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PRESS RELEASE

Town of Paradise Weekly Recovery Update

Meetings:

Wed. Jan. 15th 6:30-9:00 pm

PID Regular Meeting
PID Board Room
6332 Clark Road

Events:

Sat. Jan. 11th 7 - 9:00 PM

PRPD 71st Year Anniversary Celebration
Terry Ashe Park Rec Center
Location: 6626 Skyway Paradise, Ca

Sat. Jan. 11th 10am-2 pm

Medspire Free Clinic Day
Magalia Pines Baptist Church
Location: 14098 Skyway

Sat. Jan. 25th 10:30 am-2 pm

“Roadmap to Recovery” Special Event
St. John the Evangelist Church
Location: 2341 Floral Ave, Chico

Fridays 12- 1:30 pm

“Fridays for Lunch” Free Lunch
Paradise Lutheran Church
Location: 780 Luther Dr. Paradise, Ca

Thursdays 6 - 8:00 pm

Paradise Community Dinner
Paradise Alliance Church
Location: 6491 Clark Rd

Updates and Statistics:

Water Updates:

1,102 Water Advisories lifted

There are about 450 standing homes left to test, PID expects to complete testing to all standing homes by March 2020.

Building Updates:

710 Building Permit Applications Received
471 Building Permits issued
31 Homes Rebuilt (certificate of occupancy issued)

What's new:

- **We held the January Community Information Meeting that was focused on the Homeowner's Rebuild Checklist.** In this workshop, Susan Hartman, Community Development Director for the Town of Paradise covered the Homeowners Rebuilding Checklist in detail. Attendees also heard from a representative from the Contractors State Licensing Board on best practices to find the best contractor for your needs. After the meeting, attendees got the opportunity to meet and greet over 2 dozen contractors in the gymnasium. If you were unable to attend, the meeting is available via the Town of Paradise Facebook page. The video will be uploaded to the MakeitParadise.org website as well.
- **Rebuild Advocates Available to residents** of the town of Paradise and Butte County to help navigate the process of rebuilding. The advocates can help people apply for loans and connect with contractors. You may call 530-872-6291 ext. 130 to schedule an appointment. Please reach out, they are here for you.
- **Work Renew will be conducting a survey with survivors in the Camp Fire burn scar area between 1/13/2020 and 1/24/2020.** Their survey will ask questions to ascertain their current unmet needs. The results of the survey will be given to the LTRG. The LTRG plans on using this data to compile data to support future asks for unmet needs from both government and non-profit organizations.
- **Medspire will offer a Free Clinic Day event in Magalia.** The clinic will offer free urgent care, primary care, case management and mental health services. There is no I.D. required and the event is free and available to all. For more information, Medspire can be contacted at (833) 633-7747. The event will take place January 11th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Magalia Pines Baptist Church, 14098 Skyway.

- **The Butte County departments of Behavioral Health and Employment and Social Services have jointly brought back supportive services to the Paradise ridge located at 7200 Skyway.** A one-time grant of \$100,000 by the North Valley Community Foundation will assist in funding the operations throughout 2020, and the Butte County Community Services Center opened on Monday, Jan. 6. The county's departments of Behavioral Health, Employment and Social Services, and Public Health will all share the space; along with community partners such as North Valley Catholic Social Service and Catalyst Domestic Violence Services.
- **“Roadmap to Recovery” Solving Reconstruction Pricing Disputes Special Event is coming to Chico Saturday, January 25th, 2020, 10:30 am-2 pm at St. John the Evangelist, 2341 Floral Ave, Chico.** This hands-on workshop will help you overcome roadblocks to rebuilding. We'll contact you once you're registered to let you know what documents you'll need to bring. Who should attend? Homeowners whose insured homes were damaged or destroyed in the Camp fire. This Roadmap to Recovery workshop is presented by United Policyholders, a non-profit consumer organization helping disaster survivors for over 27 years. For more information and updates, visit our online help library at uphelp.org/campfire. **RSVP required for this event! Please send an email to info@uphelp.org if you'd like to attend.**
- 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 can be found here [:http://www.paradisechamber.com/events/calendar/](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

- **Construction reminder:** Paradise is rebuilding! As such there is a lot of construction happening in the roads, by PID, PG&E, the Town, and private contractors. Remember, any resident who wants or needs to do construction in a public right of way needs to check in with the Town of Paradise on requirements for doing so. This keeps us all safe and respectful of property boundaries.

- **Paradise on Ice:** The ice rink is open through January 20th, 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)**

- **Business's Opening coming up:**
 - Travel Connection and Woodworths Jewelry: Ribbon Cutting & Open House
 - January 17th 4-7:00 pm
 - 6265 Skyway, Ca

Weekly Spotlight

The 2019 numbers are in! As of December 31st, 2019, the Town of Paradise received 700 rebuild applications! After the fire, the Town did some research and projected we would receive around 200 applications in the first year after the fire. As you can see, we have far exceeded that number, and we have the undeniable strength and resilience of our community to thank for that. We continue to be amazed and inspired by our residents who are working hard to come home to Paradise. Bring it on 2020! We got this!