

UPCOMING

- Saturday, October 2, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM - [Public Safety Expo](#) - City Hall, upper parking lot
- Saturday, October 2 - Saturday, October 9 - [Order Plants for Native Plant Sale with California Native Plant Society](#) - online
- October 4 - November 2 - ["An Eye to the Future" Art Exhibition - City Hall](#)
- Monday, October 4, 6:30 PM - [Planning Commission Regular Meeting](#) - virtual
- Wednesday, October 6, 5:00 PM - [Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting](#) - virtual
- Thursday, October 7, 7:00 PM - [Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission](#) - virtual
- Monday, October 11, 6:30 PM - [City Council Regular Meeting](#) - virtual
- Wednesday, October 13, 10:30 AM - [PSPS \(Power Outage\) Emergency Preparedness Training for Seniors and At-Risk Adults](#) - virtual
- Saturday, October 16, 10:00 AM - [Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection](#) - City Hall, upper parking lot.

(NEW) MALIBU REBUILDS - STATISTICS

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

- Single Family Dwellings building permits issued - 207
- Single Family Dwellings complete – 53
- Multifamily building permits issued - 18 units
- Multifamily building units complete- 12 units

CITY HALL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - PUBLIC COUNTER HOURS

With the re-opening of City Hall, the City has resumed public counter hours. Appointments are not necessary, but can be made [on the webpage](#) or by phone. The Senior Center is closed out of an abundance of caution due to the COVID-19 Delta surge.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT - Appointments: 310-456-2489, ext. x390

Permits: Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM -12:00 PM, and 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM for walk-ins and appointments. Other times by appointment only.

Building Plan Check: Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 AM -12:00 PM, for walk-ins and appointments. Other times by appointment only.

Environmental Health: Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 AM -12:00 PM, for walk-ins and appointments. Other times by appointment only.

Geology/Coastal: Monday and Wednesday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM, for walk-ins and appointments. Other times by appointment only.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Public counter temporarily closed. Call for appointments: 310-456-2489, ext. 391

PLANNING DEPARTMENT - Appointments: 310-456-2489, ext. 485

Public Counter: Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM for walk-ins. Other times by appointment only.

Biology Counter: Tuesdays, 9:00 AM -11:00 AM. Other times by appointment only.

MALIBU REBUILDS - PLANNING CONSULTATIONS AND REBUILD RESOURCES

The Fire Rebuild team is available Monday through Friday at City Hall 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) 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 September 28, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH) confirmed 31 new deaths and 1,436 new cases of COVID-19. Other key updates from the [County's COVID-19 Dashboard](#) as of September 28, 2021 include the following:

- 649 confirmed positive cases and 10 deaths in the City of Malibu to date
- 1,457,672 confirmed cases and 26,078 deaths in LA County to date
- 892 current hospitalizations in LA County, a decrease of 322 since September 14

(NEW) PUBLIC SAFETY TEAM EXPANDED WITH HIRING OF SECOND FIRE SAFETY LIAISON

The City expanded its Public Safety Team with the appointment of Gabriel Etcheverry as the City's newest Fire Safety Liaison. He joins Fire Safety Liaison Chris Brossard, a former fire fighter hired in 2021. Together they manage the City's wildfire preparedness and protection programs, including home wildfire hardening inspections, and advising community members, businesses, homeowner associations, schools or any other organizations on fire preparedness. Gabriel has served as a firefighter for 34 years. He served with the LA County Fire Department

for 27 years, including 21 years as Captain. Prior to that, he was a firefighter with the La Mesa and Santa Monica Fire Departments.

(NEW) LIVE FUEL MOISTURE & FIRE CONDITIONS UPDATE - LFM 59%, CRITICAL

The City tracks Live Fuel Moisture (LFM) as an important part of determining current fire conditions for our community. LFM is the percentage of water content to dry matter in live vegetation. As of September 30, LFM in the Santa Monica Mountains is at 59%, up from 58% on September 15. LFM can be as high as 200%, and 60% is considered critical and can cause extreme wildfire behavior. The Los Angeles County Fire Department Forestry Division conducts sampling approximately every two weeks and [posts the results on their website](#). For current and forecast fire weather conditions and warnings for the Malibu area, visit the [National Weather Service, Los Angeles/Oxnard website](#) (type "Malibu" or "90265" in the search box).

