CITY OF MALIBU

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 4, 2025



Greetings Malibu,

I'm happy to share a number of exciting updates and positive developments happening in Malibu. After so much hard work and dedication, we're close to seeing the first few rebuild projects receive their permits to begin construction - an inspiring milestone for our entire community!

As we enjoy Malibu's beautiful summer, we also need to keep our eyes on the horizon. Wildfire season is approaching, and our Public Safety Department is working hard to support your preparedness efforts. They'll be joining the Community Development Department with an outreach booth at the Malibu Farmers Market this Sunday. It's an excellent opportunity to meet your Fire Safety Liaisons, sign up for a free Home Wildfire Assessment, and connect with members of our Fire Rebuild Team. We're also continuing to offer helpful rebuild events and resources, and strong support to help our recovering local businesses.

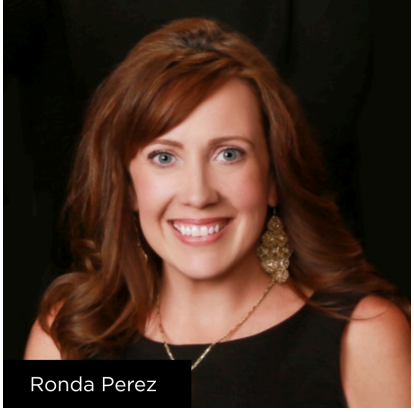
Malibu is also proud to recognize the dedication of our outstanding staff. This month marked the launch of the City of Malibu Staff Recognition Program. Each Department nominated employees who received certificates of commendation for going above and beyond in their service to our community. Their skills, initiative, and genuine commitment to making Malibu a better place exemplify what it means to serve with competence and heart. These commendations will now be a monthly reminder that exceptional public service does not go unnoticed - and that our City staff continue to make a meaningful difference each and every day.

Stay safe and enjoy the summer!

With gratitude,

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

CITY MANAGER / CITY COUNCIL


Ronda Perez

CITY OF MALIBU APPOINTS RONDA PEREZ AS CITY MANAGER

The City of Malibu is pleased to announce the unanimous appointment of Ronda Perez as its new City Manager, effective August 25. With nearly 20 years in public service, Ms. Perez brings extensive experience in securing infrastructure funding, expanding community programs, and revitalizing downtown areas. She previously served as City Manager of Palmdale and Assistant City Manager of Lancaster.

Ms. Perez holds a master's degree from CSU Long Beach, is an International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Credentialed Manager, and completed executive training at the Harvard Kennedy School. She is committed to leading Malibu's recovery and preserving its natural beauty and rural character.

The City extends its heartfelt gratitude to Ambassador Candace A. Bond (ret.) for her dedicated service as Interim City Manager during one of Malibu's most challenging periods. Her steady leadership and commitment were vital to guiding the community through ongoing fire recovery efforts. Her term ends August 25.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUTSTANDING MALIBU EMPLOYEES

This event was the launch of the City's Staff Recognition Program. Nominated by their direct supervisors, certificates of commendation were awarded to twelve City of Malibu employees who demonstrated the very best of public service through initiative, dedication, and a genuine commitment to making Malibu a better place for all our residents. Their work exemplifies what it means to serve with both competence and heart. Moving forward, these commendations will serve as a regular reminder that exceptional service does not go unnoticed, and that our City of Malibu staff continue to make a meaningful difference in our community each day.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY DEPT STAFF HOST REBUILD & FIRE PREPAREDNESS OUTREACH BOOTH AT MALIBU FARMERS MARKET

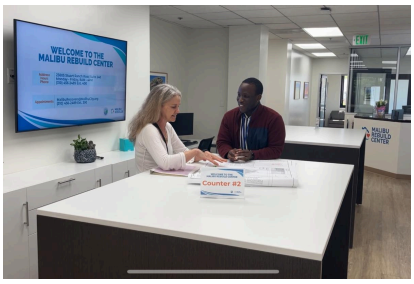
On Sunday, August 3 City staff from the Community Development (CDD) and Public Safety Departments hosted an outreach booth at the Malibu Farmers Market. The CDD staff was on hand to answer fire rebuilding questions and provide handouts and information. The Public Safety staff offered preparedness information for the upcoming wildfire season, and signed up residents up for a free Home Wildfire Assessment. The City thanks the Malibu Farmers' Market - Cornucopia Foundation for collaborating on this outreach

event at the Farmers Market, an important central community gathering place for Malibu.



