



Neighborhood Captain Newsletter

For Neighbors, by Neighborhood Captains

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Help keep Altadena together! Altagether is seeking new Neighborhood Captains across Altadena to build connections with neighbors, share useful information and resources, and help people stay connected throughout recovery. No special expertise is required. If you care about your neighborhood and want a concrete way to support it, visit altagether.org/join

Recovery Updates

FEMA RELEASES \$6.6 MILLION TO PRESERVE DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT FOR SURVIVORS

Following weeks of bi-partisan pressure from California lawmakers, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released \$6.6 million on September 30 to fund the Disaster Case Management Program for Eaton and Palisades Fire survivors. The decision prevents the program

from abruptly shutting down, allowing Los Angeles County recovery officials and personalized case managers to continue assisting thousands of Altadena residents with temporary housing, Small Business Administration loans, and long-term rebuilding logistics.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- **Governor Signs SB 1090 to Halt Speculative Density in Altadena**

By State Senator Sasha Renée Pérez

Establishes an immediate moratorium on ministerial state density laws across Altadena ZIP codes 91001 and 91003, shielding Eaton Fire survivors from predatory land speculation while fully protecting homeowners' individual rebuilding rights.

- **Governor Vetoes Wildfire Insurance Protection Bills (SB 877 & SB 878)**

By State Senator Sasha Renée Pérez

Newsom rejected two key consumer protection measures aimed at assisting disaster survivors: SB 877 (requiring insurers to disclose loss-estimate formulas) and SB 878 (mandating strict payment deadlines and delay penalties), drawing sharp criticism from recovery advocates.

- **Governor Signs Four-Bill Wildfire Recovery Slate in Altadena**

By Assemblymember John Harabedian

Enacts a comprehensive relief package establishing toxic contamination testing standards (AB 1642), extended mortgage forbearance protections for displaced homeowners (AB 1842 & AB 1847), and expanded post-disaster insurance cancellation and non-renewal bans (AB 2038).

- **State Enacts Disaster Recovery Reform Act (SB 876)**

Sponsored by Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara & State Senator Steve Padilla

Introduces sweeping statewide claims oversight, doubling penalties for bad-faith insurer delays, mandating written status

updates whenever adjusters are changed, and requiring building code upgrade coverage to match standards at the time of rebuild.

- **[New Law Protects Homeowners from Insurance Drops \(SB 1301\)](#)**

This nation-first law requires insurers to give extended notice before dropping coverage, state specific non-renewal reasons, and give policyholders time to complete necessary home repairs or wildfire mitigation to retain their policies.

[EDISON SETTLEMENT DECISION GUIDE*](#)

The Edison payout deadline is November 30, 2026, but submitting a claim does not mean you have to accept their offer. This practical worksheet for Eaton fire homeowners, renters, and other eligible claimants provides a 20-question checklist and net-recovery calculator to help you spot undervalued losses and weigh Fast Pay against Detailed Review or litigation before signing away your rights.

**This guide is intended for informational purposes, always consult a legal professional.*

["BEAT THE CLOCK" FREE SURVIVOR LEGAL SERIES](#)

Wondering whether you should consider suing your insurance company? With key insurance lawsuit deadlines running as early as January 7, 2027, EFSN is hosting seven free Thursday Zoom webinars (Oct. 1-Nov. 12, 7-8 PM) covering insurance bad faith, underinsurance, taxes, and claims deadlines. Attend one or all.

[LOS ANGELES COUNTY ENACTS TEMPORARY BAN ON NEW DATA CENTERS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS](#)

On September 17, 2026, Los Angeles County enacted a temporary moratorium halting the approval and development of new commercial data centers across all unincorporated areas of LA County (including communities such as Altadena, Rowland Heights, and Hacienda Heights).

BALLOTS ON THE WAY

Vote by Mail ballots are on the way, and Official Ballot Drop Boxes are now open! October 19 is the last day to [register online to vote](#) for the November 3rd election.

EL NIÑO IS COMING: [GET UP TO 25 FILLED SANDBAGS PER HOUSEHOLD](#) – OPEN NOW

El Niño could bring heavier rain and increase the risk of flooding, landslides, and debris flows across Los Angeles County. Burn scar areas are at higher risk for certain hazards.

- [Ready LA County's Rain page](#)
- [Subscribe to LA County's El Niño newsletter](#) to receive LAC's El Niño Preparedness Guide
- [Video of Presentation to the Board of Supervisors](#)
- [El Niño Fact Sheet](#) (PDF)
- Follow and support Edgar McGregor's [in-depth weather analysis](#)

NAVIGATING YOUR REBUILD PERMITS

Facing permitting delays on your rebuild? Here are [tips to navigate the process and keep the permit process on track](#).

[NEW STREET SWEEPING REGULATIONS](#)

Starting September 19th, citations may be issued. Enter your address in LA County's interactive map to see when parking is prohibited on your street.

[Surveys, Opportunities, & Deadlines](#)

NEW [Post-Fire Public Space Survey](#)

As part of a Cal Poly SLO landscape architecture class, one student is researching how public space and community interact in Altadena after the Eaton Fire. Share your perspective to help inform the project.

