

# CITY MANAGER REVA FELDMAN'S REGULAR UPDATE - OCTOBER 16, 2020

## UPCOMING

- Saturday, October 17, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - [Household Hazardous Waste / Electronic Waste Collection at City Hall](#)
- Monday, October 19, 6:30 PM - [Virtual Planning Commission Meeting](#)
- Tuesday, October 20, 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM - [Virtual Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments Governing Board Meeting](#)
- Saturday, October 24, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM - [Caffeinated Verse, Open Mic Poetry](#) (RSVP required)

## COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

City staff continues to monitor and respond to the pandemic by participating in regular briefings and conference calls with partner agencies, and issuing alerts and notifications regarding changes to the situation. Key updates from the County's [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) as of October 15, 2020 include the following:

- 106 confirmed cases and 3 deaths in the City of Malibu - an increase of 2 cases and no deaths from October 8
- 285,016 confirmed cases and 6,812 deaths in LA County - an increase of 7,571 cases and 103 deaths from October 8
- 720 current hospitalizations in LA County - an increase of 24 from October 8

The City's Emergency Operations Center has been activated since March 12 to manage the City's response. Current operational objectives include:

- Monitor news for changes to regulations that impact City residents and businesses
- Post updates on all social media platforms on an as-needed basis
- Identify City rules and regulations that need adjustment due to the pandemic
- Respond to community concerns regarding compliance with State and County Public Health Orders
- Maintain field operations per health guidelines and ramp up virtual operation capabilities
- In addition, the City continues to provide nearly all regular City services and all staff are working. In order to protect visitors and City staff, visitors are allowed in City Hall by appointment only

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

On October 14, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) Officer issued a [revised Health Officer Order](#) to allow for private, outdoor gatherings of persons from no more than 3 households, but only in compliance with safety requirements including physical distancing and time limitations. Refer to the [revised Health Officer Order](#) for more information on the required safety protocols.

## **MASK ORDINANCE**

On October 12, Council introduced on first reading Ordinance No. 473 requiring the use of face coverings during the COVID-19 pandemic. The second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 473 is scheduled for the October 26, 2020 Regular City Council meeting. The staff report is available on the [City's website](#). The ordinance requires use of a face covering over both the nose and mouth with certain exceptions. Exceptions include when persons in a residential zone, or vehicle, who are six feet away or more from any person who is not part of their household and others considerations based on age, medical requirements, the need to communicate with persons who are hearing impaired, and participation in waterbased activities. The ordinance also subjects violations to a fine of \$50 per violation but allow an individual to avoid citation if they immediately comply with the ordinance.

## **NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

The filing period for write-in candidates began on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, and runs through Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Please contact the City Clerk for details at [hglaser@malibucity.org](mailto:hglaser@malibucity.org) or by calling 310-456-2489, ext. 228.

Register to vote or make sure your registration is up to date by October 19, 2020, on the [Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's website](#) to automatically be sent a Vote by Mail ballot for the November 3, 2020 election. Vote by Mail ballots began mailing on Monday, October 5, 2020. Want to know where your ballot is? Visit <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>.

Vote Center locations are available [online](#). The following Vote Centers are located in Malibu:

Malibu Elementary School (listed as Juan Cabrillo Elementary School)  
30237 Morning View Drive  
Multi-purpose Room  
October 30 - November 2: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM  
November 3: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Christian Science Church  
28635 Pacific Coast Highway  
Sunday School Building  
October 30 - November 2: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM  
November 3: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Webster Elementary School  
3602 Winter Canyon Road (this portion of Civic Center Way is only accessible from Malibu Canyon Road)  
Multi-purpose Room  
October 24 - November 2: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM  
November 3: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

In addition, there will be a One Day Flex Vote Center at the Michael Landon Center at Malibu Bluffs Park on October 24:

One Day Flex Vote Center

Malibu Bluffs Park Michael Landon Center  
24250 Pacific Coast Highway  
October 24, 2020  
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

