

UPCOMING

- Monday, January 6, 6:30 PM - [Regular City Council Meeting](#) - virtual
- Tuesday, January 11, 6:30 PM - [Planning Commission Special Meeting](#) - virtual
- Saturday, January 15, 11:00 AM - [Caffeinated Verse Poetry Workshop with Poet Laureate](#) - virtual
- Monday, January 17 - [City Hall closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday](#)
- Monday, January 17, 5:30 PM - [Full Moon Hike at Charmlee Wilderness Park](#)

(NEW) MALIBU REBUILDS - STATISTICS

Staff continues to work with homeowners to rebuild. Here are the current Woolsey Fire rebuild statistics. [See continuously updated statistics on the Rebuild Portal.](#)

- Single Family Dwellings building permits issued - 215
- Single Family Dwellings complete – 63
- Multifamily building permits issued - 18 units
- Multifamily building units complete- 12 units

CITY HALL IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH JANUARY 28 DUE TO THE COVID-19 SURGE

Malibu City Hall will be temporarily closed to the public effective January 5 through January 28, 2022 in response to the rise in COVID-19 cases and community transmission in Los Angeles County. Aside from in-person services in City Hall, the City staff and departments will continue to work and offer all services normally. The City Manager and Public Safety Manager will assess the situation on a daily basis, and if conditions improve sufficiently, will re-open City Hall earlier than January 28. Any changes will be announced on the City's website, social media and e-notification system. To sign up to receive COVID-19 e-notifications via text and/or email, visit www.MalibuCity.org/News and scroll to "COVID-19/Coronavirus."

Staff is available to assist anyone with City business by phone, email or video call, including plan review, permit issuance and help with Woolsey Fire rebuild projects. Building Inspection operations will remain the same.

To make virtual appointments with City staff and Departments, please call or email:

- Building Safety Department (including Environmental Health, Coastal Engineering and Geotechnical Engineering): Call 310-456-2489, ext. 390. Email mbuilding@malibucity.org.
- Planning Department: Call 310-456-2489, ext. 485. Email mplanning@malibucity.org.
- Public Works Department: Call 310-456-2489, ext. 391 . Email mpublicworks@malibucity.org.
- All other City business: 310-456-2489, ext. 392. Email info@malibucity.org.

All Brown Act public meetings including City Council and Commissions will continue virtually as scheduled. The Senior Center is closed, but Senior Center staff are available to assist any seniors in the community that need help and the Dial-A-Ride program will continue to operate. For assistance, call the Senior Center at 310-456-2489, ext. 357.

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 January 6, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH) confirmed 30 new deaths and 37,215 new cases. Other key updates from [the County's COVID-19 Dashboard](#) as of January 6, 2022 include the following:

- 1203 confirmed positive cases and 13 deaths in the City of Malibu to date
- 1,806,828 confirmed cases and 27,698 deaths in LA County to date
- 2,240 current hospitalizations in LA County, an increase of 1,499 since December 20

(NEW) COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN MALIBU FOR THE 2022 LA COUNTY HOMELESS COUNT, JANUARY 26

Malibu community members are invited to volunteer to join the annual Homeless Count taking place in Malibu on January 26, 2022 when thousands of volunteers will help the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to conduct the annual street count of County of Los Angeles's homeless population. Learn more or sign up to volunteer at TheyCountWillYou.org. Volunteers under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information, contact Public Safety Liaison Luis Flores at LFlores@MalibuCity.org or 310-456-2489, ext. 236.

PSPS POWER OUTAGE PREPAREDNESS TRAINING FOR SENIORS AND AT-RISK ADULTS, JANUARY 13

The City will provide free virtual trainings to help seniors and at-risk adults be prepared for Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 3:30 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 residents who live within city limits. [RSVP online for this free virtual training](#). If you have any questions or would like to schedule training for you neighborhood or community group, please email publicsafety@malibucity.org.

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) MALIBU COUNTRY INN PROJECT PUBLIC HEARING JANUARY 24

On Monday, January 24, 2022, the City Council will hold a virtual public hearing on the Malibu Country Inn entitlements and code amendments as well as the Planning Commission's recommendation for the project. Should the City Council approve the project, the Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendment will be submitted to the California Coastal Commission for certification review. The project will not be effective until the LCP amendment is certified by the Coastal Commission. The staff report, viewing and commenting instructions will be posted prior to the meeting [on the website](#). For more information about the project, [visit the webpage](#).

(NEW) NEW FORMAT FOR SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT

There are currently no permitted upcoming events. The City of Malibu Planning Department posts a [weekly report of approved event permits on the website](#). In order for members of the public to be informed of pending event permit applications and to provide an additional opportunity for public input, the City has changed the Event Permit Report format to include all event permit applications deemed complete for review for consistency and compliance with the requirements of the Malibu Municipal Code and the Planning Director's action on each application. The updated Event Permit Report has been posted to the City's 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).

SHORT-TERM RENTAL PERMIT PROGRAM LIMITATIONS IN EFFECT JANUARY 15

STR Permits are issued for one year from the date of issuance and must be renewed annually. As the City enters the second year of Short-Term Rental (STR) Permit Program, property owners

should be advised that there are two important limitations on STR permits beginning in 2022. [For more information about the STR program, including regulations and deadlines, visit the webpage.](#)

Hosted Short-Term Rental Ordinance: In November, 2020, the City's Hosted STR Ordinance (Ordinance No. 472) was adopted to regulate short-term rental of property citywide including requiring the presence of an onsite host during short-term rentals, primary residency requirements and multifamily restrictions. The Hosted STR Ordinance is intended to supersede the short-term rental regulations and permit program currently in place. The Hosted STR Ordinance regulations cannot go into effect until the associated amendments to the City's Local Coastal Program and Land Use Plan are certified by the California Coastal Commission (CCC). In September 2021, the CCC voted to extend the time limit to schedule the public hearing and take action on the City's proposed amendments until June 29, 2022, but may act earlier. Current STR permits will no longer be valid once the new STR Ordinance becomes effective and a new permit will need to be obtained.

New Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Requirements Effective January 2023: As of January 1, 2023, in order obtain an STR permit, property owners will need to either: (1) have obtained a valid Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) operating permit for the property that is to be rented as a STR or (2) have entered a compliance agreement with the City. If a property is not in compliance by January 1, 2023, the STR permit will become invalid. Obtaining either of these requirements can take six months or longer.

DARK SKY ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE DEADLINE EXTENSIONS, FINAL ADOPTION JANUARY 10

During the December 13 Council meeting, the Malibu City Council approved on first reading an amendment to the City's Dark Sky Ordinance to extend the deadlines for compliance for commercial, residential and institutional districts. The Dark Sky Ordinance is meant to protect Malibu's environment and community quality of life from light pollution. The item will return for a second reading and adoption on January 10, 2022. The City Council also directed staff to begin a public education program as soon as practicable with the goal of helping residents and businesses comply with the regulations and deadlines. The staff report and agenda for the January 10 meeting [are available on the City's website](#). For more information about the Dark Sky Ordinance, [visit the webpage](#).

DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE HEARING, JANUARY 10

A City Council public hearing to consider the Housing Element Update is tentatively scheduled for January 10, 2022. On November 15, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended the City Council adopt the 2021-2029 update of the City of Malibu General Plan Housing Element which establishes and implements specific goals, policies and objectives relative to the provision of housing for all income levels consistent with the state housing element law. The staff report and agenda for the January 10 meeting are available [on the City's website](#). For more information [visit the Housing Element webpage](#).

MALIBU INN MOTEL PROJECT PUBLIC HEARING, JANUARY 11

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the Malibu Inn Motel project environmental document and project entitlements on Tuesday, January 11 at 6:30 PM. The January 11 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) EDIBLE FOOD RECOVERY REQUIREMENT STARTS FOR MALIBU IN 2022

Starting in 2022, Malibu's grocery stores must donate edible food to food recovery organizations with other food service businesses starting in 2024 to comply with a recently enacted state law. This will help feed the one in seven people living with food insecurity in LA County. Using food recovery to address food insecurity is the best use for surplus food and a vital way for California to conserve resources and reduce food waste thrown in landfills, where it releases methane, which contributes to climate change. To learn more about the Edible Food Recovery program, including which businesses are required to participate, and other information, [visit the webpage](#).

HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING THROUGH JANUARY 10

Malibu residents can drop off holiday trees to be recycled through Monday, January 10, 2022 at the Chili Cookoff Lot ([23575 Civic Center Way](#)) 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Saturdays and Sundays. The lot will closed at 11:00 AM on December 30, and will be closed all day on December 31 and January 1. This is a self-serve event. Please do not leave trees on the ground or outside the gate. For more information, [visit the webpage](#).

MANDATORY ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING STARTS FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS IN MALIBU ON JANUARY 1

Malibu residents automatically started receiving organic waste recycling on January 1 as part of the City's new mandatory organic waste recycling program. The program is intended to help the community reduce its carbon footprint and the impacts of climate change and also meets requirements under California Senate Bill 1383, which establishes the statewide target to reduce the amount of organic waste disposed of in landfills by 75%. Your City-permitted solid waste hauler will provide specific information on how they will collect organics and which cart to use for organics. The program started for businesses and multi-family in October 2021. For more information, including contact information for waste haulers, tips for composting at home and reducing food waste, and an FAQ, [visit the webpage](#). **VIDEO** - To understand the environmental impacts of organic waste and how to properly recycle it, [watch the City's new video](#).

FREE RAIN BARREL PROGRAM

West Basin Municipal Water District is launching its 2022 free Rain Barrel Program on time for rainy season. Rain barrels, valued at \$80 each, are a great way to save water and reduce stormwater

runoff by collecting and reusing rainwater. A rainwater capture feature, such as a rain barrel, is also a requirement for West Basin's grass replacement rebate program, which starts at \$3 per square foot of grass replaced. Malibu residents can register for free home delivery which started December 10. [For more information and to sign up, visit the webpage.](#) Barrels may also be picked up at a drive-through event on Saturday, January 29, 2022, 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM at Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility in El Segundo; or Saturday, February 5, 2022, 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM at West Basin Municipal Water District Headquarters in Carson.

(NEW) POETRY WORKSHOP

The Community Services Department will offer a series of free Poetry Workshops with Malibu Poet Laureate Ann Buxie. The first workshop of 2022, Caffeinated Verse, will be held virtually through Zoom on Saturday, January 15, at 11:00 AM. Longtime Malibu resident, architect and author Doug Rucker will be the featured reader and an open mic session will follow for participants to share their work. To RSVP or for more information, [visit the Poetry webpage](#) or call 310-456-2489, ext. 350.

(NEW) HOLIDAY OPERATING HOURS FOR CITY PARKS AND FACILITIES

City Hall and the Malibu Community Pool will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. All other City parks and facilities, including the skate park, will be open from 8:00 AM to Sunset. For additional information, visit MalibuCity.org/Facilities or call 310-317-1364.

MALIBU BLUFFS PARK MULTIPURPOSE FIELD CLOSED DECEMBER 13 - FEBRUARY 2

The Multipurpose Field at Malibu Bluffs Park will be closed for its bi-annual rest and renovation Monday, December 13 through February 2. The rest and renovation play an important part in keeping the field in safe and playable condition throughout the year. The park's other facilities will remain open.

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 SMcClary@MalibuCity.org.

[See Past City Manager Updates](#)