CITY OF MALIBU

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

August 7, 2026



Greetings Malibu,

As summer continues, the City remains focused on protecting public safety, strengthening critical infrastructure, supporting recovery and rebuilding, and preserving the exceptional quality of life that makes Malibu so special. I am grateful for the continued partnership of the City Council, City staff, residents, businesses, and community organizations as we work together to build a safer and more resilient future.

Public safety remains our highest priority. With above-average temperatures and increasingly dry vegetation elevating wildfire risk, I encourage every resident to clear dry brush, maintain defensible space, review evacuation plans, prepare emergency supplies, and sign up for City and County alerts. The City's new **"Ready. Set. Malibu." video series** offers practical guidance to help residents prepare for emergencies year-round. Remember: Prepare Today. Protect Tomorrow.

The City is also working closely with Caltrans and other partner agencies to address coastal erosion along PCH in areas affected by the Palisades Fire. With a strong El Niño forecast, identifying protective measures before winter is especially important, and we will continue keeping the community informed as this work progresses.

Several projects are moving forward to improve Malibu's infrastructure and public spaces. Construction is underway on automated speed safety cameras at five locations along PCH, supporting the City's long-term effort to create a safer corridor for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists. Work also continues on the PCH Wastewater Project, while audiovisual and broadcasting upgrades at City Hall will improve the accessibility and quality of public meetings and community events.

Supporting residents through the rebuilding process remains a key priority. Community Development Director Yolanda Bundy is available weekday mornings at the Rebuild Center, and representatives from the U.S. Small Business Administration, Los Angeles County Assessor's Office, California Department of Insurance, and Caltrans will offer additional assistance in the coming weeks.

August offers many opportunities to help shape Malibu's future and connect with neighbors. The City is seeking community feedback on preliminary concepts for the Ioki, Heathercliff, and Triangle properties through a public meeting on Wednesday, August 12, and a survey open through Monday, August 31. Residents can also enjoy arts programs, outdoor recreation,

workshops, a sunset hike at Charmlee Wilderness Park, and CineMalibu's screening of "The Sandlot" at Malibu Bluffs Park.

Thank you for staying engaged and for doing your part to keep Malibu safe, prepared, and connected. Together, we continue moving our community forward while protecting the natural beauty and distinctive character we all cherish.

Joe Irvin
City Manager

CITY COUNCIL AND MANAGEMENT





City Hall Audiovisual and Broadcasting Upgrades

The City is upgrading audiovisual and broadcasting equipment in the City Hall Multipurpose Room (MPR), Senior Center, and Council Chambers to improve public meetings and events.

The MPR and Senior Center will be closed August 3–14. For Senior Center services and programs, call (310) 456-2489, ext. 357.

The Council Chambers will be closed August 17–September 3, with public meetings relocated to the MPR during that time.



Visual Improvements Completed on Santa Monica College Campus Tower

Los Angeles County has repainted the communications tower at Santa Monica College's Malibu Campus following community concerns about its color and visibility. The City Council selected the new color to help the tower better blend into the Civic Center area while preserving critical communications infrastructure for law enforcement and emergency services. The improvements reflect the community's commitment to protecting Malibu's environment and rural character.



City Council to Consider Beachfront Definition

On Monday, August 10, the City Council will consider code amendments adding a definition of "Beachfront" to the Local Coastal Program and Malibu Municipal Code. The proposed definition would formalize the City's longstanding use of the term without changing existing practices or policies.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



August 17 Planning Commission Meeting Relocated

The August 17 Planning Commission meeting is expected to take place in the City Hall Multipurpose Room while audiovisual upgrades are completed in the Council Chambers. The location is subject to change based on the construction schedule. Before attending, please check the **meeting agenda** for the latest information.

Meeting Agenda



November 9 Deadline for Woolsey Fire Rebuild Permits

Property owners with approved nonconforming Woolsey Fire rebuild projects must obtain a building permit by Monday, November 9. Those unable to meet the deadline due to circumstances beyond their control may request an extension from the Planning Commission.

