



# Neighborhood Newsletter

For Neighbors, by Neighborhood Captains

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## Recovery Updates

### **HOUSING DENSITY & DEVELOPER SPECULATION**

More than 400 residents attended the June 16th Altadena Town Council meeting to express their concern over developer speculation in the Eaton Fire burn zone. [Watch the full meeting.](#)

- Sen. Sasha Renée Pérez introduced [SB 1090 \(Keep Altadena Lands in Altadena Hands Act\)](#), which would establish a 5-year moratorium on SB 9 and SB 1123 in Altadena zip codes.

### **CALL TO ACTION: KEEP ALTADENA LANDS IN ALTADENA HANDS ACT (SB 1090)**

A push is underway to support SB 1090, which stands as the community's strongest tool to prevent corporate developers from exploiting the Eaton Fire disaster footprint. The amendment aims to place a temporary moratorium (extending through 2030) on the automatic, ministerial approval of SB 9 and SB 1123 projects. SB 1090

would route large developments through a standard county review process while protecting local ADU construction.

Crucially, a coalition of Altadena-based groups successfully carved out narrow exceptions within the bill so community land trusts can still utilize SB 9 for affordable, gentle-density projects like bungalow courts.

SB 1090 goes before the Assembly Housing and Community Development and Assembly Local Government Committees on Wednesday (July 1). Concerned residents are encouraged to do the following:

- Visit [altadenarecoverywatch.org](http://altadenarecoverywatch.org) to submit a letter of support for SB 1090 and the amendment by Tuesday (June 30)
- Attend the press conference Monday at 9:00 am, at 425 E Las Flores Ave.

## **FIRE RESILIENCY & INSURANCE REFORMS**

Local advocacy groups continue to track crucial state legislation aimed at protecting fire survivors and improving recovery standards. Here is where the key bills stand, and [how to take action](#):

- [AB 1642 \(Environmental Safety Standards\)](#): The bill seeks to establish strict, health-based testing and safety standards before families return to fire-impacted structures. After successfully passing the State Assembly with strong advocate support, AB 1642 is scheduled for a hearing before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on Wednesday, July 1.
  - [Monitor updates or add your name to the Eaton Fire Residents United community endorsement letter](#)
- Insurance Reform Bills: A pair of key insurance bills were heard in their respective Sacramento committees yesterday, June 24.
  - [SB 1301 \(Residential Property Insurance: Nonrenewals\)](#), which is supported by consumer advocates to strengthen policyholder protections, was heard by the Assembly Insurance Committee.
  - [AB 1795 \(Smoke Damage Recovery Act\)](#) moved to the Senate Insurance Committee. Survivor advocacy groups

including EFRU [opposed the current draft](#) of AB 1795 because it advanced without previously pledged amendments intended to protect survivors.

### **URGENT NOTICE FOR SBA DISASTER LOAN BORROWERS**

An upcoming June 30, 2026 deadline could impact your ability to use your SBA loan. This applies ONLY if you were approved between January 7, 2025, and June 30, 2025. Later approvals follow standard 12-month rules. Because guidelines are vague, talk with your SBA loan officer ASAP to verify your status and protect your funding.

### **PUSD TREE REMOVAL**

Following public outcry, the [Pasadena Unified School District Board](#) [voted unanimously](#) to amend its Eaton Fire soil cleanup plan. Staff is exploring alternative remediation methods to save up to 57 of the 193 mature, protected trees originally slated for removal across 11 campuses. Local advocacy groups, including Chaney Trail Corridor, are exploring enacting the California Environmental Quality Act to halt excavation until further environmental reviews.

### **NEW SOIL REMEDIATION SUPPORT & COST SURVEY FOR EATON FIRE SURVIVORS**

The newly launched [CONSORTIUM](#) (including USC Public Exchange, LMU, and the Altadena Recovery and Rebuild Corporation) is offering fire-affected families free soil testing, remediation guidance, and pilot financial aid. They need your data to assemble a guide:

- [Complete a brief survey](#) on the costs of excavation-based soil remediation and capping

### **WATER MUTUALS**

Rubio Cañon Land and Water Association [officially broke ground on the reconstruction of the Maiden Lane Reservoir](#). This is \$2+ million project is funded by insurance proceeds to restore critical water infrastructure that was damaged during the Eaton Fire.

### **MAJOR FEMA EXTENSION APPROVED**

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the Individuals and Households Program (IHP).

