

CITY MANAGER REVA FELDMAN'S REGULAR UPDATES - FEBRUARY 26, 2021

UPCOMING

- Monday, March 1, 6:30 PM - [Planning Commission virtual meeting](#)
- Tuesday, March 2, 3:30 PM - [Public Works Commission adjourned virtual meeting to review Permanent Skate Park](#)
- Wednesday, March 3, 5:00 PM - [Public Safety Commission virtual meeting](#)
- Thursday, March 4, 5:00 PM - [Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission 2021 Youth Government Summit](#)
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- Friday, March 5, 8:30 AM - [Business Roundtable](#)

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 February 18, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH) confirmed 132 new deaths and 2,072 new cases of COVID-19. Other key updates from the County's [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) as of February 25, 2021 include the following:

- 358 confirmed positive cases and 7 deaths in the City of Malibu to date
- 1,187,474 confirmed cases and 21,102 deaths in LA County to date
- 1,988 current hospitalizations in LA County, a decrease of 769 since February 18

(NEW) OUTCOMES & VIDEO FROM SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON HOMELESSNESS

The Malibu City Council held a special virtual meeting to discuss homelessness on Thursday, February 25. The meeting was a follow-up from the special meeting held on January 29, 2020 to discuss the issue of homelessness in Malibu, its impacts on the community, the measures being taken to address homelessness, current and future challenges, and potential new measures by the City and other entities. After several presentations, community input and Council discussion, the City Council made the following recommendations:

- Come back with a community outreach plan to gain more community input on homelessness strategies
- Explore partnerships with other agencies to implement a joint project
- Interim City Attorney Cotti and Councilmember Silverstein will work together to refine the proposed camping ordinance
- City Council members will identify potential locations for an Alternative Sleeping Location (ASL)
- Another Special City Council Meeting will be scheduled in the coming months to review the results of these recommendations.

All community members are encouraged to watch the video of the February 25 meeting [on the City's YouTube channel](#) and the [staff report is on the website](#). See video of the January 29 meeting [on the YouTube channel](#) and the staff report [on the website](#). Learn more about the City's efforts to address homelessness, including the Homelessness Strategic Plan that was adopted by City Council in June 2018, [on the web page](#).

MALIBU HOMELESS COUNT SHOWS POSITIVE EFFECT OF CITY'S OVERSIZE VEHICLE PARKING RESTRICTION

The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, which the City participates in each year, was cancelled this year due the pandemic. However, the Malibu Homelessness Working Group conducted their own count on February 12, 2021 using the same categories and methodology as past years. The results were as follows:

- People on the Street: 58
- Makeshift Shelters: 11
- Tents: 15
- Cars: 31
- RVs/Campers: 26
- Vans: 16
- **Total: 157**

The results are mostly consistent with past years but show a significant decrease from last year in the number of people living in their vehicles on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH). The 2020 Homeless Count showed 132 people living in vehicles, and the 2021 Homeless Count showed 72. This decrease is likely due to the new parking restrictions that the City has implemented on parts of PCH.

COVID-19 VACCINE - SENIORS CAN NOW MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR VACCINATION

Residents 65 and older in Los Angeles County can now [make an appointment to get the COVID-19 vaccine online](#) or by phone at: 833-540-0473. Space is limited but will grow as the County obtains more vaccine doses, so please be patient. The County has committed to eventually getting a vaccine to every person who wants one.

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. Vaccines are being made available to people 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](#). For information about the vaccine prioritization and allocation, [visit the LACDPH web page](#).

COVID-19 VACCINE - LADPH WILL CONTACT YOU TO SCHEDULE YOUR SECOND VACCINE DOSE

If you have already received your first COVID-19 vaccine dose, LADPH will contact you to schedule an appointment to receive your second dose (21 days later). For all LA County vaccine information, in

multiple languages, [visit the LADPH vaccine web page](#). If you lack access to the internet or need help by phone, call 833-540-0473.