## **SCHOOL DISTRICT SEPARATION UPDATE**

On October 12, the Council voted unanimously to reinstate the City's petition for unification of a Malibu Unified School District to the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Committee on School District Organization. Malibu families have long advocated for separation from the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) citing inequities between the educational opportunities offered in Santa Monica and Malibu and an overwhelming desire for local control over their children's education among other concerns. To address residents' concerns and support the community's efforts for local control, the City Council has established school district separation as one of the Council's top three priorities under public safety and Woolsey Fire Rebuild for the last two years. The City's petition had been put on hold pending negotiations with SMMUSD. Councilmembers Karen Farrer and Rick Mullen who currently serve on the City's School District Separation Ad Hoc Committee and have been overseeing the negotiations with SMMUSD presented an update on the status of the negotiations along with the City's financial consultants at the October 12 Council Meeting. Video of the October 12 Meeting is available [online](#).

## **PARK PLAYGROUNDS OPEN**

Playgrounds at Malibu Bluffs Park, Las Flores Creek Park, and Trancas Canyon Park are now open with COVID-19 Safety Protocols in place. For more information regarding the COVID-19 Safety Protocols, please visit [the Community Services Department web page](#).

## **SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES**

The City Council continues to implement planning regulations to help local businesses impacted by COVID-19 public health orders. On September 14, the Council adopted an ordinance to temporarily waive certain sign regulations to help businesses advertise. Ordinance 471U provides local businesses temporary assistance in promoting their businesses and attracting customers. The ordinance allows business owners and non-residential use operators to install up to two temporary signs. Temporary signs may include portable signs (A-frame or sandwich board type signs), wall signs, window signs and banners for purposes of advertising a business or non-residential use located within the City. The ordinance allows placement of up to one of these temporary signs in the public right-of-way or in a private street or easement. Temporary sign permits may be approved by the Planning Director administratively. To submit your temporary sign permit application (no fee required), email [mplanning@malibucity.org](mailto:mplanning@malibucity.org).

The City Council previously adopted the Temporary Restaurant Recovery Program allowing local restaurants to temporarily expand their seating areas to adjacent common areas or sidewalks with physical distancing and other public health protocols in place to slow the spread of coronavirus. For more information about this program, [visit the Restaurant Recovery web page](#).

## **MALIBU REBUILDS STATISTICS**

- Single Family Dwellings planning approvals issued - **260**
- Single Family Dwellings building permits issued – **152**
- Single Family Dwelling complete- **11**

## **MALIBU REBUILDS - NOVEMBER 8, 2020 DEADLINE**

The November 8 deadline to submit a Planning Verification (PV) application to rebuild non-conforming homes and structures without having to bring the structure into compliance or seek variances is fast approaching. PV applications must be submitted to the Planning Department prior to the November 8 deadline. Homeowners are encouraged to submit their PV applications prior to the November 8 deadline or request an extension of the two-year period. It is free to submit an extension request. Extensions may be granted by the Planning Commission when the request demonstrates that due to unusual circumstances, the deadline creates an undue hardship. To submit your [PV application](#) or to submit your [request for a time extension](#), contact fire rebuild staff at [Ashah@malibucity.org](mailto:Ashah@malibucity.org).

On September 29, the City Council initiated a code amendment to extend the deadlines. The staff report is available on the [City's website](#). On November 2, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the amendment and provide a recommendation to the City Council. For more information, please review the [Notice of Public Hearing](#). If the proposed amendment is adopted, it will go into effect after November 8. Extension requests should be submitted before November 8.

## **MALIBU REBUILDS - FEE WAIVER DEADLINES**

Fee waiver applications must be received by December 30, 2020, all required Planning Department applications for the project must be deemed complete by December 30, 2020, and all required building permits must be obtained by June 30, 2021. Please note that the Woolsey Fire fee waivers are non-transferable should the property change ownership. If a waiver is obtained, a Certificate of Occupancy will only be issued to the property owner who filed the affidavit establishing primary residence at the time of the Woolsey Fire. All fees associated with post-approval revisions to the project's Planning Department approval or building permit issuance will not be waived and will be charged in accordance the City's Adopted Fee Schedule prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. For more information, visit the City's [Fee Waiver web page](#).

