CITY OF MALIBU

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

September 3, 2026



Greetings Malibu,

September is National Preparedness Month, and this year, being prepared is more important than ever. As Malibu continues recovering from the Palisades Fire, we are also approaching peak wildfire season while preparing for the possibility of strong storms, heavy rain, flooding, and landslides this winter associated with the forecast strong El Niño. I encouraging every resident to take action now to prepare for whatever nature may bring.

Throughout September, the City is providing residents with practical tools and resources to strengthen their readiness, including weekly tests of the Everbridge Disaster Notification System, free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, a Safety Resource Fair, and ongoing wildfire preparedness information. I encourage everyone to take advantage of these resources, review your evacuation plan, maintain defensible space, and make sure your emergency supplies and contact information are up to date. Small steps taken now can make a significant difference when an emergency occurs.

At the same time, the City continues its work on recovery and public safety. Our Community Development team is helping fire-affected property owners move forward with rebuilding, while City staff and Caltrans are coordinating on interim safety measures for high-priority properties along PCH affected by coastal erosion. The City is also continuing to address graffiti in the Palisades Fire area, encampments, and other public safety concerns throughout the community. We also launched the outreach phase of our PCH Speed Safety System, a powerful tool in our toolbox to address safety on our Main Street.

This edition of the newsletter also highlights important opportunities for community engagement, including the return of the Malibu Farmers Market to its longtime home, a public input workshop on new Caltrans PCH safety improvements from Las Flores Canyon to Carbon Beach, and the Community Lands Project. Our Community Services Department also has an exciting schedule full of excellent arts, recreation, cultural, wellness, nature,, and senior programs this month.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to Malibu. As we prepare for the challenges ahead, our greatest strength remains a community that looks out for one another and takes action together.

Joe Irvin
City Manager



Get Ready for Whatever Nature May Bring in September for National Preparedness Month

With peak wildfire season approaching and a strong El Niño, which could potential strong storms, heavy rain, flooding and landslides, September, National Preparedness Month, is a perfect time to build your readiness. The City is helping residents prepare all month long, with weekly disaster notification drills, free CERT training, a Safety Resource Fair and preparedness tips on social media. Preparedness Month is a part of the annual nationwide FEMA Ready Campaign in September, dedicated to empowering people, families, businesses, and communities with the knowledge and resources they need to respond to and recover from emergencies. It's a great time to take small steps to make a big difference in being prepared.

See Details on Preparedness Month



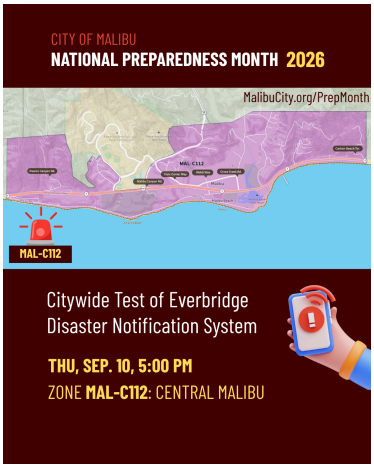
PREPAREDNESS MONTH
Weekly Everbridge Disaster Notification System Test Message

During Preparedness Month, the City will send a weekly test message using the Everbridge Disaster Notification System, which the City has been using for several years for the most serious emergencies that threaten lives and properties and require evacuations. Each Thursday, the City will send a test message to one of Malibu's four Evacuation Zones. **CLICK HERE** to look up your Evacuation Zone.

- **Thursday, Sept. 3, 5 PM – Zone MAL-C111**
- **Thursday, Sept. 10, 5 PM – Zone MAL-C112**
- **Thursday, Sept. 17, 5 PM – Zone MAL-C113**
- **Thursday, Sept. 24, 5 PM – Zone MAL-C114**

Most landlines and cell phone numbers with Malibu addresses are automatically entered into the system. Residents and businesses are encouraged to visit **the Everbridge portal**, create a profile, and add additional contact information.

If you do not receive a test message in during Preparedness Month, or for other questions, please contact the Public Safety



Department at **PublicSafety@MalibuCity.org** or call (310) 456-2489.



PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Learn Skills That Can Make a Difference: Sign Up for Free CERT Training, Starting Sept 22

The City's free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training gives residents practical skills to help themselves, their families and their neighbors during an emergency.

