

UPCOMING

- Monday, March 8, 6:30 PM - [City Council virtual meeting](#)
- Wednesday, March 10, 6:00 PM - [Draft Community Wildfire Protection Plan virtual meeting](#)

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 March 3, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH) confirmed 116 new deaths and 1,759 new cases of COVID-19. Other key updates from the County's [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) as of March 3, 2021 include the following:

- 365 confirmed positive cases and 7 deaths in the City of Malibu to date
- 1,195,913 confirmed cases and 21,669 deaths in LA County to date
- 1,476 current hospitalizations in LA County, a decrease of 512 since February 25

(NEW) COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN (CWPP) COMMUNITY MEETING MARCH 10

The City's draft Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) will be presented to the public during a virtual meeting on Wednesday March 10, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Everyone in the community is encouraged to watch the meeting, ask questions and share their input. [The meeting link is posted online.](#) In June of 2019, the City was awarded a \$100,000 Cal Fire grant for the development of a CWPP. A CWPP identifies and prioritizes areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments and outlines an action plan that will protect at-risk communities and essential infrastructure from wildfire, as well as make recommendations to reduce structural ignitability throughout the community. Having a CWPP in place also increases the City's chances of securing grant funding to implement the recommended action items.

During the meeting, the City's consultant will present the results of their work over the last year, including two public stakeholder meetings, an online community survey, studying the local fire history and fuels, simulations with various fire progression software applications, and numerous site surveys throughout the City, and gather public comments on the draft CWPP. Questions and comments may also be sent by email to FireSafety@malibucity.org prior to the meeting. The draft plan will be posted in advance of the meeting [the Fire Safety webpage](#).

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 to 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.

(NEW) COVID-19 VACCINE - FOOD/AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION/CHILDCARE, EMERGENCY SERVICES SECTORS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINE

The County of Los Angeles announced that, starting March 1, 2021, additional sectors are eligible for vaccination in LA County as part of Phase 1B Tier 1: Food and Agriculture, Education and Childcare, and Emergency Services Sectors. The following links provide the detailed description of who is in each sector, how they can be vaccinated, and what documentation is required:

[Food and Agriculture](#)
[Education and Childcare](#)
[Emergency Services](#)

Information about appointments at County-run sites will be available soon. For more information about vaccination, or to make an appointment, [visit the County vaccine website](#). People with disabilities or without computer access can call 833-540-0473 between 8:00 AM and 8:30 PM, 7 days a week for assistance with appointments.

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 - 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](#).

(NEW) PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION RECOMMENDS MHS PARKING LOT FOR TEMPORARY TOW YARD

On March 3, the Public Safety Commission unanimously approved, and recommended to City Council, pursuing the Malibu High School upper student parking lot as the first choice for a

temporary summertime tow yard through an amendment of the City's Joint Use Agreement with Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. The Public Safety Commission has been working to find a tow yard location in City limits in response to community concerns that Malibu lost the only tow yard in the City. Having a nearby tow yard is necessary to be able to quickly respond to traffic collisions and keep the roadways clear for traffic mobility and safety.

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 - 24
- Multifamily – Malibu Garden Apartment permits were issued -12 apartment units

(NEW) MALIBU REBUILDS - FINAL APPROVAL OF WOOLSEY FIRE FEE WAIVER EXTENSION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 22

On March 1, the City Council approved extending the the Woolsey Fire rebuild fee waiver program for an additional year for in-kind or in-kind plus 10% fire rebuild projects. The Council will consider approval of a resolution to confirm the decision during the March 22 Council meeting. Any residents affected by the Woolsey Fire are encouraged to watch the March 22 meeting for final details about the fee waiver extension. Prior to the meeting, a staff report, viewing and commenting instructions will be [posted on the City's website](#). 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](#).

(NEW) WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY (WCF) ORDINANCE UPDATE HEARING APRIL 12

On April 12, the City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the WCF update draft ordinance, as well as the recommendations made by the Planning Commission during its March 1 public hearing. The Commission recommended the draft ordinance be approved as amended. [See the Commission's actions](#). 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](#).

(NEW) CITY COUNCIL TO REVIEW PROPOSAL TO MAP WCF FACILITIES IN THE CITY ON MARCH 22

As part of the City's ongoing effort to update the City's WCF Ordinance, staff will present a proposal for wireless facility mapping and the associated costs to the Council at the March 22 meeting. 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, proposal and viewing and commenting instructions will be [posted on the 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](#).

(NEW) VIRTUAL POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP MARCH 13

Malibu Poet Laureate John Struloeff will lead a Virtual Poetry Writing Workshop on Saturday, March 13, 11:00 AM. During the workshop, participants will be guided in writing a poem and sharing it with the group. To RSVP, [fill in the online form](#), e-mail CulturalArts@malibucity.org, or call 310-456-2489, ext. 349.

(NEW) UPDATED TEMPORARY SKATE PARK HOURS STARTING MARCH 14

Beginning Sunday, March 14, the Temporary Skate Park operating hours will be adjusted to 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM due to Daylight Saving Time. Operating hours will continue to be adjusted through the spring as sunset occurs later in the evening. For more information about the Temporary Skate Park, to see rules and hours and to reserve a skate session, [visit the Skate Park webpage](#).

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) CIVIC CENTER WAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT - SOME LANE CLOSURES EXTENDED

The temporary lane closure of Civic Center Way from Vista Pacifica to the private driveway of 23901 Civic Center Way has been modified to allow local residential traffic only. Work will continue on this section so residents should use caution while driving in the construction zone. Civic Center Way remains closed in both directions from the entry to Malibu Canyon Village condos to Webb Way. Due to weather conditions, this closure has been extended until the second week of March. Intermittent lane closures are expected, and traffic control with flaggers will be implemented.

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 various weather concerns, the Civic Center Way closure has been extended. The City and the project contractor remain confident the project will be completed in March 2021 as described in the original notification.

Work hours are Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM with some work scheduled on Saturdays. The temporary closures allow access for emergency vehicles, and will not prevent access to any adjacent side streets or private driveways. Work will be suspended during Red Flag fire conditions. For more information, [visit the project webpage](#).

(NEW) TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE(S) CONSIDERED FOR CLIFFSIDE DRIVE

Staff is examining the feasibility of installing a new stop sign at the intersection of Cliffside Drive and Fernhill Drive in Point Dume in response to community concerns about speeding. In order to be allowed by the state to install a new stop sign, certain minimum requirements in traffic volume and number of traffic collisions must be met. Staff is evaluating if the area meets the requirements.

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](#).