## **MALIBU REBUILDS - REBUILD PLANNING CONSULTATIONS**

The Fire Rebuild team is available for complimentary one-on-one consultations about any fire rebuild project. Contact Aakash Shah at [ashah@malibucity.org](mailto:ashah@malibucity.org) to set an appointment for phone or online meeting. For ideas about how to get started with your project, visit the Rebuild Page, where you can view rebuild options and find all related forms and handouts.

## **MALIBU REBUILDS - BUILDING HEIGHT**

New homes under construction will be required to submit a Height Survey Certification at framing inspection in order to verify City-approved heights. Any projects that are built to a height that is higher than allowed by code or by approved plans may be subject to a Stop Work Order, project revisions to remove the excess height or additional permitting to allow the height (if feasible). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Planning staff at 310-456-2489, ext. 385.

## **MALIBU REBUILDS - SALE OF PROPERTY**

Please note that the Woolsey Fire fee waivers are not transferable. If a waiver is obtained, a Certificate of Occupancy will only be issued to the property owner who filed the affidavit establishing primary residence at the time of the Woolsey Fire. All fees that were waived must be paid to the City before a Certificate of Occupancy will be issued to an owner other than the one listed on the fee waiver. Fee waiver applications must be received by December 30, 2020; all required Planning Department applications for the project must be deemed complete by December 30, 2020; and all required building permit must be pulled by June 30, 2021. For more information, visit the [City's Fee Waiver web page](#).

## **SCE'S CLEAN ENERGY AND RESILIENCY (CLEAR) REBUILD PROGRAM**

SCE is providing enhanced incentives up to \$17,500 for energy-efficient new home construction in areas affected by the Woolsey Fire. The CLEAR Program offers enhanced incentives to encourage rebuilding to or above the 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Title 24), including clean, energy-efficient, solar and battery storage, and resilient design. If interested, email [CLEAR@sce.com](mailto:CLEAR@sce.com) or call 1-866-723-2257. More information on fire rebuild resources and rebates is available on the [City's website](#).

## **NEW BUILDING SAFETY ONLINE PERMITTING SERVICES**

Over the counter permits (building, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, septic and excavation) can now be submitted through the [new Online Building Permit Request Portal](#). To help facilitate Building Safety reviews, Building Safety has transitioned to electronic plan check submittals, permits, and invoices. Visit the [City's Building and Safety web page](#) to find out how to start an electronic plan check submittal and permit request or email [mbuilding@malibucity.org](mailto:mbuilding@malibucity.org) for more information.

## **FIRE-RESISTANT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE**

In response to the Woolsey Fire, in March 2020, the City Council adopted [Ordinance No. 461 - the Fire-Resistant Landscaping Ordinance](#). The Ordinance strives to minimize the risks to life and property as a result of fire, and protect property from damage caused by fires, by restricting the fuels available for the spread of fires. The City has launched a web page to help homeowners comply with the ordinance and to further protect their homes. For more information, visit the [Fire-Resistant Landscaping web page](#).

## **2020 WILDFIRE SEASON PREPAREDNESS**

The City's Public Safety staff are in full stride preparing for the upcoming fire season. Although fires can happen any time during the year, the most damaging fires occur in the fall and early winter when hot, dry, powerful Santa Ana winds are blowing, and fuel moistures are low. City staff participated in a virtual exercise with regional response partners on Thursday, August 6 to begin coordinating communication and response actions. The exercise scenario focused on a fire in Topanga that was moving quickly toward Malibu. Some of the strategies that were discussed included directing evacuees west, utilizing Zuma as a temporary safe refuge, and deploying emergency generators to traffic signals if power is lost. Some of the action items from the exercise included working with the agency partners to draft emergency messaging templates that will be consistent across the region, developing a plan for managing a temporary safe refuge area at Zuma Beach, and conducting a public education campaign regarding the newly established evacuation zones. To complement this exercise, City staff will participate in virtual Emergency Operations Center exercises to practice new procedures based on COVID-19 pandemic restraints.

