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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

**Events:**

Sat/Sun Oct 12-13	Paradise Revival Festival Location: Terry Ashe Park Visit <a href="http://Paradiserevival.com">Paradiserevival.com</a> for more information
Fri/Sat Oct. 25-26	Love Paradise Make a Difference Day Location: Paradise Community Park
Tues. Nov. 5th, 6 - 8 pm	Paradise Community Information Meeting Paradise Alliance Church Location: 6491 Clark Rd
Fri. Nov. 8th, 10:30-11:30 am	Phoenix Key Project Tribute Reveal Location: 6295 Skyway Paradise, Ca
Fri. Nov. 8th, 11:05-11:10 am	86 Seconds of United Silence
Fri. Nov. 8th, 6 pm	Camp Fire Remembrance Ceremony Paradise Alliance Church 6491 Clark Rd.
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

10,879	Properties cleared of debris
8,440	Properties certified clean by County
<b>394</b>	<b>Building Permit Applications Received</b>
6	Homes rebuilt (certificate of occupancy issued)

## What's new:

- **Tree Removal- Butte County Fire Safe Council Dead and Dying Tree Removal Program:** This 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 with contacting landowners directly adjacent for tree removal is appreciated.
  - **\*This program will be conducted on a first-come, first-serve 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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- **Love Paradise – Make a Difference Day Friday Oct. 25 and Saturday Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>:** 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>.

On Friday October 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>, Love Paradise will hold 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 25<sup>th</sup> or Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> at Paradise Community Park!

- **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.
  
- **ATTENTION:** Building Department Applicants, submittal of rebuild plans can take 30-40 minutes to process. As such, please be advised; **NO REBUILD PLANS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 4:00 P.M. STARTING OCTOBER 1st.** Thank you for understanding.
  
- **Paradise Revival Festival is this weekend!** Produced for Paradiseans by Paradiseans, this event continues the commitment to community events. It’s an opportunity to connect, engage and heal through music, art and workshops. 7 live bands, free massage and acupuncture treatments, and more. Visit [paradiserevival.com](http://paradiserevival.com)
  
- In order to better serve our residents, **the Town will open the Building Resiliency Center (BRC) at 6295 Skyway** (old Bank of America Building) in the coming months. This will be a one-stop-shop for building permits, information and housing resources. The Town is working hard to open the BRC by Nov.8<sup>th</sup>, and we are looking for funding to get the building ready after sitting vacant for several years.
  
- 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>:**
  - 11:08 am: 86 seconds of silence for the 86 lives lost, and the unveiling of the “Key Phoenix” – Building Resiliency Center - 6295 Skyway
  - 12:00 pm: Groundbreaking ceremony at Camp Fire Memorial – Skyway/Foster Triangle.
  - 6:30 pm: Camp Fire Remembrance Ceremony – Paradise Alliance Church 6491 Clark Rd.
  
- **Ribbon Cuttings coming:**

- Paradise Lutheran Church, 780 Luther Dr. Paradise, CA 95969-  
Oct. 24th, 2019 5-6:30 pm
- Aurora Ridge Homes, 5910 Clark Road, Ste G Paradise CA 95969 -  
Oct. 30th 2019 5-7:00 pm

### **Weekly Q&A:**

#### **Q: What is happening with Trees?**

**A:** Public assistance funding has been approved for a Hazard Tree Removal Program to remove trees on private property that may fall on public roads. More information about the program, which parcels are eligible, and how to enroll will follow in the next few weeks. The Town is also applying for funding through FEMA for hazard mitigation which will assist with tree removal. We should find out about whether that funding has been awarded in the next few months. The Butte County Fire Safe Council has also announced a new program to address hazard trees on private property. View the guidelines

at <https://makeitparadise.org/grants>

The deadline to enroll is October 25th, 2019. This program will be conducted on a first come, first serve basis and help cannot be guaranteed to all qualified landowners.

To enroll, contact:

Taylor Nilsson at the Butte County Fire Safe Council

Phone - (530) 966-1620

Email - [taylorn@buttefiresafe.net](mailto:taylorn@buttefiresafe.net)

#### **Q: Where can people find out information on insurance for manufactured homes?**

**A:** Information on Insurance was presented at the last Community Meeting on October 1st, although insurance for manufactured homes was not part of that meeting. You can watch that meeting here: <https://www.facebook.com/townofparadise/videos/2451256524991143/>. The Rebuild Paradise Foundation is putting together more information on manufactured home insurance and they will present it at a future community meeting. The California Department of Insurance is a good resource for questions on insurance. Contact them through their website: <http://www.insurance.ca.gov/>.