CITY OF MALIBU

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 15, 2025



Greetings Malibu,

I'm happy to share some important updates and positive developments from the past couple of weeks. We had an outstanding Community Recovery Workshop, offering valuable resources to those impacted by the fires. We released a new PCH safety video highlighting the need to keep PCH safe during our fire recovery. Assistant Fire Chief Drew Smith, one of the nation's leading fire behavior analysts, provided an informative and timely fire season outlook to help you prepare for fire season.

We've also faced a few challenges that kept us on our toes — including last week's Boil Water Notice, which temporarily disrupted daily life, and reminded us that emergency preparedness means being ready for breakdowns in shared infrastructure. These incidents are a strong reminder that having a personal emergency plan for yourself and all of your loved ones is essential.

As always, thank you for your resilience and community spirit.

With gratitude,

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CITY MANAGEMENT/CITY COUNCIL



MALIBU URGES FULL SUPPORT FOR SCE'S UNDERGROUNDING PROGRAM TO PROTECT AGAINST WILDFIRES

The City of Malibu is calling on regulators to fully support Southern California Edison's (SCE) Targeted Undergrounding Program (TUG) as part of its 2025 General Rate Case. This program is vital to reducing the wildfire threat posed by overhead power lines in our fire-prone community. Undergrounding SCE's power lines will significantly reduce fire risk and help ensure a more

reliable power supply during emergencies. Therefore, Malibu strongly urges the decision-makers from the California Public Utilities Commission to prioritize this life-saving program in the final decision.

Residents may express their support for expanded undergrounding by submitting letters to:
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



COMMUNITY RECOVERY WORKSHOP BRINGS RESOURCES AND SUPPORT TO MALIBU RESIDENTS

On August 6, staff hosted a Community Recovery Workshop at City Hall. The event featured a diverse panel of speakers, including representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Small Business Administration, Boys & Girls Club of Malibu, Malibu Community Long Term Recovery Group, Community Brigade, and local Woolsey Fire-impacted families. The workshop welcomed over 70 attendees in person and via YouTube livestream. The community responded positively, with many participants staying 30–40 minutes after the program to network and connect with speakers.

Watch the recording.



U.S. SBA DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESOURCES – SEPTEMBER 9

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will host a public informational session on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Malibu City Hall in the Council Chambers to help connect those impacted by the recent Los Angeles Fires with recovery resources. Learn about applying for federal disaster assistance, low-interest loans for homeowners, renters, businesses, and nonprofits to help repair or replace damaged property, and funding opportunities for mitigation projects to help reduce the impacts of future disasters. This event is part of the City's commitment to helping the Malibu community recover, rebuild, and prepare for what lies ahead. No registration is required.



CITY HONORED WITH CRRA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION RECYCLING

The City has been recognized with the California Resource Recovery Association (CRRA) Award for Outstanding Construction & Demolition Debris (C&D) Recycling. This prestigious award honors businesses, government agencies, and community-based organizations that show outstanding dedication to reducing,

reusing, and recycling materials from construction and demolition projects.

City staff proudly accepted the award on August 4 at the CRRA statewide conference in Monterey, California. The event brought together more than 900 environmental and sustainability professionals from across the state, celebrating leadership and innovation in resource recovery and waste reduction. This recognition highlights the City's ongoing efforts and innovative programs aimed at diverting C&D materials from landfills, promoting sustainable building practices, and supporting a circular economy.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS & E-WASTE COLLECTION EVENT – AUGUST 16

The City will host its next Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Drive-Thru Collection Event on Saturday, August 16, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Malibu City Hall (upper parking lot). Residents can safely dispose of HHW and electronic items. Please label all containers clearly. The maximum limit for paint and motor oil is 15 gallons or 125 pounds per vehicle per trip. Participants are encouraged to remain in their vehicles at all times. Accepted Materials Include:

- Water-based paint
- Used motor oil
- Antifreeze
- Automotive and household batteries
- Unbroken compact fluorescent bulbs
- Electronic waste

For more information click here.



STATE COORDINATION MEETINGS

Staff attended the monthly coordination meeting between the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Cities of Malibu and Pasadena. Staff provided updates and shared community concerns regarding the rebuild process, continuing the partnership with the State agencies to provide extra relief for people affected by the fires. City staff also attended the bi-weekly State Housing Taskforce meetings which are a regional effort with jurisdictions within Los Angeles County regarding housing efforts and opportunities.

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**.



