CITY OF MALIBU

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

JULY 17, 2025



Greetings Malibu,

This week, with debris removal complete, the City is entering an important new phase of recovery, looking toward the ongoing medium and long-term rebuild efforts, and working to prepare for future wildfires. I'm proud to report that the City Council took several strong actions to support the recovery of property owners and local businesses. They approved fee waivers for "like-for-like" fire rebuild projects, and easing Temporary Use and Sign Permit regulations to help businesses hold and promote special events. On July 8, I met with representatives from FEMA and Cal OES. We are working closely with them to develop a recovery management and fire mitigation plan for the City and to help the community be better prepared, and more able to recover for major wildfires in the future. Meanwhile, I urge all residents and business in Malibu to use the time this summer to focus on getting prepared for the upcoming wildfire season. Our **Public Safety Department** has many resources to help you start or expand your preparedness. Stay safe and enjoy the summer!

With gratitude,

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CITY MANAGER / CITY COUNCIL



COUNCIL ACTS TO SUPPORT BUSINESSES RECOVERING FROM THE FIRE AND PCH CLOSURE

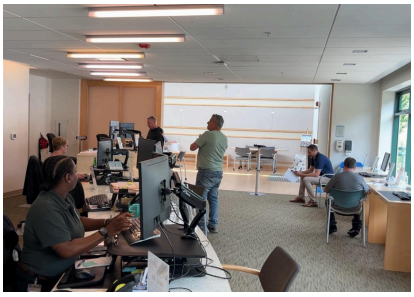
On July 14, the City Council updated the Temporary Use Permit (TUP) and Sign Permit regulations, streamlining approvals for small business events with fewer than 99 attendees. Larger events, up to 250 attendees, can also benefit from reduced application requirements. The simplified process — effective through May 31, 2026 — aims to boost economic recovery for local businesses by removing lengthy requirements and increasing flexibility.



SHERIFF'S DEPUTY ASSIGNED TO BE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AT MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

The City Council has approved the reassignment of one Special Assignment Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Deputy to serve as a School Resource Officer (SRO) at Malibu High School for the FY 25/26 School Year. SROs are sworn officers assigned to a school or district who work in collaboration with the school and the community to ensure safety and security at schools. SROs require 40-hour of special training on digital safety, human trafficking, mental health, and substance abuse, and they learn best practices for de-escalation, behavioral threat assessment, emergency operations planning, and armed assailant response.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

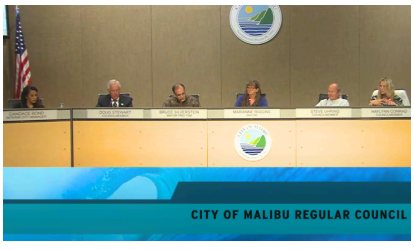


EXTENDED PUBLIC COUNTER HOURS

As part of the City's continued efforts to streamline development processes and support fire recovery, public counter hours have been expanded for Planning, Biology, Short-Term Rentals, Building Safety, Code Enforcement, Environmental Health, Geology/Coastal, and Public Works.

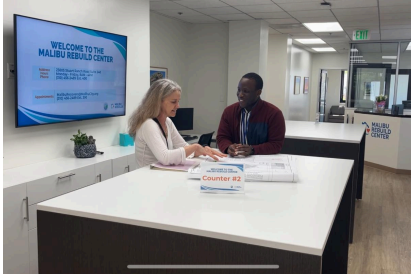
New Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Please note: Several divisions are closed Wednesdays 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

This change enhances access and flexibility for builders, architects, homeowners, and other community members. By expanding service hours, City staff can provide more responsive support—particularly for those working through the complex challenges of rebuilding after the recent fires. **See details and contact information.**



FEE WAIVERS FOR FIRE REBUILD PROJECTS

On July 14, the City Council approved the Rebuild Fee Waiver Program to provide financial relief to property owners working to rebuild their homes after the Broad, Franklin, and Palisades Fires. The program eliminates City planning and building permit fees for "like-for-like" owner-occupied, primary residence rebuilds, which can save property owners thousands of dollars. City staff will begin to roll out the program and start processing refunds, and begin education and outreach to the community toward the end of August. **See details**.