The Altadena People's Plan is a community-driven initiative to create a shared vision for Altadena's future, led by the Altadena Wildfire Response Coalition together with Project Passion, My Tribe Rise, and Dena Heals, with technical advisors Kounkuey Design Initiative, LA Voice, and Bet Tzedek, and funded by United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

- [Provide your feedback in a survey to identify the ideas you think are most important](#)
- Community Kick-off on Oct 6 5:30-7:30pm at the Collaboratory

EFSN Insurance Experience Survey

Every Fire Survivor's Network (EFSN) is building a public, insurer-by-insurer record of insurance experiences following the fires. No individual household will be identified in public reports or datasets. All survey results will be reported only in de-identified, aggregate form.

Community Rebuilding Response has pro bono spots for design, planning, and advocacy.

[Office Of: Office](#) is an LA-based architecture, urban planning, and policy non-profit organization primarily supporting residents of color. Supported by The Center for Lendistry.

- [Add your info to learn more](#) or call: 213.282.8123

Apply for home remediation assistance from [the Fire Poppy Project](#)

[SoCal Edison Wildfire Recovery Compensation Program](#) | DEADLINE
November 30, 2026

Events

Know-Your-Rights Educational Series | [Register](#)

Hosted by Every Fire Survivor Network, a seven-week education session for Eaton and Palisades fire survivors. Know your insurance

rights, deadlines, and options before time runs out. Thursdays Oct 1 - Nov 12

- Thursday October 1, 2026 @ 07:00 PM - 08:00 PM
- Online

Altadena Rotary Community Pancake Breakfast | [More Info](#)

Join neighbors for a free community breakfast hosted by the Altadena Rotary. Complimentary tickets can be picked up starting September 15th at the Altadena Sheriff's Station, Grocery Outlet, or El Patron Restaurant. Free tickets (4 tickets per family)

- Saturday October 3, 2026 @ 08:00 AM - 10:30 AM
- Grocery Outlet Parking Lot (2270 Lake Ave)

[Charles White Park Groundbreaking](#)

Come witness the planting of a large oak tree, a ceremonial dirt toss, an art activities corner, T-shirt printing, displays of the future park, and Charles White's son Ian White.

- Saturday October 3, 2026 @ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Charles White Park (77 Mountain View St)

Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast

Hosted by Rotary Club of Altadena with proceeds benefiting the Altadena Mountain Rescue Team and Christmas Tree Lane Association. Tickets are free and available at Sheriff Station, El Patron, Grocery Outlet, altadenarotary.org or just show up

- Saturday October 3, 2026 @ 08:00 AM - 10:30 AM
- Grocery Outlet

Altadena People's Plan Community Kick-off

We're excited for you to hear from the entire team and Plan Collaborators about this first draft as we continue building the People's

Plan with the community. You will have a chance to review the projects from each chapter, meet the Plan Collaborators, ask questions, and submit more project ideas!

- Tuesday October 6, 2026 @ 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM
- The Collaboratory, 540 W. Woodbury

Is Your Contract Protecting You? | [Register](#)

Hosted by Dena Revitalization Network to share best practices, ask questions, get help with your own contract, and talk to experts and builders.

- Saturday October 10, 2026 @ 11:45 AM - 04:00 PM
- The Collaboratory, 540 W. Woodbury

Heal At Your Own Pace | [Register](#)

Hosted by Didi Hirsch. Join other LA fire survivors for a welcoming day filled with inspiring stories, meaningful conversations, wellness activities, and opportunities to reconnect with hope.

- Saturday October 10, 2026 @ 12:00 PM - 04:00 PM
- 409 E. Woodbury Rd

The Rebuild Table with RISE Homes and The Foothill Catalog

Coffee, pastries, informal conversation with rebuilding partners and Hub staff. Every second and fourth Wednesday.

- Wednesday, October 14, 2206 @ 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM
- The Hub (2333 Lake Ave, Suite 2A)

[Foothill Catalog Demonstration Homes Grand Opening & Block Party](#) | [RSVP](#)

Tour four newly completed demonstration rebuild homes: Lexington, Elizabeth, Opa, and Lily. Ribbon cutting with local elected officials,

food, music, and community rebuilding resources. Free and open to all.

- Saturday October 24, 2026 @ 10:00 AM - 02:00 PM
- 3339–3349 Tonia Ave.

Community & Financial Resources

***NEW - Extreme Weather Survivors Resource Network**

Connect with peer-led support, disaster recovery toolkits, and national advocacy efforts organized by and for communities recovering from climate disasters and extreme weather events. Learn how to advocate for fair recovery policies, share your story, and access mutual aid.

Weekly Fire Recovery Job Sessions: The LA County Department of Economic Opportunity and America's Job Centers of California (AJCC) host free weekly employment sessions. Open to fire-affected youth and adults (ages 14+), offering paid work experience, career planning, and direct employer hiring connections. Contact: 888.226.6300

- Thursdays @ 1-4 pm
- Altadena Job Center (464 W. Woodbury Rd., Suite 210)

Altadena Land Initiatives (ALI)

Interest-free gap financing to help Altadena families rebuild when working with an ALI network builder. Repayment is tied to future legal settlement proceeds, sale, or refinance – not monthly payments – and comes with coordinated support across insurance review, rebuild cost analysis, and builder/financing partners: alirebuilds.org

Greenline Housing Foundation is offering up to \$250,000 per family in construction support to help fire-impacted families rebuild and remain in Altadena.

- Express your interest in the [NEW intake form](#)

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

- Renters: Direct assistance has been extended through October 9, 2026

[The Step 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.

[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.

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](#)

**Charles White Park Groundbreaking this Saturday!
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