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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

#### **Meetings:**

Thurs. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm

**Mandatory Tree Removal Program Public Info Meeting**  
Manzanita Place  
Location: 1705 Manzanita Ave, Chico

Sat. Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 9 am

**Mandatory Tree Removal Program Public Info Meeting**  
Terry Ashe Recreation Center  
Location: 6500 Skyway, Paradise

Mon. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 8 pm

**PID Water Recovery Update Meeting**  
Paradise Alliance Church  
Location: 6491 Clark Rd

Tues. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm

**Mandatory Tree Removal Program Public Info Meeting**  
Paradise Alliance Church  
Location: 6491 Clark Rd

#### **Events:**

November - December

**Paradise Ice Rink Now Open!**  
Terry Ashe Recreation Center  
Location: 6626 Skyway, Paradise

Thursdays 6 - 8:00 pm

**Paradise Community Dinner**  
Paradise Alliance Church  
Location: 6491 Clark Rd

#### **Updates and Statistics:**

##### **Water Updates:**

744 Water Advisories lifted

- **Standing Homes:** 97% tested meet state drinking water standards (15% of the standing homes tested show some detection of a fire-related VOC)
- **Burnt Lots:** 51% tested have detections of fire-related VOC's
- **Water Mains:** 98% of the water mains meet state drinking water standards.

**Building Updates:**

497 **Building Permit Applications Received**

334 **Building Permits issued**

13 Homes rebuilt (certificate of occupancy issued)

**What's new:**

- We had many great recaps of the year each agency has had since the Camp Fire at the Community Information Meeting last week. **Some of the most pertinent information we heard about was from the Paradise Irrigation District.** Here are some of the stats we want you to know:
  - **Standing Homes:** 97% tested meet state drinking water standards (15% of the standing homes tested show some detection of a fire-related VOC)
  - **Burnt Lots:** 51% tested have detections of fire-related VOC's
  - **Water Mains:** 98% of the water mains meet state drinking water standards.
- 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](mailto:TreeROE@buttecounty.net). The Tree ROE is available for download online at [www.ButteCountyRecovers.org/treeremoval](http://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 can be found here :<http://www.paradisechamber.com/events/calendar/>
  - Three Tree ROE Centers open 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. 9 am - 5 pm
  - **Butte County Library, Chico Branch:** 1108 Sherman Avenue, Chico Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 10 am- 6 pm, Friday-Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
  
- **Paradise on Ice:** The ice rink is now open weather permitting! 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)
  
- Town of Paradise Council Member Mike Zuccolillo and Charles Brooks, Executive Director of the Rebuild Paradise Foundation **recently joined a delegation from other Northern California fire-affected communities on a trip to Washington D.C. to advocate for the needs of our community.** The delegation was coordinated by the Rebuild Northbay Foundation and highlighted the needs of Northern California cities and counties impacted by the devastating fires of 2017 & 2018. Both Paradise delegates met with federal officials and lawmakers to discuss the top priorities of Paradise. These include:
  - Advocating for the highest funding of current grant requests
  - Advocating for infrastructure
  - Advocating for reducing local match on Federal funding
  - The need for tree removal funding to include trees that could impact private
  - Roads and “orphan” roads
  - Sharing the voice of our rural community
  
- **The Camp Fire One Year was a day filled with many emotions coupled with a positive look into the future as the Town moves from recovery to rebuilding.** The day and weekend’s events were heartfelt and exhibited a truly tight-knit and resilient community bond that has continued to build throughout the past year. An uplifting evening ceremony to honor the heart

and soul of Paradise was enjoyed by over 1500 Ridge Residents. In the chance you missed the events, the evening ceremony can be viewed here:

<https://www.facebook.com/townofparadise/videos/712438195909885/>

- **On November 8th, The BRC “Building Resiliency Center” sneak peek to the building was enjoyed by the community.** The BRC will be an exciting resource that will allow the community to visit and get assistance with rebuilding needs. A BIG Thank You to Bank of America for donating the building. North Valley Community Foundation, Ray Morgan Company, AT&T and USDA also stepped up to donate money to build out The BRC’s services in an effort to support the residents of The Ridge. The BRC official Grand Opening date will be announced in the coming weeks.
- **The Town of Paradise officially broke ground on Hope Plaza on November 8th.** For more information on what is to come in 2020 check out <https://www.hopeplazaparadise.com>

### Weekly Q&A:

#### **Q: How long will the ice rink be open?**

A: The Ice Rink is open through January 20, 2020.

#### **Hours:**

Sunday – Thursday 12 – 8 pm

Friday - 12 – 8pm (9pm – 11pm Teen Skate)

Saturday – 12pm – 10 pm (11am – 12 pm Skate Lessons)

**Skate Lessons** Group lessons are offered with regular admission during each Saturday from 11:00 am to Noon.

**Friday Teen Nights** Special activities for teens every Friday Night 9:00-11:00 pm. \$5 admission with school ID.

**Coffee Club** Special times for Adult skaters—18 years of age and older are offered with regular admission every Saturday from 10:00-11:00 am.

**Stroller Skating** Special Times for parent and baby in stroller with one regular admission are on November 18, December 9 and December 30 from 10:00-11:00am.

**Santa’s Arrival & Truck Parade** December 7, 2019—starting at 2 pm Start your Holiday Season with Paradise Recreation & Park District as we welcome Santa with song, dance and more seasonal cheer! Santa will be taking requests from 4-6 pm. After visiting Santa, stick around for the fantastic Truck Parade going down Skyway!

#### **Q: When will the Building Resiliency Center open?**

**A:** The Town is working on opening the BRC in early December. Like most buildings in Paradise that survived the fire, there was some work to be done to make it ready for occupancy, and our staff is hard at work making those repairs. As soon as we have an opening date, we will announce it and make plans for a Grand Opening event.