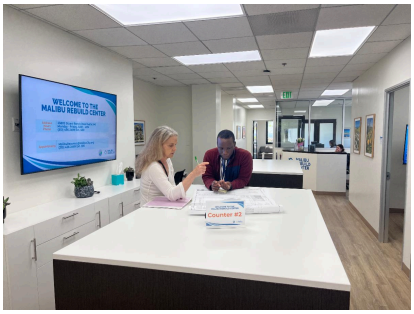
For assistance, contact Senior Management Analyst Rebecca Evans at **REvans@malibucity.org**.



Community Development Director at Rebuild Center

Community Development Director Yolanda Bundy continues to hold office hours at the Malibu Rebuild Center Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, providing homeowners with direct access to planning and rebuilding assistance.

Appointments are encouraged and provide residents with an opportunity to discuss specific questions. To schedule an in-person appointment, email **YBundy@malibucity.org** or call (310) 456-2489, ext. 400 to check for availability.



Upcoming Rebuild Center Assistance and Events

Representatives from public agencies will be available to assist homeowners with rebuilding questions at the Rebuild Center:

- **U.S. Small Business Administration**: August 5, 12, 19 and 26, and September 2, 8:00 AM–4:00 PM
- **LA County Assessor's Office**: August 10, 10:00 AM–2:00 PM
- **California Department of Insurance** YouTube Q&A: August 19, 6:00–7:00 PM
- **Caltrans**: September 1, 10:00 AM–2:00 PM

Learn More about Upcoming Events

PUBLIC WORKS



Pacific Coast Highway Wastewater Project Moves Forward

Public Works continues to coordinate with the Assessment District and design engineering consultants on the **PCH Wastewater Line Project**. Current work includes verifying wastewater flow assumptions and developing the assessment methodology.

Notices were mailed to affected property owners on Friday, July 24.

Learn More



Zuma Beach Sand Transport Impacts Under Review

Public Works staff and the City's traffic engineering consultant are participating in Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings to evaluate how transporting sand to Zuma Beach may affect Malibu.

Discussions include potential routes, truck traffic, weight limits, and the project schedule. The committee is also reviewing potential impacts to the Serra community from the natural movement of sediment into Malibu Lagoon.

ENVIRONMENTAL



Help Keep Malibu Beaches Clean and Safe

Beachgoers can help keep Malibu's beaches clean, safe, and welcoming by reporting concerns directly to the **Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors**. Report trash, graffiti, restroom maintenance, parking problems, bike path concerns, and other issues on their **website** or by calling (424) 526-7946.

Community feedback helps the County respond quickly and improve the beach experience for everyone.

Report an Issue



Free Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Collection

Safely dispose of household hazardous waste and electronics at a free drive-through collection event Saturday, August 15, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Malibu City Hall upper parking lot.

Accepted items include batteries, antifreeze, electronics, unbroken lightbulbs, used motor oil, and water-based paint. Containers must be clearly labeled, and participants are encouraged to remain in their vehicles. The event will be canceled if it rains.

Learn More



Native Garden Kits and Rebates Available

Transform your landscape with a 2026 Native Garden Kit featuring 10 native plants, a garden layout, and a planting guide. First-time participants may qualify for a $75 rebate per household. Kits are available through Monday, August 31 or while supplies last, with pickup scheduled for Saturday, December 5.

