

UPCOMING

- Saturday, April 17, 9:30 AM - [County Preliminary Hearing on City Petition to form Malibu Unified School District](#)
- Saturday, April 17, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM [HHW and Electronic Waste Collection and Document Shredding at City Hall](#)
- Monday, April 19, 3:00 PM - [City Council virtual special meeting](#)
- Monday, April 19, 6:30 PM - [Planning Commission virtual meeting](#)
- Tuesday, April 20, 8:30 AM - [Las Virgenes - Malibu Council of Governments virtual meeting](#)
- Tuesday, April 20, 5:30 PM - [Parks and Recreation Commission virtual meeting](#)
- Wednesday, April 21, 10:00 AM - [Charmlee Wilderness Park Wildflower Hike](#)
- Wednesday, April 21, 6:00 PM - [Virtual Firescaping Workshop](#)
- Thursday, April 22, 6:00 PM - [City Council virtual special meeting](#)
- Thursday, April 22, 6:00 PM - [Wastewater Advisory Committee virtual meeting](#)

SCHOOL DISTRICT SEPARATION - MALIBU UNIFIED - IT'S TIME

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:

- **Sign on to the County hearing early at 8:30 AM on Saturday, April 17 to secure your time to give public comment.**
- **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.

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 April 13, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH) confirmed 57 new deaths and 411 new cases of COVID-19. Other key updates from the County's [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) as of April 13, 2021 include the following:

- 407 confirmed positive cases and 7 deaths in the City of Malibu to date
- 1,226,964 confirmed cases and 23,553 deaths in LA County to date
- 493 current hospitalizations in LA County, a decrease of 59 since April 8

(NEW) COVID-19 VACCINATION - CITY OF MALIBU HOSTED ITS FIRST VACCINATION SITE ON APRIL 13

The City partnered with Curative to host the first of two mobile vaccination clinics at City Hall for Malibu residents. 126 Malibu residents received their first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine on April 13, and each of them should receive an email from Curative with their appointment time for the second dose at the City Hall on May 7. County residents may still get a vaccine appointment through the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health [vaccine website](#).

(NEW) COVID-19 VACCINATION - ALL CALIFORNIANS ELIGIBLE FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINE AS OF APRIL 15

Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Thursday, March 25, 2021 that, under the state's new guidelines, all Californians became eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine as of April 15. [See the guidelines.](#)

Vaccination Appointments in LA County - For Los Angeles County residents, 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.](#)

(NEW) - CITY COUNCIL APPROVES "HERO PAY" FOR MALIBU GROCERY WORKERS DURING THE PANDEMIC

The Malibu City Council unanimously approved an ordinance requiring that grocery workers in city limits receive a temporary "hero pay" increase of \$5 per hour added to their hourly wages. The measure is meant to address the economic impacts of the pandemic and the personal health and safety risks that grocery workers endure by working in close contact with the public while providing an essential service during the pandemic. The ordinance, modeled after the City of Los Angeles's hero pay action, goes into effect immediately and is set to expire in June, but may be extended. [See the staff report.](#)

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) COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN (CWPP)

The public comment period for the City's CWPP closed on April 9. Questions and comments that were received during the comment period along with the answers are posted [on the Fire Safety webpage](#). The City is currently waiting for the final draft of the CWPP and will make it available as soon as it is received. The CWPP identifies and prioritizes areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments and outlines an action plan that will protect at-risk communities and essential infrastructure, as well as recommendations to reduce structural ignitability throughout the at-risk community. The CWPP is used as a guide for future projects and makes it easier for the City to receive grant funding to implement recommended action items. For more information or help with wildfire preparedness, contact the City's Fire Safety Liaison at Firesafety@malibucity.org.

