CITY OF MALIBU

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 12, 2025



Greetings Malibu,

Malibu's 7th Annual Safety and Preparedness Fair was a great success, bringing together families, neighbors, and safety professionals for a day of hands-on training, resources, and community fun. It was also an important reminder that every resident and business must start preparing for wildfire season now—don't wait until we get our first Red Flag Warning.

The City is offering free ways to get ready, including CERT training beginning September 16 and Home Wildfire Assessments from our Fire Safety Liaisons. We also congratulate Captain Dustin Carr, the new commanding officer at the Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station and thank him for his continued service to Malibu.

Looking ahead, please plan ahead for lane closures and traffic delays during the Zuma Beach Triathlon on September 13 and 14. Join us on September 20 for Coastal Cleanup Day at Surfrider Beach to help protect Malibu's treasured coastline. From earthquake retrofit grants and bulky item pickup to major progress on the skate park and PCH improvements, Malibu is working to strengthen safety, sustainability, and quality of life for all. Thank you for your resilience and community spirit, Malibu!

With gratitude,

Ambassador Candace A. Bond (ret.)
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



CITY SHARES STREAMLINED REBUILD PROCESS UPDATES WITH ZONE CAPTAINS

On September 8, the Community Development Department shared key updates with Zone Captains, including new development portal tools, simplified planning materials, and faster review processes. Feedback was very positive, with participants expressing

appreciation for the City's proactive steps to streamline and improve the rebuild process.



VIDEO: TECHNICAL SESSION ON COASTAL AND GEOTECHNICAL GUIDELINES FOR FIRE REBUILDS

On September 9, 2025, more than 60 coastal and geotechnical experts joined the City's technical session on strengthening standards for beachfront fire rebuilds. The discussion was attended by City leadership and provided valuable insights to guide future improvements. A recording of the session is available on the City's YouTube page here.



CITY UPDATES DESIGN PROFESSIONALS ON STREAMLINED REBUILD PROCESS

On September 10, Community Development Director Yolanda Bundy met with 40 local design professionals to share updates on the streamlined fire rebuild process. She highlighted faster review timelines, simplified applications, and enhanced support through the Malibu Rebuild Center.

Director Bundy emphasized the importance of collaboration and reaffirmed the City's commitment to helping families return to their homes safely and as quickly as possible.



EARTHQUAKE BRACE + BOLT GRANTS NOW OPEN – EXPANDED TO INCLUDE RENTAL PROPERTIES

The Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) Program is now accepting applications for 2025, and for the first time, eligibility has expanded to include rental properties. This critical program offers grants of up to $3,000 to help property owners retrofit older homes (pre-1980, wood-framed, raised foundations) to better withstand earthquakes. Low- to moderate-income households may qualify for additional grants up to $7,000, covering most or all retrofit costs.

Application Period: August 20 – October 1. With over 1,100 ZIP Codes eligible and more than $20 million in funding available, this is a great opportunity to build resilience across our community—whether you're a homeowner or a landlord.

Learn More & Apply



JOIN COASTAL CLEANUP DAY AT SURFRIDER BEACH - SEPTEMBER 20

Join the City of Malibu and Heal the Bay for California Coastal Cleanup Day 2025 at Surfrider Beach on Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Part of the International Coastal Cleanup, this global effort spans over 150 countries. In 2024, 46,000 Californians collected nearly 400,000 pounds of trash. Volunteers should bring reusable supplies (bucket or bag, gloves, filled water bottle) and walk, bike, or carpool if possible. Volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Check in at Towers 2 & 3, 23050 Pacific Coast Hwy.

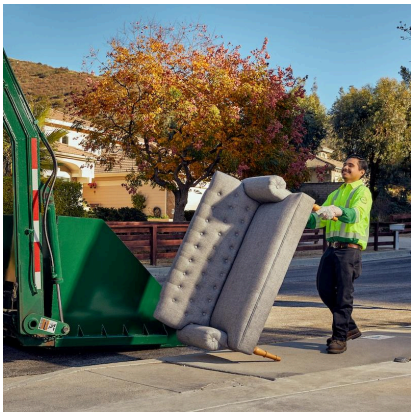
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DID YOU MISS THE SBA MITIGATION WORKSHOPS? JOIN THE VIRTUAL SESSION - SEPTEMBER 13

If you were unable to attend the Small Business Administration (SBA) Mitigation Workshops in person you can join the virtual information session on September 13, 10:00 AM. Learn how to protect your home, business, or private non-profit from future disasters, and how to apply for additional funding to reduce your risk of future disaster damage.

