



Neighborhood Captain Newsletter

For Neighbors, by Neighborhood Captains

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Help keep Altadena together!

Altgether 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 altgether.org/join

Recovery Updates

FYI: POSSIBLE PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFFS TODAY AND TOMORROW (THURSDAY, FRIDAY)

Via SoCal Edison: High winds and dangerous fire conditions are forecast from Thursday morning through Friday evening. We may have to shut off your power to decrease risk of dangerous wildfires. We are

working to reduce the number of customers whose power will be shut off and will keep you updated.

- [Latest updates, outage map, and community resources](#)

RUN FOR ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL - LAST DAY TO APPLY IS TOMORROW!

Eight seats are up for election on the Altadena Town Council, one in each census tract. There are currently 2 census tracts with no incumbent running: 4601 and 4613. Candidate filing is open through Friday, October 16 at 5:00 p.m., with in-person voting scheduled for November 3 and 7. Visit the [Election Committee page](#) to download the candidate packet, view rules, or sign up to volunteer at local polling sites.

EFSN INSURANCE EXPERIENCE SURVEY CLOSING TOMORROW (FRIDAY)

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.

NEW WILDFIRE RESILIENCE LOAN PROGRAM SIGNED INTO LAW

On October 13, Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB 894 (the Wildfire Mitigation Affordability Act), establishing a state loan program to help homeowners in high-risk zones finance defensible space and home hardening improvements. Sponsored by Megafire Action, the law provides low-interest financial assistance to reduce property destruction and help fire-impacted foothill residents maintain essential home insurance coverage.

STATE INQUIRY DETAILS RESPONSE FAILURES DURING EATON FIRE

An independent legislative report released on October 2 detailed major government response delays during the Eaton and Palisades fires,

revealing that residents were forced to extinguish spot fires using swimming pool water while coordination failed. The inquiry calls for overhauled emergency communication protocols and improved resource allocation for foothill communities ahead of the upcoming Santa Ana wind season.

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.*

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](#).

FEMA RELEASES FINAL DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT FUNDING

On Oct. 7, FEMA released the fourth and final \$3.3 million installment of previously approved Disaster Case Management Program funding for Eaton and Palisades survivors, following \$6.6 million released Sept. 30 after pressure from Reps. Chu and Sherman and Sens. Schiff and Padilla. Chu is urging FEMA to approve California's request for supplemental funding so the program can run the full 24 months.

Surveys, Opportunities, & Deadlines

***NEW* CalAssist Mortgage Fund Deadline November 2**

As homeowners shift their focus to rebuilding, CalAssist remains open and is accepting applications through November 2. Once applications close, the program will process all remaining applications and continue disbursing approved grants over the coming months.

***NEW* Rest Stops**

Artist Kenturah Davis and her studio are launching *Rest Stops*, a post-wildfire garden initiative developed in response to the loss of her family homes in the Eaton Fire. Inspired by Black quilting traditions, the project stitches together a network of green spaces designed to heal both land and community. The goal is to install ten gardens by 2028.

- [Apply to host a Rest Stop](#)

***NEW* Altadena Food Co-Op**

Help build a food co-op in Altadena! A community-owned grocery store can give our community affordable, high quality produce and pantry goods – on our terms.

- [Learn more](#)

- [Fill out the Community Survey](#)

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 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

Insurance Commissioner Roundtable | [Register](#)

- Thursday October 15, 2026 @ 12:00 PM - 03:00 PM
- The Maxwell House, 55 South Grand Ave. Pasadena

La County Listening Session - Land Use & Zoning | [Register](#)

- Saturday October 17, 2026 @ 09:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Online

Alta Art Fair

- Saturday October 17, 2026 @ 11:00 AM - 05:00 PM
- Fraternal Order of the Eagles 455 W Woodbury

Saved By A Story: Storytelling Salon ("Lost & Found") | [Tickets](#)

Storytellers and artists from across Los Angeles will gather to share stories and songs on the theme "LOST & FOUND," in honor of L.A. wildfire survivors. Underwritten by the California Community Foundation in support of fire survivors throughout Los Angeles, all proceeds support free community writing groups.

- Saturday October 17, 2026 @ 06:30 PM - 09:30 PM
- BLANKSPACES (606 Venice Boulevard, Venice)

Building Back Home - Hands On Materials Experience | [Register](#)

- Saturday October 17, 2026 @ 02:00 PM - 06:00 PM
- The Collaboratory

Community Legislative Visioning In 2027 For Homeowners And Tenants | [Register](#)

- Sunday October 18, 2026 @ 01:00 PM - 05:00 PM
- Loma Alta Park Gym

Altadena Walk Club

All ages and fitness levels welcome! A light walk with neighbors followed by coffee.

- Sunday October 18, 2026 @ 09:30 AM
- Unincorporated Coffee

Saved By A Story Wildfire Survivor Community Writing Group |

[Register](#)

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 October 19, 2026 @ 01:00 PM - 02:30 PM
- Altadena Community Center (730 E. Altadena Dr.)

League Of Women Voters: Altadena Library Board Forum | [More Info](#)

Public candidate forum covering library district infrastructure, bond projects, and facility recovery.