(NEW) PRESENTATION ABOUT UPDATED TSUNAMI HAZARD AREA MAPS FOR MALIBU AVAILABLE TO VIEW

Public Safety staff provided an overview of the California Tsunami Program's updated Tsunami Hazard Area Maps and what it means for Malibu during a virtual community meeting on April 13. Most of Malibu is not at significant risk. However, the Malibu Lagoon area could see waves that increase water depths by as much 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 megathrust fault, which would take six hours to arrive in Malibu. A 7.2 magnitude quake on the Anacapa Dume thrust fault would arrive in as little as 10 minutes. You can find information about potential inundation areas in Malibu, the maps, look up your tsunami risk by address and find preparedness information [on the state website](#). The PowerPoint presentation provided on April 13 and preparedness information are available [on the City's tsunami webpage](#). For more information, contact the City's Public Safety Office at 310-456-2489, ext. 368.

PREPARATION FOR SUMMER CROWDS BEGINS

City staff recently convened its annual meeting with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors, California State Parks, Mountains and Recreation & Conservation Authority (MRCA), and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to coordinate efforts in preparation for summer crowds. The City regularly funds a Sheriff's Department Beach Team from Memorial Day to Labor Day to assist with enforcement on the beaches. The Beach Team includes a Sergeant and six Deputies. Due to the loosening of COVID-19 restrictions, it is anticipated that crowds will start increasing before Memorial Day. Therefore, the Sheriff's

Department will increase weekend patrols starting May 1. The MRCA plans to double patrols in its parks from Memorial Day to Labor Day. State Parks will have seven-day coverage and will also be monitoring and addressing litter. Beaches and Harbors will be increasing staffing in mid-May to assist with parking, maintenance, and trash. CHP will continue to implement its Street Racing Task Force. Residents can request assistance from CHP with street racing by calling 323-259-3200.

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. For more information or help with wildfire preparedness, contact Chris at Firesafety@malibucity.org or 310-456-2489, ext. 387.

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

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 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 - 27
- Multifamily – Malibu Garden Apartment permits were issued -18 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 in-person or online, 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 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 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 - APRIL 26 COUNCIL HEARING

On April 26, a scope of work and cost proposal to identify and map Wireless Communications Facilities (WCFs) in the City will be considered by the City Council. The staff report will be available [online prior to the meeting](#). The Administration & Finance Subcommittee recommended the Council consider the proposal. For more information about the WCF ordinance, [visit the project web page](#).

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) GAS STATIONS DARK SKY ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE - APRIL 19 HEARINGS

On April 19, the Planning Commission will consider deviation requests of the City's Dark Sky Ordinance requirements for two gas stations. [The staff reports are available online](#). As a result of Code Enforcement and Planning staff efforts, lighting plans for three additional gas stations have been approved by the Planning Department.

(NEW) ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS - PUBLIC HEARING MAY 20

In response to recent changes in State laws, on May 20, the Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) draft ordinance which amends the Malibu Municipal Code and Local Coastal Program. Details regarding the hearing will be available in the coming weeks. In general, an ADU is a smaller, independent residential dwelling unit located on the same lot as a stand-alone, single-family home. For more information including ADU-related State bills, [visit the project web page](#).

SHORT-TERM RENTALS - HOSTED ORDINANCE

On April 7, City staff responded to the comments provided by California Coastal Commission (CCC) on January 13 for the City's Local Coastal Program (LCP) Amendment for its Hosted Short Term Rental (STR) Ordinance. [See the City's comments](#). The STR regulations cannot go into effect until the Amendment is certified by the CCC. On November 2020, the City Council adopted [Resolution No. 20-51](#) and [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. For more information, [visit the City's STR webpage](#).

SHORT-TERM RENTAL PERMIT PROGRAM NUMBERS

As of April 7, 2021, the City has received 238 applications and has issued 178 short-term rental permits for 250 dwelling units. 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. Property owners may apply for a permit at any time, but may not operate without a permit. The STR Permit Application is available on the City's STR web page. For more information, contact STRSupport@malibucity.org or call the City's short-term rental support line at 310-456-2489, ext. 381. For more information, [visit the City's STR webpage](#).

(NEW) VIA SYCAMORE GATE

On April 14, 2021, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) will hold a public hearing on the Sycamore gate. The Sycamore Tennis Court Associated filed a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) with the Planning Department for a new vehicular and pedestrian access gate at 6480 Via Escondido. The CCC determined that the CDP application was appealable. The staff report and meeting video [is available on the CCC website](#).