NEW PLANNING POLICIES AIM TO CLARIFY & STREAMLINE THE REBUILD PROCESS

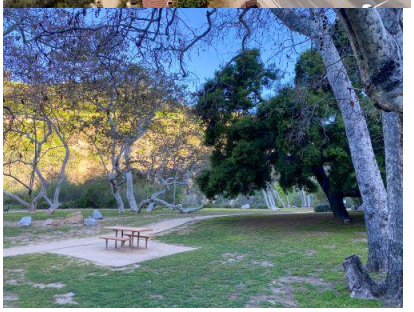
Rebuilding after a wildfire is highly complex, especially in Malibu, and the City is continuously working to find ways to make the process easier for homeowners. Rebuild planning guidelines meant to help streamline the rebuilding process will be discussed at the City Council Special Work Session on July 22. For meeting details, **visit the Agenda Center**. The guidelines provide further clarity on the fire rebuild code amendments that were adopted in March, in particular the definitions of "like-for-like" rebuilds.

PUBLIC WORKS



CITYWIDE IMPROVEMENTS TO PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

On July 23, the Public Works Commission will be discussing citywide improvements to PCH. The project involves pavement resurfacing and replacement, curb ramp installations, new sidewalks, three new retaining walls, realignment of two intersections, installation of new light poles, reconstruction of raised medians, roadway signage and striping upgrades, a new CHP pull-out area, and new bike lanes along PCH. **Meeting details and project information will be posted in advance with the agenda**.



REMOVAL OF FIRE-DAMAGED TREES SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK

The City's tree maintenance contractors, Newbury Park Tree Services, will be performing tree removal work starting on Monday, July 21. The trees scheduled for removal were damaged by Palisades Fire and were assessed by a certified arborist. Only trees determined to be severely damaged with a very low likelihood of survival which therefore pose a public safety hazard, will be removed. The specific areas of removal include Tuna Canyon, Big Rock, Las Flores, Rambla Pacifico, Rambla Vista, and Carbon Canyon. The work is expected to continue for approximately four to six weeks.



CALTRANS CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Caltrans is continuing working on slope stabilization and erosion control measures just north of the Big Rock area, including installation of rock mesh along PCH. Caltrans will use helicopters for the installation to reduce traffic impacts. Work is expected to start on July 30 and take approximately two days. The helicopter flight path go over the adjacent slopes and cliffs, avoiding flying over traffic lanes. The contractor has and the helicopters operations team are closely coordinating to ensure all safety in the surrounding area. Portable changeable message signs will be used for notification about the work along PCH and the contractor

will conduct door-to-door notifications in the neighborhood around the flight path.

CODE ENFORCEMENT



CODE ENFORCEMENT & WEEKEND EVENTS

This summer, Code Enforcement officers will be patrolling on Fridays and Sundays to ensure compliance at all City-permitted. They will respond to unpermitted events, illegal construction and conduct proactive vendor enforcement along PCH to deter unauthorized vending and ensure public safety. This includes monitoring food trucks, push carts, and pop-up stands. To report issues to Code Enforcement, call: 310-456-2489, ext. 484.

FIRE SAFETY



MALIBU WEST GOAT BRUSH CLEARANCE: A GREAT EXAMPLE OF NEIGHBORHOOD FIRE PREPAREDNESS

The City of Malibu applauds the Malibu West community for its outstanding wildfire preparedness efforts. For the fourth year in a row, residents of the close-knit neighborhood pooled their resources to bring in nearly 400 goats to graze through 16 acres of brush, reducing wildfire fuels in a natural, environmentally-friendly way. Organized by the Malibu West Fire Safe Council, the annual effort is not only a fun community tradition, but a proactive example of residents working together to protect homes, habitat, and public safety. The City of Malibu's Fire Safety Liaisons joined the hundreds of community members for the event, and signed up seven residents for free Home Wildfire Assessments.

