

UPCOMING

- Monday, January 11, 6:30 PM - [Virtual City Council Meeting](#)
- Saturday, January 16, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM - [Virtual Poetry Workshop](#)
- Monday, January 18, City Hall Closed for Martin Luther King Day

FIRST MEETING OF 2021 FOR NEW MALIBU CITY COUNCIL

The Malibu City Council will hold its first virtual Regular Meeting of 2021 on Monday, January 11, 6:30 PM. [The agenda and viewing and commenting instructions are posted on the website.](#)

Members of the public are encouraged to submit email correspondence to citycouncil@malibucity.org before the meeting begins.

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. On January 7, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health confirmed 218 new deaths and 19,719 new cases of COVID-19.

Other key updates from the County's [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) as of January 7, 2020 include the following:

- 238 confirmed positive cases and 5 deaths in the City of Malibu to date
- 871,404 confirmed cases and 11,545 deaths in LA County to date
- 8,098 current hospitalizations in LA County, an increase of more than 550 people since January 3

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

UPDATED LA COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS

On December 30, the Los Angeles County Public Health Officer issued a revised [Temporary Targeted Safer at Home Health Officer](#) to remain in effect for as long as the State's Public Health Officer's Regional Stay at Home remains in effect for the Southern California region. On December 17, the Public Health Officer issued a revised [Public Health Isolation Order](#) and a revised [Public Health Emergency Quarantine Order](#). More information and guidance on how to comply with these orders is available on the LA County Department Public Health's [website](#).

STATE ISSUED REGIONAL STAY AT HOME ORDER IN EFFECT

On December 6, the State issued a [Regional Stay at Home Order](#) for Southern California went into effect as the region's ICU capacity fell below the threshold established by Governor Newsom. The order prohibits private gatherings of any size, closes in-person operations except for critical infrastructure, and establishes capacity limits for retail and grocery stores. More information is available on the [State's website](#). The order will not be lifted until the region's projected ICU capacity meets or exceeds 15%.

TRAVEL ADVISORIES

On December 30, Los Angeles County issued a [mandatory directive on travel](#). The directive requires any travelers returning to LA County, or travelers coming to LA County to self-quarantine for 10 days. This is in furtherance of the [State's Travel Advisory](#), which provides both that Californians stay home or in their region and avoid non-essential travel. Persons who arrive into any should region of California self-quarantine for 10 days after arrival.

COVID-19 VACCINE

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) is working closely with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the CDC on the allocation, distribution, and administration of COVID-19 vaccine throughout the County. Vaccine is being made available to individuals in three phases of prioritization (with sub-phases and tiers) until larger vaccine supplies become available. You can get general information on the vaccine and sign up for alerts and updated on the [LACDPH's COVID-19 Vaccine webpage](#). Here are some additional resources from LACDPH:

- [Information on Vaccine Prioritization and Allocation](#)
- [Vaccine Distribution](#)

DRIVE-THROUGH COVID TESTING AT CITY HALL OVER THE HOLIDAYS

The City partnered with Malibu Medical Group to offer drive-thru COVID-19 testing at City Hall throughout December. On December 22 and 29 alone, the City and CERT volunteers supported Malibu Medical Group testing approximately 520 people at City Hall.

MASK ORDINANCE

On November 5, Council adopted [Ordinance No. 473](#) requiring the use of face coverings during the COVID-19 pandemic. The ordinance requires the 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 water-based 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.

TEMPORARY NO PARKING TO LIMIT SOCIAL GATHERINGS

In response to the increase in cases of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County, the City has filed a new emergency request with the California Coastal Commission to re-install temporary no parking signs in multiple locations in Malibu that were taken down when limitations for public gatherings were laxed. The intent is to limit social gatherings and promote social distancing to preserve the public's health. Signs have been installed along Pacific Coast Highway by Latigo Shore Drive, Rambla Vista and west of Trancas Canyon Road.

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 a temporary sign permit application (no fee required), email mplanning@malibucity.org.

MALIBU REBUILDS STATISTICS

Staff continues to work with homeowners to rebuild. Here are the current rebuild statistics:

- Single Family Dwellings planning approvals issued - 283
- Single Family Dwellings building permits issued - 166
- Single Family Dwellings complete - 19

MALIBU REBUILDS - FEE WAIVER PROGRAM

At this time, the first two deadlines to obtain a fee waiver have passed: 1) fee waiver applications were due by December 30, 2020; and 2) all required Planning Department applications for fire rebuild projects were required to be deemed complete by December 30, 2020. Going forward, to qualify for a fee waiver relating to building permits residents must obtain all required building permits 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 - NOVEMBER 8, 2020 DEADLINE EXTENDED

On December 14, 2020, Council voted to extend the deadline to apply to rebuild non-conforming homes and structures destroyed in the Woolsey Fire without having to bring the structure into compliance or seek variances. The new deadline is November 8, 2021. In addition, the deadline to obtain building permits has been extended to November 8, 2023. The staff report is available on the [City's website](#). To submit your rebuild application, please contact Aakash Shah at ashah@malibucity.org or at (310) 456-2489, ext. 385.