Community preparedness events were conducted throughout September as part of National Preparedness Month. In addition, staff developed a weed whacker fire safety flyer that is available to community groups to distribute and/or post on community bulletin boards. [The flyer is available in English and Spanish](#).

On Saturday, October 3, Public Safety staff team up with members of the CERT Team, Volunteers on Patrol (VOPs) and Arson Watch to continue doing direct outreach in the neighborhoods to make sure everyone has the latest information about evacuation zones and terminology, and a copy of the City's new Emergency Survival Guide. On Saturday, September 26, eight teams of volunteers fanned out in eastern Malibu and made contact with 144 residents. Public Safety staff intends to continue the outreach until all neighborhoods have been covered.

## 2020 WILDFIRE SEASON: EVACUATION PLAN

At its regular meeting on February 24, 2020, the City Council adopted the Mass Evacuation Plan as an update to the City's [Emergency Operations Plan](#). The Mass Evacuation Plan was one of the findings of a working group assembled after the 2018 Woolsey Fire to improve disaster coordination, communication, and evacuation among all of the public agencies that might respond to a disaster in Malibu. The Evacuation Plan, Evacuation Zone Maps, Evacuation terms and a search function to find out what your home's Zone is, are [all available on the City's Evacuations web page](#). The Evacuation Plan was recently updated to incorporate the State's new evacuation terminology, including:

- **Evacuation Order:** Immediate threat to life. This is a lawful order to leave now. The area is lawfully closed to public access.
- **Evacuation Warning:** Potential threat to life and/or property. Those who require additional time to evacuate, and those with pets and livestock should leave now.
- **Shelter in Place:** Go indoors. Shut and lock doors and windows. Prepare to self-sustain until further notice and/or contacted by emergency personnel for additional direction.
- **Evacuation Order(s) Lifted:** The formal announcement of lifting evacuations in an area currently under evacuation.
- **Hard Closure:** Closed to all traffic except fire and law enforcement.
- **Soft Closure:** Closed to all traffic except Fire, law enforcement and critical incident resources (i.e. Caltrans, city/county roads etc. or those needed to repair or restore infrastructure).
- **Resident Only Closure:** Soft closure with the additional allowance of residents and local government agencies assisting with response and recovery.

## 2020 WILDFIRE SEASON: EVACUATION ZONES

As part of the City's Mass Evacuation Plan, the City partnered with the Los Angeles County Fire and Sheriff's Departments to establish official Evacuation Zones. The Zones follow [Malibu's historic fire corridors](#). In the event of a large fire, officials may use the Evacuation Zones to quickly identify the timing, order, and routes of evacuation for specific areas to be more effective and avoid traffic bottlenecks.

On September 14, the City mailed postcards to residents with information on their assigned Evacuation Zone. Residents are encouraged to become familiar with their Zone and evacuation routes and memorize their Evacuation Zone number. The Zones are available to view on the City's website at: [MalibuCity.org/Evac](http://MalibuCity.org/Evac). Residents may also search by their address to learn the Zone in which their home is located on the City's website at: [MalibuCity.org/ZoneSearch](http://MalibuCity.org/ZoneSearch)

## 2020 WILDFIRE SEASON: WILDFIRE AND FIRE SAFETY WEB PAGE

To help prepare for peak wildfire season, community members are encouraged to visit the City's [Wildfire and Fire Safety](#) page, for ongoing information and resources. Topics featured on the webpage include:

- Home Ignition Zone Assessments
- The Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- How to Create a Defensible Home
- How to Build an Action Plan

- Red Flag Warning and Fire Weather Watch
- Live Fuel Moisture
- House Fire Safety
- Weed Whacker Safety

For more information about any of these topics, contact Fire Safety Liaison Jerry Vandermeulen at 310-456-2489, ext. 387 or [JVandermeulen@malibucity.org](mailto:JVandermeulen@malibucity.org), or [FireSafety@malibucity.org](mailto:FireSafety@malibucity.org).

