



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2021

Calendar

DATE	EVENT	TIME
4/2	Landscape Committee	8:30 a.m.*
4/5	Theater Committee	10:00 a.m.*
4/5	Architectural Committee	7:30 p.m.*
4/6	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	2:00 p.m.*
4/12	City Council	5:30 p.m.
4/13	Parks and Recreation Committee	11:00 a.m.*
4/13	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	2:00 p.m.*
4/13	CERT	6:30 p.m.
4/20	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	2:00 p.m.*
4/20	HHCA Board of Directors	6:30 p.m.*
4/26	City Council	5:30 p.m.
4/27	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	2:00 p.m.*
5/3	Theater Committee	10:00 a.m.*
5/3	Architectural Committee	7:30 p.m.*
5/4	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	2:00 p.m.*
5/7	Landscape Committee	8:30 a.m.*
5/10	City Council	5:30 p.m.
5/10	Gate Committee	6:30 p.m.*
5/11	Parks & Recreation Committee	11:00 a.m.*
5/11	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	2:00 p.m.*
5/12	Equestrian Committee	6:30 p.m.*
5/18	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	2:00 p.m.*
5/18	HHCA Board of Directors	6:30 p.m.*
5/24	City Council	5:30 p.m.
5/25	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	2:00 p.m.*

* Hidden Hills Community Center (24549 Long Valley Road)
Non asterisk meetings held at City Hall, 6165 Spring Valley Road

City Council

Mayor	Stuart E. Siegel
Mayor Pro Tem	Laura McCorkindale
Council Member	Steve Freedland
Council Member	Larry G. Weber
Council Member	Eniko Gold

City Staff

City Manager	Kerry Kallman
City Clerk	Deana L. Graybill, CMC
Accounting Specialist	Theresa Folk
Administrative Analyst	Chantelle Limón
City Attorney	Roxanne Diaz
Special Counsel	Larry Wiener
City Engineer	Dirk Lovett
Building Official	Greg Robinson
Building Inspector	Steve O'Hara
Emergency Services Coordinator	Mike Woodard

CELEBRATING Earth Day

The April edition of the Hidden Hills newsletter is dedicated to Earth Day and focuses on several environmental programs and projects underway in the City.

History of Earth Day

Every year on April 22, Earth Day marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970. In the decades leading up to the first Earth Day, Americans were consuming vast amounts of leaded gas through massive and inefficient automobiles. Industry belched out smoke and sludge with little fear of the consequences from either the law or bad press. Air pollution was commonly accepted as the smell of prosperity. Until this point, mainstream America remained largely oblivious to environmental concerns and how a polluted environment threatens human health. Today, Earth Day is widely recognized as the largest secular observance in the world, marked by more than a billion people every year as a day of action to change human behavior and create global, national and local policy changes. Learn more at earthday.org.



Upper Las Virgenes Open Space Preserve Improvements Project

Trees, trees, and more trees! At least 1,120 new elderberry, sycamore, walnut, coast live and valley oak trees have been planted in the open space bordering Hidden Hills (formerly Ahmanson Ranch) as part of the ongoing restoration project of the Upper Las Virgenes Open Space Preserve. The plant texture variation will help boost species diversity and the restored habitat will provide multiple food sources (acorns, walnuts, elderberries) for wildlife. The project stretches over seven acres and is being implemented by the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority (MRCA). Funding was made possible thanks to a Woolsey Fire Restoration grant in cooperation with the LA Conservation Corps and the San Gabriel Conservation Corps. A great place to see the new trees is at the trailhead entrance at the end of Long Valley Road. The trees are doing well and new growth is already starting to show!



Gas Leaf Blowers are Banned in Hidden Hills

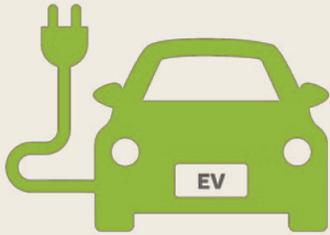
The City's Municipal Code prohibits the use of gas powered leaf blowers in Hidden Hills. Gas blowers raise concerns about excessive noise, air pollution, and exposure to particulate matter. The California Air Resources Board states that the air pollution generated by 1 hour of a gas leaf blower is the equivalent of driving 1,100 miles in a typical car.



Deputies of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Covered 6 are out in the community, reminding residents and gardeners that the use of gas blowers is not allowed may result in an infraction and a fine. A bilingual flyer has been developed and distributed over the years, users are encouraged to exchange their gas blowers for electric blowers. If you have concerns about the use of a gas leaf blower in the community, please contact City Hall at 818-888-9281.