Register



FREE BULKY ITEM PICKUP - SEPTEMBER 27

The City and Waste Management are offering a free bulky item pickup for residents—a chance to responsibly dispose of large household items like sofas, mattresses, and appliances.

Details:

- Appointment required: Call 800-675-1171 by 12 PM, Friday, Sept. 26. Service hours: 8 AM–5 PM.
- Limit: Up to 7 items per household.
- Curbside placement: By 6 AM, Saturday, Sept. 27.
- Accepted: Furniture, mattresses, appliances, carpet, electronics, refrigerators.
- Not accepted: Tires, hazardous waste, spas, camper shells, cast-iron tubs, oversized/heavy items. Max size: 8 ft. x 4 ft., 150 lbs.

Residents using Universal Waste Systems should call 800-631-7016 for disposal options. Consider donating usable items before scheduling pickup.

MALIBU REBUILDS

MALIBU REBUILDS - STATISTICS

Staff continue to work with homeowners and the Rebuild Center operating hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Here are the current rebuild statistics for single-family residences:

- Rebuild applications submitted: 119
- Total Planning approved: 56
- Rebuild option like for like + 10%: 56

- Rebuild option Coastal Development Permit: 0
- Average processing time for Planning's first response: 11 days
- Rebuild applications under planning review: 63
- Building plan check submitted: 11
- Total building plan check approved: 2

PUBLIC SAFETY



MALIBU WELCOMES NEW COMMANDING OFFICER OF MALIBU/LOST HILLS STATION

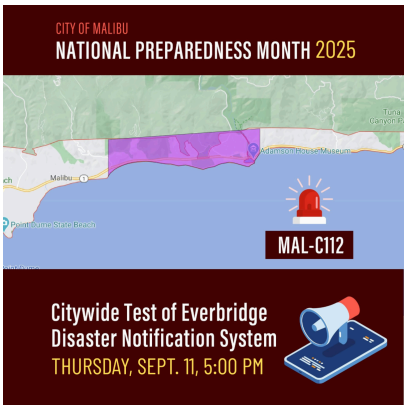
The City of Malibu congratulates Captain Dustin Carr, who was recently appointed commanding officer at LA County Sheriff's Department Malibu/Lost Hills Station! He has been a Lieutenant with the Station for the past four years, serving the past three years as the Operation's Lieutenant, and has worked to protect public safety in the Malibu community.



JOIN THE CITY'S FREE CERT TRAINING TO GET PREPARED FOR WILDFIRES, EARTHQUAKES & OTHER DISASTERS – STARTING SEPTEMBER 16

Sign up now for Malibu's FREE Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training starting Sept. 16. One of the most important ways residents can prepare for wildfires, CERT teaches disaster preparedness, first aid, fire safety, and search & rescue. Classes run Tuesday evenings through October 25.

Info & Signup



WEEKLY EVERBRIDGE DISASTER NOTIFICATION TESTS IN SEPTEMBER

In recognition of National Preparedness Month and wildfire season, the City will test the Everbridge Disaster Notification System each Thursday in September at 5:00 PM, rotating through Malibu's evacuation zones:

- **Thursday, Sept. 11, 5:00 PM – Zone MAL-C112 (Civic Center area)**
- **Thursday, Sept. 18, 5:00 PM – Zone MAL-C113 (Point Dume area)**
- **Thursday, Sept. 25, 5:00 PM – Zone MAL-C114 (Trancas area)**

Everbridge is used to send urgent alerts, including evacuation orders, during major emergencies. Most landlines and cell phones in Malibu are automatically included, so registration is not necessary. However, residents and businesses can **create a profile to add extra contacts on the website**.

Look up your evacuation zone **on the City's website** and monitor LA County's emergency evacuation website **Genasys Protect**.

For help with Everbridge or if you don't receive a test, please contact **PublicSafety@MalibuCity.org** or call 310-456-2489.



MALIBU'S 7th ANNUAL SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS FAIR HELPING RESIDENTS GET READY FOR WILDFIRES & OTHER DISASTERS

The City of Malibu proudly hosted its 7th Annual Safety & Preparedness Fair, a community-focused event dedicated to educating, equipping, and empowering residents with the knowledge, tools, and resources needed to prepare for emergencies and enhance public safety. This year's fair brought together families, neighbors, and safety professionals for a day of hands-on learning, demonstrations, and fun activities for all ages. Event highlights included the Earthquake Simulator, Fire Extinguisher Training, Preparedness Resources and Vendors, Volunteer Opportunities, Brush Clearance and Home Hardening, Kids' Activities, Food and Desserts, and Raffle Prizes.
The City extends its gratitude to all residents, vendors, volunteers, and public safety partners who contributed to the success of this year's fair. By coming together as a community, we continue to strengthen our preparedness, resilience, and commitment to keeping Malibu safe.