COVID-19 VACCINE - VACCINATION APPOINTMENT ASSISTANCE AND DIAL-A-RIDES FOR MALIBU SENIORS

Malibu residents 65 and over who need assistance with booking a COVID-19 vaccine appointment can call the City of Malibu's COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment Help Line at 310-456-2489, ext. 357. Seniors may also reserve a free ride through the City's Dial-A-Ride service to and from confirmed COVID-19 vaccination appointments in Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica and Westlake Village by calling 424-346-8444. **Due to HIPPA constraints, City staff cannot make an appointment for you, however, they can help you navigate the system and provide information.** (Dial-A-Rides are available for other medical appointments for a small fee). The COVID-19 Help Line and Dial-A-Ride services are available Monday through Friday. Riders are required to register for the Dial-A-Ride program by calling 310-456-2489, ext. 357 or visiting [the Senior Center web page](#).

COVID-19 - PLACES OF WORSHIP IN LA COUNTY CAN OPEN AT 25% CAPACITY STARTING FEB. 10

The LADPH revised the Health Officer Order on February 10, 2021 to clarify that, in light of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision and the subsequent change made by the State of California related to Places of Worship in Tier 1, Places of Worship can open for indoor services limited to 25% of indoor capacity and must continue to comply with the required modifications provided by Appendix A: Social (Physical Distancing). See the detailed explanation in [the Revised Health Officer Order](#).

COVID-19 - MASK ORDINANCE STILL IN EFFECT IN MALIBU

The City's [Ordinance No. 473](#) requiring the use of face coverings in order to slow the spread of the coronavirus and protect vulnerable people during the pandemic is still in effect in City limits. Face covering must cover the nose and mouth. **Exceptions:** when in a residential zone, in a vehicle, while more than six feet away from people from another household, children under 2, people with medical requirements, who need to communicate hearing impaired people, while participating in water-based activities. Violators may avoid the \$50 fine by immediately complying. [See the complete requirements and exceptions.](#)

MALIBU REBUILDS STATISTICS

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

- Single Family Dwellings approved by Planning - 297
- Single Family Dwellings building permits issued - 169
- Single Family Dwellings complete - 23
- Multifamily – Malibu Garden Apartment permits were issued -12 apartment units

(NEW) MALIBU REBUILDS – COUNCIL EXTENDS FEE WAIVER PROGRAM

On February 24, the City Council discussed extending the Woolsey Fire rebuild fee waiver program and directed staff to come back with a resolution extending the program for an additional year for an in-kind or in-kind plus 10% fire rebuild projects. Residents affected by the Woolsey Fire are encouraged to watch the March 22 City Council meeting for final details about the extension of the program. Prior to the meeting, a staff report, viewing and commenting instructions will be [available on the City's website](#). The deadline to

apply for Woolsey Fire rebuild fee waivers was December 30, 2020. The deadline passed to apply to the Planning Department for fire rebuild projects in order for them to be considered complete by December 30, 2020. For more information, [visit the City's Fee Waiver web page](#).

MALIBU REBUILDS - PLANNING CONSULTATIONS AND REBUILD RESOURCES

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, as well as numerous handouts, forms and resources, [visit the Rebuild webpage](#).

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY (WCF) ORDINANCE UPDATE HEARING MARCH 1

On Monday, March 1, the Planning Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on the draft WCF ordinance. The staff report for the hearing and viewing and commenting instructions will be posted prior to the meeting [on the City's website](#). After the Planning Commission makes its recommendation on the draft ordinance, a City Council public hearing will be scheduled. In addition to public meetings, the City will be releasing an online survey in the near future as part of efforts to incorporate community input. For more information [visit the project web page](#).

PROPOSAL TO MAP WCF FACILITIES IN THE CITY

As part of the City's ongoing effort to update the City's WCF Ordinance, staff will present a proposal for wireless facility mapping options and the cost associated with each option to the Council in March. On January 11, 2021 as part of Council's review of the agreement for wireless application reviews, the Council directed staff to amend the agreements to include the mapping of existing wireless facilities in the City. The staff report as well as the proposal will be available [on the City's website prior to the meeting](#).

MALIBU INN MOTEL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPEN FEB. 18 – MARCH 18

The public comment period on the environmental document for the Malibu Inn Motel project is from February 18, 2021 through March 18, 2021. Reviewing agencies have until March 23 to submit comments. The Planning Department has prepared an initial study, and the City has issued a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project located at 22959 Pacific Coast Highway. Additional project information and instructions on submitting public comment are available [in the Notice of Intent](#).