MALIBU REBUILDS - 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 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 HEIGHTS

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.

UTILITY POLE MAINTENANCE

After the Woolsey Fire, Southern California Edison and other utility providers, rushed to restore service and repair infrastructure on utility poles. However, since then, the City has received complaints regarding the status of power or cable lines. As a result, City staff has contacted the California Public Utilities Commission's Consumer Affairs Branch regarding this issue. The California Public Utilities Code regulates the safety of utility poles and related infrastructure. Should any power or cable line be improperly installed on utility poles, the public can contact the California Public Utilities Commission's Consumer Affairs Branch to investigate and enforce its regulations at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/complaints/>.

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 or call 1-866-723-2257. More information on fire rebuild resources and rebates is available on the [City's website](#).

BUILDING SAFETY ONLINE PERMITTING AND PLAN CHECK SERVICES

Over the counter permits and plan checks can be submitted through the City's [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 for more information.

FIRE-RESISTANT LANDSCAPING 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](#).

WILDFIRE SEASON PREPAREDNESS

The City's Public Safety staff are prepared and ready to respond in the event of a wildfire that is threatening Malibu. 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. With each Red Flag Warning, the City's EOC Team is placed on standby and all city employees are advised to be prepared for a full response. In addition, Public Safety staff participate in daily conference calls with County Fire and the National Weather Service to ensure

that the City's situational awareness is up to speed. More information on fire and emergency preparedness is available on the City's [Public Safety web page](#)

WILDFIRE SEASON: EVACUATION PLAN

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

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. 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..

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, or FireSafety@malibucity.org.

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 in the Santa Monica Mountains is at a critical level of 60%. 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.

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 existing 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](#).

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.

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 or 310-456-2489, ext. 368.

NEW SHORT-TERM RENTAL PERMIT PROGRAM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15, 2021

Effective January 15, 2021, the short-term rental of residential property can only be conducted in accordance with a valid Short-Term Rental (STR) Permit as established by [Ordinance No. 468](#). Advertising or operating residential property as a short-term rental without a permit as of January 15, 2021 will be considered a violation of Ordinance No. 468 and Malibu Municipal Code Chapter 17.55. The short-term rental of property or the advertisement, offer, or facilitation, of such rental without a valid short-term rental permit shall be subject to a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per day or violation, or twice the advertised short-term rental's daily rental rate per day or violation, whichever is higher.

The STR Permit Application is available on the City's website at MalibuCity.org/STR. To date, the City has received approximately 100 applications that are currently being reviewed. Property owners are encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible as it may take some time to review the application. Applications received now are not guaranteed to be processed by January 15. For questions or assistance filling out your application, please contact STRSupport@malibucity.org or call the City's short-term rental support line at (310) 456-2489, ext. 381.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS - HOSTED ORDINANCE

On November 23, 2020, the City Council adopted [Ordinance No. 472](#) (Hosted STR Ordinance) to establish provisions to regulate short-term rental of property citywide which include, but are not limited to, requiring the presence of an onsite host during short-term rentals, primary residency requirements and multifamily restrictions. The Hosted STR Ordinance regulations cannot go into effect until the associated Local Coastal Program Amendment is certified by the California Coastal Commission (CCC). [In a letter from the CCC staff](#), the CCC staff informed the City that they will provide comments on the LCP amendment by January 13, 2021. For more information, visit the City's website at MalibuCity.org/STR.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY URGENCY ORDINANCE

On Wednesday, December 9, the City Council held a Special Meeting and adopted an Urgency Ordinance, as amended, to regulate the permitting of wireless facilities in public rights-of-way and adopted a resolution to establish design and development standards and standard permit conditions for wireless facilities in public rights-of-way. For more information on the background of the Urgency Ordinance view the [agenda and staff report online](#).

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES APPLICATION REVIEW

On September 29, Council directed that the City issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Wireless Communication Facilities (WCF) Application Review Services. The RFP was issued for 30 days and the City received 4 proposals. Staff conducted interviews, evaluated the proposals, and associated fees. The award of contract item is scheduled to be considered by the City Council on January 11, 2021. The agenda, staff report along with the RFP and responses are available on the [City's website](#).

