

## UPCOMING

- Friday, April 2 - [Registration opens for Girls Softball Clinic](#)
- Monday, April 5, 6:30 PM - [Planning Commission virtual meeting](#)
- Monday, April 5 - [Deadline to take the WCF Survey](#)
- Tuesday, April 6, 1:00 PM - [Malibu Public Facilities Authority special virtual meeting](#)
- Wednesday, April 7, 5:00 PM - [Public Safety Commission virtual meeting](#)
- Saturday, April 13, 11:00 AM - [Caffeinated Verse Open Mic Poetry Event](#)

## 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 31, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH) confirmed 40 new deaths and 648 new cases of COVID-19. Other key updates from the County's [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) as of March 31, 2021 include the following:

- 391 confirmed positive cases and 7 deaths in the City of Malibu to date
- 1,219,562 confirmed cases and 23,143 deaths in LA County to date
- 638 current hospitalizations in LA County, a decrease of 81 since March 24

## (NEW) COVID-19 VACCINATION - VACCINATION SITE AT CITY HALL FOR ELIGIBLE MALIBU RESIDENTS APRIL 13

The City of Malibu is partnering with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH) and Curative to host a mobile vaccination site for people who live or work in Malibu on Tuesday, April 13 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Malibu City Hall. There is no cost to receive the vaccine. Appointments are limited and are available to people who work or live in Malibu and who are [currently eligible for vaccination in Los Angeles County](#). Those arriving to receive a vaccine must wear a face covering, and bring valid identification, insurance information, and proof of eligibility. Register for an appointment [online](#). Appointment times will be emailed to residents by Monday, April 12, 2021 and cannot be pre-scheduled or re-scheduled. Residents should sign up only if they can confirm they are available on Tuesday, April 13 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM and are available to receive the second vaccine dose on Friday, May 7, at City Hall.

## COVID-19 VACCINATION - ALL CALIFORNIANS ELIGIBLE FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINE APRIL 15

Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Thursday, March 25, 2021 that, under the state's new guidelines, **Californians 50 years and older became eligible on Thursday, April 1, with those 16 and older following on April 15.** [See the guidelines.](#) The state also loosened guidelines on March 25 to permit health care providers in lower-income areas to offer a vaccine to anyone they think should get one — an attempt to accelerate the inoculation of communities disproportionately ravaged by the virus.

**Vaccination Appointments in LA County** - For Los Angeles County residents, check your vaccination eligibility, see what documents you will need, learn what to expect before, during and after vaccination, and make a vaccination appointment on the [Los Angeles County Department of](#)

[Public Health website](#). Residents with disabilities or without computer access can call 833-540-0473 between 8:00 AM and 8:30 PM, 7 days a week for help with appointments.

**Vaccine Appointment Assistance for 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 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave** - On March 19, Governor Newsom signed SB 95 requiring all California employers of 25 or more to provide COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave for employees who are unable to work due to COVID-19 including going to get vaccinated. The Governor has made the leave retroactive to January 1, 2021. [Learn more](#).

## **COVID-19 - FURTHER EASING OF RESTRICTIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS OF SATURDAY, MARCH 20**

The LADPH updated its Health Officer Order to further ease restrictions as of March 20: Breweries, distilleries, and wineries may re-open for outdoors if not serving a bona fide meal; a specific protocol for Limited Services, Appendix W is added; and increase the number of participants obtaining in-person behavioral health or substance use disorder support in therapeutic small group meetings and obtaining in-person faith based small group counseling services, where the services cannot reasonably be practiced remotely. [For complete details, see the updated 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](#).

## **(NEW) CITY HIRES NEW FIRE SAFETY LIAISON**

The City has hired Chris Brossard to take over the Fire Safety Liaison position from Jerry Vandermeulen who will be retiring this month. Chris comes to the City after 16 seasons with the United States Forest Service, having spent the majority of his time in the Los Padres National Forest, Ojai Ranger District. He has a highly applicable skill set, and will bring the Fire Safety Liaison position back to full-time status. Chris has substantial firefighting operational and prevention experience, with his last assignment being an Engine Captain in Piru, CA. Chris has been deployed in various operational and overhead positions to fires and other natural disasters all over the United States. He has also served as an Incident Commander on many local emergency incidents, and served as a Strike Team Leader on many mutual aid incidents.