MALIBU INN MOTEL - ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED THROUGH APRIL 28

The public comment period has been extended through April 28, 2021 for the Malibu Inn Motel. 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](#).

PESTICIDE BAN UPDATE - CCC HEARING POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 2021

The March 2021 California Coastal Commission (CCC) hearing on the City's pesticide ban [Local Coastal Program Amendment](#) will be postponed until May 2021. On December 9, 2019, the City Council adopted an LCP 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 CCC for certification. In September 2020, the CCC granted CCC staff an one-year extension to hold the hearing. On February 23, 2021, City staff and Poison Free Malibu held a meeting with California Coastal Commission staff regarding the [City's Local Coastal Program amendment](#). Based on this meeting, City staff requested that the March 2021 CCC hearing be postponed until May 2021, to allow City staff to work with CCC staff on further modifications to the Local Coastal Program amendment. This date was confirmed by CCC staff on March 30. Prior to the hearing, a Notice of Public Hearing will be published in a local newspaper and a CCC staff report will be available on the [CCC's website](#). More information is available [on the City's project page](#).

CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE INVITES CUSTOMERS TO SHARE THOUGHTS ON ELECTRICITY RATES

Clean Power Alliance (CPA) was formed when communities coordinated their electricity buying power to provide more, and affordable, clean power options, including 100% Green Power. Due to dramatic increases in the costs of energy out of CPA's control, the CPA Board will be considering a rate increase in the next months. While no decisions have been made yet, the CPA board is considering various ways to continue to maintain financial stability so they can continue to serve the community. Customers' and communities' voices are important to CPA, especially as they prepare to go through their budget priority development and rate-setting process for next year. CPA is reaching out to all customers to engage them in the discussion, to inform them and to invite them to share their thoughts prior to board action on rates and budget for next year [on the CPA website](#).

2021 EARTH MONTH, EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES

April 22 is the 51st global Earth Day and April is Earth Month. 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](#).

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) FREE FIRESCAPING WEBINAR APRIL 21

West Basin Municipal Water District is hosting a free online firescaping workshop on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM to teach residents how to use landscaping techniques to help safeguard their properties from the threat of wildfires. The area of focus is the Palos Verdes Peninsula, but the workshop is open to all residents. Residents can [register for the workshop online](#).

(NEW) 2021-2023 MALIBU POET LAUREATE - CALL TO ARTISTS

Malibu residents and affiliates who have a passion for promoting and enhancing the literary arts in Malibu are encouraged to apply for the role of 2021-2023 Malibu Poet Laureate. Interested artists or community members who wish to nominate an individual must apply by May 21, 2021. The selected Poet Laureate will serve a two-year term and act as the official liaison in poetry to the City of Malibu. For more information, or to submit an application, please [visit the Poet Laureate Web Page](#).

(NEW) SPRING BREAK CAMPS START APRIL 19

The Community Services Department is offering day camps for youth grades K-5 in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Malibu beginning April 19. Available camps include basketball, soccer, theater, sports of all sorts, and Jedi Training. Programs will be held at Malibu Elementary, Webster Elementary, and Malibu Middle School. For more information or to register, [visit the registration web page](#) or call 310-456-2489, ext. 239.

POLLI-POWER ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

The Community Services Department invites local students in grades TK through 5 to participate in the 2021 Polli-Power Program from April 12 through May 31. The program is a fun and educational series of free activities related to pollinator habitats and conservation. The first 100 families to register will receive a free art and home garden bag. [Register online](#). Follow the Community Services Department on social media for more details or [visit the Polli-Power web page](#).

CIVIC CENTER WAY OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE - SOME WORK AND LANE CLOSURES WILL CONTINUE FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Civic Center Way was reopened to the public last week as the Civic Center Way Improvements Project nears completion. Please be aware that work continues that will require some intermittent

lane closures and motorists, pedestrians and cyclists should proceed with caution in the construction zone. The remaining work includes final paving, striping, irrigation, painting, planting material, clean-up and final detailing. For more information, [visit the project webpage](#).

CIVIC CENTER WATER TREATMENT FACILITY PHASE 2 MEETING PLANNED IN MAY

In May, 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](#).

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.