## **2020 WILDFIRE SEASON: CURRENT LIVE FUEL MOISTURE**

Tracking live fuel moisture (LFM) is an important part of maintaining situational awareness and determining critical fire danger and/or Red Flag Conditions. The LFM has reached a critical level of 59%, which is down from 64% two weeks ago. A live fuel moisture reading of 60% or less is considered critical. LFM is defined as the percentage of water content to dry matter content in live vegetation. LFM can be as high as 200% and critical levels (60% or less) are usually reached by mid-October in a “normal” year. The Los Angeles County Fire Department Forestry Division conducts sampling approximately every two weeks and posts the results on their website. The full [Los Angeles County Live Fuel Moisture summary](#) and the current [Santa Monica Mountains Live Fuel Moisture](#) are both available online.

## **2020 WILDFIRE SEASON: SIGN UP FOR ALERTS AND DISASTER NOTIFICATIONS**

If you are not already signed up to receive alerts and disaster notifications, now is the time to get that done. Make sure all members of your family, business, or organization are signed up for emergency, weather and traffic alerts by text and email from the City. To sign up, visit [the E-notify web page](#) and scroll down to Alert Center. When there is an imminent threat to any part of our community or evacuations, the City issues Disaster Notifications (similar to reverse 9-1-1) to the specific area that is being threatened. Last year, the City acquired a database of all cell phone numbers with accounts with a 90265 address. If you wish create an account or edit an exiting account in the City’s Disaster Notification System, you can you can [visit the Disaster Notifications sign up portal](#), create a profile, and change your contact information. If the threat is widespread, the City can issue a Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) which goes to all cell phones within the City with no subscriptions necessary, so it reaches visitors as well as residents. For more information about all of the City’s different types of alerts, go to the City’s [web page](#).

## **2020 WILDFIRE SEASON: OBTAIN A DOLPHIN DECAL FOR RESIDENT ONLY ROAD CLOSURES**

Malibu’s Dolphin Decal vehicle identification program was established to assist emergency personnel in identifying residents and other individuals who need to access their homes and businesses during some types of emergencies. In the event of a Resident Only road closure, the Dolphin Decal may expedite passage into the restricted area. When approaching a roadblock, all motorists will be checked for proof of residency or business in the Malibu area or to ensure they have a Dolphin Decal on their vehicle. This decal is used to assist in identification only and gives no special rights or privileges to the holder. Decals are non-transferable and non-refundable. There is no expiration date on the decals. To register for a Dolphin Decal, or for more information, visit the [Dolphin Decal Program Page](#) or call City Hall at 310-456-2489.

## **2020 WILDFIRE SEASON: EMERGENCY SURVIVAL GUIDE**

The Malibu Emergency Survival Guide is now available. The Guide is based on the Los Angeles County Survival Guide but customized for Malibu. This comprehensive guide includes information about creating an emergency plan, emergency food and supplies, what to do when disaster strikes,

basic first aid, important phone numbers and hazards specific to Malibu. The City encourages neighborhood and community groups to make an appointment to pick up the booklets in bulk to distribute in your neighborhood. To make an appointment to pick up the guide for your neighborhood/community group, contact Sarah Kaplan, Public Safety Specialist, at [skaplan@malibucity.org](mailto:skaplan@malibucity.org) or 310-456-2489, ext. 368.

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

After five years as the City's Planning Director and a total of 14 years working for the City, Bonnie Blue announced plans to relocate to her home state of Florida to be closer to her family. Bonnie will be stepping down from her current role on October 20, 2020 following the October 19, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting. Assistant Planning Director Richard Mollica has been named the Acting Planning Director for the City of Malibu effective October 21, 2020 to ensure continuity of planning services while the City continues its search for a permanent Planning Director. Richard has a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning, has a certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners and has worked for the City for over 15 years in various roles within the Planning Department.

