



Neighborhood Captain Newsletter

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Recovery Updates

18 MONTHS SINCE THE EATON FIRE (JULY 7, 2026)

L.A. County's [official recovery dashboard](#) reveals that 18 months post-fire, only 100 homes have been fully rebuilt out of the thousands destroyed across the region. While 2,981 building permits have been successfully issued, the vast majority of families remain in the earliest planning or permitting phases.

SB 1090 ("KEEP ALTADENA LAND IN ALTADENA HANDS" ACT)

On **July 1, 2026**, State Senator Sasha Renée Pérez, Altadena Town Council leaders, and LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, [advanced](#)

[SB 1090](#) through two critical state committees.

KEY FIRE RECOVERY LEGISLATURE PASSED

Assemblymember John Harabedian (D-Pasadena) has [advanced a comprehensive, four-bill legislative package through key State Senate policy committees](#). The collective measures, officially known as the **wildfire recovery package**, are designed to establish health-based safety protections and financial safety nets for communities rebuilding after major disasters like the Eaton and Palisades fires.

The package includes the following active bills:

- **AB 1642 (Wildfire Contamination Standards):** Cleared the Senate Environmental Quality Committee. This bill directs the Department of Toxic Substances Control to establish the nation's first uniform, science-based indoor testing and remediation standards to verify when fire-impacted homes and schools are chemically safe to reoccupy.
- **AB 1842 (California Mortgage Relief Act):** Cleared the Senate Judiciary Committee. It establishes a uniform statewide framework allowing homeowners whose primary residences are rendered uninhabitable by a natural disaster to temporarily pause mortgage payments without facing foreclosure, penalty fees, or negative credit reporting.
- **AB 1847 (LA Wildfire Mortgage Extension):** Cleared the Senate Judiciary Committee. This measure expands previous local emergency protections for Los Angeles-area fire survivors by extending the window to request mortgage forbearance through January 2029 and increasing maximum forbearance timelines up to 24 months to account for ongoing permitting backlogs.
- **AB 2038 (Insurance Moratorium Protections):** Cleared the Senate Insurance Committee. The bill extends the mandatory post-disaster insurance nonrenewal ban from one year to two years for households located in or adjacent to a wildfire perimeter

ZIP code, and up to three years for homeowners whose properties were completely destroyed.

POST-FIRE SEDIMENT HAULING BEGINS AT EATON WASH

LA County Public Works starts the next phase of sediment removal at Eaton Wash Reservoir, part of ongoing flood-risk for the coming [El Nino](#).

- Hauling runs July 27–November 15, Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.–4 p.m., with dust control, trackout controls, and street sweeping to limit impacts.
- Expect increased truck traffic and construction equipment near the reservoir.
- Questions: Project Manager Precious Crosby, (626) 458-3198 | Dispatch: (800) 675-4357

ALTADENA SMALLBIZ PERMIT EXPRESS

Under the direction of Supervisor Barger, the LA County Department of Economic Opportunity's Office of Small Business launched the Altadena Commercial Concierge Program, offering dedicated concierge representatives and business consultants.

- [Apply here](#)

Opportunities & Deadlines

LAST DAY to sign up for Union School! Develop the skills to organize a tenant union from the Tenant Union Federation. Applicants are encouraged to come with a team of at least three tenants.

AltadenaWILD's 2026 Student Scholarship Program offers three

\$2,000 scholarships to Altadena residents studying at a two-year or four-year college or university. Applications are due July 10, 2026, with scholarships awarded in August. [Apply here.](#)

Postfire added 30 spots to their pilot Free Construction Advisor Program: [APPLY](#)

[Attend two **AltadenaWILD Tree Stewards** workshops and you can receive a free tree.](#) Register your interest before the first workshop on July 18!

ALTA Art Fair applications now open for the October 17th event. Deadline: July 25 | [APPLY](#)

CORE Community Organized Relief Effort is hiring [four Altadena-related positions](#)

Weed Abatement & Brush Clearing Assistance

- Pasadena Jobs Center is helping hire out day laborers at \$25/hour for brush and weed clearing. Call coordinator Juan at 626-440-0112.
- [Altadena Talks Foundation](#), with support from Altgether, is providing assistance with weed clearing on lots.
 - [Request a lot cleaning](#)
 - [Sign up to volunteer](#)

USDA Grants up to \$32,420 for California Single Family Housing Disaster Assistance: [More Info](#)

Park on the Move! Mobile Recreation Van

FREE Mobile Recreation brings sports, wellness, fitness, arts & crafts, ESTEAM, games, and more directly to Altadena families impacted by the Eaton Fire.

- For more information contact:
MobileRecreation@Parks.lacounty.gov or call: 626-977-8432.

SoCal Edison Wildfire Recovery Compensation Program | DEADLINE
November 30, 2026

Events

Disaster Aid & Your Public Benefits | **Register**

Get legal help from the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, funded in part by a grant from the American Red Cross. Areas include FEMA applications and appeals, tenant and homeowner issues, and consumer relief.

