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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

**Events:**

Fri. Oct. 25th and Sat. Oct 26th 8:30-12 pm	Love Paradise Make a Difference Days Paradise Community Park
Tues. Nov. 5th, 6 - 8 pm	Paradise Community Information Meeting Paradise Alliance Church Location: 6491 Clark Rd
Fri. Nov. 8th, 10:30 am	Building Resiliency Center Ribbon Cutting Location: 6295 Skyway Paradise, Ca
Fri. Nov. 8th, 11:08 am	85 Seconds of United Silence Individuals can participate from wherever they are
Fri. Nov. 8th, 11:15 am	Unveiling Phoenix Key Project Location: 6295 Skyway Paradise, Ca
Fri. Nov. 8th, 6:30 pm - 8 pm	Camp Fire Commemoration Ceremony Paradise Alliance Church 6491 Clark Rd.
Sat Nov. 9th, 11:30 am - 4 pm	Adventist Health Feather River Camp Fire Remembrance Event Location: Hospital Campus
Sun. Nov. 10th, 3 - 8pm	Camp Fire Art Display Paradise Performing Arts Center Location: 777 Nunneley Road
Tues. Nov. 12th, 6 - 10 pm	Paradise Town Council Meeting Town Hall Location: 5555 Skyway Paradise, Ca
Thursdays 6 - 8:00 pm	Paradise Community Dinner Paradise Alliance Church Location: 6491 Clark Rd

646	<b>Water Advisories lifted</b>
429	<b>Building Permit Applications Received</b>
	<b>286 issued / 143 in plan review</b>
180	<b>Businesses Open on the Ridge</b>
9	<b>Homes rebuilt (certificate of occupancy issued)</b>

### What's new:

- The **Butte Strong Fund's nine-person grant selection committee on Friday approved \$346,953 to help the town of Paradise open a Building Resiliency Center.** With the latest grants, the North Valley Community Foundation has granted more than \$24 million for community recovery via the Butte Strong Fund, Camp Fire Relief Fund and donor-designated funds. The Building Resiliency Center will be a one-stop shop for residents and building professionals. But it will mean a lot when we can finally open the doors to the BRC and welcome Camp Fire survivors. They will finally have a place to get all their questions answered and receive personal attention. Paradise residents have been through so much this past year. It's exciting and heartwarming to see so many pioneers begin their rebuilding journey. This could not have happened without the generous support of the NVFC and the Butte Strong Fund. We owe a debt of gratitude to everyone who has donated, rooted for us, held us in their thoughts and prayers, and who continue to support our recovery efforts.
  
- It has been nearly one year since the Camp Fire, and many events are being planned for the week of November 8<sup>th</sup>. **The Town will hold several events on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>:**
  - 10:30 am: Building Resiliency Center Ribbon Cutting - 6295 Skyway
  - 11:08 am: 85 seconds of silence for the 85 lives lost
  - 11:15 am: unveiling of the "Key Phoenix" at Building Resiliency Center - 6295 Skyway
  - World Kitchen will host a free community meal beginning at 2:30pm -- Paradise Alliance Church 6491 Clark Rd.
  - 6:30 pm: Paradise Commemoration Ceremony – Paradise Alliance Church 6491 Clark Rd.
  - **While the event is free, we do ask for you to RSVP so we may plan accordingly here: <http://bit.ly/2oJpcB9>**