At the 2021 Goals Session, the City Council adopted a goal to amend the City's Municipal Code to ban all leaf blowers, gas and electric, on community streets, parkways, and trails. Based on this City Council direction, City staff is in process of amending the Municipal Code to reflect these enhanced prohibitions.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station at City Hall



In 2018, the City of Hidden Hills utilized grant funds to purchase and install an electric vehicle charging station for the benefit of all residents. The station is located nearby the gazebo in the parking lot at City Hall and is able to charge up to two electric vehicles at a time. All residents are welcome to utilize this charging station.

Battery Recycling at City Hall

Though City Hall remains closed to the public, residents are still able to participate in the City's battery recycling program. Simply place your used batteries in the battery collection tube located outside City Hall in front of the Council Chambers. All used rechargeable & non-rechargeable dry cell batteries are accepted.



Rancho Las Virgenes Community Compost

Residents and landscapers are once again invited back to the Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility, following proper safety protocols without needing to make an appointment. This excellent soil amendment is available free of charge for residents in the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and Triunfo Water & Sanitation District.

When: Every Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: 3700 Las Virgenes Road at the intersection of Las Virgenes Road and Lost Hills Road in Calabasas

How: Bring your own sealable container(s) such as a plastic storage bin with a lid, sturdy plastic bags; or if you're loading a pickup truck or trailer, you must have a cover to secure the load in place. Each individual is responsible for filling their own containers.

If you have questions or would like more information, visit the water district website at lvmwd.com or call 818-251-2312.



Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program gives Los Angeles County residents free and convenient ways to dispose of unwanted items that cannot be thrown in the regular trash. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is any product labeled toxic, poisonous, combustible, corrosive, irritant, or flammable. Some examples include antifreeze, batteries, cleaning supplies, unused non-controlled pharmaceuticals, fluorescent light bulbs, TVs, computers, and cell phones. By law, these products must be properly recycled or disposed of at a hazardous waste facility. The nearest drop-off location is listed below:

Nicole Bernson S.A.F.E. Center

10241 N. Balboa Boulevard
Northridge, CA 91325

More information and the collection schedule can be found at dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/hhw.

Paint Recycling Made Convenient



California residents and businesses can recycle leftover paint for free at local retail stores. For program details and locations, visit paintcare.org or call 855-724-6809. Due to the evolving situation related to COVID-19, residents are advised to contact the drop-off site to confirm their hours and availability before dropping off paint. Nearby drop-off locations are provided below:

Dunn-Edwards

Agoura Hills • 818-852-0659

Agoura Paint

Agoura Hills • 818-665-4977

Vista Paint

Woodland Hills • 818-876-0290

More information and additional locations can be found at paintcare.org.

Energy Efficient Ideas

To encourage environmental stewardship, the City is providing information on opportunities to go "green" at home. Below are a few ideas on how to save energy and save money!

California Clean Fuel Reward



The California Clean Fuel Reward is available to SCE customers who buy or lease a new electric vehicle with a battery capacity greater than 5 kWh. The customer must register the vehicle in California and the customer must reside in California. This instant electric vehicle reward is offered on a sliding scale, depending on battery size, up to \$1,500. For more information, visit sce.com/residential.

Residential Lawn Mower Rebate Program

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) offers a year-round program that allows consumers to purchase new electric lawn mowers. Through the Lawn Mower Rebate Program, participants can purchase a new electric lawn mower either online or from a manufacturer-authorized retailer or dealer, including hardware and home improvement stores. The program will allow residents to turn in their old gasoline lawn mower to an approved dismantler for permanent destruction and receive a rebate based on the purchase price of a new battery operated electric lawn mower. The Electric Lawn Mower Rebate Program will be implemented on a first-come, first-served basis and will provide up to \$250 towards the cost of the battery electric lawn mower. For more information, visit aqmd.gov and click on "Incentives & Programs."

Commercial Electric Lawn and Garden Program

The Commercial Electric Lawn and Garden Equipment Program is available for commercial landscapers and gardeners operating within the South Coast AQMD's region providing up to 75% off commercial lawn and garden equipment. Equipment available through this program includes handheld trimmers, chainsaws, pruners, backpack and handheld blowers and ride-on, stand-on, walk-behind and robotic lawn mowers. An equivalent operable gasoline or diesel powered piece of lawn or garden equipment must be scrapped when the new battery-electric equipment is purchased. For more information, visit aqmd.gov and click on "Incentives & Programs."



Sheriff's Blotter February 2021

	CURRENT MONTH	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	CHANGE
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Rape	1	1	0	1
Robbery				
Armed	0	0	0	0
Strong-arm	0	0	0	0
Assault	0	1	0	1
Burglary				
Residential	0	0	4	-4
Business	0	0	0	0
Garage/Out Bldg.	0	0	0	0
Vehicle (locked)	0	0	0	0
Theft				
Grand (\$950+)	0	0	1	-1
Petty	0	0	1	-1
Vehicle (unlocked)	0	0	0	0
Grand Theft Vehicle	0	0	1	-1
Arson	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence / Felony	0	0	0	1
Domestic Violence / Misdemeanor	0	0	0	0
Trespassing Calls for Service	7	10	9	1

All residents are encouraged to remain alert and to report any and all suspicious activity directly to the Sheriff's Department by calling 911 or 818-878-1808.

