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Town of Paradise Weekly Recovery Update

Meetings:

Fri. Feb. 28th, 3:00-6:00 pm

Home Builders Resource Connection

Paradise Alliance Church Gym

Location: 6491 Clark Rd

Tues. Mar. 3rd, 6:00-8:00 pm

Community Information Meeting

Focus: Insurance and Trees

Paradise Alliance Church

Location: 6491 Clark Rd

Events:

Sat. Feb. 29th and Sun. Mar. 1st
10 am - 4 pm

Butte County Museum Weekend

Locations throughout Butte County

Various Locations

Fridays 12:00 pm- 1:30 pm

“Fridays for Lunch” Free Lunch

Paradise Lutheran Church

Location: 780 Luther Dr. Paradise, Ca

Thursdays 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Paradise Community Dinner

Paradise Alliance Church

Location: 6491 Clark Rd

Updates and Statistics:

Water Updates:

1,531 Water Advisories lifted

PID expects to complete testing to all standing homes by March 2020.

Building Updates:

821 Building Permit Applications Received

629 Building Permits issued

55 Homes Rebuilt (certificate of occupancy issued)

Weekly Spotlight

Thinking about rebuilding, but need financial assistance? The Town of Paradise currently has funds available to help residents rebuild their homes in Paradise. Deferred, low interest loans up to \$205,000 are available for those who qualify. For more information, call our housing technicians at (530) 872-6291 x122 or email rpurviance@townofparadise.com.

What's new:

- **Hazard trees that, at twice their height, could fall on a public or private road are required to be removed.** 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 Center when open. The Tree ROE Center is located at the Building Resiliency Center at 6295 Skyway in Paradise.
- **Home Builders Resource Connection is happening this week!** Rebuild Paradise, Paradise Chamber of Commerce, Butte College, Paradise Realtors Association, Chico Builders Association, and Valley Contractors Exchange invite you to join them this Friday, February 28th from 3-6 pm at the Paradise Alliance

Church for the Home Builders Resource Connection. This is a special opportunity to connect with local agencies, realtors, architects, general contractors, lenders, insurance agents and more. This event is free to the public, so please come join! The address of the event is 6491 Clark Rd Paradise, Ca.

- **The next Community Information Meeting is happening this coming Tuesday, March 3rd at 6 pm at the Paradise Alliance Church.** The focus of this meeting will be insurance focused on how to navigate Tree Removal within your insurance policy. We will have local insurance agencies tabling after the meeting to meet and connect with the community. Mark your calendar, we hope to see you there!
- **Rebuild Advocates are available at the BRC to residents** of the Town of Paradise and Butte County to help navigate the process of rebuilding and be on hand to help guide people through the rebuilding process. They can also help guide residents through the financial resources available to make rebuilding more affordable such as help people apply for loans and connect with contractors. You may call 530-872-6291 ext. 411 to schedule an appointment. Please reach out, they are here for you.
- **The Butte Strong Fund announced it is accepting inquiries from organizations seeking funding for community development projects in the Camp Fire burn area.** Two funding cycles are planned in 2020. The first deadline to make a grant inquiry is March 15. The second and final grant inquiry deadline is Aug. 15. Only applications made via buttestrongfund.org will be considered. Examples of potential projects could include museums, community centers, historic landmarks, gathering spaces and projects that inspire hope or are central to recovery. For information on eligibility and selection criteria, and how to apply, please go to <http://buttestrongfund.org/apply-for-funding>.
- **CAL Fire reminds all Paradise property owners that defensible space and hazardous fuel reduction are required for all properties in Paradise.** Creating defensible space around your home and reducing overgrown or dead vegetation on vacant lots are vital steps in wildfire safety. Removing and disposing of vegetation can reduce the likelihood of your house or your neighbor's house burning down during a wildland fire. Now is always the right time to make Paradise fire safe! For more information on requirements see Chapter 8.58 Defensible Space and Hazardous Fuel Management of Paradise Municipal Code at <https://bit.ly/3bZz7GF>

- **The first annual Butte County Museum Weekend is set for Feb. 29th & Mar. 1st.** The event was created to promote and celebrate history, art, and culture through Butte County's museums and cultural centers. All participating locations will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m, on both Saturday and Sunday, for free, so visitors can have full access to the wide range of Butte County's cultural offerings. There will be a complimentary shuttle looping between museums in both Chico and Oroville. For more information go to www.explorebuttecounty.com/museum-weekend
- **The Police Officer Association was granted \$10,000 by Farmers Insurance to go towards new trail cameras in Paradise.** These cameras will be helpful in deterring crime on properties that may be uninhabited and help provide police with the ability to be in more places at once. They hope to have the project moving ahead in March.
- **Housing Urgency Ordinance:** After the fire, Paradise Town Council passed an urgency ordinance which allowed displaced residents to temporarily live on their property in an RV. This urgency ordinance expires on December 31, 2020. That means starting January 1, 2021, you must have an active building permit to live on your property in an RV.
- **Business's Opening Soon:**
 - Proframe Construction, Inc. Ribbon Cutting: Thursday, Feb. 27th, 5:30-6:30 pm
 - Location to be announced
 - Elements of Health Ribbon Cutting: Thursday, Mar. 5th, 5:30-7:00 pm
 - Location: 6407 Skyway Paradise, Ca 95969