- Monday October 19, 2026 @ 06:00 PM - 07:30 PM
- Altadena Community Center (730 E. Altadena Dr.)

Vibes And Vitality: Breathwork And Movement Class | [Register](#)

Weekly on Tuesdays, starting 10/20. A free restorative wellness experience for Eaton Fire survivors and supporters/providers centered around mobility, recovery, stretching, and breathwork. No experience necessary and all fitness levels welcome.

- Tuesday October 20, 2026 @ 03:00 PM - 04:00 PM
- The Collaboratory, 540 W. Woodbury

Altadena Town Council Meeting | [More Info](#)

- Tuesday October 20, 2026 @ 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM
- Altadena Community Center (730 E. Altadena Dr.)

Practicing Joy In Times Of Crisis: Replenish & Renew | [Register](#)

- Thursday October 22, 2026 @ 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM
- Zoom

From Ashes We Gather | [Register](#)

Built from Gayle Nicholls-Ali's photographs and more than 14 hours of her interviews with Eaton Fire survivors, From the Ashes We Gather is a plan and a ritual performance by fire-impacted artists. As the words end, the evening flows into a live improvised set by Rasheed Ali & JMD (Featuring Medusa)

- Thursday October 22, 2026 @ 06:30 PM
- David Henry Hwang Theater 120 N. Judge John Aiso Street, Los Angeles

Altadena's Water - A Presentation, Screening And Talk | [More Info](#)

Features a short film screening, an ACWA presentation on local multi-benefit water capture/stormwater projects, and an interactive community Q&A.

- Thursday October 22, 2026 @ 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM
- Altadena Community Center (730 E. Altadena Drive)

Becoming An Ecotoner: A Walk And Talk With Neighbors | [Register](#)

Hosted by Poly/Ana, this is a guided, maximum one-mile neighborhood walk hosted by Poly/Ana + Studio Petrichor, focused on reading the land after fire and exploring how water, soil, and regenerative design can support safer, more resilient rebuilding, right where the lessons are happening.

- Saturday October 24, 2026 @ 08:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Grand Opening + Block Party: Foothill Catalog Demonstration Homes | [More Info](#)

Tour four newly completed demonstration rebuild homes (Lexington, Elizabeth, Opa, Lily) at 3339–3349 Tonia Ave. Includes a 10 AM 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 Avenue, Altadena, CA

Altadena After Dark - Frightfest For Adults | [Register](#)

- Saturday October 24, 2026 @ 07:00 PM - 11:55 PM
- 409 E. Woodbury Road, Altadena

Horticulture For Healing | [Register](#)

- Saturday October 24, 2026 @ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Arlington Gardon

Trunk Or Treat Carnival

Come in costume for treats, games, music, and photo ops. Fun for all ages! Benefits Altadena Arts Magnet's Annual Fund.

- Saturday October 24, 2026 @ 04:00 PM - 07:00 PM
- Altadena Arts Magnet

Altadena Haunted Jail | [Register](#)

Join the community for this fun, free event. In addition to the Haunted Jail, there will be trunk or treat, dance performances, music, and food trucks.

- Saturday October 24, 2026 @ 05:00 PM - 09:00 PM
- Altadena Sheriff's Station

Altadena Prefab Tours | [Register](#)

Join Friends of Prefab for a self-guided tour of 10 prefab homes in Altadena — meet the residents who love living in them and the builders behind their design.

- Sunday October 25, 2026 @ 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM
- The Collaboratory, 540 W. Woodbury

Passive House Info Session | [Register](#)

- Thursday October 29, 2026 @ 06:00 PM - 08:30 PM
- 680 E. Colorado Blvd Ste 400

Trunk Or Treat | [Register](#)

Bring the whole family for an evening of trick-or-treating, tasty snacks, music from a DJ, and creatively decorated trunks competing for the best trunk prize.

- Friday October 30, 2026 @ 06:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- The Collaboratory, 540 W. Woodbury

Tricks & Treats

Magic show with The Magic Castle's Magical Kimba and the Gorillagician (as seen on Penn & Teller!), strolling puppets from Sprangle Studios (as seen on TV!), curbside trick-or-treating, BOOK giveaway, and hidden Prime Pizza tokens!

- Saturday October 31, 2026 @ 05:30 PM - 08:30 PM
- Morada Place (Between Hill and Allen)

Altaween | [Register](#)

Kid-centric! Low-key! Spooky! Trick or treating in the front yards of properties on W. Mariposa St. and the surrounding area.

- Saturday October 31, 2026

Trunk Or Treat Fall Festival | [More Info](#)

Free to all - trunk-or-treating 6–7 pm, games, bounce house, food, and a movie later in the evening.

- Saturday October 31, 2026 @ 06:00 PM
- Altadena United Methodist Church 349 W. Altadena Dr.

Community & Financial Resources

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

Hosted by the LA County Department of Economic Opportunity and America's Job Centers of California (AJCC). 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](#)

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

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](#)

[The Chaney Trail wildlife corridor is bustling,](#)
thanks to the stewardship of dedicated volunteers.



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