PCH TRANCAS BRIDGE NEARLY COMPLETE

The Trancas Creek Bridge Replacement Project is in its final stages, with only landscaping work remaining. Crews will complete planting this weekend, with no lane closures required, followed by demobilizing from the construction staging area. This Caltrans District 7 project replaces the 96-year-old bridge on Pacific Coast Highway with a longer, wider structure featuring two 12-foot lanes in each direction, 10-foot shoulders, bike lanes, and separated pedestrian walkways. The $12.5 million project improves safety for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians, enhances traffic flow, and supports environmental restoration of Trancas Creek.

FIRE SAFETY

NFPA FIREWISE USA™ Residents reducing wildfire risks

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: AGENCIES BOOST FIRE READINESS IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS

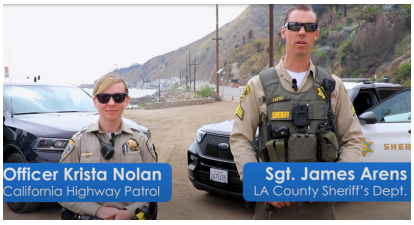
The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) announced on August 1 that it completed emergency roadside brush clearance for fire prevention along Decker Canyon, Coral Canyon, and Latigo Canyon in Malibu. Similar work in Little Sycamore Canyon and Topanga Canyon is expected to be finished by the end of this week. These canyons are historic fire corridors, where wildfires have struck before. Dry roadside brush can ignite from vehicle sparks or equipment, creating extreme fire danger. As part of its post-fire emergency authority following the Palisades, Eaton, and Kenneth fires earlier this year, the MRCA has expanded clearance zones from 10 to 30 feet along public roads next to MRCA parkland.

Following this winter's devastating wildfires, the state approved $170 million in emergency wildfire funding, including $85 million for Southern California. To accelerate critical fire mitigation before peak season, California has streamlined permitting for these projects.

The City of Malibu applauds MRCA's work to protect our community!

See details.

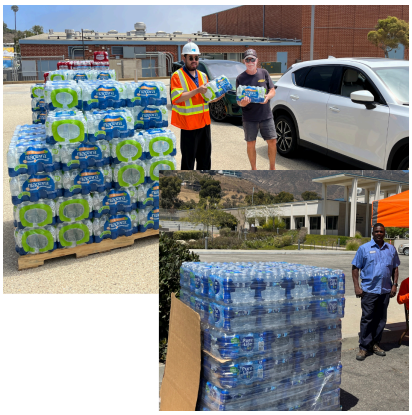
PUBLIC SAFETY



NEW SAFETY VIDEO HIGHLIGHTING KEEPING PCH SAFETY DURING THE FIRE RECOVERY

The City produced a new video in partnership with the LA County Sheriff's Department, CHP and LA County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath. The video focuses on the need to keep Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) safe for residents, cyclists, pedestrians and the crews working on the fire recovery.

Click here to watch the video.



BOIL WATER NOTICE FOR WESTERN MALIBU RESOLVED

On August 8, Los Angeles County Waterworks District 29 (WWD29) lifted a Boil Water Notice for customers in western Malibu after rigorous testing confirmed the water was safe to drink. The notice was issued following service disruptions caused by Caltrans construction work on Pacific Coast Highway earlier in the week. During the incident, the City collaborated closely with WWD29 to keep the community informed, and Caltrans and WWD29 distributed bottled water to residents at Malibu High School and in the Malibu Library parking lot.



SCE CANCELS NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF IN MALIBU

Southern California Edison (SCE) issued an initial notice for a possible Public Safety Power Shut-Off (PSPS) of the Serra Circuit on August 13. The warning was cancelled August 14, 9:00 PM. City staff are constantly working with SCE to minimize the impact of these PSPS events while keeping the public informed so that they can be prepared for any potential power shut offs. The City posted about the potential PSPS via Utility Alerts, the website, and social media. **Click here for power outage preparedness information.**

The City of Malibu urges all residents and businesses to sign up for SCE's Outage and PSPS Alerts to find out when a potential outage can affect your neighborhood. **Click here to sign up.**



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.**

COMMUNITY SERVICES



CHARMLEE SUNSET HIKE

Friday, August 15
7:00 PM
Meet at the Charmlee Wilderness Park Parking Lot
Complimentary, Registration Required

Discover Charmlee Wilderness Park after hours and experience one of Malibu's best hiking locations. Hikers should feel comfortable walking on uneven terrain for 90-minutes. Hiking boots or sturdy closed-toe shoes are recommended.

Pre-registration is required.



SENIOR SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOP

Friday, August 22
1:00 – 2:30 PM
Malibu City Hall, Multipurpose Room
Complimentary

Learn essential techniques and strategies to boost confidence, raise self-awareness, and gain practical skills to be safe in everyday situations. Instructed by The Pit Malibu Martial Arts.

For details or to pre-register, call the Malibu Senior Center at (310) 456-2489, ext. 357.



