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PRESS RELEASE

Town of Paradise Weekly Recovery Update

Meetings:

June 30, 2020, 9 am

Town Council Meeting – Budget Presentation
Virtual: <https://livestream.com/townofparadise>

July 7, 2020, 6 pm

Community Information Meeting – State of the
Town Part 2: Department Reports

Updates and Statistics:

Building Updates:

1022 Building Permit Applications Received

864 Building Permits issued

189 Homes Rebuilt (certificate of occupancy issued)

Some GREAT News

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved nearly \$14 million to reimburse the State of California for damage to the Paradise Unified School District caused by the 2018 Camp Fire.

Funds will cover the repair and restoration of damaged or destroyed facilities at Paradise, Ponderosa, and Pine Ridge Elementary schools, Paradise Intermediate school, Paradise and Ridgeview High Schools, Pearson Center, Honey Run Academy, and the Equipment Maintenance Transportation Facilities. The \$18.7 million project will

be financed by \$14 million from FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) program, with non-federal sources covering the remaining \$4.7 million, to return elements of the Paradise Unified School District's infrastructure to as close to pre-disaster condition as possible.

What's new:

- **Special Screening of Ron Howard's Rebuilding Paradise this weekend for those affected by the Camp Fire.** If you'd like to see this film as part of an online film festival, follow the link provided below and sign up by this Friday at 6pm. Viewing times are Saturday, June 13th at 2pm and 5pm or Sunday June 14th at 2pm or 5pm. All times are PST.
<https://rsvp.theworldsbest.events/lzmgn>
- **Paradise Farmers Market has Re-Opened!** Stock up on fresh local fruits, veggies, and artisan products every Tuesday at the Alliance Church parking lot. Time: 7:30 am – 12pm. Address: 6491 Clark Road in Paradise.
- **Paradise PD Welcomes a New Officer!** Monday, June 8th Paradise welcomed Officer Archuleta to the Police Department. Congratulations Officer Archuleta and welcome to the team!
- **St. Thomas More Church in Paradise has launched a "Welcome Home to the Ridge" gift** to be presented to new homeowners on the Ridge. Funding is thanks to a matching grant from the North Valley Community Foundation and Butte Strong Fund. The gift includes: A 5ft tall crepe myrtle tree, loaf of French bread from a local grocer, the Chamber Business magazine, Joy Lyn Peanut Brittle (once available), A reusable raffia tote, and a message of welcome and thanks for choosing the ridge.
- **The Butte County ROE Center is still accepting ROEs and Inspection Access Forms.** Inspections are scheduled to begin in mid-June, and tree felling is scheduled to begin in July. Download your ROE or inspection Access form here. You can mail the form to 205 Mira Loma Dr., Ste 50, Oroville CA 95965 or email to TreeROE@buttecounty.net. For questions, call the Tree ROE Information line at (530) 552-3030.
- **Help keep Paradise fire safe!** If you own a lot in Paradise, it is your responsibility to maintain it. If you need help clearing your lot of weeds and

brush, you can contact a local company who can do the work for you. Find a list of companies with Paradise Business Licenses [here](#).

- **We're Hiring! The Town is looking for an Accounting Technician.** The Town of Paradise invites applicants for the position of Accounting Technician. Applications will be accepted until 5 pm on Thursday, June 11th, 2020. For more information and to complete an application, visit the Town's [website](#).
- **Have questions regarding your rebuild? Rebuild Advocates are here to help!** If you need help navigating the rebuild process, the Town of Paradise has Rebuild Advocates available to assist. They can help with the following: Navigating insurance, FEMA or SBA, understanding additional financing options, selecting a contractor, submitting plans, or any part of the rebuild process. They are available at the Building Resiliency Center by appointment only. Please call 530.872.6291 x411 to make an in-person or phone appointment today!
- **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.

FAQ

Q: I heard about the Tree Removal Program, but I'm not sure what I need to do?

A: All hazardous trees in Paradise need to be removed, to comply all property owners need to choose one of the following options:

1. **Enroll in the State Tree Removal Program:** This program will identify and remove eligible trees on your property, with the removal paid for through insurance proceeds. For more information and to download a Tree Right of Entry Form (ROE), click [here](#).
2. **Enroll in the Private Program:** If you have trees that need to be removed but you want to remove them yourself, or you have already removed them, fill out an Inspection Access Form. A Town inspector will determine if there are any hazardous trees remaining to be removed and if not, will certify the property as being clear of hazardous trees. Any hazardous trees found will need to be removed by the property owner. Click [here](#) for more information and to download an Inspection Access Form.
3. **Have your arborist or forester certify your property.** If you had an arborist or forester remove trees on your property, they can fill out a form certifying the

property has been cleared of hazardous trees. Click [here](#) for more information and to download an arborist/forester certification form.