- **For an entire list of Camp Fire one-year events** please visit [ParadiseChamber.com's](http://ParadiseChamber.com) homepage and [events calendar](#) are now populated with Camp Fire Remembrance Events.
- **Ridge Lives on Remembrance and Celebration Faire**  
Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – 10 am to 4 pm  
[13835 West Park Dr. Magalia, CA](#) – Pine Ridge School
- **Make a Difference Day is this Friday Oct. 25 and Saturday Oct. 26th :**  
For the last three years, the Love Paradise group has organized volunteers for days of service and beautification in the Paradise community. This year, in the aftermath of the Camp Fire, Love Paradise is back and ready to host another day of volunteering – this time to clean up our streets as we prepare to welcome our neighbors back to observe the one-year anniversary of the Camp Fire on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**This Friday October 25th and Saturday October 26th,** Love Paradise will be holding a “Make a Difference Day” cleanup day throughout Paradise. Volunteers will be picking up trash, metal or other objects on sidewalks and along paths, clearing weeds and planting flowers. The Paradise Adventist Church, the Town of Paradise, the Paradise Garden Club, California Hope Center, the Paradise Church of Latter-Day Saints, Chico State, and Butte College, are all coming together to volunteer along with community volunteers. Join us at 8:30am on Friday the 25th or Saturday the 26th at Paradise Community Park! For more information, or to sign up, visit [loveparadise.net](http://loveparadise.net).

- **Voting for the new “Paradise” sign has started.** As a community, we were pleased to have received a number of inspiring submissions for the future Gateway to Paradise Sign. The thought, care, and passion shown by the designers is a testament to the creativity and strength of our community. Once the votes are tallied, we will make a formal announcement of the winner and progress towards plans permitting and construction. The sign committee is doing their absolute best to make sure that past and present residents of Paradise have the ability to observe the 7 designs and vote. Voting can be done through online voting here <https://bit.ly/2nfSMNV>. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing our sign greeting guests and residents once again. **Voting ends November 1st, 2019.**

- **Reminder: Tree Removal- Butte County Fire Safe Council Dead and Dying Tree Removal Program:** Our Tree Removal Project is focused on removing merchantable dead and dying trees over 12” in diameter that could inhibit new construction. Due to limited funding, we can only help certain landowners who meet specific qualifications within the footprint.

**To Qualify, Landowners Must –**

- Have pulled a building permit on the property where tree removal will be conducted.
  - The property must be within the Camp Fire footprint.
  - 70% of the dead and dying trees to be removed from the property must be conifers. Harvestable trees (Cedar, Pine, Fir) are necessary to offset the high costs of tree removal.
  - Have at least 20 harvestable trees between the property with a building permit and those directly adjacent.
  - Be paying for reconstruction themselves.
  - Own property directly adjacent to properties with building permits pulled.
    - Assistance from landowners receiving this announcement by contacting landowners directly adjacent to tree removal is appreciated.
  - **\*This program will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to limited funding, we cannot guarantee we will be able to help all qualified landowners in need of tree removal.\***
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- **Ribbon Cuttings coming:**
    - Paradise Lutheran Church, 780 Luther Dr. Paradise, CA - Oct. 24th, 2019 5-6:30 pm
    - Aurora Ridge Homes, 5910 Clark Road, Ste G Paradise CA - Oct. 30th 2019 5-7:00 pm

**Weekly Q&A:**

**Q: In case of emergency is there a radio station people can tune into for updates?**

**A:** Unfortunately, the Town’s radio station, AM 1500, was damaged in the fire and is no longer functioning. We are working to replace it. In the meantime, we encourage everyone to sign up for emergency alerts through Code Red here:

<https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFA19C579EA5>. Local news and the Town of Paradise Facebook page are also good resources in an emergency.

**Q: What is the process for homes that selected to go the private contractor route and have yet to be cleared? Is there a deadline for this?**

A: Properties that are using the alternative program for debris removal submitted their plans to Butte County during the ROE sign up period. Property owners are working with their private contractors to remove debris and are subject to their contractor's availability to get the work completed. As of now there is no deadline for the cleanup of their property.

**Q: Once Debris Removal is complete will the town be focusing on redoing the roads?**

A: Yes. The Town has done two surveys of our roads, one before debris removal began and one now that it is largely completed, to assess the damage done by the debris removal process. Using that information, the Town will now work on bringing public roads back to their pre-fire condition. The Town is in the process of applying for funding through FEMA for this purpose.