The nationally recognized program teaches basic emergency response skills, including first aid, fire suppression, search and rescue and disaster preparedness. These skills can be especially valuable during the first minutes and hours after a major disaster, when emergency responders may be dealing with numerous calls throughout the community.

Sign up for the CERT training starting Tuesday, Sept. 22. Six classes are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings through Oct. 8, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Malibu Library.

Learn More & Sign Up



PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Get Prepared at the Safety Resource Fair on September 26

Learn about brush clearance and home hardening, emergency services and supplies, volunteer opportunities, and talk directly with City Public Safety staff, Sheriff's and Fire Department emergency responders, and members of the CERT Malibu Team. The event will also feature fire extinguisher training and a free raffle with great prizes.

Saturday, Sept 26, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Malibu City Hall

See Event Details

FIRE SAFETY



Fire Safety Liaisons Fire Conditions Report

The City's Fire Safety Liaisons monitor fire conditions closely, including Live Fuel Moisture (LFM), a key indicator of how quickly vegetation can burn and a fire can spread once ignited.

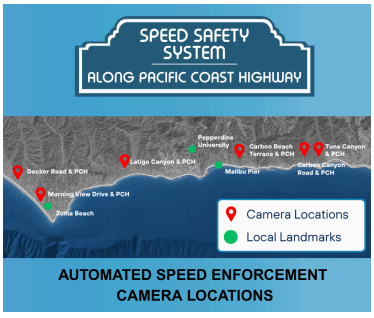
The LA County Fire Department collects vegetation samples in the Santa Monica Mountains. LFM typically reaches about 140% during the winter and drops to about 63% in late summer or fall. The August 20 reading was already 63%. At 60%, the critical level, plants will burn as if they are dead vegetation, and we could reach that level over Labor Day Weekend.

National Weather Service (NWS) does not forecast strong winds, Santa Ana winds or highly hazardous fire conditions for the coming week.

- **Sign up for City of Malibu Alerts**
- **Sign up for 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.

PUBLIC SAFETY



Education & Outreach Phase Underway for PCH Safety System

On August 18, the City started the education and outreach phase for the PCH Speed Safety System as construction on the speed camera system nears completion.

The system will use lidar and cameras to detect vehicles traveling at least 11 MPH over the posted speed limit to reduce speeding, collisions, injuries and deaths on our highway.

A 60-day period with warnings only will begin in late September 2026. The enforcement phase with citations will begin in late November 2026.

Once the enforcement phase starts, fines will be:

- 11 to 15 mph over the limit: $50
- 16 to 25 mph over the limit: $100
- 26 mph or more over the limit: $200

- 100 mph or more over the limit: $500

No license points or insurance penalties will apply. It will only record when a speed violation is detected, and strong privacy protections apply. All funds generated will only go toward the costs of the system, and toward PCH safety activity. The City will regularly report program performance and data to the Public Safety Commission and public.

CLICK HERE to learn more about how the system works, camera locations, transparency and accountability, and safety goals.







City Continues Graffiti Removal on Palisades Fire-Affected Properties

Public Safety/Code Enforcement continues its voluntary Graffiti Removal Program April 13, 2026, through April 12, 2027 in the Palisades Fire burn area. Residents are encouraged to report graffiti when they see it. City staff monitors identified locations daily.

Please do not confront anyone. Reporting graffiti helps protect fire-affected properties and support Malibu's continued recovery and rebuilding.

Graffiti Removal Activity to Date

- 61 fire-affected properties identified
- 35 property owners submitted forms
- 23 have not yet returned forms
- 3 declined to participate
- 22 properties had graffiti removal

How to Report Graffiti

- Residential or commercial property: Code Enforcement, 310-456-2489 ext. 484 or **Code@malibucity.org**
- Caltrans property/PCH: 213-897-1200
- City public right-of-way: Public Works, 310-456-2489 ext. 391
- Graffiti actively in progress: Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station, 818-878-1808
- Emergency or immediate threat: call 911

City Continues Efforts to Address Homeless Encampments

The City continues working with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, California State Parks, Los Angeles County Beaches & Harbors, and its Homeless Outreach Team to address encampments and public safety concerns.

Multiple encampments were cleared in August at Surfrider Beach, Corral Beach, Legacy Park, and Trancas Canyon.