MALIBU FIRE CONDITIONS UPDATE – AUGUST 28

As we move further into the 2025 wildfire season, the City's Fire Safety Liaisons are continuously monitoring fire weather conditions closely to help the City and residents be prepared. Warmer-than-normal temperatures this weekend through Tuesday may slightly increase the risk of plume-driven fires.

Live Fuel Moisture (LFM) (August 21):
Currently at 71%, just below the seasonal average of 72% and above the critical threshold of 60%. While this is encouraging,

aggressive fire behavior can still occur under dry, windy, and steep conditions. Grasses are highly flammable.

Current Fire Danger Rating (September 12):
LOW along the coast and inland **MODERATE HIGH** (Topanga Canyon) and **VERY HIGH** (Cheseboro). These ratings reflect current fuel, weather, and topography conditions and can be seen on “Smokey Bear” signs outside Fire Stations.

Winds (September 12): Low winds ranging from 2 to 7 MPH are forecast for the Santa Monica Mountains for the coming seven days.

Even with favorable moisture levels, vegetation is dry and vulnerable to fire. Residents are urged to stay proactive with home hardening and brush clearance, and monitoring fire conditions.

Click here for daily fire conditions
Click here for NWS LA/Oxnard weather info
Click here for NWS Fire Weather Snooper



MALIBU COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE, SEPTEMBER 15

Give the gift of life, donate blood at the City of Malibu and American Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, September 15, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at City Hall. The Red Cross reports it is experiencing an extreme blood shortage, so blood donations are badly needed. Blood is needed every day for surgeries, emergencies, regular medical procedures, as well as for major emergencies such as earthquakes, hurricanes, shootings or terrorist attacks. Please register in advance with sponsor code “CityofMalibu.” Bring a photo ID, drink plenty of water and eat well before and after giving blood. For more information, call 818-200-3445.

Click to Register



ZUMA BEACH TRIATHLON LANE CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC IMPACTS - SEPTEMBER 13 & 14

Residents should plan ahead for lane closures related to the Zuma Beach Triathlon, Saturday, Sept. 13, and Sunday, Sept. 14, and traffic congestion in and around the event area. This popular sporting event will bring large numbers of participants and spectators to the Zuma Beach area. Unlike previous triathlon events, the cycling event will take place entirely on the ocean side, and both directions of traffic will moved into the northbound lanes, so there will be no closures for cyclist turnarounds. The event benefits the Boys and Girls Club Malibu.

Lane closures on Sunday, Sept. 14:

- PCH (eastbound) lane closure ¼ mile west of Mulholland Highway to Mulholland Highway Eastbound.
- PCH (eastbound) lane closure Mulholland Highway to Westward Beach Rd.
- Westward Beach Rd (southbound) lane closure from PCH to Birdview Ave. There will be two-way traffic in the northbound lane.
- PCH (eastbound) from Westward Beach Rd to Malibu Playhouse (west of Heathercliff Rd) traffic shifts back to the normal side of PCH; both lanes fully open.

Overall Event Times:

- Saturday, Sept. 13, 6:30 AM - 4:00 PM
- Sunday, Sept. 14, 4:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Please plan ahead for extra travel time and consider alternate routes. Proceed with caution and watch for volunteers, law enforcement personnel, and traffic control materials.

See Details



SCE COMMUNITY MEETING ON WILDFIRE SAFETY AND PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFFS - SEPTEMBER 30

Tuesday, September 30
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Malibu City Hall & remote participation
Southern California Edison (SCE) will host a community meeting for the Las Virgenes–Malibu area to discuss wildfire safety, Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS), and emergency preparedness.
Highlights:

- When and why PSPS events occur
- How to prepare for PSPS and unplanned power outages
- Programs and services available to customers
- How to get support during an outage
- Cost-saving strategies
- Steps to enhance emergency preparedness
- Opportunities for community questions and feedback

Register

PUBLIC WORKS



PERMANENT SKATE PARK CONSTRUCTION RAPIDLY ADVANCING

The City's Permanent Skate is rapidly taking shape! The second phase of concrete placement has been taking place this week. Crews continue installing forms, rebar, edge metal, base material stairs, railings and copings. The design team made its second visit and was very happy with the progress, workmanship, and the recently completed concrete work. The temporary skate park was advertised for auction, and the lowest bidder removed portions of the temporary skate park over this past weekend. The contractor will begin excavating for the new utilities and other items next week.