## **UPDATED TSUNAMI HAZARD AREA MAPS FOR MALIBU AVAILABLE NOW - JOIN COMMUNITY MEETING APRIL 13**

Public Safety staff will provide an overview of the California Tsunami Program's updated Tsunami Hazard Area Maps and what it means for Malibu on Tuesday, April 13 at 6:00 PM during a virtual community meeting. Information about potential inundation areas in Malibu and the maps are available to view on [the state tsunami website](#). You can see the tsunami risk in your location by typing in your address. Most of Malibu is not at significant risk. However, the Malibu Lagoon area could see water depths as deep as eight feet and many ocean front homes and sections of Pacific Coast Highway could be severely impacted by a tsunami generated by a 9.3 magnitude earthquake on the Alaska-East Aleutians fault. Residents are encouraged to review the tsunami maps and preparedness guides on the [state's website](#). For more information about the tsunami hazard, contact the City Public Safety Office at 310-456-2489, ext. 368.

## **SIGN UP NOW FOR THE CITY'S VIRTUAL COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TRAINING CLASSES**

Due to COVID-19, the City's regular schedule of ongoing CERT training courses is temporarily shifting to a hybrid model where students take the classroom portion online in the safety of their own homes. Registration is now open for the online classroom portion. Upon completion of the online section, they will be eligible to take the in-person training portion when it is safe to do so. The City will announce schedule of the in-person portion and final drill as soon as they are set, and will directly notify those who have completed the online portion. CERT training includes instruction in disaster preparedness, fire suppression, disaster medical, search and rescue, disaster psychology and terrorism. Students will be guided through the sign-up process and sent periodic check-ins during the self-paced online portion. During the drill, students get a chance to use the skills they learned in the classes. For more information or to register, email [PublicSafety@malibucity.org](mailto:PublicSafety@malibucity.org) or call 310-456-2489, ext. 368 or [visit the CERT webpage](#).

## **MALIBU REBUILDS - STATISTICS**

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

- Single Family Dwellings approved by Planning - 302
- Single Family Dwellings building permits issued - 174
- Single Family Dwellings complete - 25
- Multifamily – Malibu Garden Apartment permits were issued -12 apartment units

## **MALIBU REBUILDS – WOOLSEY FIRE REBUILD & FEE WAIVER PROGRAM**

The Woolsey Fire rebuild fee waiver and like-for-like rebuild deadlines have been extended. Homeowners are encouraged to schedule a complimentary one-on-one consultation with the Rebuild Team to explore their fee waiver and rebuild options, which are [posted in the Rebuild webpage](#). Contact the Rebuild Team at [ashah@malibucity.org](mailto:ashah@malibucity.org) or 310-456-2489, ext. 385. For more information, [visit the Fee Waiver webpage](#).

## **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](mailto: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](#).

## **SCHOOL DISTRICT SEPARATION - SIGN UP FOR E-NOTIFICATIONS, TAKE THE SURVEY, VISIT THE WEB PAGE, JOIN THE APRIL 17 HEARING**

Children and youth in Malibu and the surrounding unincorporated area have attended schools within the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) since prior to the City's incorporation. Local school families and community groups have long expressed the desire to separate from SMMUSD and to form an independent Malibu Unified School District (MUSD). On October 12, 2020, the Council voted unanimously to reinstate the City's petition for unification of an independent MUSD to the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Committee on School District Organization (County Committee). On March 3, 2021, the County Committee voted to hold a preliminary hearing on the City's petition on Saturday, April 17. This is a victory, but a first of many steps in the journey to an independent MUSD. In preparation for the April 17 Preliminary Hearing, residents are urged to stay informed and stay involved. Here are some suggestions:

**Attend the Malibu School Unification Awareness Night on Wednesday, April 14** where experts will present the facts, figures and arguments supporting Malibu Unification and members of the community can join the discussion of key issues.

**Submit personal testimonials** sharing their experiences with SMMUSD and the reasons why they support the formation of an independent MUSD [using the online form](#).

**Stay informed** by following the City's social media platforms ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Next Door](#)) for regular updates and information about school separation.

**Sign up** for the [School Separation e-notification list](#) for updates, including the upcoming April 17 preliminary hearing, or visit the [City's web page](#) for more information on local efforts to form an independent MUSD.

