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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

#### **Events:**

Tues. Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 6pm	Special Town Council Meeting Location: 5555 Skyway
Fri. Oct. 25th and Sat. Oct 26th 8:30-12 pm	Love Paradise Make a Difference Days
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 Grand Opening Location: 6295 Skyway Paradise, Ca
Fri. Nov. 8th, 11:08 am	85 Seconds of United Silence For each person to do at whatever location they are at
Fri. Nov. 8th, 11:15 am	Unveiling Phoenix Key Project Location: 6295 Skyway Paradise, Ca
Fri Nov. 8th, 12:00 pm	Ground Breaking at Hope Plaza Location: 6148 Skyway
Fri. Nov. 8th, 6:30 pm - 8 pm	Paradise Fire Commemoration Ceremony Paradise Alliance Church 6491 Clark Rd.
Fri. Nov. 9th, 11:30 am - 4 pm	Adventist Health Feather River Camp Fire Remembrance Event Location: Hospital Campus
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

180	Number of businesses open on The Ridge
8,910	Properties certified clean by County
<b>404</b>	<b>Building Permit Applications Received</b>
9	Homes rebuilt (certificate of occupancy issued)

### What's new:

- **Governor Newsom signs bill allowing Paradise emergency room.** Governor Gavin Newsom signed legislation on Saturday to allow Adventist Health to set up an emergency room in Paradise. The bill creates an exception from a state rule forbidding free-standing emergency rooms. With the governor's signature, the California Department of Health is now allowed to issue a special permit for six years to Adventist Health.
- **Youth organizations on the Paradise Ridge are celebrating the sweet success of this year's 14th Annual Paradise Chocolate Fest.** Youth on the Ridge Community Foundation awarded over **\$30,000 at a special ceremony held at the Johnny Appleseed festivities in Paradise.** Did you know the Paradise Chocolate Fest's proceeds raised from the festival provide vital support to non-profits that deliver educational, enrichment, recreational and leadership opportunities to youth on the Paradise Ridge. This year, twenty-nine programs have benefited from the "sweet rewards" of the Fest.
- **Make a Difference Day 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>.

**On Friday October 25th and Saturday October 26th,** 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 25th or Saturday the 26th at Paradise Community Park! For more information, or to sign up, visit [loveparadise.net](http://loveparadise.net).

- **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-serve basis. Due to limited funding, we cannot guarantee we will be able to help all qualified landowners in need of tree removal.\***
- **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.

- **Reminder:** In order to better serve our residents, **the Town will open the Building Resiliency Center (BRIC) 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>:**
  - 10:30 am: Building Resiliency Center Grand Opening - 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
  - 12:00 pm: Ground Breaking of Hope Park - 6148 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.  
<http://bit.ly/2oJpcB9>
  
- **For an entire list of Camp Fire one year events** please visit [ParadiseChamber.com](http://ParadiseChamber.com)'s homepage and [events calendar](#) are now populated with Camp Fire Remembrance Events.
  
- **Ribbon Cuttings coming:**
  - Secrets of Paradise, 6433 Skyway Paradise, CA - Oct 17th, 2019 5:30pm - 7:00pm
  - 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: Is there assistance for tree removal on properties with standing homes?**

**A:** Yes. The Town is offering a program where properties with standing homes can get financial assistance to remove hazardous trees. There are income and other guidelines that must be met for this program, you can find more information about the here:

<https://www.townofparadise.com/index.php/our-government/departments/housing/owner-occupied-housing-rehabilitation>.

Cal OES recently announced a program which will remove trees on private property that may fall into public right of way. Properties with standing homes are included in this program. Guidelines for this program are being worked out right now, however we know it will work in a similar way as the debris removal program where property owners must sign a Right of Entry Form (ROE) to register for the program. More information on this program will be available soon.

### **Q: Where can I see a full list of events for November 8th? Is the Town of Paradise hosting something specific?**

**A:** The Paradise Ridge Chamber of Commerce has a list of events surrounding the anniversary of the Camp Fire. You can find this list here: <http://www.paradisechamber.com/>. The Town is holding three events to commemorate November 8<sup>th</sup>:

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