(NEW) VIDEO AND PRESENTATION FROM 2021 MALIBU COMMUNITY FIRE SEASON BRIEFING

Did you miss Malibu's annual Community Fire Season Briefing on September 23 as part of 2021 National Preparedness Month? The presentation by LA County Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Drew Smith, a Fire Behavior Analyst, covered local Live Fuel Moisture, expected weather patterns, and what that means for wildfire conditions this fall in Malibu. [See the presentation](#). Highlights include the September - December, 2021 forecast for hotter than normal temperatures, delayed and below-average rainfall due to the ongoing drought, and a near-normal level of Santa Ana wind events. All residents, employees, businesses, organizations, students and other Malibu stakeholders are encouraged to review the presentation so they can be prepared for dangerous wildfire conditions this fall. You can see the presentation online or [watch video of the event online](#).

(NEW) HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT UPDATE

The Sheriff's Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST) continues to work in the Malibu and Topanga Canyon areas twice a week to clear encampments as part of regional wildfire preparedness efforts. They are working on a number of smaller encampment sites on the landward side of PCH in eastern Malibu as well the Zuma Creek area. Due to the large number of people in the Zuma Creek area, the HOST Team cannot begin clean-up work there until they receive a mandatory approval by the County CEO's Office.

In addition, the City is working with the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors and the Los Angeles County Fire Department to close the Zuma Creek area (which has experienced several fires in recent months) under the City's Very High Fire Hazard Severity ordinance. Beaches and Harbors is interested in closing the area to prevent fires and the Fire

Department has indicated that they would approve a closure when the first Red Flag weather warning is predicted. This area would stay closed until fuel moisture levels in the area improve to the point where Red Flag events are not likely.

(NEW) HOME WILDFIRE HARDENING SEMINAR AVAILABLE TO VIEW ONLINE

Did you miss the virtual home wildfire hardening seminar the City offered on September 23 as part of National Preparedness Month? [You can watch it anytime online.](#) Malibu's Fire Safety Liaison instructed residents about the dangers of flying embers that can rain down on a home and property during a wildfire, a leading cause of homes igniting and burning down during wildfires like the Woolsey Fire. If these embers land in receptive fuels or become lodged in something easily ignited on or near a house, like dry wood decking and fencing, dead vegetation, lawn furniture or uncovered attic vents, the home can burn down. The seminar demonstrated the simple and often inexpensive ways residents can harden and protect their home against the threat of flying embers ahead of time. [Watch the video.](#)

(NEW) EMERGENCY ALERTS COORDINATION WITH PARTNER AGENCIES IN ANTICIPATION OF FALL WILDFIRE CONDITIONS

As part of the City's wildfire preparedness efforts, the City's Public Safety staff held an alert and warning coordination meeting in advance of fall wildfire conditions with Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management and Fire Department, and the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Westlake Village, Hidden Hills and Los Angeles on September 30. The purpose of the meeting was to ensure that evacuation alerts and other emergency messaging are coordinated and consistent. During the meeting, it was learned that a statewide alerting program is being implemented in the coming year that uses Everbridge, the same system that the City currently uses. When the statewide program is ready, the City will be able to opt in at no cost and no impact to current capabilities, saving the City approximately \$17,000 per year. A statewide system will help foster consistent messaging and situational awareness of messages being sent by other agencies.