Following the City Council's August 10 declaration of a local emergency due to hazardous fire conditions, the City can move more quickly to address unpermitted camping in fire-prone areas. Outreach and enforcement efforts remain focused on reducing public safety risks while connecting people experiencing homelessness with services and educating them about the dangers of camping in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Learn more about the City's efforts to address homelessness **on the website**.



Homeless Outreach Connects Residents with Services

The City's Homeless Outreach Team, operated by The People Concern, connected with 50 people experiencing homelessness in Malibu in July. Three people were placed in interim housing, where they can access services and work toward permanent housing. Current and past monthly outreach reports are available **on the City's website**.

COUNCIL & MANAGEMENT



Malibu Farmers Market Returns to Longtime Hone at Malibu Library Parking Lot

The Malibu Farmers Market has returned to its longtime home! Last Sunday, August 30, the Farmers Market took place at the Los Angeles County lot at Malibu Library on Civic Center Way after the City, Cornucopia Foundation, County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath's office, and Santa Monica College worked together to finalize arrangements to return the market to the Library parking lot. The market was crowded with community members shopping for high-quality fresh produce, prepared food, craft goods from local vendors, and enjoying community connection.

The City was pleased to host the Farmers Market at the City Hall parking lot on August 23 to ensure the market could take place and serve the community while arrangements with the County were being finalized. Thank you to Cornucopia Foundation and founder Debra Bianco for working with the City and the County to bring the Farmers Market back to its longtime home.



LABOR DAY HOLIDAY HOURS

In observance of the Labor Day Holiday, Malibu City Hall, the Malibu Senior Center, the Rebuild Center, and the Community Swimming Pool at Malibu High School will be closed on Monday, September 7. City Parks will be open for regular hours, 8:00 AM to sunset. The Skate Park at Malibu Bluffs Park will be open from 8:30 AM to sunset.

We wish you a safe and happy holiday weekend!

CLICK HERE for more information on City facilities.



ZUMA BEACH TRIATHLON RETURNS SEPT. 19–20

The Zuma Beach Triathlon returns Sept. 19–20, bringing up to 2,500 athletes to Zuma Beach. The weekend includes a Kids Triathlon Saturday and the main triathlon Sunday, with fundraising supporting Malibu youth, athletes with physical disabilities, the Challenged Athletes Foundation and the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu. Last year, the event raised $50,000 for the Boys & Girls Club and more than $100,000 for the Challenged Athletes Foundation.

Traffic Impacts: No PCH lane closures are planned Saturday, Sept. 19. On Sunday, Sept. 20, the bike portion will travel along PCH between Zuma Beach and Leo Carrillo State Park. The far-right southbound lane will be closed, leaving one southbound lane open. LASD deputies will control traffic, with PCH reopening on a rolling basis.

Drivers should expect delays and allow extra time in western Malibu. Message signs will be posted along PCH beginning seven days before the event. Follow posted signs and traffic-control directions.

See Event Details



Chili Cook-Off Returns for Labor Day Weekend

The 43rd Annual Malibu Chili Cook-Off returns Sept 4–7 at 23575 Civic Center Way, bringing four days of award-winning chili, carnival rides, live music, a skate contest, local artists, food and family fun.

100% of net proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu, supporting youth programs, mental health services and long-term disaster recovery in our community.

With thousands of visitors expected, the Civic Center area will be especially busy throughout the weekend, so plan ahead.

- Event parking lots are accessed from Stuart Ranch Rd.
- Parking costs $30–$60, depending on the lot, cash only.
- Rideshare drop-off is at Malibu Library on Civic Center Way.
- Visitors should follow event signage for available parking.
- The event does not provide on-site ATMs.
- Parking in the area is limited, so attendees are encouraged to carpool or use rideshare.

See Event Details

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



City Continues Work to Stabilize High-Priority PCH Properties in Palisades Fire Burn Area at Risk of Coastal Erosion

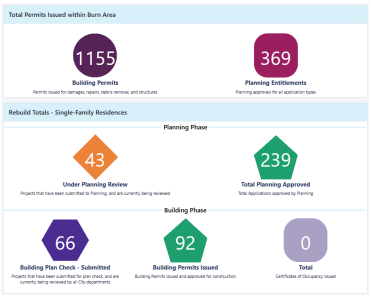
The City of Malibu continues to coordinate with Caltrans, affected property owners, design professionals and community representatives to address immediate safety concerns at 23 red-tagged and high-priority properties along the Pacific Coast Highway corridor following the Palisades Fire.

