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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

Tues, Mar. 10th 6:00 pm

Town Council Meeting

Town Hall

Location: 5555 Skyway

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 pm

Business Preparedness Workshop

Paradise Chamber of Commerce

Location: 6161 Clark Road #1 Paradise

Fridays 12:00 pm- 1:30 pm

"Fridays for Lunch" Free Lunch

Paradise Lutheran Church

Location: 780 Luther Dr. Paradise

Thursdays 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Paradise Community Dinner

Paradise Alliance Church

Location: 6491 Clark Rd

Updates and Statistics:

Building Updates:

834 Building Permit Applications Received

645 Building Permits issued

68 Homes Rebuilt (certificate of occupancy issued)

Weekly Spotlight

Do you have hazard trees that need to be removed? Do you have insurance, but it doesn't cover the number of trees you need to be removed? You may be able to leverage your insurance to take out trees with the **State Hazard Tree Removal Program**. Nearly all roads in the Town of Paradise are eligible for the program. For more information visit www.makeitparadise.org or www.buttecountyrecovers.org.

United Policyholders answered questions about insurance and tree removal at our Community Meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd. You can watch the meeting online <https://www.facebook.com/townofparadise/videos/651848522247446/>

What's new:

- **Paradise Irrigation District** has completed testing service lines to all standing structures in the town for possible water contamination and is expecting to finish repairs by the end of spring. The completion of the testing marks a milestone in our recovery after the Camp Fire.
- **On Friday, Achieve Charter School celebrated its recognition as a 2020 California Distinguished School.** The award recognizes schools that close the “achievement gap” between its high-income students and its low-income students. Congrats Achieve Charter School, we are proud of you!
- **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.
- **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>.

- **Insurance Info: If you were unable to join the January Solving Reconstruction Pricing Disputes clinic, we invite you to RSVP and join us for a repeat of 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. **RSVP at info@uphelp.org**

- **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. 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.
- **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:**

- Elements of Health Ribbon Cutting: Thursday, Mar. 5th, 5:30-7:00 pm
 - Location: 6407 Skyway Paradise, Ca 95969
- MTB Construction Ribbon Cutting: Thursday, Mar. 12th, 5:30-7:00 pm
 - Location: 5610 Skyway Paradise, Ca