## **WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY (WCF) ORDINANCE UPDATE HEARING ON APRIL 12 & ONLINE SURVEY THROUGH APRIL 5**

**Public Hearing** – On April 12, the City Council will hold a virtual public hearing to consider the draft WCF ordinance. The staff report and draft ordinance [are available on the website](#). To submit comments to the City Council, email [CityCouncil@malibucity.org](mailto:CityCouncil@malibucity.org). **Online Survey** – As part of the outreach effort for the WCF Ordinance update, [the City has launched an online survey](#) that residents can take through April 5. The survey results will be presented to the City Council during its April 12 public hearing. For more information about the WCF ordinance, [visit the project web page](#).

## **(NEW) PROPOSAL TO MAP WCF FACILITIES IN THE CITY**

On April 1, the Administration and Finance Subcommittee reviewed the scope of work and cost proposal to identify and map Wireless Communications Facilities (WCFs) in the City. [See the staff report](#). The Subcommittee recommended the Council consider the proposal as well as a proposal to maintain the map once completed. The proposal will be presented to the City Council on April 26. The staff report will be [available on the website](#) line prior to the meeting.

## **(NEW) MALIBU INN MOTEL – ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED**

Due to a technical error in posting the Malibu Inn Motel environmental document with the State Clearinghouse, the City and the State Clearinghouse are extending the public comment period through April 28, 2021. Additional project information and instructions on submitting public

comments are available in the Revised Notice of Intent. For more information on this project, [visit the web page](#).

## **2021 EARTH MONTH, EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES**

April is Earth Month and the City of Malibu is observing this important environmental movement by encouraging residents to participate in local Earth Month activities including programs for seniors, hikers, and the City's electronic and household hazardous waste collection and document shredding day. All the events are free of charge and open to the public with COVID-19 safety protocols in place. See the lineup of Earth Month events in the [City's Virtual Environmental Center](#) and sign up for [environmental event notifications](#). Throughout Earth Month, the City will post daily tips on social media about how to conserve energy and water, reduce waste, and shrink your carbon footprint so we can fight climate change. Follow the Environmental Sustainability Department on [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

**International Dark Sky Week** - During the week of April 5 - 12, join the Dark Skies movement to reduce light pollution that harms wildlife. The International Dark-Sky Association promotes solutions that allow people to preserve and appreciate dark, star-filled skies while enjoying the benefits of responsible outdoor lighting. In 2020, the City implemented the Dark Sky Ordinance to preserve Malibu's nighttime sky and to protect wildlife. [Learn more](#).

**Recycle Day** - On Saturday, April 17, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, residents can drop off electronic and household hazardous waste and confidential paper documents to be securely, safely and properly recycled in the upper parking lot of City Hall. Documents will be securely shredded. Latex paint, motor oil, batteries and electronics, and paper documents are accepted. Please wear a face covering and remain in your vehicle with windows closed for COVID-19 safety. For more information and the list of acceptable items, [visit the web page](#).

## **(NEW) SPRING BREAK AQUATICS HOURS AND PROGRAMS**

Spring Break operating hours for the Malibu Community Pool are available on the [Aquatics Web Page](#). The pool will be closed on Friday, April 2 and Monday, April 5 in observance of SMMUSD local holidays. Additional lap swim sessions will be available between April 6 and April 9 to accommodate local swimmers.

The City will host a Spring Break Swim Camp for youth ages 8 to 12 beginning Tuesday, April 6 through Thursday, April 8, 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The camp will include instruction in competitive swimming strokes, stroke improvement drills, and endurance swimming. In order to be able to participate, swimmers must be able to enter and exit the water without assistance and swim for 75 yards. [Register online](#).

## **SPRING 2021 RECREATION GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE**

The Community Services Department's Spring Quarterly Recreation Guide and Newsletter is [now available on the Department web page](#). The recently redesigned guide provides schedules, program descriptions, facility hours, and other updates on City services, events and programs between April and June 2021

## **SPRING DAY CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN NOW - CAMPS START APRIL 12**

The Community Services Department in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club is offering four-week day camps for youth grades K-5 beginning April 12. Registration opens on Monday, March 29. Day camps include basketball, soccer, girls-only camps and Jedi Training. Programs will be held

at Malibu Elementary, Webster Elementary, and Juan Cabrillo Middle School. For more information or to register, [visit the registration web page](#) or call 310-456-2489, ext. 239.