City staff and partners are closely monitoring site conditions and identifying interim measures needed to stabilize properties and protect public safety. Work may include restoration and stabilization of failed slopes, placement of backfill material, shotcrete and other necessary slope stabilization measures.

On Aug. 24, the City held a special Zone Captains meeting with Caltrans, City staff and two City Council members to discuss conditions and planned interim safety work. City staff also met with homeowners and design professionals Aug. 20-21 to coordinate next steps.

The target completion date for interim safety work at all red-tagged parcels is Oct. 31, 2026. The City will continue coordinating with Caltrans, property owners and design professionals as the work moves forward.

For Details, See the Presentation



Fire Rebuild Progress Update

Malibu's broader recovery and rebuilding efforts continue to make progress. As of the August 24 update to the City Council, 278 planning applications had been submitted, with 234 approved — an 84% approval rate. A total of 156 building plans had been submitted, and 91 permits to begin rebuild construction have been issued.

For details, **see the Rebuild Dashboard**

PUBLIC WORKS



Public Workshop on Caltrans PCH Safety Improvements Las Lores - Carbon Canyon

Join the public workshop on Caltrans' safety improvement project for Pacific Coast Highway between Las Flores Canyon Rd and Carbon Canyon Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 16
6:00–7:00 PM
Malibu City Hall

The project is evaluating potential improvements for pedestrians, cyclists, transit users and motorists, including intersection upgrades, signal modifications, pedestrian crossings and bicycle facilities.

Community feedback will help shape the project. Concepts are preliminary and will be refined through the environmental and design phases.

Learn more and provide input **on the website**.

Comments may also be submitted to **pchsegment_a@publicinput.com**.





The Snack Shack at Malibu Bluffs Park is Advancing

The Snack Shack project at Malibu Bluffs Park is progressing! Engineering work on a precast building, and coordination with LA County Health, Fire and Sheriff's Departments are underway.

The Snack Shack has long been a gathering spot for Little League families and youth sports, where kids can grab a snack, celebrate after games and spend time together. The new permanent facility will bring that community hub back in a safer, more accessible and durable building, with restrooms, storage, kitchen, a new sidewalk, ADA path, and additional ADA parking and improved connections to the park. The upgrades will benefit not just young athletes, but families and park visitors throughout the year.

PCH Sewer Project Update

The PCH Wastewater Project is on track with preparation of assessment methodology and confirmation of flow estimates. This project would install a centralized wastewater collection system to replace on-site septic systems and connect the beach-side properties from Carbon Beach to the easterly city limit to the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant. A Draft Preliminary Engineer's Report is scheduled to be completed by the middle of October.

Learn More

ENVIRONMENTAL



Clean Bay Certified Restaurants

The City's Clean Bay Program is celebrating 18 local businesses that earned Clean Bay Certification this year for going above and beyond in sustainable practices that help keep our beaches and creeks clean. Certified restaurants meet 100% of the program's criteria, including stormwater and grease management, recycling and organics, water conservation, and reducing single-use plastics and polystyrene. Look for the Clean Bay Certified window decal when dining out.

Learn More



Native Garden Kits & 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. Signups for kits are open through the end of September, or while supplies last, with pickups scheduled for Saturday, December 5.

Complete the Survey & Sign Up for a Kit



Save the Date for the Household Hazardous Waste & E-Waste Drive Through Event on October 17

Bring your paint, used motor oil, anti-freeze, batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs, household chemicals, and electronics to be safely disposed of, and bring documents to be securely shredded at the Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Collection Event on Saturday, October 17, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at City Hall, upper parking lot.

The City holds the HHW/E-Waste collection events on the 3rd Saturday in February, April, June, August, and October.

At the August 15 collection event, more than 62 residents safely disposed of hazardous materials and electronic waste.

Learn More

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Fall Recreation Programs Begin September 13

Fall programs including Malibu Marlins Swim Team, Dog Obedience, Dance, Art, Engineering, Surfing and more begin Monday, September 14. This fall, the Community Services Department will host the Halloween Bu Bash Carnival for kids ages 2 to 10, Spooky Skate at the Malibu Skate Park, Romeo and Ziggy's Romeo Roadwhow Equine Therapy at the Malibu Equestrian Park, and more!