## SHORT-TERM RENTALS

On September 14, the City Council held a public hearing regarding [short-term rental \(STR\) regulations](#) including the Enforcement Ordinance and the Hosted Ordinance:

- Enforcement Ordinance - On September 29, the City Council held a second reading and adopted [Ordinance No. 468](#) to provide enforcement tools to regulate STRs. The effective date of the ordinance is January 15, 2021. Information on the new STR permitting program and regulations will be announced soon.
- Hosted Ordinance – On October 26, the "Hosted" STR ordinance will be considered by the City Council on October 26. The staff report is available on the [City's website](#). For more information on the proposed Hosted STR Ordinance and a description of the changes requested, visit the City's Short-Term Rental web page at the City's Short-Term Rental web page at [malibucity.org/STR](http://malibucity.org/STR).

For more information and the history of the City's consideration of STR regulations, visit the STR webpage at [malibucity.org/STR](http://malibucity.org/STR).

## SURFACE PARKING LOT USE ZONING/LCP AMENDMENT

On November 9, the City Council will hold a virtual public hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Local Coastal Program (LCP) to allow stand-alone surface parking lots as a conditionally permitted use. Currently, parking lots are allowed in conjunction with another use but not as a stand-alone use. If approved by City Council, the LCP amendment would have to be certified by the California Coastal Commission before the regulations could go into effect. For more information about the upcoming hearing, please review the [Notice of Public Hearing](#).

## PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN - CORRAL BEACH AND ZUMA BEACH AREAS

On September 14, the City Council adopted [Ordinance 469](#) to implement parking restriction in the Corral Beach and Zuma Beach areas. In order to implement the Ordinance, a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) will need to be processed for each area. On October 19, the Planning Commission will hold virtual hearings on the CDPs. The Planning Commission agenda and staff reports are available on the [City's website](#).

## **PASSPORT SERVICES**

In order to keep City staff and the community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, the City is not accepting passport appointments at this time. The U.S. Department of State has a phased plan for reopening services and, as of October 14, is offering routine service (10-12 week turnaround) and expedite service (4-6 week turnaround, \$60 extra) at currently operational [Passport Acceptance Facilities](#). Visit the [U.S. Department of State website](#) for travel advisories in place.

## **CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE DEFAULT CHANGE TO 100% GREEN POWER OCTOBER 2020**

In October 2019, City Council voted to adopt Clean Power Alliance's (CPA) 100% Green Power as the default rate for CPA customers in the City to reduce the impacts of climate change and air pollution. Starting in October 2020, Malibu's CPA customers will receive 100% renewable power generated by solar, wind and other renewable and carbon-free resources. Malibu's CPA customers can choose a different rate option with lower cost and lower renewable content at any time and should have received postcards notifying them of the default change. Additional postcards will be sent to the community in November 2020 to remind customers of this change. To change your rate option or see how your bill compares with SCE, [visit the website](#) or call CPA at 888-585-3788.

## **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION OCTOBER 17**

Staff continues to organize environmental events with COVID-19 safety precautions. On Saturday, October 17, the City will be conducting a [Household Hazardous Waste \(HHW\) and E-Waste Event at City Hall](#).

## **VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER**

The Environmental Sustainability Department's [Virtual Environmental Center](#) allows residents to enjoy virtual activities from home and learn about the City's environmental projects. Virtual activities include Smart Gardening webinars, California Friendly Landscaping and Turf Removal webinars and recycling tips.

## **SELF-REGENERATING WATER SOFTENER BAN**

The City has adopted a ban on the use of salt-based regenerative water softeners for properties connected to the Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Facility to reduce the salts in the groundwater. Installation of new salt and potassium chloride-based self-regenerating water softeners existing self-regenerating water softeners at properties connected to the Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Facility must be removed by October 28, 2020.

## **CHARMLEE WILDERNESS PARK REOPENING MONDAY, OCTOBER 19**

Charmlee Wilderness Park will reopen to the public on Monday, October 19, with COVID-19 safety protocols in place. The park has remained closed since sustaining heavy damage during the Woolsey Fire, pending repairs to the welcome area and primary trail system. Charmlee will be open daily from 8:00 AM to sunset. For more information regarding the COVID-19 safety protocols is available on the [Community Services Department web page](#).

