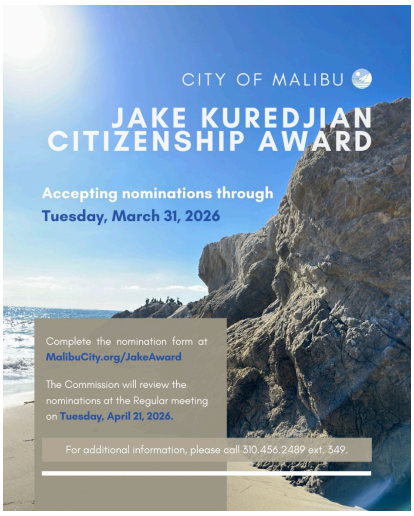


Youth Commission Applications for 2026-27 Appointment Year

Deadline to apply: Tuesday, March 31

The **Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission** are students in grades 7-12 who either reside in or attend school in Malibu. The Commission meets monthly, volunteers at community events, and makes recommendations to the City Council on programs and projects serving young people. The application period for the next school year closes on Tuesday, March 31.

Apply Here



2026 Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award Nominations

Community members are encouraged to submit nominations for the 2026 Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award by the deadline on Tuesday, March 31. The award is presented annually to recognize those outstanding individuals or groups who give their time and resources to enhance the quality of recreation programs within the Malibu community.

Submit a Nomination



Spring Break Day Camps

Week 1: Tuesday, March 31 – Thursday, April 2
-Ultimate Sports Camp at Malibu Bluffs Park, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
-Soccer Camp at Malibu Bluffs Park, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
-Surf Camp at Surfrider Beach, Tower 3, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Week 2: Tuesday, April 7 – Thursday, April 9
-Tennis Camp at Malibu High School, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
-Basketball Camp at Malibu High School, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
-Improv Acting at Malibu Bluffs Park, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

The Community Services Department offers spring break day camps that keep participants engaged, active, and connected through fun, hands-on, athletic and beach-based activities.

Register



Heading Home Art Exhibition

Malibu City Gallery, City Hall
Complimentary
Through May 1

Artwork created by local artist Gay Summer Rick will be on display at the Malibu City Gallery at Malibu City Hall through Friday, May 1. The Malibu City Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Free entry, no RSVPs or tickets are needed.

Learn More



Park Tales – Storytime in the Park "Hop Into Reading"

Thursday, April 9
10:00 – 11:00 AM
Malibu Bluffs Park, Michael Landon Center
Complimentary Admission

Storytime, snack, and art activity, in partnership with the Malibu Library.

Learn More



Joint Health Educational Workshop

Thursday, April 9
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Malibu City Hall, Senior Center
Complimentary Admission

An educational workshop on joint health, osteoarthritis, bone health, and movement presented by the Foundation for Senior Services in partnership with UCLA Health Malibu. An RSVP is required, and refreshments will be provided. To RSVP, contact **(310) 456-2489**, ext. 357.



Caffeinated Verse, Open Mic Poetry, and Featured Readers

Saturday, April 11
11:00 AM
Malibu Library
Complimentary Admission

Join Malibu Poet Laureate Charlotte Ward and Timothy Seibles for "Treks into the Complicated and Marvelous Territories of the Heart and Mind" at this complimentary monthly poetry event. Additional details are on the City's **poetry website**.
RSVP not required.



Storm Drain Artwork: Call for Artists!

Proposal Submission Deadline: Friday, April 17 at 12:00 PM

The Malibu Arts Commission invites artists of all backgrounds and disciplines to apply to contribute to its environmental public art campaign. The selected artist will design and create original artwork for four storm drain catch basins located in highly visible areas throughout Malibu. Background on the Project and the link to the required bid documents are available on the **Malibu Arts Commission website**.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

MARCH 25
25th Annual Chumash Day Native American Powwow and Intertribal Gathering – Malibu Bluffs Park, 10:00 AM

APRIL 1
Public Safety Commission Meeting – Malibu City Hall, 5:00 PM

APRIL 9
Park Tales – Malibu Bluffs Park, 10:00 AM

APRIL 11
Caffeinated Verse – Malibu Library, 11:00 AM

MALIBU REBUILDING UPDATES

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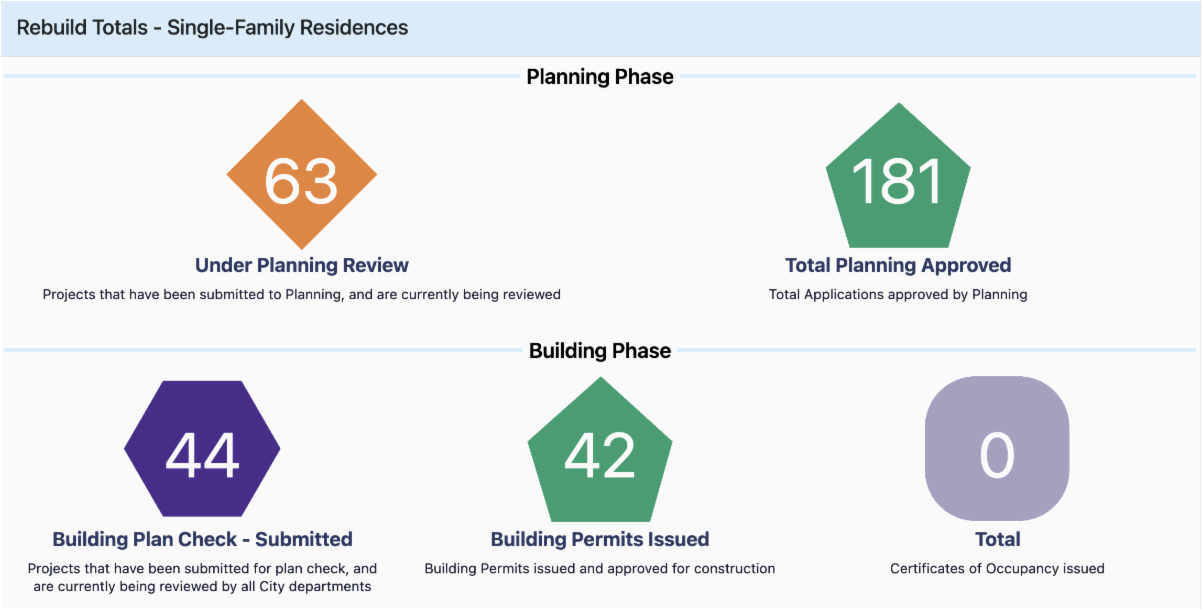
STATISTICS

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.



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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!

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