MALIBU COMMUNITY RECOVERY WORKSHOP - AUGUST 6, 2025 AT 9:00AM - 12:00PM

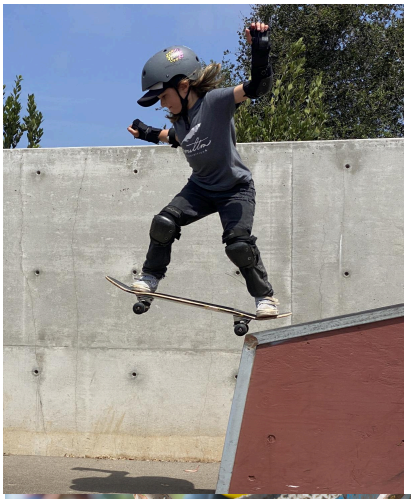
Join the City of Malibu for an in-person and livestreamed Community Recovery Workshop to support residents and small businesses impacted by the Palisades Fire. Hear from local and regional partners including Malibu Urgent Care, Malibu Community Long Term Recovery Group, Malibu Community Brigade, LA County Economic Development Corporation, and others. Woolsey Fire survivor families will also share personal stories of rebuilding and resilience. There will also be a Q&A, discussion and community building opportunities. All are welcome. **Learn more and find the streaming link.**



NEW PLANNING POLICIES AIM TO CLARIFY & STREAMLINE THE REBUILD PROCESS

On July 22, the City Council considered policy changes to improve the rebuild process. A separate meeting was scheduled for August 27 to continue the discussion. 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



CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON MALIBU'S PERMANENT SKATE PARK

Work on the City's Permanent Skate Park continues to advance, bringing an excellent recreation resource for Malibu skaters of all ages! Current operations include installation of drain piping, irrigation sleeves, rebar, edge metal, base material, and prefabricated copings within the bowls and street park. The first concrete placement is anticipated for the third week of August. The Temporary Skate Park remains open through Labor Day Weekend. For more information, **visit the webpage**.



CLOVER HEIGHTS STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS

The contractor has completed the installation of new 48-inch reinforced concrete pipe along Clover Heights and is currently constructing new manholes and catch basins. Survey crews are preparing for installation of the new 48-inch reinforced concrete box which crosses underneath Harvester. Temporary paving has been installed until final restoration work begins.



PCH TRANCAS BRIDGE COMPLETE

Caltrans completed the new Trancas Creek Bridge last Wednesday. Caltrans will continue to perform some work related to the bridge through February 2026.



ZUMA BEACH UNDERCROSSING

The LA County Department of Beaches and Harbors has been working to clear out the debris from the Zuma Beach Undercrossing roadway that has been blocking this important access point from PCH to Zuma Beach. Additional work is needed and Beaches and Harbors remains on track to reopen the undercrossing after August 3.

FIRE SAFETY

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.



Wildfire Season Preparedness: State and Local Agencies Strengthen Fire Readiness in the Santa Monica Mountains

Following this winter's devastating wildfires, the state approved $170 million in emergency wildfire funding, including $85 million for Southern California.

To speed up critical fire mitigation projects ahead of peak wildfire season, California has eased permitting requirements. Work is already underway in the high-risk Santa Monica Mountains, including Malibu.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) launched an emergency roadside fire prevention program on July 7 to conduct roadside brush clearance and create fire breaks in high-risk corridors: Decker Canyon, Corral Canyon, Latigo Canyon, Little Sycamore Canyon, Big Rock Mesa, and Topanga Canyon. These areas are especially vulnerable due to human-caused ignitions.

The City of Malibu applauds the MRCA’s efforts to protect our community.

