



Neighborhood Captain Newsletter

For Neighbors, by Neighborhood Captains

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Recovery Updates

SCE TOWER DETERMINED TO BE OFFICIAL CAUSE OF EATON FIRE

An 18-month joint investigation by LA County Fire and Cal Fire concluded that electrical arcing on an out-of-service Southern California Edison transmission tower sparked the Eaton Fire, which killed 19 people and destroyed or damaged over 9,000 structures.

ALTADENA OFFICIALS CALL FOR ACCOUNTABILITY

Following the release of the joint investigation report, Altadena's elected leadership publicly called on Southern California Edison to take full accountability for the devastation.

SURVIVORS ACCUSE NEWSOM OF SECRETLY NEGOTIATING UTILITY BAILOUT

Wildfire survivors and consumer advocate groups are opposing an unreleased liability bill package quietly negotiated by Governor

Newsom's office, warning it could cap victim compensation and shift financial burdens from utility shareholders to policyholders. An open letter resisting the proposed bailout has gathered over 3.5 million signatures and widespread organizational backing despite a utility-funded counter-campaign.

ZERO-INTEREST REBUILD FINANCING LAUNCHED (See Opportunities & Deadlines below)

Nonprofit Altadena Land Initiatives launched the Gap Rebuild Program, offering zero-interest financing to help Eaton Fire survivors cover the typical 40% to 50% funding gap remaining after insurance payouts and disaster loans. [Click here for more info.](#)

COUNTY WRITES OFF NEARLY \$9 BILLION IN TAXES FOR FIRE AREAS

Los Angeles County's property roll hit a record \$2.27 trillion despite writing off more than \$9 billion in taxable property value to provide temporary tax relief for wildfire survivors in Altadena and Pacific Palisades.

LOOKING FOR UNDERGROUNDING UPDATES FROM EDISON?

To receive advance notice about areas targeted for undergrounding, you must be an active SCE customer *and subscribe* to notifications. Log into your SCE My Account and visit the Customer Preference Center at sce.com/mysce/preference-center to set your outage notification preferences.

CONSORTIUM NEWS (Loyola Marymount University, [CAP.LA](#), and more dedicated researchers):

- Launched its [new soil remediation guide](#)
- Has [limited spots available for indoor testing](#) (CAM-17 metals, VOCs)
- Updated its [map of metal exceedances](#)

Opportunities & Deadlines

***NEW* [Altadena Land Initiatives \(ALI\)](#)**

Interest-free gap financing to help Altadena families rebuild when insurance falls short. 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

***NEW* Deadline to Run for PUSD Board: TOMORROW, Friday, August 5 at 5 pm**

[See who has filed to run for the Pasadena Unified School District Board.](#)

- Because there is no incumbent running in District 7, the deadline to file for that seat is Wednesday, August 12.

***NEW* [SWITCH: Simplified Wildfire Incentives for Transforming Customer Homes](#)**

SCE's SWITCH program helps wildfire-impacted homeowners rebuild or repair using energy-efficient electric technologies. Eligible customers can receive incentives typically ranging from \$100 to \$2,400 per technology category.

- Equipment must be purchased and installed on or after August 1, 2026.

***NEW* Eaton Fire Collaborative seeking help with website redesign**

The EFC is overhauling its website to become more survivor-facing and they're looking for community members to help. If that sounds like something you'd like to help with, [sign up here](#).

***NEW* Project Passion HIRING a Community Disaster Preparedness Coordinator**

Project Passion is hiring a Dena-based part-time coordinator. \$28 an hour. Inquire and send your résumé/cover letter to: staff@projectpassioninc.com

LA Rise and Renew Recovery Grant: \$5,000 to small businesses impacted by the January 2025 fires.

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 Altatgether, 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

Bringing sports, wellness, fitness, arts & crafts, ESTEAM, games, and more directly to Altadena families impacted by the Eaton Fire. For more information contact: or call: 626-977-8432.

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

Events

Summer Gardening Workshop

A calming, hands-on gardening workshop exploring growth, grounding, and connection through nature-inspired activities that nurture emotional wellness and community healing.

- Thursday, Aug 6 @ 3-4 pm
- 500 East Villa Street, Pasadena

Financial Decision Making & Wildfire Recovery Resource Event - United Policy Holders

Please [complete the intake form to RSVP](#) and request a 45-minute appointment with a volunteer Certified Financial Planner.

- Saturday, Aug 8 @ 10-3 pm
- The Collaboratory (540 W Woodbury Road)

Camp Altadena Library Summer Challenge Finale Party

Face painting, a scavenger hunt, button making, and tote bag decorating. Kona Ice for purchase starting at 11 am. End-of-Summer BBQ courtesy of Altadena Rotary and Altadena Library Foundation from 12 noon to 1 pm.

- Saturday, August 8 @ 10-1 pm
- Lower Loma Alta Park Bronco Pavilion (3330 Lincoln Avenue)

29th Annual Summer Concert Series

Join the Rotary Club of Altadena and LA County Parks & Recreation's next performances by Upstream and the Blue Breeze Band. [Series lineup.](#)

- Saturdays @ 7 pm
 - August 8 – Upstream
 - August 15 – Blue Breeze Band
- Loma Alta Park

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, August 10 @ 1-2:30 pm
- Altadena Community Center (730 E Altadena Drive)

After the Fire: The Art of Resilience Community Workshops

Lineage Performing Arts Center artists and Eaton Fire survivors are hosting two story-telling, music, and dance workshops. The inclusive, intergenerational workshops will build toward collaborative pieces that integrate participants' stories, songs, dances, and visual arts expression. Proceeds from a culminating event open to the public will support ongoing wildfire recovery efforts and honor the strength of impacted communities. Open to all over the age of ten, no registration required.

- Saturday, August 15
- Saturday, September 12
- 10-12 pm
- Lineage Performing Arts Center (920 E Mountain Street)

Filling the Well

For nonprofit staff involved in wildfire recovery work, Felina Danalis will discuss practices and strategies for sustainable self-care in your movement work.

- August 18 @ 12-1 pm
- [Register for Zoom](#)

Movement + Meditative Art: Emotional Landscape

Gentle movement, watercolor, and ink to help you slow down, reduce stress, and reconnect through creativity. No experience needed.

- Wednesday, August 19 @ 3-4:30 pm
- Eaton Fire Collaborative (540 W Woodbury)

Eaton Fire Senior Summit #3 | [RSVP](#)

A free day of recovery guidance resources, education, and support designed especially for seniors and their families. Everyone is welcome. Join community experts

- Thursday, August 20 @ 9-3 pm
- Hilton Pasadena (168 S Los Robles Avenue)

Ensuring No Survivor Is Left Behind: Senior and Disability Advocacy

Part of Extreme Weather Survivors' monthly Survivors for Change series (every third Thursday).

- Thursday, Aug 20 @ 5-7 pm
- [Register for Zoom](#)

Understanding Home Rebuild Contracts After a Disaster

LAFLA consumer webinar with construction law experts on reviewing rebuild contracts, avoiding contractor scams, preventing disputes, and protecting your rights. Submit questions ahead via the registration form; a recording will be posted afterward on LAFLA's wildfire recovery webpage.

- Monday, August 24 @ 1-2 pm
- [Register for Zoom](#)

Community & Financial Resources

UPDATED LA County's Recover Local [BOGO Gift Card](#) deal relaunched! Now supporting 67 vendors across LA County.

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

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.

[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

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.

Altadena 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](#)



Healing Hoops Altadena is up for a grant

to continue providing free basketball camp to impacted kids.

Voting ends TOMORROW, August 7!



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