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- **Renters:** Direct assistance has been extended through **October 9, 2026**
- Survivors who registered with FEMA can reach the agency's helpline at 800-621-3362 or apply at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.DisasterAssistance.gov)

## **ECONOMIC & PERMIT UPDATE**

A recent [LA County Department of Economic Opportunity report](#) highlighted how our recovery shapes up:

- **Permitting Pace:** As of late spring, about 32.8% of destroyed homes in the Eaton Fire footprint have received rebuild permits.
- **The Completion Bottleneck:** While permits are moving at one of the fastest wildfire recovery paces in U.S. history, actual completion remains slow. Fewer than 1% of homes have passed final inspection and received occupancy approval across the fire zones, highlighting how long the physical construction runway is. [Read more.](#)

## **HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PLAN FOR FIRE SURVIVORS**

On June 16, the [LA County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved](#) a motion by Supervisors Barger and Horvath to build a coordinated front door for homelessness prevention services — with fire survivors among the first populations it aims to protect. Two-thirds of fire-affected residents remain displaced, and nearly half have exhausted or will soon exhaust their insurance-funded temporary housing.

- Within 45 days, the County will launch a public Homelessness Prevention Resource webpage covering rental assistance, mortgage relief, legal aid, and utility assistance.
- An outreach plan connecting fire-impacted community organizations with prevention resources is due to the Board by July 21, 2026.

## COUNTY MOBILIZES TO TACKLE WEEDING ON LOTS

On June 9, Supervisors Barger and Horvath [directed County departments to develop a coordinated strategy for hazardous vegetation on fire-impacted residential properties in Altadena.](#)

Altogether, [Altadena Talks Foundation](#), and NDLO can help! Reach out to your Altogether Neighborhood Captain to coordinate a weed-clearing event in your zone.

- [Request a lot cleaning](#)
- [Sign up to volunteer](#)

## Opportunities & Deadlines

- **Urgent Notice for SBA Disaster Loan Borrowers** – SBA loans approved between January 7 and June 30, 2025 have an upcoming deadline of June 30 (Tuesday). Talk with your SBA loan officer ASAP to verify your status and protect your funding.
- **Department of Angels Roots & Rays Community Grant**  
**[Applications are due July 7!](#)** Grants of up to \$1,000 can support August and September neighborhood gatherings focused on connection, healing, and community-building for fire survivors.
- Postfire expanded the number of spots in their pilot [Free Construction Advisor Program: APPLY](#)
- **Job Openings:**
  - CORE Community Organized Relief Effort seeks an Altadena [Senior Administrative Specialist and Rebuild Manager](#)
  - The Foothill Catalog Foundation seeks a [Job Captain](#)
- USDA Grants up to \$32,420 for California Single Family Housing Disaster Assistance: [More Info](#)
- [APPLY for an artists residency with the LA County Cultural Climate Commons: Community Memory Lab & Living Archive](#), a collaboration between Arts and Culture, LA County Library/LA County Library Foundation, the Altadena Library District/Altadena Library Foundation, and Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL)/Library Foundation of Los Angeles (LFLA). **Applications DUE June 29, 2026.**

- **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](#).
- [Attend two AltadenaWILD Tree Stewards workshops and you can receive a free tree](#). Priority goes to standing homes with no active construction and properties completing construction this fall/winter.
- Explore these links for up to \$26,900 toward all-electric resources:
  - [California Electric Homes Program \(CalEHP\)](#)
  - [RISE Homes Program \(Rebuilding Incentives for Sustainable Electric Homes\)](#)
  - [Clean Power Alliance \(Sun Storage Rebate\)](#)
  - [SoCal Edison Wildfire Recovery Compensation Program](#) | DEADLINE November 30, 2026

## **Events**

### **Beneath the Ashes: The Past Reimagined**

See the world premiere of the documentary ["Beneath the Ashes"](#) in Hollywood. In the aftermath of the Eaton Fire, Altadena's historic Black community confronts devastating loss and a high-stakes fight to preserve a cultural legacy generations in the making. Part of the Dances with Films festival lineup.

- Saturday, June 27 @ 11:30 am
- TCL Chinese 6 Theatres, Hollywood
- [Tickets on sale](#) (\$21.71)

### **Altadena Steadfast Community Workshop**

Please join Altadena Steadfast (not related to Steadfast LA) to share your thoughts on the design framework we have been blocking out for the public spaces of North Lake Ave and its environs – inspired by the priorities that you identified in our earlier visioning workshops.