PSPS TRAINING FOR SENIORS AND AT-RISK ADULTS, OCTOBER 13 & 21

The City will provide free virtual trainings to help seniors and at-risk adults be prepared for Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) on Wednesday, October 13, 10:30 AM and Thursday, October 21, 3:00 PM. A free backup battery is available to participating Malibu residents who complete the training, a quiz and provide a copy of their photo ID. Limit one per household. The training is open to all, but the backup batteries are available only to Malibu residents. [RSVP for the free virtual training online.](#)

PUBLIC SAFETY EXPO, OCTOBER 2

Malibu's National Preparedness Month concludes with the City's annual Public Safety Expo on Saturday, October 2, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. At the Expo, you can attend trainings, including Crisis First Aid, see presentations, ask questions, find volunteer opportunities, learn about emergency preparedness services and products and more. Participating organizations include public safety and emergency response partner agencies, volunteer organizations and emergency service and product vendors. [RSVP for classes online.](#)

WILDFIRE SEASON PREPAREDNESS - SCHEDULE YOUR HOME WILDFIRE HARDENING ASSESSMENT

The City continues to offer its no-cost Home Ignition Zone Assessment Program for homeowners. The Fire Liaisons will visit your home and give you a checklist of simple, often inexpensive steps you can take to harden your home against flying embers, a major cause of homes igniting during wind-driven wildfires like the Woolsey Fire. To schedule an appointment or for help with wildfire preparedness, email Firesafety@malibucity.org or call 310-456-2489, ext. 387 or [visit the Fire Safety webpage.](#)

(NEW) PROPOSED MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

On September 18, the Los Angeles County Office of Education's Committee on School District Organization concluded the preliminary public hearing on the City's petition to form an independent Malibu Unified School District and voted 8 to 2 to move the City's petition forward into the regular petition process. In accordance with this established process, the County Committee will hold a public meeting or meetings within 60 days, followed by a public hearing to review the feasibility report and vote on the City's petition. This will allow the City to demonstrate that its petition will substantially meet all nine of the criteria for school district organization established by the California Department of Education. For more background information, facts and FAQs, [visit the City's webpage.](#)

(NEW) SEA VIEW HOTEL PROJECT UPDATE

On September 13, 2021, the City Council held a public hearing on the Sea View Hotel Project and adopted the environmental document, code amendments, and project entitlements. The Council conducted the second reading of the Ordinance on September 27. Staff is currently in the process of preparing the Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA) for the California Coastal Commission's (CCC) for review and certification. The amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and General Plan will go into effect until the LCPA is certified by the CCC. Once the LCPA is certified, the project will be appealable to the CCC. [For more information, visit the project webpage.](#)

(NEW) DARK SKY ORDINANCE UPDATE

On September 27, 2021, staff provided the City Council with a status update on the City's Dark Sky Ordinance. Although City staff started working with gas station owners on compliance with the Dark Sky Ordinance in 2019, commercial enforcement and outreach has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the compliance deadlines have passed, staff recommended the Council process an amendment to the Dark Sky Ordinance to extend the compliance deadlines to bring existing outdoor lighting for commercial, residential and institutional zoning districts into compliance. The Council directed staff to proceed with public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council to amend the Ordinance. Please note that the existing compliance deadlines only pertain to existing outdoor lighting. All newly approved construction is conditioned to be in compliance with the Dark Sky Ordinance. [For more information, visit the web page.](#)

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING ON MALIBU INN MOTEL PROJECT, NOVEMBER 1

On September 8, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider the Malibu Inn Motel project environmental document and project entitlements. After deliberations, the Commission continued the item to the Regular Planning Commission meeting on Monday, November 1 and directed staff to bring back a supplemental report clarifying the project's required and proposed floor area ratio. The staff report will be [available on the website](#) prior to the meeting. Based on the required entitlements and because no code amendments are required, the project only requires a hearing before Planning Commission. The project is subject to a local appeal period and is within the Appeal Jurisdiction of the California Coastal Commission. If the project is not appealed, the Planning Commission's decision will be final. For more information about the project, [visit the webpage.](#)

(NEW) HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION EVENT, OCTOBER 16

Malibu residents can drop off used paint, motor oil, household chemicals, batteries, electronics and other materials to be safely and properly disposed of for free at the City's regular Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste collection event on Saturday, October 16, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at City Hall in the upper parking lot. The [accepted materials are listed on the website.](#)

(NEW) NATIVE PLANT SALE HOSTED BY THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY, OCTOBER 2-9

Malibu residents can purchase environmentally friendly, native and drought-tolerant plants to help conserve water during the drought, attract important pollinators like hummingbirds and

butterflies, and beautify their gardens at the California Native Plant Society's Fall Plant Sale. Plants must be ordered in advance on the website Saturday, October 2 through Saturday, October 9 with timed pick-ups on Saturday, October 16 at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District ([4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas](#)). More than 50 species are available, including perennials, herbs, flowering plants, shrubs and trees. All proceeds benefit local conservation and education programs. For more information and to order, [visit the website](#).