## **CITY TO CO-SPONSOR MALIBU FILM SOCIETY TWO-NIGHT DRIVE-IN OCTOBER 30-31**

On October 12, the Council approved the request from the Malibu Film Society that the City co-sponsor the two-night drive-in October 30-31. The Halloween Drive-In Movie Nights will feature

family-friendly movies on a giant three-story-tall screen. Films are held at the Chili Cookoff site in the Civic Center area, starting at 7:00 PM. Advance reservations are required by visiting [www.MalibuFilmSociety.org](http://www.MalibuFilmSociety.org).

## **DR. JOHN STRULOEFF NAMED POET LAUREATE**

On October 12, the Council approved the nomination of Dr. John Struloeff to serve as the Malibu Poet Laureate from October 13, 2020, to June 1, 2021. Dr. Struloeff serves as the Director of Creative Writing at Pepperdine University and has been involved in the Poet Laureate program since its inception. He has received multiple literary awards for his work which has been published in more than 50 literary journals and magazines. More information about Dr. Struloeff and the City's Poet Laureate Program is available [City's Poet Laureate Program page](#).

## **VIRTUAL POETRY PROGRAMS**

Malibu Poet Laureate Dr. John Struloeff will host a series of monthly virtual poetry programs from October to December. The first program in the series, Caffeinated Verse, will include a poetry reading by Dr. Struloeff and an open mic where poets may share their work with peers. The program takes place on Saturday, October 24, at 11:00 AM. Attendees may RSVP on the [City of Malibu's website](#).

## **VIRTUAL RECREATION CENTER**

The Community Services Department's Virtual Recreation Center (VRC) allows residents to enjoy recreation programs from home during the pandemic. The VRC features a wide variety of programs, activities, and classes designed to help residents of any age stay active and entertained. Programs are updated frequently, so make sure to [visit the Virtual Recreation Center](#) on a regular basis.

## **NEW TEMPORARY SKATE PARK OPERATING HOURS**

The Temporary Skate Park operating hours have been adjusted due to sunset occurring earlier. Reservations are available Monday - Friday from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Operating hours will continue to be adjusted through the fall and winter, as sunset occurs earlier in the evening. Skaters can reserve one two-hour skate session through our [online reservation system](#) every other day, up to one week in advance.

## **PERMANENT SKATE PARK DESIGN SURVEY**

The Permanent Skate Park Design Survey is available online. The survey allows local skaters and interested parties to provide feedback regarding the preliminary design for the Permanent Skate Park Project. The survey is available until October 23, 2020, and you can take the survey by visiting [the Skate Park web page](#).

## **FALL AFTER-SCHOOL CAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Registration for Fall After-School Camps for youth grades K-12 is now open. Available camps options include Theatre, Hiking at Charmlee Wilderness Park, and a variety of sports. You can view available camps and register online by visiting the [Community Services Department's registration web page](#).

## **COMMUNITY POOL**

The Community Swimming Pool is open with limited programming and COVID-19 safety guidelines. Swimmers may view available dates/times or [register for the SeaWolves Swim Program, Masters Swim, and Lap Swim online](#). Please note: Due to limited pool space, Lap Swim is only available by making a reservation through the online reservation system. No walk-ups are allowed.

## **CIVIC CENTER WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY PHASE 2**

On October 12, the City Council awarded a contract for assessment engineering services for the formation of an assessment district for the Civic Center Water Treatment Facility Phase 2. The City hosted a virtual community meeting on September 17 to provide an update on the project. Additional information on the project is available on the [City's website](#). The City will conduct a follow up community meeting in December 2020.

## **GUARDRAIL REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

The Guardrail Replacement Project consists of replacement of guardrails damaged by the Woolsey Fire at various locations within the City. The only remaining work for this project includes final grading/earthwork around the already repaired guardrails. The project is anticipated to be completed by late Fall 2020. Damaged guardrails located next to retaining walls will be replaced as part of the City's forthcoming Latigo Retaining Wall Project to minimize associated damage to the adjacent walls.

