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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Town of Paradise Weekly Recovery Update**

**Events:**

Wed, July 24th 5:30 pm	Party in the Park Location: Paradise Community Park
Fri. July 26th 10 am-1 pm	Paradise SaveMart Grand Re-Opening Location: 6636 Clark Road, corner of Clark and Wagstaff
Tues. Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 – 6 pm	Paradise Library Re-Opens! Location: 5922 Clark Rd.
Tues. Aug. 6th 6 pm- 8 pm	Camp Fire Community Meeting – Agency Updates Location: Paradise Alliance Church 6491 Clark Road Paradise, CA
Thurs. Aug. 8th 5:30- 7:30 pm	Ribbon Cutting: Paradise Unified School District Location: Paradise Unified School District 6696 Clark Rd Paradise, Ca
Tues. Aug. 13 <sup>th</sup> 6 pm	Paradise Town Council Meeting Location: Paradise Town Hall - 5555 Skyway

8,040	Properties cleared of debris
3,421	Properties certified clean by County
90	Properties where No Drink Advisory has been lifted by PID
115	Building permits issued
87	Applications in plan check
202	Applications received total
2	Homes rebuilt (Certificate of Occupancy issued)

**What's new:**

- [Makeitparadise.org](http://makeitparadise.org) is live! This is an all-in-one resource for all things Paradise including a go-to guide to the rebuilding process to help residents and contractors. On the website, you will find:
  - Homeowners Checklist
  - Rebuilding Guidelines
  - Updates on Community Projects

- A list of Resources and Grants available
  - Document Library
  - A list of FAQ
- The **Chico Clinic will be held on August 3 and 4 at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds**. Anyone in need, will be offered free dental, medical and vision care. Patients must register for services the day before they intend to come (Friday morning registration for Saturday, Saturday morning for Sunday). We encourage Camp Fire survivors to attend. It is from 7am-5pm both days.

The clinic is being offered by California CareForce, a non-profit that has been doing these clinics around California for the last nine years. This is the first time they've been to Butte County. To register, please visit <https://www.californiacareforce.org/patients/chico/>

They also are in need of 65 dental, medical and vision professional volunteers and 200 general volunteers each day All volunteers must register in advance at <http://www.californiacareforce.org/volunteer/chico>.

- The Town will start holding Camp Fire Community meetings on the **first Tuesday of each month**. This meeting will be dedicated to updates from our local agencies like PID and PUSD and give the community a venue to hear information from each agency directly. The first meeting will be on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Paradise Alliance Church 6491 Clark Rd.
- The Paradise Library is re-opening Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup>! The library will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-6pm and Saturdays 11am to 4pm. They offer Wifi, phone chargers, chromebooks (for library use only), free photocopying, faxing, and scanning and use of meeting rooms and public computers. The Paradise Library is located at 5922 Clark Rd.
- Next week's **Party in the Park, July 31st, is the last of the summer**, please come join us!
- The Paradise Pool was opened to the public on July 21st!
- Paradise Moose Lodge 50th Anniversary Party is August 10th, tickets are on sale till July 31st. Send requests to Paradise Moose Lodge, PO Box 1176, Paradise, CA 95967

Weekly Q&A:

**Q: Is there an update on tree removal?**

A: The Town is still waiting to hear back from Cal OES and FEMA regarding our letter

proposing a tree removal program for trees on private property. When we get more details on whether our proposed plan was accepted, we will announce that information publicly.

**Q: What does the Re-treeing process look like? Is there a timeline for that yet?**

A: Right now, the Town is focused on debris removal, tree removal and repairing infrastructure to allow our residents to return home as quickly as possible. Re-treeing, or planting new trees on public property will happen as roads are repaired and property is cleared. Trees on private property can be planted at any time.

**Q: How can I contact Paradise Councilmembers?**

A: Councilmembers can be contacted directly -contact information is available on the Town website here: <https://www.townofparadise.com/index.php/our-government/town-council>. You can also address the Council at their monthly Council meetings which take place on the second Tuesday of each month at Town Hall – 5555 Skyway. Council cannot take any action on items though, unless they are on the agenda per the Brown Act.

**Q: Have the requirements for septic changed regarding the number of bedrooms you can have?**

A: There has not been any change to the septic requirements for homes that are re-built. There are limits to the number of bedrooms that can be built according to what the leach lines can accommodate. Those calculations are part of the building permit process and must be submitted along with the building plans to show that the existing leach lines can support the number of bedrooms proposed in the new home.

**Q: Do we need to get a permit to put up a fence around your property?**

A: Wood or chain link fences that are not taller than 6' do not require a permit.