Learn More

Community Lands Project

Learn about the Community Lands Project which will be reviewed by City Council at the September 28 Regular meeting. The Project includes preliminary design concepts of the Ioki Property (Chili Cook-Off), Heathercliff Property, and Triangle properties. 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

Caffeinated Verse: Poetry Event

Friday, September 11
1:30 – 4:00 PM
Malibu Library
Complimentary

Hosted by Malibu Poet Laureate Charlotte Ward, Caffeinated Verse is a monthly poetry celebration with a featured reader, open mic, light refreshments, and conversation. An RSVP is not required. September featured reader: Ann Buxie, “Justified!: Being Alive”

Learn More

Poetry Writing Studio: Poetry Event
Saturday, September 19
1:30 – 4:00 PM
Malibu Library
Complimentary

A generative poetry writing studio to read and discuss poems. Write original poems from prompts or personal impetus. The program includes an open mic session, light refreshments, and conversation. An RSVP is not required. September featured reader: Matthew Thie, “The Balance: The Five Senses.”

Register Here

Legacy Park Art Walk In Partnership With Malibu Art Association

Sunday, September 13
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Legacy Park
Complimentary

Experience Malibu’s vibrant arts scene at the Legacy Park Art Walk. Coordinated by the Malibu Art Association and hosted by the City of Malibu Arts Commission, the Art Walk will feature local artists showcasing and selling original art and prints inspired by Malibu’s natural beauty.

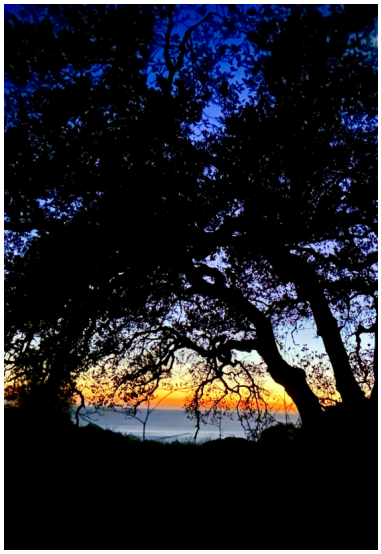
Learn More

Performance In The Park

Sunday, September 13
11:00 AM
Legacy Park
Complimentary

Join a free 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.

Register Here



Charmlee Sunset Hike

Friday, September 18
6:00 – 7:30 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

Malibu Monarch Project Lecture

Wednesday, September 16
6:30 AM – 7:30 PM
Malibu City Hall
Free, Pre-Registration Required

Guest speaker, Anupa Asokan, founder and director of Fish On, an organization focused on ocean conservation and supporting fishing communities, will discuss Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), including their purpose, benefits, regulations, protected species and habitats. Attendees will learn how to help protect healthy coastal environments.

Register Here

Nature Walk and Story-Time

Wednesday, September 23
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

Organic Culinary Herb Gardens Workshop

Thursday, September 10
10:00 – 11:00 AM
Malibu City Hall, Senior Center
Complimentary, Pre-Registration Required

Learn how to create an organic culinary herb garden. Facilitated by Farmer Jen Gammons Mujica, who specializes in home and kitchen gardens, organic plant care, and non-toxic lifestyle. An RSVP is required. For details or to RSVP, call (310) 456-2489, ext. 357.

Healthy Sleep Habits Workshop

Friday, September 25
12:30 – 1:30 PM
Malibu City Hall, Senior Center
Complimentary, Pre-Registration Required

Improve your sleep quality and overall well-being by learning strategies to create a restful environment and get tips and techniques to combat insomnia and establish a consistent sleep routine. Facilitated by The Foundation for Senior Services. An RSVP is required. For details or to RSVP, call (310) 456-2489, ext. 357.

Senior Luncheon “Cirque De Soleil"

Thursday, September 17
12:00 – 1:30 PM
Malibu City Hall, Multipurpose Room
$5 per person

This circus-themed luncheon will feature live entertainment and an opportunity to socialize with friends. Lunch will be provided by a local restaurant. RSVP required (maximum of 70 participants). For details or to RSVP, call (310) 456-2489, ext. 357.

Senior Excursion – California Science Center

Wednesday, September 30
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
$25 per person, pre-registration required by September 23

Visit the CA Science Center to explore their interactive galleries, Space Shuttle Endeavor, 188,000-gallon kelp forest, and more. 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, contact (310) 456-2489, ext. 357.