## **ROUTINE STREET MAINTENANCE**

City maintenance crews continue to monitor and maintain all City streets and canyon roads. This includes but is not limited to signs, striping, litter removal, pothole repairs, storm drain maintenance and various other repair work. Additionally, crews continue to assist Caltrans with litter and debris removal along Pacific Coast Highway. They also monitor temporary parking restrictions as requested during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **FEMA PRELIMINARY FLOOD MAPS APPEAL**

The City is in the process of appealing the revised FEMA Preliminary Flood Maps. These revised maps change the flood zone and flood depth along the City's coastline. The proposed changes could have an impact to all existing properties and any new development along the beach. Since December 2019, the City's consultant (Moffat & Nichol) conducted several conference calls with FEMA regarding the City's proposed methodology to determine the base flood elevations along the coastline. They also performed a new land survey and then re-calculated the depth of flooding along the coastline. The majority of the sections analyzed showed a lower base flood elevation. Last week, the City's consultant submitted the revised calculations to FEMA for their review. The City is expecting FEMA's review process to take until November 2020. More information is available on the [City's website](#). FEMA informed the City that they will suspend processing any Flood Map revisions starting August 14, 2020. All applications for Flood Map revisions received prior to August 14, 2020 will be processed and completed. The City verified with FEMA that they have received its Flood Map revisions. FEMA is currently reviewing the City's Flood Map revisions and will not suspend this process.

## **CIVIC CENTER WAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

This project will improve the horizontal and vertical sight distance, create additional space for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclist and transit to travel along Civic Center Way between Malibu Canyon Road and Webb Way. From September 21 to December 2020 (weather permitting) a portion of Civic Center Way between Vista Pacifica and the private driveway of 23901 Civic Center Way will be temporary closed. The temporary closure will include access for emergency vehicles to utilize the street during emergency situations. Work hours will be Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM with some work scheduled on Saturdays. The temporary closure will not prevent access to any adjacent side streets or private driveways. Additionally, the Contractor will not be working during red flag warnings. Additional information is available on the [City's website](#).

## **DUME DRIVE AND FERNHILL DRIVE SPEED HUMPS PROJECT**

This project includes the installation of speed humps on Dume Drive and Fernhill Drive from Grayfox Street to Cliffside Drive. Construction bids were due on October 8, 2020. The apparent low bidder is J&H Engineering. Staff will review the bids and bring an item to City Council to award a contract for construction.

### **STORM DRAIN TRASH SCREENS**

The project is located at various storm drains throughout the city and consists of design, fabrication and anchoring new pipe screens to existing catch basin structures, and other incidental work. The pipe screens prevent trash and debris from entering the storm drain system during dry weather and moderate storm flows by keeping the trash and debris inside the catch basin. On October 12, Council awarded the construction contract to United Storm Water Inc.. Staff will finalize the contract documents and coordinate starting the project with the Contractor.

### **BLUFFS PARK WORKOUT STATION**

The project is located at the Malibu Bluffs Park and consists of removal of the existing zip-line play structure and poured-in-place rubber surface, installation of a new workout station, including a new poured-in-place rubber surface similar to the existing surface, and installation of signage included with the workout station equipment. On October 12, Council awarded the construction contract to Civic Construction Associates. Staff will finalize the contract documents and coordinate starting the project with the Contractor.

### **CITY HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

This project consists of replacing the City Hall roof. The project is current out for public bidding. The construction bid information is available on the [City's website](#). Bids are due on November 18, 2020.

### **MALIBU PARK DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

This project consists of work to repair and improve several drainage structures located within the Malibu Park Neighborhood along Cuthbert Road, Busch Drive and Harvester Road, Morning View Drive, and Birdview Avenue that were damaged during severe storms in the aftermath of the Woolsey Fire. The project is current out for public bidding. The construction bid information is available on the [City's website](#). Bids are due on November 19, 2020.