MALIBU CERTIFIED AS A "BLUE CITY"

The non-profit organization Project O has certified the City of Malibu as a "Blue City" through the Blue City Network (BCN) in recognition of Malibu's commitment to healthy waterways and oceans. Some of the City's major accomplishments that helped it achieve this recognition include being one of the first cities in the U.S. to enact a ban on plastic straws and other single-use items, enacting a climate emergency declaration, and selecting 100% renewable electricity as the community default. The Blue City certification uses a data-driven approach to assess each community's efforts towards protecting the world's oceans. [Learn more about the Blue City Network](#).

BUSINESSES REQUIRED TO SIGN UP FOR ORGANIC RECYCLING BY OCTOBER 1

The City of Malibu is launching a new mandatory organic waste recycling program to help Malibu businesses and residents reduce their carbon footprint and the impacts of climate change. The program also meets mandatory requirements established under California Senate Bill 1383. Businesses are required to sign up for service starting October 1, 2021 and residents will begin receiving services automatically on January 1, 2022. To learn more about what to expect as a business and resident, [visit the webpage](#).

(NEW) CITY HALL ART EXHIBITION, OPENING OCTOBER 4

The Malibu Arts Commission's new fall art exhibition, "An Eye to the Future," opens Monday, October 4 in the Malibu City Hall Art Gallery. City Hall is located at [23825 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu](#). The show highlights the work of 13 local artists in a variety of painting styles, techniques and subjects. The exhibition is open to visitors Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. For more information, [visit the Malibu Arts Commission web page](#).

(NEW) POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP, OCTOBER 16

Malibu Poet Laureate Ann Buxie will conduct a poetry writing workshop on Saturday, October 16 at 11:00 AM. The workshop will be held virtually through Zoom. RSVPs are required. For more information, [visit the poetry web page](#) or call 310-456-2489, ext. 350.

(NEW) AQUA AEROBICS, OCTOBER 2

The City's Aqua Aerobics program resumes Saturday, October 2 at the Malibu Community Pool. The weekly program will take place through October 30 for participants ages 55 and older. Program schedules and registration information can be found [on the Aquatics web page](#).

(NEW) GIRLS BASKETBALL CLINIC, OCTOBER 16

The Community Services Department will offer a free, two-hour Girls Basketball Clinic for youth ages 8-13 on Saturday, October 16 at 10:00 AM at Malibu High School, located at [30215 Morning View Drive, Malibu](#). The clinic is part of the City's #PlayLikeAGirlMalibu initiative to increase female participation and leadership through sports. For more information or to register, [visit the registration web page](#) or call 310-456-2489, ext. 239.

(NEW) CONSTRUCTION UPDATE ON MALIBU PARK DRAINAGE PROJECT

Construction crews continue to work on the Morning View Drive and Cuthbert Road locations. Crews are currently constructing the new concrete catch basins. Work will include temporary lane closures with flaggers.

(NEW) UPDATE ON ANNUAL STREET MAINTENANCE

The contractor has completed all of the project pavement repairs, crack seal work, new speed humps (Birdview Avenue only) and removal of existing striping and pavement markers. Installation of new thermoplastic striping and new pavement markers will begin after the new slurry seal material's 14-day curing period, approximately the week of October 18. The project is expected to be complete in October.

(NEW) SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS ISSUED FOR UPCOMING WEEK

There are three events permitted October 1 through 7, 2021. The City posts a weekly report of approved event permits [on the website](#). To sign up to receive an email or text message when an updated Event Permit Report is posted, [visit the e-notifications page](#) (scroll down to the "Special Event Permit Report" category).