More Info



CLOVER HEIGHTS STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS

The contractor has completed the installation of the new 48-inch RCP along Clover Heights and is currently constructing the new catch basins and curb and gutters. This project is anticipated to be completed by the end of September.



PCH SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT

The contractor has completed the majority of the work for this project and is wrapping up the remaining tasks to complete the project. The City, contractor and Caltrans are working together to test the system and conduct a final inspection which is anticipated to be completed within the next two months. This is the City's most significant measure to date to improve safety and mobility on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH). The project will make PCH a safer "Smart Corridor" by installing communication lines between the existing traffic signals on PCH from Topanga Canyon Boulevard to John Tyler Drive to synchronize the signals to existing traffic conditions. It will allow signals to be controlled remotely by the Caltrans Traffic Management Center to lower traffic speeds and reduce congestion.

See Details

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.



VIDEO: HARDENING YOUR HOME FOR WILDFIRE SEASON PREPAREDNESS

Every Malibu resident has a shared responsibility to be ready for wildfires. Hardening your home improves its chances of survival, which should give you more confidence to evacuate when orders are given.
The City's Fire Safety Liaisons offer free Home Wildfire Assessments for residents – they'll conduct an exterior inspection of your home and give you a checklist of simple, often inexpensive steps to harden your home against flyer embers from wildfire, such as covering vents wtih fine steel mesh, boxing in eaves, double-glass

windows, fire-resistant siding, and removing flammable materials away from the home. They also provide guidance on maintaining defensible space by spacing out plants on your property. Since 2019, they've completed more than 600 assessments — that's a lot, but it is just 10% of Malibu homes. We want to increase that number, so please contact the Fire Safety Liaisons today to schedule your free Home Wildfire Assessment.

Watch the Video

COMMUNITY SERVICES

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
Beginning the week of September 8
3:00 – 4:00 PM
Webster Elementary School and Malibu Elementary School Open to children in grades TK through 5. Three different programs will be offered afterschool at the elementary school sites: Pickleball, Basketball, and Improv Acting. Visit the **Community Programs webpage** for additional details and schedules.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Monday, September 8
5:30 – 7:00 PM
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Free
Learn beginner photography concepts and practices, including the use of equipment, aesthetic principles, composition, light, color, and texture. To register online, visit the **Registration webpage**.

WELLNESS WORKSHOP – FLOW YOGA AND MEDITATION

Saturday, September 13
9:00 – 10:30 AM
Malibu Bluffs Park
Free
Learn ways to help release tension and stress, balance energy in the body, and promote a sense of well-being. Instructed by The Mindry. Register online, at the **Registration webpage**.

CAFFEINATED VERSE, OPEN MIC POETRY, AND FEATURED READERS

Saturday, September 13
11:00 AM
Malibu Library
Free
Join Malibu Poet Laureate Charlotte Ward and notable female readers at this complimentary monthly poetry event. Additional details are on the City's **poetry website**. RSVP not required.

MALIBU CITY GALLERY OPENING RECEPTION WITH JIM “TAZ” EVANS

Sunday, September 14
12:00 PM
Malibu City Gallery at City Hall
Free
The Malibu Arts Commission will host the opening art reception for Jim “Taz” Evans, including a Q&A with the artist, music, and refreshments. Mr. Evans has worked in the music and film industry for decades. He has produced numerous album covers, movie and concert posters, and other forms of artwork for celebrities and art enthusiasts. His work will be displayed at the Malibu City Gallery through October 24. The Gallery is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Visit the **Malibu Arts Commission website** for additional information.

POETRY WRITING STUDIOS VIBRANT CYCLES

Saturday, September 20
11:00 AM
Malibu Library
Free
Join this generative poetry writing studio where participants cycle through each other’s energies, read and discuss poems to stimulate imaginations, and write original poems from prompts or personal impetus. Additional details are on the City’s **poetry website**. RSVP not required.

LEARN TO SWIM LESSONS

Saturday, September 20 - November 15
Malibu Community Pool at Malibu High School
Open to children ages 1-10, Learn to Swim lessons provide a foundation to staying safe in the water for beginning swimmers to those with some experience with an understanding of swimming basics. Visit the **Aquatics webpage** for a complete list of programs, schedules, and prices.

TEEN SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOP

Thursday, September 25
4:30 - 6:00PM
Malibu Bluffs Park
Free
Learn techniques and strategies to boost confidence, raise self-awareness, and gain practical skills to be safe in everyday situations. Workshop available for teens ages 12 through 17. Visit the **registration webpage** for information.