SEA VIEW HOTEL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPEN FEB. 4 - MARCH 4

The public comment period on the environmental document of the Sea View Hotel project is from February 4, 2021 through March 4, 2021. Reviewing agencies have until March 11 to submit comments. The Planning Department has prepared an initial study, and the City has issued a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project located at 22729 and 22741 Pacific Coast Highway. Additional project information and instructions on submitting public comment on the environmental document [are available in the Notice of Intent](#).

(NEW) SPRING BREAK SPORTS CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 8

Registration for Spring Break Sports Camps and girls-only clinics will open on March 8. Several programs are available, including tennis, basketball, soccer, and softball, and parents can visit the [Camp Registration Page](#) for more details and to sign up.

(NEW) PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION REVIEW OF PERMANENT SKATE PARK PROJECT RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 3

The Public Works Commission will review the Permanent Skate Park Project during its Special virtual meeting on Wednesday, March 3, at 3:30 PM. The meeting was originally scheduled for February 24 but was rescheduled due to technical issues. You can watch the Commission meeting or read the staff report when available by [visiting the Agenda Center](#).

COVID-19 SAFE OUTDOOR POETRY AND ART EXHIBITION AT BLUFFS PARK FEB. 14 - MARCH 28

The City of Malibu Cultural Arts Commission and Poet Laureate Committee are hosting a student poetry and art exhibition at the Michael Landon Center at Malibu Bluffs Park from February 14 through March 28. The COVID-19 safe exhibition on the exterior of the building features literary and visual artwork created by Malibu Elementary School 5th grade class of 2021. The exhibition was produced as part of the City's Arts in Education Program, with former Malibu Poet Laureate Ricardo Means Ybarra teaching lessons in poetry while artist Nicole Fisher assisted students with creating a visual representation of their poems. For more information visit the [City of Malibu Arts and Culture website](#).

APPLY FOR CITY GENERAL FUND GRANTS THROUGH MARCH 31

Non-profit organizations that benefit the Malibu community are invited to apply for the City of Malibu's General Fund Grant Program for fiscal year 2021-2022. Applications are accepted now through Wednesday, March 31, 2020. For more information about the program and application instructions, [visit the webpage](#).

LANE CLOSURES FOR MALIBU CANYON ROAD WATERLINE STARTING FEB. 22

There will be intermittent traffic lane closures along Malibu Canyon Road Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM and Fridays 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM starting February 22 for work to upgrade the existing waterline on Malibu Canyon Road from PCH to Malibu Knolls and from Malibu Crest to Potter Rd (HRL). The work is expected to last for about two months.

CIVIC CENTER WATER TREATMENT FACILITY PHASE 2 COMMUNITY MEETING MARCH 25

A community meeting is scheduled for March 25 about the Civic Center Water Treatment Facility (CCWTF) Phase 2. On October 12, the City Council approved an agreement with 30 Three Sixty Public Finance, Inc. to perform Assessment Engineering Services for this project and on February 1, the Planning Commission approved the project. For more information about the CCWTF Phase 2, [visit the project web page](#).

CLIFFSIDE UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING DISTRICT MEETING HELD

A kick-off meeting with SCE, cable/telecommunication companies and community representatives was held this week as part of the Cliffside Utility Undergrounding District project. Property owners on Cliffside Drive requested the City's assistance with forming an assessment district to underground the overhead utilities on Cliffside Drive east of Fernhill Drive. During the July 13 City Council meeting, staff was directed to proceed with the project and work with the property owners to start the process of forming the underground

assessment district. The City received two proposals for the formation of the undergrounding district and have completed the evaluation process. On November 23, City Council approved an agreement with 30 Three Sixty Public Finance, Inc. to perform Assessment Engineering Services for this project. Currently the assessment engineering consultant is researching for overhead facility maps to identify existing utilities within the proposed undergrounding district. Subsequently, the City will request a Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) from each utility company for estimated cost of undergrounding their overhead facilities.

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

For questions or comments, contact the City Manager at RFeldman@MalibuCity.org.

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