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PRESS RELEASE

Town of Paradise Weekly Recovery Update

Meetings:

Tues. Nov. 5th, 6 - 8 pm

Paradise Community Information Meeting

Paradise Alliance Church

Location: 6491 Clark Rd

Tues. Nov. 12th, 6 - 10 pm

Paradise Town Council Meeting

Town Hall

Location: 5555 Skyway Paradise, Ca

Events:

Thurs. Nov. 7th, 12-8 pm

Paradise Ice Rink Opens

Terry Ashe Recreation Center

Location: 6626 Skyway, Paradise

Fri. Nov. 8th, 10:30 am

Building Resiliency Center Sneak Peek

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, 12 pm

Groundbreaking at Hope Plaza (Camp Fire Memorial)

Location: 6148 Skyway

Fri. Nov. 8th, 2:30-5:30 pm

World Kitchen Community Meal

Paradise Alliance Church

6491 Clark Rd.

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

Thursdays 6 - 8:00 pm

Paradise Community Dinner
Paradise Alliance Church
Location: 6491 Clark Rd

646 Water Advisories lifted
457 **Building Permit Applications Received**
303 **Building Permits issued**
11 Homes rebuilt (certificate of occupancy issued)

What's new:

- This coming week we have the **Community Information Meeting** on Tuesday, November 5th at 6pm at the Paradise Alliance Church. This meeting will be focused on summarizing the progress made in the last year for each agency in attendance. We intend for this meeting to turn the page from recovery to rebuilding and provide a look at what the coming year will bring for each agency. We look forward to sharing these highlights with you all.
- **Paradise on Ice:** The ice rink is opening on November 7th! The Paradise Ice Rink is an outdoor seasonal ice rink that will be open daily (weather permitting). Public Skate, Adult Skate, Lessons, Private Rentals, and Party rooms are all offered.
 - Regular Hours:
 - Sunday- Thursday: 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
 - Friday - 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. with teen skate night at 9:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. (additional charge)
 - Saturday - 12:00 -10:00 p.m. with skate lessons from 11:00 am to 12:00 p.m. (additional charge)
- The Paradise Town Council and the Butte County Board of Supervisors **passed ordinances requiring the removal of hazard trees damaged by the Camp Fire from private property that may fall into public roadways.** Property owners may enter the Government Tree Program to have the trees removed by the State at **no out-of-pocket cost.** Enrollment in the Government Tree Program requires a Right-of Entry form. Property owners may also identify and remove hazard trees themselves but must submit an inspection form so an inspector may verify the removal of the hazard trees from the property. Property owners may also call the Tree ROE Center directly at (530) 552-3030 or submit Tree ROEs by email at TreeROE@buttecounty.net. The Tree ROE is available for download online at www.ButteCountyRecovers.org/treeremoval. ROE forms may also be

picked up at the Tree ROE Centers when they open. Community meetings will be held at various locations throughout the county in an effort to provide information about tree removal programs. Meeting dates and times will be announced in the near future.

- Three Tree ROE Centers open Monday, October 28th at the following locations:
 - **Community Employment Center:** 78 Table Mountain Boulevard, Oroville Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 am - 5 pm
 - **Butte County Library, Paradise Branch Community Room:** 5922 Clark Road, Paradise Hours: Mon.- Fri. 9am - 5pm
 - **Butte County Library, Chico Branch:** 1108 Sherman Avenue, Chico Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 10 am- 6 pm, Friday-Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
- It has been nearly one year since the Camp Fire, and many events are being planned for the week of November 8th. **The Town will hold several events on Friday, November 8th:**
 - 10:30 am: Building Resiliency Center Sneak Peak -- 6295 Skyway
 - 11:08 am: 85 seconds of silence for the 85 lives lost
 - 11:15 am: The unveiling of the “Key Phoenix” at Building Resiliency Center -- 6295 Skyway
 - 12:00 pm: Ground Breaking of Hope Plaza -- 6148 Skyway
 - World Kitchen hosted free community meal will begin at 2:30-5:30pm – 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. Please note RSVP does not hold a space. We encourage you to arrive early to secure a seat. Register here: <http://bit.ly/2oJpcB9>.**
 - **For an entire list of Camp Fire one-year events please visit ParadiseChamber.com's homepage and [events calendar](#) are now populated with Camp Fire Remembrance Events.**
- **Make a Difference Day was this past weekend and it was a great success! We had so many people of the community come out and help beautify our town. Thanks to all those who Love Paradise!**

- **Voting for the new “Paradise” sign ends Nov. 1st, 2019.** Please take a second to look at the 7 options and vote at www.paradisesignrebuild.com. We want every community members vote!
- **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.***
 - Visit <https://makeitparadise.org/grants> for more information
- **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. *Hors d’oeuvres and wine will be served.*

- US Bank Grand Reopening, 6017 Skyway Paradise - Oct. 30th 1-3pm. *Catered by Meehos, Music by Big Mo, Jeff Rosso, and Don Bowman.*

Weekly Q&A:

Q: I heard there was a new program to address trees, how does it work?

A: The Paradise Town Council and the Butte County Board of Supervisors passed ordinances requiring the removal of hazard trees damaged by the Camp Fire from private property that may fall into public roadways. Property owners may enter the Government Tree Program to have the trees removed by the State at no out-of-pocket cost. Enrollment in the Government Tree Program requires a Right-of Entry form. Property owners may also identify and remove hazard trees themselves but must submit an inspection form so an inspector may verify the removal of the hazard trees from the property. Property owners may also call the Tree ROE Center directly at (530) 552-3030 or submit Tree ROEs by email at TreeROE@buttecounty.net. The Tree ROE is available for download online at www.ButteCountyRecovers.org/treeremoval. ROE forms may also be picked up at the Tree ROE Centers when they open.

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Q: Can you give more insight as to why the money being given out from the Butte Strong fund is going to the BRC, and funding a housing manager position and not directly to people in need?

A: Funds donated to the Butte Strong Fund through the North Valley Community Foundation (NVCF) are granted to groups and agencies that apply for specific Camp Fire recovery activities that help survivors recover. The Town of Paradise applied for funding to get the Building Resiliency Center (BRC) up and running. The BRC will help many Camp Fire survivors recovery as it will be a one stop shop for rebuilding and housing information. For more information on how the Butte Strong Fund allocates its resources, visit <https://buttestrongfund.org/>.

Q: How can someone attend all the November 8th of events?

A: All the events are free and open to the public. We do ask that you RSVP to the evening event at Paradise Alliance Church. This does not reserve a space for an individual as this event is a first come first served event, but we expect a large turn out so we encourage you to arrive early.