Complete the Survey & Reserve a Kit

PUBLIC SAFETY



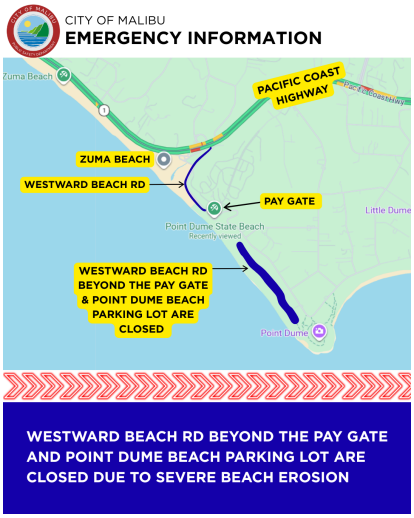


City Coordinating With Caltrans and Partner Agencies on Coastal Erosion on PCH

The City of Malibu met with Caltrans engineers on Monday, July 27, to assess coastal erosion along Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) in areas affected by the Palisades Fire. High tides and surf have accelerated erosion near the roadway, prompting the City to red tag several parcels and restrict access to unsafe areas.

With a strong El Niño forecast, the City is working with state and local partners to identify temporary protective measures before winter and will keep the community updated.

Learn More



Westward Beach Road and Point Dume Parking Lot Closed

Westward Beach Road beyond the pay gate and the Point Dume Beach parking lot are closed until further notice due to erosion from high tides and surf. Restrooms 1, 2, and 3 also remain closed, with temporary toilets and hand-washing stations available nearby. Visitors should obey all barriers and avoid the unstable bluff edge, where drop-offs reach nearly eight feet.

View Updates and Details



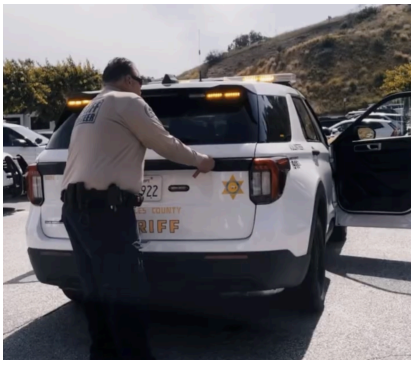
Malibu Public Safety Launches “Ready. Set. Malibu.” Video Series

The City of Malibu Public Safety Department has launched “Ready. Set. Malibu.,” a new video series offering practical preparedness tips, wildfire safety information, emergency planning guidance, and simple how-to demonstrations to help residents stay ready year-round.

Watch, learn and stay ready — Prepare Today. Protect Tomorrow.

How to Use a Fire Extinguisher

How to Shut Off Natural Gas



Malibu Volunteers on Patrol Team Receives New City-Funded Vehicle

The City of Malibu has funded a new patrol vehicle for the **Malibu Volunteers on Patrol (VOP)**, expanding the team’s fleet to five vehicles. In 2025, the program’s 24 trained volunteers contributed more than 6,500 patrol hours, supported wildfire response and community events, enforced parking regulations, and assisted at traffic collisions — helping Sheriff’s deputies focus on higher-priority calls.

Watch the Video

Learn More & Apply



PCH Speed Enforcement Camera Installation Underway

Construction is underway on an automated speed safety camera system in five areas along Pacific Coast Highway (PCH). Funded by Metro Measure R and Measure M, the system is designed to reduce speeding and improve safety for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists — supporting the City's long-term vision of creating a safer PCH corridor.

Equipment installation is expected to be completed in September 2026, with a required public education campaign beginning in August before the system is activated.

FIRE SAFETY



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Fire Conditions Update: Hot Weather and Dry Vegetation Increase Wildfire Risk

Above-average temperatures and drying vegetation are increasing wildfire risk in Malibu and the Santa Monica Mountains. Residents should clear dry vegetation, maintain defensible space, prepare emergency supplies, review evacuation plans, and monitor official alerts.

Make sure you are signed up for emergency alerts:

- **City of Malibu Alerts**
- **LA County Alerts**

To schedule a free Home Wildfire Assessment or learn about becoming a Firewise community, contact the City's Fire Safety Liaisons at **FireSafety@malibucity.org** or (310) 456-2489.

