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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

#### **Meetings:**

Tues. Nov. 12th, 6 - 10 pm

#### **Paradise Town Council Meeting**

Town Hall

Location: 5555 Skyway Paradise, Ca

Mon. Nov. 18th, 6 - 8 pm

#### **PID Community Meeting: Water Recovery Update**

Paradise Alliance Church

Location: 6491 Clark Rd

#### **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 Central 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 pm - 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

649 Water Advisories lifted  
**475 Building Permit Applications Received**  
317 **Building Permits issued**  
12 Homes rebuilt (certificate of occupancy issued)

**What's new:**

- It has been nearly one year since the Camp Fire, and many events are being planned for this week. All these events are open to the public and we encourage attendance. We know this is going to be a hard week for the community and we want to bring everyone together to celebrate the progress we have made and look to the future of Paradise. **The Town will hold several events this Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>:**
  - 10:30 am: Building Resiliency Center Sneak Peak -- 6295 Skyway
    - This will be the one-stop-shop for all things rebuilding
    - As we expect large crowds at this event, we ask that you arrive early. Parking is available along Skyway and on side streets as well as in the Town Park and Rides. **Skyway will be closed to vehicle traffic starting at 10:15 am on Friday between Pearson and Elliott Rd.** For the safety of those attending this event, we will detour vehicular traffic from Skyway to Pearson, Almond, Elliott and back to Skyway. The following roads will also be closed between Pearson and Elliott:
      - Foster between Pearson and Skyway
      - Birch between Almond and Skyway
      - Fir between Almond and 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
    - An art piece created from the keys of homes lost in the fire by Jessie Mercer that will be housed inside the BRC
  - 12:00 pm: Ground Breaking of Hope Plaza -- 6148 Skyway

- World Central Kitchen hosted meal will begin at 2:30-5:30 pm – Paradise Alliance Church 6491 Clark Rd.
  - A free community meal to bring everyone together. Come one, come all!
- 6:30 pm: Paradise Commemoration Ceremony – Paradise Alliance Church 6491 Clark Rd.
  - An uplifting ceremony to honor the heart and soul of Paradise - our community
  - **While the event is free and no tickets are needed, we do ask for you to RSVP so we may plan accordingly for the number of people who will be in attendance. Please note: your 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](http://ParadiseChamber.com)'s homepage and [events calendar](#) are now populated with Camp Fire Remembrance Events.
- 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 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. 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 opening on November 7<sup>th</sup>! 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)

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

**Q: Is the town planning on hiring another Code Enforcement Officer soon?**

**A:** With all the rebuilding that is going on in Town, having someone to enforce Town Ordinances is very important. We currently have one full-time Code Enforcement Officer and one Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer who are actively following up on complaints and reaching out to residents to bring them into compliance with Town rules. As we see their workload increase, we will hire more Code Enforcement Officers to ensure we are able to keep up.

**Q: What is the “annual septic op” that I see on my tax bill?**

**A:** Due to the lack of a town sewer, the State Regional Water Quality Control Board authorized the Town as a Wastewater Management Zone in 1993. An ‘operating permit’ fee was adopted and charged on every septic system in town to fund that district. Regardless of use, each septic system installed in town is part of that wastewater district and the Town is responsible for tracking and reporting on each of those systems annually to the State. Paradise Municipal Code section 13.04.220.B.3 states:

*“Each owner of a private wastewater disposal system shall pay fees to the town as adopted by resolution of the town council. All fees collected under this section shall be used for the following purposes:*

- a. Activities of the onsite wastewater zone;*
- b. Processing and record keeping;*
- c. Stream and subsurface water monitoring;*
- d. Investigations;*

*e. Informational programs concerning on-site disposal systems.”*

**Q: What services does the Town recommend for dealing with the trauma of the one-year anniversary bringing up a lot of emotions?**

A: Milestone events after a disaster, like the one-year anniversary of the Camp Fire, can be a difficult time for survivors. Fortunately, there are resources available for those needed some assistance.

The Disaster Distress Helpline

A 24/7, 365-day-a-year, national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster. This toll-free, multilingual, and confidential crisis support service is available to all residents in the United States and its territories. Stress, anxiety, and other depression-like symptoms are common reactions after a disaster. Call [1.800.985.5990](tel:18009855990) or text TalkWithUs to [66746](tel:66746) to connect with a trained crisis counselor.

California HOPE of Butte County

Through outreach and education, California HOPE empowers and restores stability to fire survivors and fire-affected communities of Butte County. HOPE Counselors meet with fire survivors and their families on the survivor’s schedule, wherever they’re most comfortable. HOPE counselors facilitate educational and support group meetings for survivors and provide support at community events. Call 530.966.7382 or email [calhopebutte@gmail.com](mailto:calhopebutte@gmail.com) to connect with a HOPE Counselor today. Also, find them on Facebook [@CalHopeButte](https://www.facebook.com/CalHopeButte).