Watch the Spectrum TV News report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

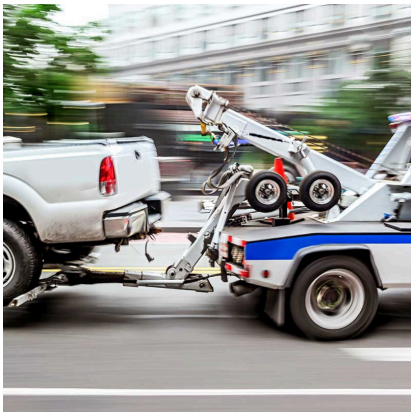


SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CITY'S SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS FAIR - SEPTEMBER 6

The City of Malibu invites you to the 7th Annual Safety and Preparedness Fair, offering valuable resources and information on preparing for wildfires, earthquakes, storms, and other disasters, Saturday, September 6 at City Hall.

The event will feature a Touch-a-Truck experience with vehicles from LA County Fire and Sheriff's Departments, Southern California Edison, Waste Management, and Tip-Top Tow. Kids can take part in a Bicycle, Scooter, and Pedestrian Safety Rodeo hosted by Safe Moves, enjoy a rock-climbing wall, and experience a realistic earthquake in the earthquake simulator.

Meet your local public safety and law enforcement professionals, learn about emergency preparedness products and services from participating vendors, and enjoy food from Tommy's Burgers and Tikiz Shaved Ice food trucks. **Click here for more information.**



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 **230 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:
July 26 - July 27: **27**
July 19 - July 20: **16**
June 30 - July 16: **52**
June 28 - 29: **30**
June 21 - 22: **26**
June 14 - 15: **14**
June 7 - 8: **31**
May 31 - June 1: **15**
May 24 - 26: **13**

LAHSA CONFIRMS MALIBU'S HOMELESS COUNT NUMBERS

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has released the City-specific raw data from the 2025 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, which shows another annual decline in the City's homeless population. LAHSA's data for City of Malibu showed 21 individuals experiencing homelessness and 25 dwellings, which consists of tents, vehicles, and/or makeshift shelters. The data differs from the previously reported 33 people experiencing homelessness from the 2025 count in February, which was pending LAHSA data analysis required to meet federal reporting standards.

The 2025 Homeless Count results reflect the continuing effectiveness of the City's proactive approach to addressing homelessness in partnership with the Homeless Outreach Team, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the community at large. Through this partnership, the City was able to clear 44 encampments in 2024, and help 72 individuals exit homelessness through placement in interim and permanent housing, or family reunification.

For more information about the City's efforts to address homelessness, **visit the webpage**.

COMMUNITY SERVICES



SUMMER DAY CAMPS, AUGUST 4 - 7 & AUGUST 11 - 14

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.

August 4 - 7:

- Basketball Camp (ages 6 - 11) at Malibu Bluffs Park
- Improv Acting (Ages 6-11) at Malibu Bluffs Park
- Surf Camp (ages 8 -14) at Surfrider Beach - Tower 3

August 11 - 14:

- Soccer (Ages 6 -11) at Malibu Bluffs Park
- Action Movies (Ages 7 -13) at Malibu Bluffs Park
- and Surf Camp (ages 8 -14) at Surfrider Beach - Tower 3



NATURE WALK & STORY TIME

Wednesday, August 13
10:30 AM
Meet at the Malibu Library, Tour Legacy Park
Complimentary, Registration Required

City Naturalists will guide the group through Legacy Park at a slow pace, allowing everyone to explore and enjoy the park's native landscape, habitats, and artwork. The walk will conclude with a story time read by a Malibu librarian. A guardian must accompany children. **Pre-registration** is required.



MANIFESTATION MEDITATION WORKSHOP

Thursday, August 14
4:30 – 6:00 PM
Malibu Bluffs Park, Michael Landon Center

Learn ways to help release tension and stress, balance energy in the body, and promote a sense of well-being at this free Manifestation Meditation Workshop instructed by The Mindry. Available for ages 16 and up. For more information, visit the **Registration webpage**.



Malibu Poet Laureate Charlotte Ward

POET LAUREATE: CHANGING OF THE VERSE

Thursday, August 14
4:00 PM
Malibu City Hall, Multipurpose Room
Complimentary

Former Malibu Poet Laureates Nathan Hassall, Ann Buxie, and Ricardo Means Ybarra will welcome and introduce the 2025-27 Malibu Poet Laureate Charlotte Ward. The event includes an unveiling of poetry broadsides, poetry readings, and refreshments. For more information, visit the **poetry website.**



SENIOR CENTER EXCURSION TO THE LA BREA TAR PITS

Tuesday, August 19
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Bus pick up and drop off at Malibu Bluffs Park
$35. Pre-register by August 12

Visit the La Brea Tar Pits, the world's gateway to the Ice Age and explore exhibitions featuring saber-toothed cats, mammoths, dire wolves, and more. Pre-registration is required before August 12. For details, contact (310) 456-2489, ext. 357.