The City encourages other Malibu neighborhoods to organize and take similar action. The City's Fire Safety Liaisons can assist property owners who are interested in using goats for brush clearance. They can also help residents explore forming Firewise USA® communities or Fire Safe Councils, both excellent paths for neighbors to coordinate wildfire mitigation efforts and pool resources for projects like goat brush clearance. For more information, contact call 310-456-2488 or email **firesafety@malibucity.org.**

LEARN HOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CAN BECOME A RECOGNIZED FIREWISE COMMUNITY IN ADVANCE OF FIRE SEASON

Becoming a recognized Firewise USA® community is a great way to make your neighborhood more fire safe, and the City of Malibu'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

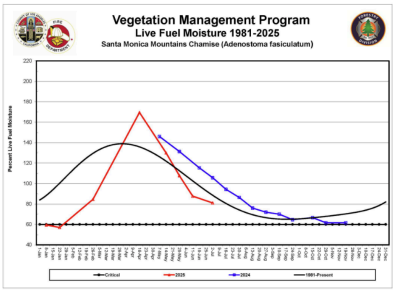
Our Fire Safety Liaisons offer free Home Wildfire Assessments to help reduce your home's risk from flying embers during a wind-driven wildfire. Each 30–45 minute visit includes a walk-around and a no-obligation list of easy, often inexpensive steps you can take to harden your home. The City has conducted 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



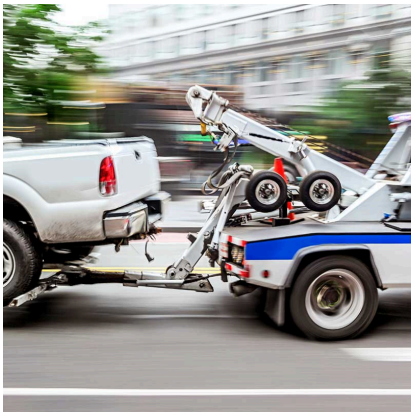
WILDFIRE CONDITIONS UPDATE: MONITORING LIVE FUEL MOISTURE

Wildfire season has begun in California. A large fire recently burned in San Luis Obispo, and several smaller fires have already occurred in the region. While Malibu is not expected to have hazardous fire weather through the end of July, with mild temperatures and low winds, our area's Live Fuel Moisture (LFM) levels are dropping as we approach our peak fire season in the fall.

At this time of year, the City's Fire Safety Liaisons begin closely monitoring LFM, a key indictor of fire conditions, as well as wind and other factors. Currently LFM in the Santa Monica Mountains is

at 81%, above the critical 60% threshold. This means a large, destructive fire in Malibu is unlikely, but drier conditions and this winter's lower-than-average rainfall will cause LFM to drop as the season progresses. The LA County Fire Department conducts sampling of live vegetation every two weeks and **posts results on their website**.

For information **contact the City's Fire Safety Liaisons.**



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 192 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**
June 30 - July 16: **52**

COMMUNITY SERVICES



SUMMER DAY CAMPS, JULY 21 - 24 AND JULY 28 - 31

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 21-24:

- Flag Football (ages 7 -13)
- Minecraft Claymation (ages 7-13)
- Tennis (ages 6-11)
- Volleyball (age 8-14) at Malibu High School
- Skateboarding Camp (ages 6 -11) at Malibu Bluffs Park
- Surf Camp (ages 8 -14) at Surfrider Beach - Tower 3

July 28-31:

- Golf (ages 6 -11)
- Dance (ages 6 -11),
- Skateboarding Camp (ages 6-11) at Malibu Bluffs Park

- Tennis Camp (ages 6-11)
- Basketball Camp (ages 6 - 11) at Malibu High School
- and Surf Camp (ages 8 -14) at Surfrider Beach - Tower 3



NATURE WALK & STORY TIME

Take a free, guided nature walk through the City's beautiful Legacy Park followed by story time with a Malibu Librarian, Wednesday, July 23, 10:30 AM. Meet up at the the Malibu Library. The slow pace will allow everyone to explore and enjoy the park's native landscape, birds, habitats, and public artworks. Children must be accompanied by a guardian. **Pre-registration** is required.



WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOP

Thursday, July 24, 4:30 – 6:00 PM at Malibu Bluffs Park
Join this to free women's self defense workshop to learn techniques and strategies to help boost confidence, raise self-awareness, and gain practical skills to be safe in everyday situations. For ages 18 and up. For more information, visit the **Registration webpage**.



CINEMALIBU - OUTDOOR MOVIE IN THE PARK "SHREK"

Saturday, July 26
Activities begin an hour before sunset
Movie begins at Sunset
Malibu Bluffs Park
Complimentary, RSVP not required
Cinemalibu, thet beloved summertime Malibu tradition continues! Families are invited to enjoy movies under the stars. Activities prior to the movie includes food trucks, special guests, raffles, an art activity, and more. Free admission. Brings chairs and blankets. No alcohol allowed. Visit the **Special Events Page** for details.

