

UPCOMING

- Monday, January 24, 6:30 PM - [City Council Regular Meeting](#) - virtual
- Tuesday, January 25, 9:00 AM - [Arts Commission Regular Meeting](#) -virtual
- Saturday, January 22 & 29, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - [Drive-Through COVID-19 Testing](#) - Malibu City Hall
- Wednesday, January 26, 9:00 AM - [Environmental Review Board Regular Meeting](#) - virtual
- Wednesday, January 26, 3:00 PM - [Public Works Commission Regular Meeting](#) - virtual
- Wednesday, February 2, 5:00 PM - [Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting](#) - virtual
- Thursday, February 3, 7:00 PM - [Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission Regular Meeting](#) - virtual

(NEW) FREE DRIVE-THROUGH COVID-19 TESTING AT MALIBU CITY HALL JANUARY 22 AND 29

The City of Malibu is partnering with Malibu Medical Group to once again offer free drive-through COVID-19 testing at the City Hall parking lot Saturday, January 22 and Saturday, January 29, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Malibu City Hall is located at 23825 Stuart Ranch Road. Anyone seeking to be tested must be in line by 2:00 PM to get a test that day. Results can be expected within 24-48 hours and are sent directly to you via the laboratory's website. [Registration is required using the HIPPA Compliant form](#). For all questions regarding the testing, please email covid19@malibumedicalgroup.com.

(NEW) FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS AVAILABLE TO BE SHIPPED TO YOUR HOME

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order free at-home rapid COVID-19 tests shipped direct by the U.S. Postal Service. Limit four per household. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. [Click to order](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends using an at-home test: if you have a fever, sore throat, runny nose, or loss of taste or smell; at least five days after having come into contact with someone with COVID-19; and before gathering with a group of people, especially with those at risk of getting severe illness from COVID-19. Public Health officials advise also continuing to use other risk-reduction strategies, including getting vaccinated and wearing facemasks in crowded or public settings, especially N95, K95 or surgical quality facemasks that offer more protection from the extremely contagious Omicron variant.

(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 - 216
- Single Family Dwellings complete – 66
- 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 is temporarily closed to the public 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 19, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH) confirmed 59 new deaths and 31,018 new cases. Other key updates from [the County's COVID-19 Dashboard](#) as of January 18, 2022 include the following:

- 1,698 confirmed positive cases and 13 deaths in the City of Malibu to date
- 2,343,821 confirmed cases and 28,181 deaths in LA County to date
- 4,799 current hospitalizations in LA County, an increase of 2,559 since January 6

(NEW) COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN MALIBU FOR THE 2022 LA COUNTY HOMELESS COUNT, RESCHEDULED TO FEBRUARY 23

Malibu community members are invited to volunteer to join the annual Homeless Count taking place in Malibu, which has been rescheduled to Wednesday, February 23. Join the thousands of volunteers who help the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority conduct the annual street count of County of Los Angeles's homeless population. Learn more or sign up to volunteer at TheyCountWillYou.org. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. For more information, contact Public Safety Liaison Luis Flores at LFlores@MalibuCity.org or 310-456-2489, ext. 236.

(NEW) PSPS POWER OUTAGE PREPAREDNESS TRAINING FOR SENIORS AND AT-RISK ADULTS, FEBRUARY 16

The City will provide a free virtual training to help seniors and at-risk adults be prepared for Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) on Wednesday, February 16, 11:00 AM. 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.

(NEW) RESOURCES TO HELP MALIBU COMMUNITY MEMBERS STAY AWARE OF CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD

Malibu residents, businesses, employees, students and others in the community can access valuable information about crime and public safety in their neighborhoods using a crime mapping website and monthly crime and public safety reports from County agencies. Members

of the public can track recent crime activity in their neighborhood using www.CrimeMapping.com, which automatically extracts data from Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department databases. Users can also sign up to receive email alerts when crimes occur in a specific location. There is no cost to the City or to individual users. Another valuable resource for situational awareness are the monthly incident reports provided to the City by the County Sheriff's Department, Fire Department and Lifeguard Division. The most recent reports and an archive of past reports are available to view, download or print on [the Public Safety webpage](#).