Painting Workshop

Wednesday, September 23
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
$10 per person, pre-registration required

Instructed by 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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Regular Planning Commission Meeting - City Hall, 6:30 PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Regular City Council Meeting - City Hall, 5:30 PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
Regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting - City Hall, 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
Public Workshop for Caltrans PCH Safety Improvements Las Flores to Broad Beach - City Hall, 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
Mobilehome Park Rent Stabilization Commission Regular Meeting - City Hall, 1:30 PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
Arts Commission Regular Meeting - City Hall, 9:30 AM

MALIBU REBUILDING UPDATES

Rebuild Website

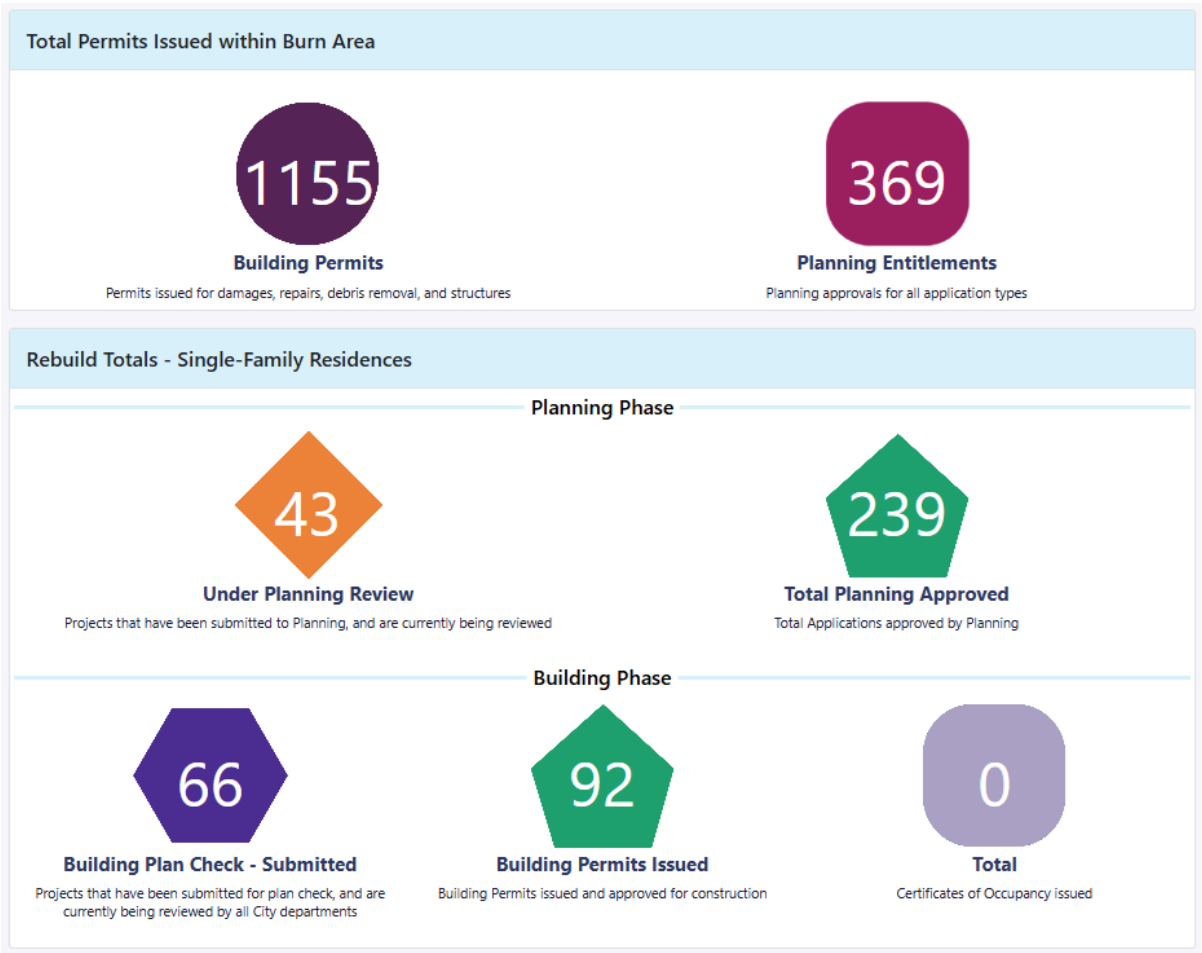
STATISTICS

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 September 3:



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!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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