COMMUNITY SERVICES



Summer Jubilations: Poetry Event

Saturday, August 8
2:30 PM
Malibu Library
Complimentary

Join Poetry Jubilations to celebrate joy in a time of whelming possibilities, to give voice to the true nature of vitality modeled on the natural world, and to attend to the power of love and joy. August's featured poets are John Struloeff, former Malibu Poet Laureate and Director of Creative Writing at Pepperdine University, and William Struloeff. The program includes an open mic session, light refreshments, and conversation. An RSVP is not required.

Learn More



Legacy Park Art Walk in Partnership with Malibu Art Association

Sunday, August 9
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Legacy Park
Complimentary

Experience Malibu's vibrant arts scene this summer at the Legacy Park Art Walk. Coordinated by the Malibu Art Association and hosted by the City of Malibu Arts Commission, these free monthly art walks feature local artists showcasing and selling original artwork and prints inspired by Malibu's natural beauty.

Learn More



Performance in the Park

Sunday, August 9
11:00 AM
Legacy Park
Complimentary

Join a complimentary actors workshop hosted by Young Actors Project at the Malibu Legacy Park amphitheater. The session will begin with a guided warm-up on voice practice, movement, and improv, followed by a performance that attendees can watch or participate in. No experience is required.

Learn More



Teen Skateboarding Workshop (Ages 12-17)

Sunday, August 9
9:30 – 11:00 AM
Malibu Skate Park
Complimentary, Pre-Registration Required

A complimentary workshop to introduce teens to skateboarding at the new Malibu Skate Park. Participants will learn to balance, push, turn, and stop while practicing simple tricks and exploring the skate park in a safe, supportive, and energetic environment. Instructed by Champ Camp.

Register Here



Community Lands Project: Opportunity for Community Feedback

Public Meeting: Wednesday, August 12, 5:00 PM at Malibu City Hall

Survey open through Monday, August 31.

The City is encouraging the community to provide feedback on the preliminary design concepts of the Ioki Property (Chili Cook-Off), Heathercliff Property, and Triangle Lot Property. The design concepts follow Council direction following an in-depth community engagement process in 2024-2025.

Preliminary design concepts include, a multigenerational community center, playing fields, lap and exercise pools, outdoor sports courts, gymnasium, playgrounds, native gardens, open space, trails, walking/jogging paths, and more.

Learn More



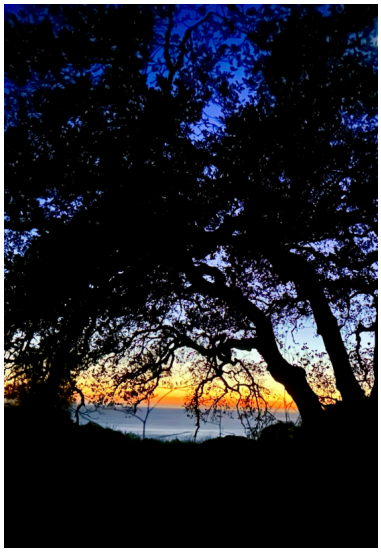
Wellness Workshop - Manifestation Meditation (Ages 16+)

Thursday, August 13

5:00 – 6:30 PM
Malibu Bluffs Park
Complimentary, Pre-Registration Required

A complimentary Manifestation Meditation Workshop with The Mindry is part of the Wellness Workshop series. Learn ways to release tension and stress, balance energy in the body, and promote well-being.

Register Here



Charmlee Sunset Hike

Friday, August 14
7:00 – 8:30 PM
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Complimentary, Pre-Registration Required

Experience the park's natural surroundings, listen to nocturnal animals, and view the night sky. The hike is 90 minutes on uneven terrain. Online registration is required. Limited to 20 participants.

Register Here



Dog Obedience Workshop

Saturday, August 15
10:00 – 11:30 AM
Malibu Bluffs Park
Complimentary, Pre-Registration Required

A complimentary workshop for participants to work with their dogs on tricks and fun exercises. Using positive reinforcement, strengthen communication, build confidence, and enjoy learning new skills together. Instructed by My Best Friend Obedience.

