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

DID YOU KNOW? FEMA RENT HELP MAY CONTINUE AFTER YOUR INSURANCE ALE RUNS OUT

Households that registered with FEMA before March 31, 2025 and are still working toward a permanent home may qualify for continued rental assistance after their ALE has ended *through July 9, 2027*. Call 800-621-3362 or visit DisasterAssistance.gov.

GET OUT THE VOTE!

- **Voting** is simple and flexible in L.A. County. If you have a Vote by Mail ballot, complete it, sign the Return Envelope, and return it at any **Official Ballot Drop Box** across the County.
- You can also vote in person at any **Vote Center**. Locations are open daily from 10 AM to 7 PM, and from 7 AM to 8 PM on the final day of the election, November 3.
- Prefer to return your ballot by mail? **Ballots must be postmarked by November 3rd**. If you mail your ballot this close to Election Day, visit a Post Office to request a postmark.

FIRE SURVIVORS DEMAND COMMITMENTS FROM INSURANCE COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES

Ahead of the November 3 election, a coalition of wildfire survivor groups and Austin Beutner urged California Insurance Commissioner candidates Ben Allen and Jane Kim to commit to holding insurers accountable—demanding companies fully cover comprehensive testing and remediation for homes contaminated by toxic heavy metals and smoke.

ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Along with our federal and state elections, Altadena Town Council will be holding votes for new census tract representatives at the following dates and locations - *please plan to vote*:

- **Dates & Hours:** Tuesday, November 3, 2026 (10:00 AM – 6:00 PM) and Saturday, November 7, 2026 (10:00 AM – 4:00 PM)
- **Locations:** Loma Alta Park Library, Prime Pizza, and Bob Lucas Memorial Library
- Read candidate statements!
- Be sure to check out the Candidate Forum happening later today, details in Events below!

LA COUNTY OPENS $1 MILLION "NEW ROOTS" CLEANUP GRANT PROGRAM

LA County announced the launch of a $1 million "New Roots" recovery pilot program to assist Altadena and unincorporated Pasadena homeowners impacted by the Eaton Fire. Administered by the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), the program offers grants of up to $60,000 per eligible household to cover hazardous soil and lead remediation costs, ensuring residents can safely clear and stabilize their properties.

SURVIVORS AND LAWMAKERS PUSH FOR REBUILDING FINANCE TOOLS

Eaton Fire survivors and elected officials—including Rep. Judy Chu and Assemblymember John Harabedian—called for new state and federal financing tools to aid Altadena's rebuild. The community-led proposals include a California Disaster Investment Fund and a federal Disaster Opportunity Zone to draw investment, fill funding gaps, and support local businesses.

ALTADENA RESIDENTIAL REBUILDING REACHES 60% MILESTONE

According to the latest metrics from Los Angeles County's Altadena Road to Recovery tracking dashboard, residential reconstruction in the Eaton Fire burn scar has surpassed a major threshold. A total of 60% of lost structures are now either completed (255 homes and accessory dwelling units) or actively under construction (2,486 sites across the community).

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

Surveys, Applications, & Deadlines

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. This program 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.

Altadena Food Co-Op

Help build a community-owned grocery store with affordable, high quality produce and pantry goods!

Post-Fire Public Space Survey

A Cal Poly SLO landscape architecture student is researching how public space and community interact in Altadena after the Eaton Fire.

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. Respond to their survey.

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. 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

Altadena Town Council Candidate Forum | More Info
Hear from candidates running for open seats on the Altadena Town Council, followed by 30-minute breakout discussions with candidates and neighbors from your census tract. Hosted by Neighbors Building A Better Altadena (NBBA).

- Date & Time: Thursday, October 29, 2026 @ 06:30 PM – 08:30 PM
- Location: Online via Zoom (contact nbbaAlta@earthlink.net)

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

Altadena After Dark 2 | Register

Back for a 2nd weekend! Trunk-or-Treat 4-7pm. Haunted House 7-11pm. Tickets are free

- Friday October 30, 2026 @ 04:00 PM - 11:00 PM
- 409 E. Woodbury Rd

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

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 (weather-permitting) 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)

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.

Soil Remediation Halloween Fest | Volunteer | More Info

Join Dena Soil Project for a community led land restoration and celebration at a fire impacted block in Altadena! Dena Soil Project will

be hosting a soil themed Halloween block party in Altadena. We need your help!

- Saturday October 31, 2026 @ 09:00 AM - 01:00 PM
- 503 West Terrace St. Altadena

Special Music And Movement | Register

- Sunday November 1, 2026 @ 01:30 PM - 04:30 PM
- The Collaboratory, 540 W. Woodbury

Rebuilding & Recovery Workshop | Register

Join us to take the next steps in your recovery and learn how to finance your rebuild, select an architect or general contractor, and access free estate planning for wildfire survivors.

- Saturday November 7, 2026 @ 10:00 AM - 03:00 PM
- The Collaboratory, 540 W. Woodbury

Regreen Altadena - 2nd Annual Treefest

Pick up free citrus trees and CA-native saplings, get expert advice on tree health and care, and learn about firescaping.

- Saturday November 7, 2026 @ 10:00 AM - 02:00 PM
- Odyssey Charter School 725 W. Altadena Drive

2nd Annual Tree Fest | More Info

Free citrus trees and California native saplings. Learn from your community experts, the organizers of AltadenaWILD, Altadena Green, and CSUN Urban Forestry Project.

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Explore LA Love Ride | RSVP

Join us for a community group ride celebrating Dena Love. Starting and ending along the upcoming CicLAvia—Pasadena route at Memorial Park, we'll ride approximately 13 miles through Pasadena and Altadena, stopping along the way to explore the people, places, and stories that connect both communities.

- Sunday November 8, 2026 @ 9:00 AM - 02:00 PM
- RSVP for Starting Point

Socal Gas Participation Hearing | More Info and Add Public Comment

SoCalGas is requesting an increase in revenue of $485 million or 10.5% from 2027-2028 to enhance safety, modernize and maintain the natural gas system, meet compliance requirements driven by government regulations, improve technology, and address rising costs like insurance. Join to hear the discussion.

- Monday November 9, 2026 @ 2pm and 6pm
- El Monte City Hall East, Council Chambers 11333 Valley Blvd., El Monte, CA 91731

Las Flores Stakeholders Meeting: Consolidation Study Info Sess

For Las Flores stakeholders: an informational session for Las Flores Water Company shareholders to learn about the ongoing Altadena Water Systems Consolidation Study. Stantec, contracted by the California State Water Resources Control Board to conduct the study, will present.

- Thursday November 12, 2026 @ 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM
- The Collaboratory, 540 W. Woodbury

Rest Stops

Visit artist Kenturah Davis's studio gallery to learn more about Rest Stops, a post-wildfire garden initiative to stitch together a network of green spaces.

- Ongoing through November 15, 2026 @ Weekends 11-4 pm
- Crenshaw Dairy Mart, 8629 Crenshaw Blvd, Inglewood, CA 90305

Community & Financial Resources

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 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 | Extreme Weather Survivors

THRILLER NIGHT AT THE SHERIFF'S HAUNTED JAIL

Can zombies be revived?

Eliot Arts Magnet School students made it happen!

150 Eliot students flash mobbed the Sheriff's haunted jail with "Thriller",

bringing back a school tradition.

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