- Thursday July 9 @ 4:30-6 pm
- Register for Zoom

Tax Relief Webinar For Disaster Victims | **Register**

Hosted by the LA County Dept. of Consumer & Business Affairs' Low Income Tax Clinic. Covers federal/state disaster tax rules, casualty loss deductions, and free consultations for low-income taxpayers.

- Friday, July 10, 12-1 pm
- Register for webinar

Altadena Chamber of Commerce meeting with Senator Sasha Renée Pérez

An opportunity for Chamber members and community leaders to discuss local business issues, recovery efforts, and legislative priorities affecting Altadena and the surrounding region. For more information call 626-794-3988 or click [here](#).

- Friday, July 10 @ 6-7 pm
- Maxwell House (55 S Grand, Pasadena)

Vision Festival | [Info](#)

Free vision screenings by optometrists, free resources for vision surgery, and free refurbished prescription glasses. All ages are welcome. First come, first served basis.

- Saturday, July 11 @ 8:30-1 pm
- Salvation Army Tabernacle (960 E. Walnut, Pasadena)

[Skin Hair, Mental Health, & Diabetes Screenings](#)

Free health and wellness services provided by AfAHC and Community Health Access Alliance.

- Saturday, July 11 @ 10-2 pm
- Hope Now Community Resource Center (1800 Lake)

[1000 Voices Altadena Mosaic Clay & Storytelling Workshop](#)

Shape clay and share stories in a space of care and creativity with Alma Cielo and Amy Shimshon-Santo. Get your hands in cool, soft, natural clay and share what you love in Altadena through creative writing and spoken word. Make a tile for the community mosaic and add your voice to local history.

- Saturday, July 11 @ 1-4 pm
- CORE Hub (2333 Lake, Suite 2A)

[Photography Exhibit "From Ashes We Gather" by Gayle Nicholls-Ali](#)

The exhibition is about the resilience of Altadena families rebuilding their lives after the Eaton Fire. The exhibition also features community-produced zines created in her storytelling workshops.

- Saturday, July 11 @ 3-6 pm
- DENA Heals, The Paseo (300 E Colorado Boulevard, Suite 151)

29th Annual Summer Concert Series at Loma Alta Park

Join the Rotary Club of Altadena and LA County Parks & Recreation for the kickoff concert with Cassie B presenting "Dream Like Taylor." [See the lineup!](#)

- Saturday, July 11 @ 7 pm
- Loma Alta Park

Let's get you home. | [Register](#)

The San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity is hosting a rebuild info session. If the Eaton Fire took your home, San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity is here to help you get back home.

- 2 Sessions Monday, July 13 @11 am and 4 pm
- Collaboratory

Saved by a Story Wildfire Survivor Community Writing Group

Survivors of the wildfires come together in community to write, share (or not, you decide), listen, and write some more in this prompt-driven group.

- Monday, July 13 @ 1-2:30 pm
- Altadena Community Center

Movement + Meditative Art: Bloom

Offered by [Clarissa Ramsey Studio](#), this month's theme of "Bloom" is a gentle invitation to grow, open up, and create from within. Watercolor and ink will be provided.

- Wednesday, July 15 @ 3-4:30 pm
- Collaboratory

[Writers Workshop, Telling a Story](#) | [Register](#)

Join the PLUS ME Project for a two-session writers' workshop focused on the art of storytelling. This adult workshop is part of PLUS ME's wildfire relief work, helping to make meaning of survivors' experiences.

- Friday, July 17 @ 1-3 pm
- Pasadena Village Office Community Room (236 W. Mountain St. #113, Pasadena)

Altadena WILD Tree Steward Workshop

[Fill out this interest form](#) for more information before AltadenaWILD's first Tree Steward workshop.

- Saturday, July 18 @ 10-12 pm

Pasadena Y 2026 Dena Day: Pass It Forward | RSVP

Join the YMCA, Bryce Young Foundation, and CJ Stroud Foundation at this free event: children's sports and empowerment, food trucks, backpacks, essential items, family gift bags, free YMCA memberships, and more.

- Saturday, July 18 @ 10 am
- Jackie Robinson Memorial Field (678 Arroyo Blvd, Pasadena)

"Choosing Joy" Workshop | Register

In-person workshop designed for nonprofit staff involved in wildfire recovery work. Participants will name what thoughts and feelings they are holding on to and discuss what each person actually wants. Expect movement practices that can be done from a chair, seated, or on the floor. Hosted by Jericho Road and A Thousand Joys.

- Wednesday, July 22 at 5:30 pm
- 300 E Colorado Blvd, Suite 151, Pasadena

Altadena Town Council Meeting

Monthly public meeting (third Tuesday of every month) with a General Public Comment period; agenda expected to cover rebuilding progress and community affairs.