CINEMALIBU - MOVIE IN THE PARK - "SCOOBY DOO"

Saturday, August 23
Movie begins at Sunset, activities begin an hour before
Malibu Bluffs Park
Complimentary

Don't miss Malibu's family-friendly movies under the stars! Activities include giveaways from the Malibu Library, special guests, raffle prizes from local Malibu businesses, an art activity, the Bug and Bear's Cannoli dessert truck, and more. Bring chairs and blankets. No alcohol permitted.

For more information, visit the **Special Events webpage**.



NATURE WALK AND STORY TIME

Wednesday, August 27
10:30 AM
Meet at the Malibu Library and 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. Children must be accompanied by a guardian.

Pre-registration is required.



SENIOR LUNCHEON - MEDITERRANEAN ESCAPE

Thursday, August 28
12:00 – 1:30 PM
Senior Cetner at Malibu City Hall
$5 per person

Enjoy a delicious, healthy Mediterranean lunch, socialize with friends, and enjoy a Greek dancing performance. RSVP required.

For details, contact the Malibu Senior Center at (310) 456-2489, ext. 357.



ADULT SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Register by September 12
Games are on Sundays, from September 21 - November 9
Malibu Bluffs Park, Pony Field
$400 per team

The Coed Adult Softball League is an exciting way to connect with friends, exercise, and be a part of friendly competition in a recreation setting. Registration is accepted on a team basis.

Click here to register.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

AUGUST 16
Household Hazardous & Electronic Waste Collection – City Hall parking lot, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

AUGUST 18
Planning Commission Regular Meeting – City Hall & remote via Zoom, 6:30 PM

AUGUST 19
Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting – City Hall, 6:30 PM

AUGUST 23
Cinemalibu: Scooby Doo – Malibu Bluffs Park, sunset

AUGUST 25
City Council Regular Meeting – City Hall & remote via Zoom, 5:30 PM

AUGUST 26
Arts Commission Regular Meeting – City Hall, 9:30 AM

AUGUST 27
Public Works Commission Regular Meeting – City Hall, 3:30 PM

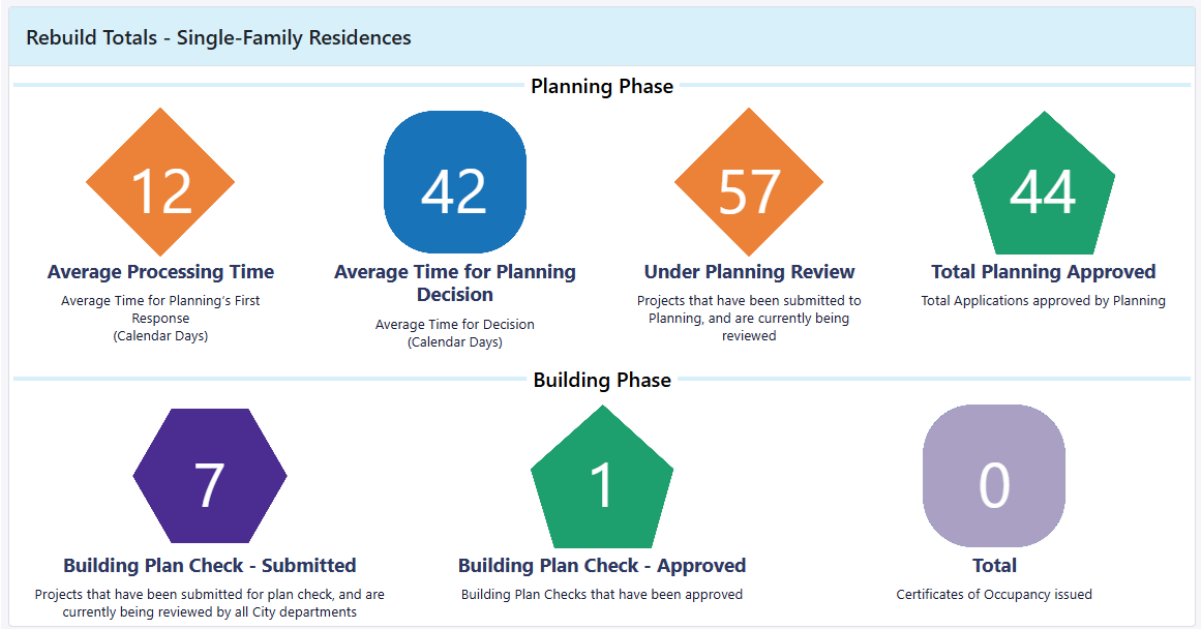
AUGUST 28
Wastewater Advisory Committee – City Hall, 6:00 PM



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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