Noteworthy Incidents:

- A resident was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license and two additional traffic violations in the area of Long Valley Road and Saddle Creek Road.
- A West Hills resident was arrested for driving under the influence and possession of narcotics/paraphernalia in the 25000 block of Long Valley Road. The subject was found to be unconscious and his vehicle was stopped on top of bushes in the area. The subject was transported to a nearby hospital for medical clearance.
- A resident of Camarillo was arrested for traffic violations in the area of Jed Smith Road and Round Meadow Road.
- A Burbank resident was arrested for trespassing in the 25100 block of Eldorado Meadow Road as he was attempting to enter the property. The subject had been advised not to enter the property/community of Hidden Hills before this incident.
- A resident of Corona was arrested for trespassing in the 24800 block of Long Valley Road after he nearly crashed into the guard gate with his vehicle.
- A sexual assault was reported to the Sheriff's Department Special Victims Unit. Both the suspect and victim knew each other. The crime is under investigation.

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 LIGHTNING FAST INTERNET

Fiber to the Home Survey

There is still time to take the Fiber to the Home survey! The City of Hidden Hills has been working on the Fiber to the Home project to bring 21st century, reliable, competitively priced, truly high-speed internet to all residents of Hidden Hills. Each household is asked to take a short survey; the information collected will help the City to gauge residents' needs and select a competitive price point for this new service. For more information on the project and to take the survey, visit the City's website at hiddenhillscity.org.

Thank you to all residents who have completed the survey!

City Council Updates

At their meeting on February 22, the City Council ultimately decided not to move forward with a City Council goal to provide health benefits to City Council Members, authorized the Mayor to sign a letter of opposition to SB 9, reviewed the mid-year budget report and approved a budget adjustment for \$50,000 related to the City agreement with Resolute. At their meeting on March 8, the City Council discussed further prohibitions on use of leaf blowers in the City and received a City Council Goal update.

The Hidden Hills City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. City Council meetings start at 5:30 pm and can be watched on Channel 3 (Charter/Spectrum Cable) or web streamed via the City website.



City Council Meetings

City Council meetings now begin at 5:30 pm., still on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

Bad Beetle in the Santa Monica Mountains

A bad beetle, the invasive shot hole borer (ISHB), is a non-native beetle that bores into healthy trees and introduces fungi that cause a disease called Fusarium dieback. The pest-disease complex is responsible for the death of thousands of trees in Southern California and recently has been found in the Santa Monica Mountains region nearby Hidden Hills.

Because ISHB are tiny beetles that spend most of their lives inside the tree, it can be difficult to find and identify them. However, infested trees show signs and symptoms that can help determine if the tree is infested with ISHB. An online Detection and Management Assessment Tool is available at pshb.org if you feel your trees may be suffering from ISHB damage.

The County of Los Angeles has received funds from the State to set traps for beetles throughout the region and to survey, identify, and remove infested trees. In order to help contain the spread of this deadly beetle, virtual trainings for

residents as well as landscapers in the Santa Monica Mountains area will be scheduled. Trainings will teach how to recognize whether a tree is infected with the beetle and what actions should be taken to contain the infestation. Residents can register for trainings and join an IHSB mailing list by visiting pshb.org. If you suspect an infestation, send an email to chantelle@hiddenhillscity.org.



Food Trucks in Hidden Hills

Tired of cooking? Check out one of these food trucks coming soon to Hidden Hills. Visit streetfoodfinder.com/hiddenhills for a complete schedule and to pre-order your food. All the trucks will accept orders for time slots 24 hours in advance. Each truck will limit how many orders they can take in advance, per hour. Food trucks are located at the Community Center.

Food Trucks Schedule

April 1	KalamakiGreekLA (Greek, Mediterranean)
April 5	Mikhuna (Peruvian)
April 6	Vivace (Pizza)
April 8	Wise Barbecue (American, Barbeque)
April 12	Aloha Fridays (Hawaiian)
April 15	Pinch of Flavor (Asian Fusion, Japanese, Mexican)
April 19	Yalla Truck (Mediterranean, Middle Eastern)
April 22	Cerda Vega Tacos (Mexican, Tacos, Vegetarian)
April 26	Philly Jay's Steaks (American, Desserts, Drinks)
May 3	Babys Badass Burgers (Burgers, American)
May 6	8E8 Thai Street Food (Thai)



The Hidden Hills Farmers Market at the Community Center is open on Tuesdays from 2 pm to 6 pm.