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) PCH BIG ROCK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT SURVEY THROUGH JANUARY 31

As part of its PCH Big Rock Retaining Wall project, Caltrans has created an online survey to get input from Malibu community members on their preference for daytime or nighttime construction work and utility relocation. [Take the online survey](#). The project will restore eroded slopes on the coastal side of PCH south of Big Rock Drive in Malibu, requiring utility lines to be relocated. Nearby residents may experience noise, vibrations and dust associated with construction activities, whether the work takes place during the day or at night. The survey will be open through January 31. For more information about the project, [visit the webpage](#).

(NEW) COMMISSIONS RECOMMEND SUSPENDING WESTWARD BEACH PARKING PROJECT

During a special joint virtual meeting of the City's Public Works and Public Safety Commissions on January 20, the Commissions voted to recommend to the City Council to suspend the proposed Westward Beach Road Parking project. Community concerns were raised about the project related to the ongoing beach erosion that led to the recent collapse of the connector road leading from Westward Beach Road into the Point Dume Parking lot and other issues. The Commissions recommended further environmental, safety and coastal engineering review, and getting community input before moving the project forward. [The meeting video and staff report are available to view on the website](#). The item will be scheduled for a future City Council meeting, with details to be announced when they become available.

(NEW) ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS ORDINANCE POSTPONED TO MARCH 7

On January 18, the Planning Commission postponed the City's Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) draft ordinance to Monday, March 7, 2022 due to the high number of items on the agenda, including Woolsey Fire rebuild time extensions and projects. In addition, the California Coastal Commission [submitted redline comments](#) on the City's draft LCP ordinance. City staff will address these comments in the March 7 staff report. Community members are invited to attend, watch and give public comment. The State has identified ADUs as an important tool to create more affordable housing amidst California's housing crisis, and has passed several laws to make it easier to build ADUs. The City is preparing an ordinance to be consistent with the State laws, and to ensure the regulations reflect Malibu's needs and characteristics. The staff report, viewing and commenting instructions will be posted prior to the meeting [on the website](#). For more information about ADU regulations in the City of Malibu, [visit the ADU webpage](#).

(NEW) MALIBU INN MOTEL PROJECT HEARING POSTPONED TO APRIL 4

On January 11, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Malibu Inn Motel project environmental document and project entitlements and continued the hearing to the April 4 Regular Planning Commission meeting to allow time for staff to contact the Regional Water Quality Control Board for clarification on whether the proposed project continues to be exempt [pursuant to Table 4-zz](#). Previous meeting materials and more information about the project are available [on the webpage](#).

MALIBU COUNTRY INN PROJECT PUBLIC HEARING JANUARY 24

On Monday, January 24, 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 are posted [on the website](#). For more information about the project, [visit the webpage](#).

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 note two important limitations on STR permits starting 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.

(NEW) HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS AND ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION FEBRUARY 19

Residents can drop off used paint, motor oil, batteries and electronics to be safely and properly disposed of at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Electronic Waste Collection on Saturday, February 19, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the City Hall Upper Parking Lot. When dropping off materials, please wear a face covering and remain in your vehicle with the windows closed. The event staff will only remove materials from your vehicle trunk or pick-up bed. For more information and the list of accepted materials, [visit the webpage.](#)

DARK SKY COMPLIANCE DEADLINE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 2022

During the January 10 City Council meeting, the Council adopted the Dark Sky Ordinance amendment to extend the deadlines for compliance for commercial, residential and institutional districts to October 15, 2022. The Dark Sky Ordinance is meant to protect Malibu's environment and community quality of life from light pollution. 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. For more information about the Dark Sky Ordinance, [visit the webpage](#).

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](#).

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, hauler-specific 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 a free rain barrel [on the webpage](#). Home delivery has closed, but barrels may 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) SPRING SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 24

In-person registration for the Malibu Seawolves Swim Team will take place Monday, January 24 through Wednesday, January 26, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM at the Malibu Community Pool at Malibu High School. Online registration opens Friday, January 28 at 8:00 AM at MalibuCity.org/Register. Additional information regarding swim team levels, workout schedules, and pre-requisites can be found [on the Aquatics web page](#).

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.