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY ORDINANCE UPDATE

The City is currently in the process of updating its Wireless Communication Facility Ordinance. On December 16, the City held a virtual public workshop to solicit comments from the community on a draft ordinance and desired outcomes. In addition, the City will be releasing an online survey to obtain additional input from members of the public. The City published a [Notice of Planning Commission Public Hearing for January 19, 2021](#). However, in order to incorporate public comments into the draft ordinance, staff is recommending the hearing be delayed to February 1. This meeting is the first of a series of public meetings to review the proposed ordinance update which will include a Planning Commission Meeting and City Council Meeting. More information is available on the [project web page](#) including [a project timeline](#) for the development of the proposed ordinance update.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY APPLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

In order to keep members of the public informed of Wireless Communication Facility (WCF) applications under review by the Planning Department, a Pending WCF Applications report is available on the [City's website](#). The report will be updated as the status of an application changes as well as when a public comment period begins for an application. To receive notifications of an updated report or WCF, please email psalazar@malibucity.org.

In an effort to better inform members of the public regarding opportunities to provide public comment on pending WCF applications, the public notice has been revised to clarify the public comment period, explain the status of the application pending review and how to inspect records, and provide more information regarding the location of the pending WCF application.

OVERSIZE VEHICLE ORDINANCE

In December 2017, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 427, the Oversize Vehicle Ordinance, which implemented parking restrictions for commercial oversize vehicles and trailers, and noncommercial oversize vehicles and trailers citywide. In order to implement the Ordinance, a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) is required. On January 19, the Planning Commission will consider two CDPs to install regulatory signage at the City boundaries. The staff report is available on the [City's website](#).

PESTICIDE BAN UPDATE

On December 9, 2019, the City Council adopted a [Local Coastal Program Amendment that bans the use of pesticides](#), including insecticides, rodenticides, or any toxic chemical substance which has the potential to significantly degrade biological resources in the City. The amendment was submitted to the California Coastal Commission (CCC) for certification. In September 2020, the CCC granted CCC staff an one-year extension to hold the hearing. The City was informed by CCC staff that they are planning to hold the hearing in March 2021. More information is available on the City's [project page](#).

HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND THE DARK SKY ORDINANCE

Seasonal lighting is allowed between November 15 and January 15 only. To protect Malibu's dark skies, outside of the seasonal lighting dates, string lights are only allowed in occupied dining and entertainment areas, and may not be used as landscape lights. Any string lights used must have a color temperature that does not exceed 3000 Kelvin. For more information, visit the [Dark Skies Ordinance web page](#).

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH LETTERS SENT IN ERROR

On December 31, 2020, City staff inadvertently mailed letters regarding a notice to comply for Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) operating permits to 1,047 homeowners. The City was

notified of this error by concerned property owners on January 4, 2021. Staff has reviewed each letter that was sent and has verified that there has been no change in ownership on these properties. The notices have been removed from the City's Environmental Health tracking system. Staff is currently in the process of sending a follow-up letter to all affected property owners to notify them directly. The City apologizes for this regrettable mistake and any undue concern these letters may have caused. Property owners are encouraged to reach out to Environmental Sustainability Director/Building Official Yolanda Bundy at (310) 456-2489, ext. 229 or via email at YBundy@malibucity.org to address any questions they may have about the letter they received or the status of their property's OWTS.

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 SMMUSD Go Green Challenge for students, Smart Gardening webinars, Know Your H2O webinars, California Friendly Landscaping and Turf Removal webinars, and recycling tips.

\$160 REBATE AVAILABLE FOR SPRINKLER UPGRADES

Through Malibu Smart, a partnership between the City, West Basin Municipal Water District, and LA County Waterworks District 29, residents can take advantage of enhanced rebates for water saving devices. The rebate for switching out old standard sprinkler timers for smart timers, also known as weather-based irrigation controllers, was recently doubled to \$160. These smart timers easily adjust the watering schedule based on the weather, saving water and money. For more information on the rebates available, visit www.socalwatersmart.com.