- Tuesday, July 21 @ 7 pm

- Altadena Community Center (730 E. Altadena Dr.)

Surveys

- **Complete CONSORTIUM's brief survey** on the costs of excavation-based soil remediation and capping
- **The Climate Mental Health Network and the University of Illinois are seeking wildfire-impacted parents, educators, and students (ages 14-17)** for a virtual focus group on recovery and emotional wellbeing. Participants receive a \$50 gift card.
- **Mapping Resident Perceptions of Community Change in Aftermath of Eaton Wildfire**: How social capital fuels recovery, a study from a Northeastern University student. 5-minute qualifying survey. If eligible, 30-minute interview.

Community & Financial Resources

FEMA Extension

FEMA officially extended financial and housing assistance under the Individuals and Households Program (IHP). Contact: 800-621-3362 or apply at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov)

- Homeowners: Direct housing assistance has been extended through July 9, 2027
- Renters: Direct assistance has been extended through October 9, 2026

Log into buildnotes.la for an evolving list of resilient materials aligned with the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety, The Resiliency Company, San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity, and the Foothill Catalog.

LA County's Recover Local **Buy A Gift Card And Get A 50% Bonus Gift Card For Free!**

The Step Up Fund is giving \$2,500 to fire survivors who face eviction.

Union Station Housing Assistance helps Eaton Fire survivors covering security deposits, rent, motel vouchers, and essential furnishings.

Free Wellbeing Support Available for Residents Impacted by Wildfires: Individual and family counseling, support groups, wellness activities, and case management. From the LA County Department of Mental Health.

- Monday-Friday, 9-6 pm @ The Collaboratory

6 free mental health support sessions from Didi Hirsch for anyone impacted by the fires.

The CalAssist Mortgage Fund Reopened and provides up to \$100,000 in non-repayable mortgage assistance, covering up to 12 months of payments. Income limits are now up to \$281,400 in LA County.

Disaster Case Management provides household support and is available through multiple organizations:

- **CORE:** dcmp@coreresponse.org
- **LA County & Catholic Charities of California** (FEMA-funded):
(833) 775-DCMP (833-775-3267)

The LA County Sheriff's Department Altadena Station's Construction Check Program provides free, regular courtesy checks during the rebuilding process. Email altadenahomecheck@lasd.org

In-Person Locations & Resources

24LA

- No-cost “shopping”, recovery resources, and town beautification projects. See website for appointment and volunteering opportunities.
- 5760 West Jefferson, Los Angeles

Eaton Fire Collaborative’s Collaboratory

- Monday-Wednesday: 9-5 pm | Thursday: 9-7 pm | Friday: 9-1 pm
- [Book an Appointment to Visit the Store](#)

The HUB Rebuilding Altadena CORE

First Time Visitors: [Schedule Appointment](#)

- Suite 2A, 2333 Lake Ave
 - Wed-Thurs @ 11-6 pm | Fri-Sat @ 10-3 pm
- Drop-in office hours:
- Foothill Catalog: Wednesdays @ 2-4 pm
- Collective O/R: Wednesdays @ 2:30-5 pm
- Neighborhood Legal Services LA County Clinics: 2nd and 4th Thursdays @ 12:30-4 pm

Wildfire Survivor Support Centers (FEMA, SBA, LA County departments)

Optional: [Schedule an SBA Appointment](#)

- Mon-Fri, 9-4:30 pm @ Altadena Community Center, 730 Altadena Dr.
- Mon-Fri, 9-4:30 pm @ One-Stop Rebuilding Center, 1828 Sawtelle Blvd, Los Angeles

Altadena One-Stop Permit Center

- Mon-Fri, 8-4:30 pm @ 464 W Woodbury Rd. Suite 210

SCE Altadena Rebuild Community Hub (ARCH)

Support for customers with billing inquiries, planning inquiries (i.e. service reconnections, undergrounding, temporary power poles and panel), and other SCE programs and services.


- Monday-Friday, 8-4:30 pm
- 2680 Fair Oaks Ave.

Additional Community Calendars

[Eaton Fire Residents United](#) | [Altadena Town Council](#) | [Altadena Calendar](#) | [Altadena Connections](#)

Links

[Altadena Library eConnect](#) | [Altadena Recovery Wiki](#) | [Altadena Talks Foundation & Podcast](#) | [Buildnotes.LA](#) | [CalAssist Mortgage Fund](#) | [Department of Mental Health Resources](#) | [Disaster Legal Assistance Collaborative](#) | [Eaton Fire Residents United](#) | [Eaton Fire Survivors Network](#) | [LA County GIS Visualizations](#) | [LA County Recovers](#) | [Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles](#) | [Mortgage & Foreclosure Relief](#) | [NSLSA Disaster Assistance](#) | [PostFire LA](#) | [United Policy Holders](#)

 **Altadena Rotary's 29th annual summer concert series
kicks off this weekend!**

See [the lineup](#) and mark your calendars.

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