OTHER EVENTS



WESTWARD BEACH EARNS SECOND BLUE FLAG AWARD – COMMUNITY CELEBRATION AUGUST 6

The City is proud to announce that Westward Beach has received its second Blue Flag Award, a prestigious international recognition for clean, safe, and environmentally responsible beaches. Westward also received the recognition in 2023. To celebrate, the LA County Department of Beaches and Harbors is hosting a Blue Flag Information and Activity Booth on Wednesday, August 6, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Westward Beach. Learn the Blue Flag Program, coastal resiliency, the Ocean

Heroes Activity Guide, and the "Can the Trash!" Clean Beach Poster Contest. Enjoy fun, hands-on activities including a Bio Blitz nature survey and Snap the Sand beach photo challenge. For more information, **visit the Blue Flag website** or call 424-526-7900.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

AUGUST 4
Planning Commission Regular Meeting – City Hall & remote via Zoom - 6:30 PM

AUGUST 6
Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting – City Hall - 5:00 PM

AUGUST 6
Malibu Community Recovery Workshop – City Hall - 9:00 AM

AUGUST 11
City Council Regula Meeting – City Hall remote via Zoom - 5:30 PM

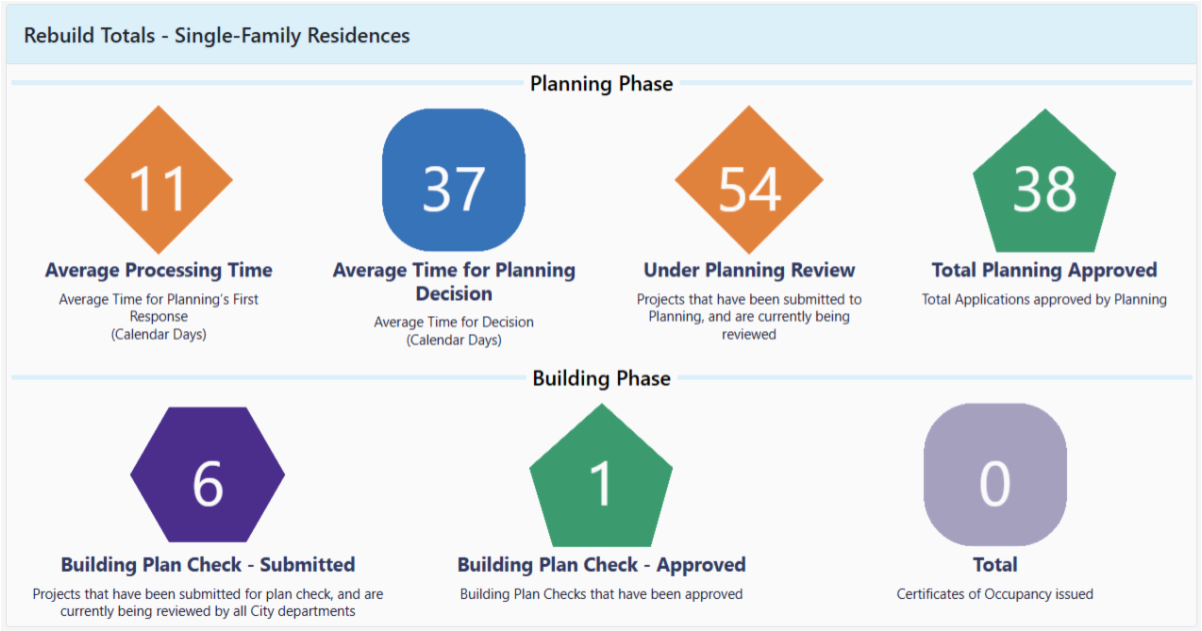
AUGUST 15
Malibu Rebuild Survey Closes at 5:00 PM – Click to take the survey



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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