SMART THERMOSTATS AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE INCENTIVES

Through Clean Power Alliance's (CPA) Power Response program, residents with smart thermostats or battery energy storage systems can receive financial incentives for modifying their energy equipment use during times of peak energy demand between 4:00 - 9:00 PM on weekdays. For a limited time, participants will earn \$100 for enrolling and get an additional \$100 yearly participation reward. To learn more or enroll, visit www.cleanpoweralliance.org/repowerresponse

MALIBU LIVING SHORELINE PROJECT BEGINS

The Malibu Living Shoreline Project started mid-December at its first site at Zuma Beach near Zuma Lagoon. The Malibu Living Shoreline Project will restore approximately 3-acres of sandy beach and dune habitat at Zuma Beach and Point Dume Beach, providing a cost effective and low-impact solution to increase the resiliency of the beach shorelines. The project is led by The Bay Foundation in partnership with the City of Malibu, Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors, and California State Coastal Conservancy. To learn more about the project, visit <https://www.malibucity.org/cva>.

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.

VIRTUAL POETRY PROGRAM JANUARY 16

On Saturday, January 16, Malibu Poet Laureate Dr. John Struloeff will host a virtual poetry writing workshop. The free virtual program begins at 11:00 AM, and will help attendees develop their poetry writing skills. Attendees are required to RSVP through the [City's website](#).

DIGITAL WINTER RECREATION GUIDE AND CITY NEWSLETTER

The redesigned Digital Winter Recreation Guide and City Newsletter is now available online. The guide features several changes, including a more modern look and streamlined layout that will be more reader-friendly and easier to navigate. The guide covers January through March 2021 and includes information regarding the Virtual Student Art Exhibit, recreation programs, facilities, and the Permanent Skate Park project. You can view the guide on the City's [Parks Web Page](#).

UPDATED TEMPORARY SKATE PARK HOURS

Beginning Monday, January 11, the Skate Park operating hours will be adjusted to 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Operating hours will continue to be adjusted through the winter and spring months as sunset occurs later in the evening. Skaters can reserve one two-hour skate session through the City's [online reservation system](#) every other day, up to one week in advance.

METRO BUS SERVICE UPDATE

On October 22, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board adopted the Next Gen Bus Plan to update the bus system throughout the County. The Board Report is available on [Metro's website](#). The plan will renumber Line 534 to 134 and discontinue the route through the Point Dume neighborhood on Cliffside Drive & Dume Road due to underutilized service. The Point Dume service changes went into effect December 13.

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. The City's consultant submitted the revised calculations to FEMA for their review. The City received comments from FEMA regarding the City's Flood Map revisions. The City's consultant is working on the responses and will be providing FEMA with additional information soon. The letter and more information is available on the City's [Floodplain Management web page](#).

CIVIC CENTER WAY IMPROVEMENT 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. Due to unforeseen conditions and weather concerns, phase 1 of the project including the Civic Center Way closure has been extended until the first week in February. After phase 1 is complete, the Contractor will implement the phase 2 closure (both directions between the entry to Malibu Canyon Village Condos to Webb Way). The phase 2 closure is expected to be completed by the end of February (weather permitting). The temporary closures will continue to 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. All the speed humps have been installed. The final sign installation is expected to be completed next week.

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 like the existing surface, and installation of signage included with the workout station equipment. Construction crews have completed the demo portion of the project. The new equipment has been ordered, however due to fabrication delays the equipment arrival date has been delayed until February. The new completion date for this project is March 2021.

CITY HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT

This project consists of replacing the City Hall roof. Staff has completed design to replace the existing roof. Construction bids were received on November 18, 2020. The apparent low bidder was 101 Roofing and Construction, Inc. On [January 11](#), Council will consider awarding the construction contract.

MALIBU CANYON ROAD WORK AND TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Southern California Gas is currently working on a project along Malibu Canyon Road. To accommodate the work, alternating lane closures are planned on Malibu Canyon Road, from Harbor Vista Drive to Malibu Crest Drive, Monday to Thursday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and Friday, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Work is anticipated to last until January 15, 2021. Flaggers will provide traffic control and motorists should allow extra time for delays or use alternate routes.

MCCLURE TUNNEL IMPROVEMENTS AND SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Caltrans began work in the first week of January 2021 on a project to upgrade the tunnel lighting system in the McClure Tunnel and install a queue warning system on the Santa Monica Fwy (I-10) and State Route 1 (PCH) in Santa Monica. The project is anticipated to be completed in Spring 2021. The work zone spans one-mile from Lincoln Blvd on I-10 to the Broadway Pedestrian Overcrossing on PCH. Overnight full closures (7:00 PM to 6:00 AM) of the McClure Tunnel and nearby ramps will occur during construction. Motorists should plan to use alternate routes.

E-NOTIFICATIONS

The City maintains a robust [e-notification system](#) so the community can stay informed about all the City's activities. Sign up to receive messages by text or email on the City's [e-notifications page](#).

FURTHER QUESTIONS

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