Register Here



Nature Walk and Story-Time

Wednesday, August 19
10:30 – 11:30 AM
Malibu Library
Complimentary, Pre-Registration Required

Learn about Legacy Park's waterfowl, wildlife, and native gardens with a City naturalist. Begin the walking tour at the Malibu Library, walk the park loop, and end the route with story time at the amphitheater. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Register Here



Pelvic Floor Health Workshop

Wednesday, August 19
2:00 – 3:00 PM
Malibu City Hall, Senior Center
Complimentary, Pre-Registration Required

Learn how the pelvic floor supports bladder and bowel function, balance, mobility, core strength, and overall quality of life. This lecture will cover common age-related changes, strategies for maintaining pelvic health, and simple exercises and lifestyle tips that can help you stay active, confident, and independent. Refreshments will be provided, and an RSVP is required. For details or to register, contact (310) 456-2489, ext. 357.



Senior Luncheon "Shell-A-Brate"

Thursday, August 20
12:00 – 1:30 PM
Malibu City Hall, Multipurpose Room
$5 per person

Enjoy a catered lunch from Duke's Malibu! The tropical-themed luncheon will also include entertainment and an opportunity to socialize with friends. RSVP required (maximum 70 participants). For details or to register, contact (310) 456-2489, ext. 357.

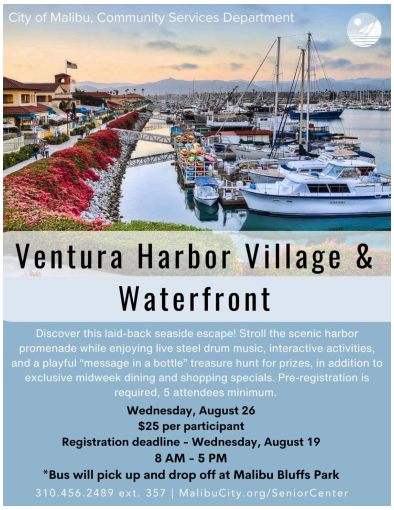


CineMalibu: Outdoor Movies in the Park

Saturday, August 22
Movie begins at sunset; activities being an hour before sunset
Malibu Bluffs Park
Complimentary

Watch "The Sandlot" (1993) a classic film about a new boy in town who joins a tight-knit group of young baseball players in the summer of 1962. Gather family and friends for an unforgettable evening under the stars in a breathtaking setting overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Dress in layers and bring a blanket and chair. No alcohol.

Learn More



Senior Excursion – Ventura Harbor Village and Waterfront

Wednesday, August 26
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
$25 per person, Pre-registration Required by Wednesday, August 19

Stroll the scenic harbor promenade while enjoying live steel drum music and exclusive midweek dining and shopping specials. Note: trips may reach capacity before the registration deadline. Each month, the Senior Center offers a day trip to a variety of locations throughout Los Angeles County. For details or to register, contact (310) 456-2489, ext. 357.



Painting Workshop
Wednesday, August 26
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
$10 per person, Pre-registration Required

Instructed by long-time Malibu resident and artist, Helen Campanella. Helen will teach students about composition, color mixing, shading, and brush stroke techniques. For details or to register, contact (310) 456-2489, ext. 357.

Register Here

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MONDAY, AUGUST 10
Regular City Council Meeting - City Hall, 5:30 PM

MONDAY, AUGUST 17
Regular Planning Commission Meeting - City Hall, 6:30 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18
Regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting - City Hall, 5:30 PM

MONDAY, AUGUST 24
Regular City Council Meeting - City Hall, 5:30 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25
Regular Malibu Arts Commission Meeting - City Hall, 9:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26
Regular Public Works Commission Meeting - City Hall, 3:30 PM

MALIBU REBUILDING UPDATES

Rebuild Website

STATISTICS

For more Rebuild information & resources, see the Rebuild website.

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.

Palisades Fire Rebuild Dashboard Report
As of August 7:



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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