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PRESS RELEASE

Town of Paradise Weekly Recovery Update

Meetings:

Wed. Mar. 18th 6:30-9:00pm

PID Regular Meeting

PID Board Room

Location: 6332 Clark Road

Events:

Sat. Mar. 14th 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Solving Reconstruction Pricing Disputes

St. John's the Evangelist Episcopal Church

Location: 2341 Floral Ave Chico, Ca

Mon. Mar. 16th 7:30 am-9:30 am

Business Preparedness Workshop

Paradise Chamber of Commerce

Location: 6161 Clark Road #1 Paradise,

Updates and Statistics:

Building Updates:

847 Building Permit Applications Received

661 Building Permits issued

70 Homes Rebuilt (certificate of occupancy issued)

Weekly Spotlight

Paradise Strong, in Space!

We had a very exciting opportunity extended to the Town of Paradise. We will have 2 chips etched with “Town of Paradise, California” and “Paradise Strong” going along on the next voyage to Mars as a way of celebrating the strength and endurance of Paradise.

There was a plaque presented to the Town Council Tuesday night and today, Paradise is home to Stormtroopers and Robots. Jerry Stoces, who is coordinating Paradise’s inclusion in the Mars Rover mission, wanted to do something special for Paradise students. Jerry’s friend, the late Peter Mayhew who played “Chewbacca” in the Stars Wars films, had a large collection of Star Wars toys. Jerry has arranged to share these toys with local students. He, and a contingent of Stormtroopers and other characters, will be visiting Paradise schools throughout the day to distribute these toys. What a fun, exciting and educational way to promote science and Paradise’s involvement with the Mars Rover mission!

What’s new:

- **The Town of Paradise is hiring!** Positions we are looking to fill include Administrative Services Director/Town Treasurer, Capital Projects Manager, and Building/Onsite Permit Technician I/II. If you are interested in applying, or for more information, please visit the Towns website at <https://www.townofparadise.com/index.php/jobs>
- **3Core is hosting a Business Preparedness Workshop. Monday, March 16th at the Paradise Chamber of Commerce between 7:30 -9:30 am.** Come learn how to create a strong action plan and prepare for future interruptions to ensure your business’ continuity. To register for this event go to businesspreparednessworkshops.eventbrite.com, email jwilliams@3coreedc.org, or call 530-893-8732 ext. 202.
- **If you were unable to join the January Solving Reconstruction Pricing Disputes clinic, we invite you to attend our next event, Saturday, March 14th at St. John’s the Evangelist Episcopal Church located at 2341 Floral Ave Chico, Ca. Please RSVP at info@uphelp.org and join us for this event.** During this hands-on clinic you will:
 - Correct your insurance company's estimate to accurately reflect what you lost
 - Learn how to obtain a dwelling estimate that is helpful in resolving your claim
 - Reconcile your insurance company estimate with your contractor's estimate
 - Have your reconstruction questions answered and find needed resources.

Please note: This is a hands-on event. Once you've registered, we'll let you know what documents you'll need to bring. UP staff and credentialed volunteers will be on hand to guide you through the paperwork and answer questions.

- **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>.
- **The Butte Strong Fund committee announced that it has approved several grants in the past month, including tree removal.** A \$50,000 grant will help Paradise Alliance Church with a new service that will help residents who don't qualify for the government program to remove trees and provide defensible space on their property. The program will partner with the Fuels Reduction Assistance Program.
- **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, including insurance. 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.
- **Many private roads in the Camp Fire area are eligible for public assistance funding to remove Hazardous Trees through the State Hazard Tree Removal Program.** 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 Center when open. The Tree ROE Center is located at the Building Resiliency Center at 6295 Skyway in Paradise.

- **Business's Opening Soon:**
 - MTB Construction Ribbon Cutting: Thursday, Mar. 12th, 5:30-7:00 pm
 - Location: 5610 Skyway Paradise, Ca