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Town of Paradise Weekly Recovery Update

Events:

Thursdays 6 - 8:00pm	Paradise Community Dinner Paradise Alliance Church Location: 6491 Clark Rd
Tues. Sept. 10th, 6-10:00 pm	Paradise Town Council Meeting Location: Paradise Town Hall 5555 Skyway
Fri. Sept. 20 th , 3-4:30 pm	Town of Paradise Contractors Discussion Location: Paradise Town Hall 5555 Skyway
Tues. Oct. 1st, 6 pm`	Paradise Community Information Meeting Paradise Alliance Church Location 6491 Clark Rd

10,398	Properties cleared of debris
6,191	Properties certified clean by County
186	Building permits issued
103	Applications in plan check
289	Applications received total
3	Homes rebuilt (Certificate of Occupancy issued)

What's new:

- We've had a few more businesses open in Paradise. Welcome, Nic's Café (coming very soon) and Plumblin Plumbing. We are happy to have you!
- The Town is on track to receive 500 building permit applications by the end of the year! Initially, we estimated we would receive about 200 applications by December 31st. We are very encouraged by the numbers we are seeing.
- The Town of Paradise hosted its second monthly Community Information Meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd at 6 pm at Paradise Alliance Church. This was an opportunity for the community to hear directly from agencies working to rebuild the community. This allows for the most up-to-date information to be presented to the community. We encourage all Camp Fire survivors to join us, either in person or online on the Town of Paradise Facebook page. If you missed it, there is a link to the Facebook Live <https://bit.ly/2ICptUA>

- While the Town works with NRWS, Cal OES, Cal Fire and other agencies to reopen the green waste facility on American Way, the Neal Road Landfill is a good option for green waste. There is a separate entrance for non-commercial trucks, and the line isn't too long if you go before noon. The Town is getting very close to a solution that will allow us to reopen the green waste facility in Town, stay tuned!
- The Town is working on abating properties that have not signed up for debris removal. There are less than 100 properties that didn't sign up for either the State program or the alternative program through the County. After sending courtesy notices and making numerous phone calls to the property owners, the Town has now begun the process through the courts to remove the debris on the properties.
- Calling all contractors! We would like to streamline the process of connecting property owners to builders by working with Rebuild Paradise on a master plan library. We would love your input and ideas, as well as to learn the challenges you are facing. How can we help you to rebuild Paradise? Email rpurviance@townofparadise.com or call (530) 872-6291 x122.
- Paradise Community Dinners are held every Thursday at the Paradise Alliance Church, 6491 Clark Rd. Dinner is free and open to anyone. Come and share a meal with your community.

Weekly Q&A:

Q: Is there a plan for the emergency siren system?

A: Yes. One of the recovery projects identified in the Long-Term Recovery Plan is a siren system or other non-technology reliant system to early warning for emergencies. The Town has applied for funding through FEMA for such a system. Once the funding has been confirmed, the Town will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the design and construction of an early warning system. This is one of the highest priorities identified in the plan, and we are working to make it happen as soon as possible.

Q: Is there a system for handling squatters?

A: Any issues with squatters or trespassers should be handled by the Paradise Police Department. They can be reached at their non-emergency line (530) 872-6241 or if it an emergency at 911.

Q: Can you elaborate on what the master plan library will be?

A: The Rebuild Paradise Foundation is working to get a selection of master plans (for home rebuilds) that are pre-approved by the Town. This way people who are rebuilding could select one of the master plans and begin the rebuilding process, streamlining the design process. The Town is supporting Rebuild Paradise in their efforts to create this library. It is important to note that while the plans would be pre-approved by the Town, there would still be site-specific items that would need to be approved by the Town in the permitting process. The details for the library are still being worked out, which is why we are looking for input from our local building community at

the Contractor's Discussion on Sept. 20th from 3-4:30 pm at Town Hall. Once the details are worked out, we will help Rebuild Paradise get the word out about the program.

Q: What is the Wildfire Assistance Program?

A: PG&E set aside \$100 million for those affected by the 2017 and 2018 fires, including the Camp Fire. These funds are being distributed now to those who apply, the deadline to submit a claim is November 15th, 2019. For more information and to file a claim online, visit www.norcalwildfireassistanceprogram.com.