SENIOR LUNCHEON - ARABIAN NIGHTS

Thursday, September 25
12:00 - 1:30PM
Malibu City Hall, Multipurpose Room
$5 per person
Enjoy a delicious lunch, socialize with friends, and watch a belly dancing performance. RSVP required. For details, contact the Senior Center at (310) 456-2489, ext. 357.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 14
Jim "TAZ" Evans - Art Exhibition Opening – Malibu City Gallery, City Hall, 12:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 15
American Red Cross Community Blood Drive – City Hall, 10:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 15
Planning Commission Meeting – City Hall, 6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 16
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting – City Hall, 6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 20
CA Coastal Cleanup Day – Surfrider Beach, 9:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 23
Arts Commission Meeting – City Hall, 9:30 AM

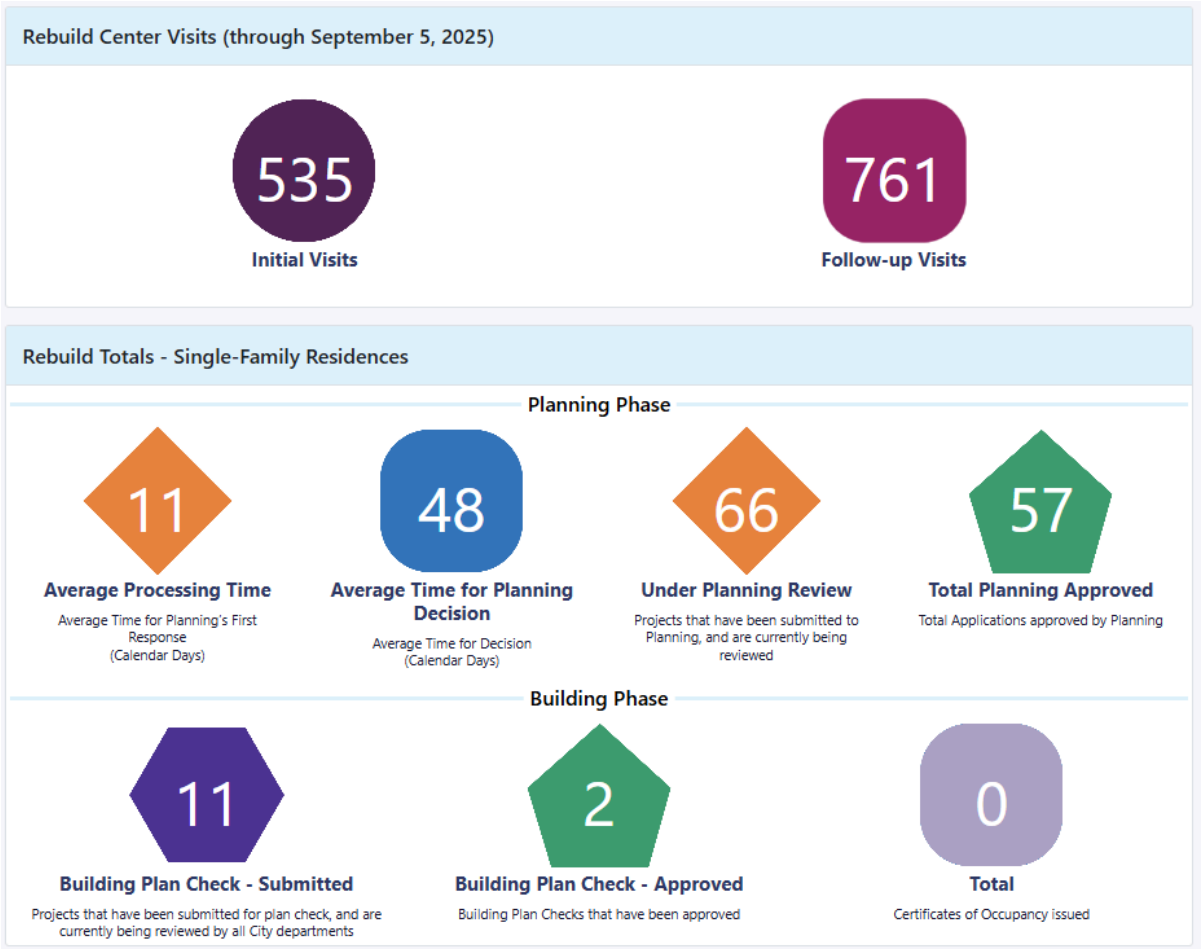
SEPTEMBER 24
Public Works Commission Meeting – City Hall, 3:30 PM

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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