BUSINESS SUPPORT



SMALL BUSINESS MICRO STABILIZATION GRANTS TO BE AWARDED LATER THIS MONTH

MEANWHILE, SEE OTHER RESOURCES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR BUSINESSES

The City is investing in the recovery our local business community with our Small Business Micro Stabilization Grant Program. The grants of $5,000 to $20,000 will be awarded later this month to independent businesses impacted by the recent fires, storms and PCH closures.

In the meantime, be sure to **review the other resources** currently available for businesses on the Rebuild website. **Click here** to sign up for updates from the City on business assistance.



ADVANCING OPPORTUNITY & NUTRITION: RESTAURANT MEALS PROGRAM

LA County is working to raise awareness of the Restaurant Meals Program, which allows eligible residents - especially older adults, people with disabilities, unhoused individuals, and those impacted by wildfires or immigration enforcement to purchase prepared meals at participating restaurants. Restaurant owners are encouraged to enroll in the program to help expand access for the County's most vulnerable populations. Led by the Departments of Public Social Services and Economic Opportunity in partnership with community organizations. **Click here for more information**.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

JULY 21

Planning Commission Regular Meeting – City Hall & remote via Zoom - 6:30 PM

JULY 22

Arts Commission Regular Meeting – City Hall - 9:30 AM

JULY 23

Environmental Review Board Meeting – Remote via Zoom - 9:00 AM

JULY 23

Public Works Commission Meeting – City Hall & remote via Zoom - 3:30 PM

JULY 28

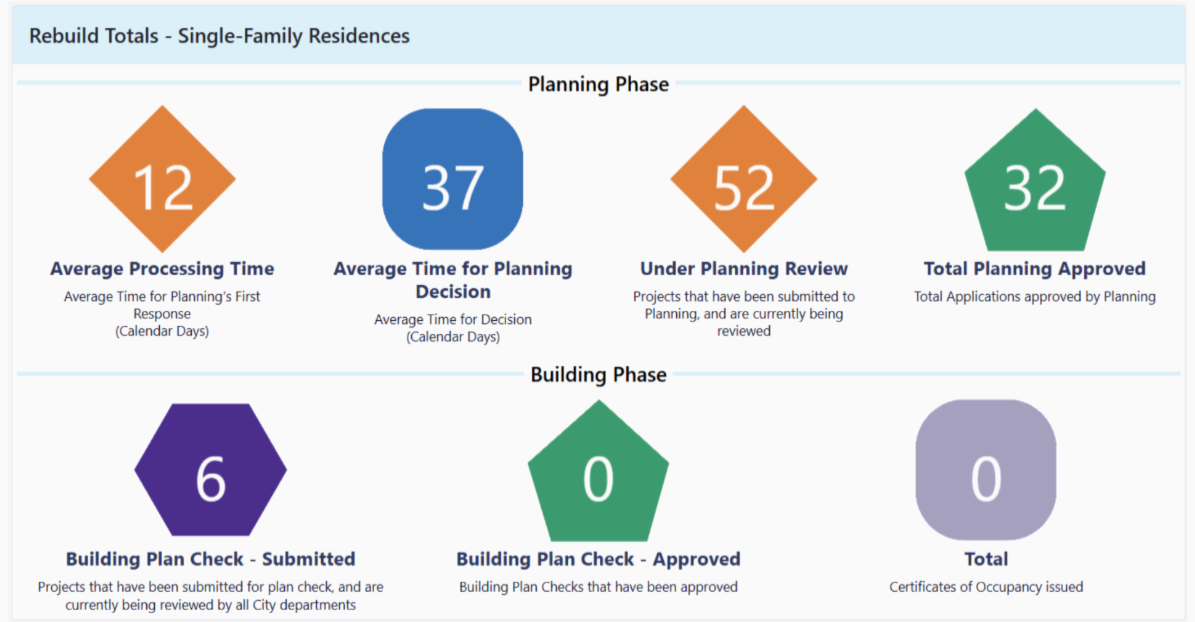
City Council Regular Meeting – City Hall & remote via Zoom - 5:30 PM

MALIBU REBUILDING UPDATES

Sign up for the Newsletter | **Previous Newsletter** | **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.

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!

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