## **CIVIC CENTER WATER TREATMENT FACILITY PHASE 2 MEETING PLANNED IN APRIL**

In April, a community meeting about the CCWTF Phase 2 will be scheduled and details will be announced on the City website, social media and e-notifications. On October 12, City Council approved an agreement with 30 Three Sixty Public Finance, Inc. to perform Assessment Engineering Services for this project. The project was approved by the Planning Commission on February 1. The consultant is working on the easements in the Serra and Malibu Colony neighborhoods. Additional information is available [on the project webpage](#).

## **TRANCAS CANYON PARK REPAIRS**

Temporary repairs were made to the septic system at the restrooms for Trancas Canyon Park. Other maintenance items will be completed next week and the restrooms will be opened shortly after.

## **FEMA PRELIMINARY FLOOD MAPS APPEAL**

The City is in the process of appealing the revised FEMA Preliminary Flood Maps, which 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 review and received comments on the revisions. The City's consultant is working on the responses and will be providing FEMA with additional information this spring. The letter and more information is available on the City's [Floodplain Management web page](#).

## **CIVIC CENTER WAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DELAYED UNTIL MID APRIL DUE TO WEATHER**

Unfortunately, due to weather delays, the opening of the Civic Center Way Improvements Project phase 2 lane closure has been delayed until the middle of April. This project will improve safety and traffic flow for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclist and transit by improving the horizontal and vertical sight distance and creating additional space to travel along Civic Center Way between Malibu Canyon Road and Webb Way. Residents should use caution while driving within the construction zone. Phase 2 of the project remains closed in both directions between the entry to Malibu Canyon Village Condos and Webb Way. Access is preserved for emergency vehicles. Work hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM with some work scheduled on Saturdays. Additional information is available on the [City's website](#).

## **PCH SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION IMPROVEMENTS**

This Signal Synchronization project will improve traffic signal communications along PCH to reduce congestion and improve safety for all modes of travel by utilizing Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) elements. Design is currently underway with an anticipated bid date in Fall of 2021. The project spans 8 miles on PCH between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and John Tyler Drive, and includes the following improvements:

- New fiber-optic cable and communications equipment to improve traffic signal communications
- New adaptive traffic signal controllers at each intersection
- Traffic Signal Intersection Upgrades with battery backup systems
- CCTV cameras along the corridor
- Changeable Dynamic Message Signs
- Emergency vehicle preemption
- New countdown pedestrian signal heads, Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) upgrades, and curb ramp upgrades

### **MALIBU PARK DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

This project consists of the design and construction to repair and improve several drainage structures located within the Malibu Park Neighborhood and Birdview Avenue. Locations are included along Cuthbert Road, Busch and Harvester, Morning View Drive, and Birdview Avenue. These repairs and improvements are a result of the severe storm drainage failures associated with the aftermath of the Woolsey Fire. Design has been completed. On November 19, 2020, the City received six bids for this project. The City Council rejected all bids on January 25, and staff has modified the design of the project and placed it out to bid with bids due on April 16.

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

Staff has completed design to replace the existing roof and construction bids were received on November 18, 2020. The apparent low bidder was 101 Roofing and Construction, Inc. This project was awarded on January 11. The contractor continues to provide City staff material submittals for review and approval. Work is expected to be completed in May, weather permitting.

### **BLUFFS PARK WORKOUT STATION**

The new Workout Station at Malibu Bluffs Park consists of removing the existing zip-line play structure and poured-in-place rubber surface, and installing a new workout station, including a new poured-in-place rubber surface like the existing surface, and new signage. Demolition is complete, and the new equipment has been ordered. However, due to fabrication delays, the equipment arrival date was delayed. This project is expected to be completed in April.

### **VERIZON UTILITY WORK ON CROSS CREEK ROAD**

Verizon will be installing a new underground conduit along Cross Creek Rd approximately 100 ft. north of PCH. The remaining work includes pavement restoration. Verizon is waiting for a Caltrans permit to complete the paving portion.

### **MALIBU CANYON ROAD WATERLINE - LANE CLOSURES ON MALIBU CANYON**

This project consists of upgrading the existing waterline on Malibu Canyon Road from PCH to Malibu Knolls and from Malibu Crest to Potter Road (HRL). This work will result in intermittent lane closures on Malibu Canyon Road Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Fridays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Construction started in late February 22 is expected to last for two months.