- Saturday, June 27 @ 10-12 pm
- The Collaboratory (540 Woodbury)
- RSVP to [info.altadenasteadfast@gmail.com](mailto:info.altadenasteadfast@gmail.com)

### **Mariposa Neighborhood Block Party | [RSVP](#)**

Reconnect with neighbors in a meaningful local way to discuss public space issues critical to feedback to the LA County programs: Recovery Masterplan, Capital Improvement Project & Bike Masterplans

- Saturday, June 27 @ 11:30-1:30 pm
- The north side of Mariposa and Highview (look for the popup tents)

### **Resilience Concert on the Lawn**

Live music by Decades of Rock and food from Bobby's Place. For more information: [altadenapresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:altadenapresbyterian@gmail.com) or 626-791-4271

- Saturday, June 27 @ 4-8 pm
- Altadena Presbyterian Church (2775 Lincoln)

### **Becoming an Ecotoner: Ecotone Landscapes: A Resilient Garden Tour | [\\$20 Ticket](#)**

This curated tour will showcase real gardens that demonstrate whole-systems thinking and regenerative design strategies for building fire-ready, climate-resilient communities in Southern California.

- Sunday, June 28 @ 8:30-12:30 pm

### **Design Fair on Fair Oaks**

[Designing Resilience](#) invites you to walking, transit, and bike audits of the Fair Oaks corridor. Add your voice to envision the future of the street. Free food, open conversations, and local business popups with room for more: [Sign up to represent your business.](#)

- Sunday, June 28 @ 12-4 pm
- Fair Oaks Burger (2560 Fair Oaks)

### **[Morning Celebration at Owen Brown's Gravesite](#)**

Celebrate our nation's 250th Birthday at Owen Brown's gravesite, highlighting Altadena's history as the home of Owen and Jason Brown, members of the famous 19th Century family who fought to end slavery.

Excerpts from the Browns' "Declaration of Liberty" – calling for the end of slavery and universal rights for all, including women – will be read by community partners. Live music and refreshments.

- Saturday, July 4 @ 9:30-10:30 am
- [RSVP to attend In-Person](#) (9 am at the top of El Prieto Road, involves a short hike to the gravesite)
- [Register for the Livestream](#)

### **Buildnotes' LA Wildfire Rebuild Procurement Party for Homeowners | [RSVP](#)**

We'll talk about how neighbors can coordinate timelines, materials, and vendor outreach using Buildnotes to attract better vendors and unlock volume pricing on rebuild services and materials. This casual meetup is about turning shared needs into collective buying power.

- Thursday, July 9 @ 6-8 pm
- CORE (2333 Lake Avenue)

### **[UNIQLO Street Soccer Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony](#) | [RSVP](#)**

Street Soccer USA and UNIQLO have partnered to build the UNIQLO Street Soccer Park & Learning Center at St. Elizabeth Parish School. This new hub will provide free year-round soccer programming, life-skills workshops, mentorship, and educational opportunities for youth and families in fire-affected neighborhoods.

- Thursday, July 9 @ 6-8 pm
- St. Elizabeth Parish School (1840 Lake)

### **Rebuilding Together Virtual Workshop: Unified Permit Process**

Join LA County Recovers for a virtual workshop on the [Unified Permit Process](#). Attendees will get an expert demonstration on how to submit a County Disaster Recovery Permit application, navigate the applicant Dashboard, upload and download documents and more.

- Friday, July 10 @ 12:30-2 pm
- Zoom
- Contact Public Works: 626-940-7998

### **[Becoming an Ecotoner: A Garden Walk-and-Talk Reimagining Altadena Together After the Eaton Fire](#)**

Join Poly/Ana and [Studio Petrichor](#) for a free community walk-and-talk

in Altadena—an immersive, on-the-ground experience designed to help fire-impacted residents start rebuilding with clarity, confidence, and ecological intelligence.

- Saturday, July 11 @ 8-10 am
- RSVP for Location

### **Dena Voices Community Dialogue & Resource Day | [RSVP by July 2](#)**

A community-centered gathering design to uplift local voices, strengthen food access, and co-create the future of shared spaces and resources in Altadena. Listening circles, free farmers market, produce voucher help desk, children's activities, taichi, collective art-making, and music.

- Saturday, July 11 @ 2-6 pm
- The CORE's Lot (2231 Lincoln Avenue)

## **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.

**Eaton Fire Collaborative's Recovery Survey**, covering financial challenges, housing, and needs.

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Log into [buildnotes.la](https://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.

### **Weed Abatement & Brush Clearing Assistance**

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

**The Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles and Winston & Strawn LLP created [a comprehensive guide](#)** to help disaster survivors safely hire contractors, review rebuild contracts, and avoid construction scams. More legal services:

- [The Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles \(LAFLA\)](#)
- [Bet Tzedek - Free Legal Services](#)

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](mailto: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](mailto:altadenahomecheck@lasd.org)

## **In-Person Locations & Resources**

### **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](#)

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**Norman's made another costume change. Go see!**

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