



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2019

Calendar

DATE	EVENT	TIME
12/2	Theater Committee	10:00 a.m.*
12/2	Architectural Committee	7:30 p.m.*
12/5	Landscape Committee	8:30 a.m.*
12/1	Parks and Recreation Committee	11:00 a.m.*
12/9	City Council	6:30 p.m.
12/9	Gate Committee	6:30 p.m.*
12/17	HHCA Board of Directors	7:30 p.m.*
12/18	CERT	7:00 p.m.
12/23	City Council (CANCELED DUE TO HOLIDAY)	6:30 p.m.
12/31	Public Safety Commission (CANCELED DUE TO HOLIDAY)	7:30 p.m.
1/2	Landscape Committee	8:30 a.m.*
1/6	Theater Committee	10:00 a.m.*
1/6	Architectural Committee	7:30 p.m.*
1/11	Equestrian Committee	6:30 p.m.*
1/13	City Council	6:30 p.m.
1/13	Gate Committee	6:30 p.m.*
1/14	Parks & Recreation Committee	11:00 a.m.*
1/15	CERT	7:00 p.m.
1/21	HHCA Board of Directors	7:30 p.m.*
1/27	City Council	6:30 p.m.
1/28	Public Safety Commission	7:30 p.m.

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

City Council

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

City Staff

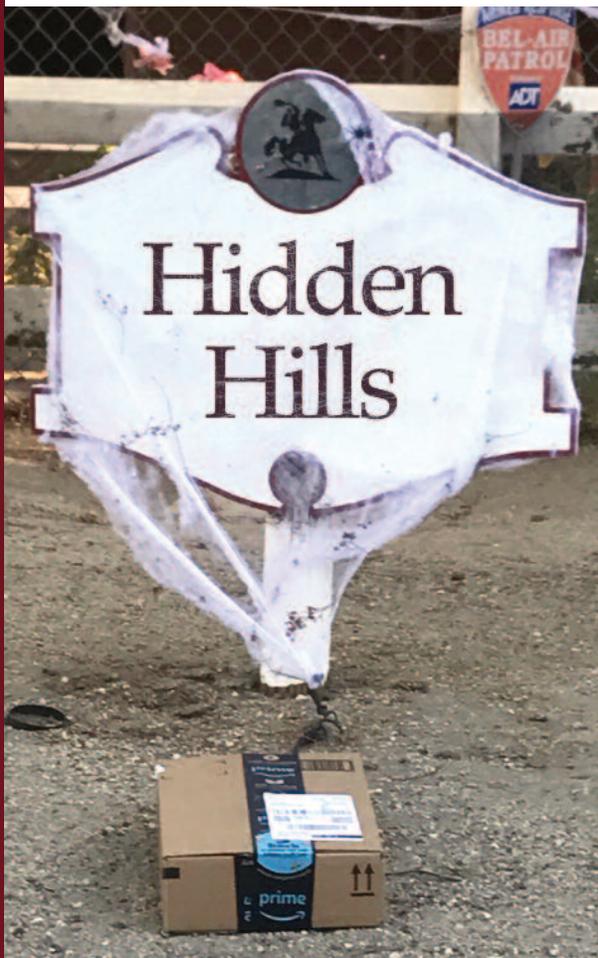
City Manager	Kerry Kallman
City Clerk	Deana L. Graybill, CMC
Accounting Specialist	Theresa Folk
City Attorney	Roxanne Diaz
Special Counsel	Larry Wiener
City Engineer	Dirk Lovett
Building Official	Greg Robinson
Building Inspector	Steve O'Hara
Emergency Services Coordinator	Mike Woodard

HELP PREVENT PACKAGE DELIVERY THEFT

As the Holidays approach, many people have started to shop online or through various catalogs, having their purchases delivered to their doorstep through many different shipping companies. Due to the higher volume of deliveries, the Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff Station would like to remind everyone that during the month of December use caution when having packages delivered at home.

The Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff Station also recommends the following safety tips:

- Follow the delivery status online, so you can try to be available when the package arrives. Some shipping companies and retailers even offer text messages or email to your cell/smart phone to let you know when items have been delivered.
- Choose a shipping option that requires you to sign for delivery.
- Arrange to have the package shipped to another location where someone can receive it.
- On the expected day of arrival, post a note on your door asking the delivery service to leave the package with a trusted neighbor.
- If you do not receive your shipment on time, check with the company of origin and confirm the delivery. If the item was delivered and you did not receive it, report the theft or loss to the original company, the shipping company, and to the Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff Station.



- Many of these crimes occur during broad daylight. Be alert about suspicious behavior in your neighborhood, especially if you see a delivery truck making the rounds and a vehicle following behind or unfamiliar subjects on foot.
- Your calls can have an impact on crime and criminals. Please continue to partner to prevent crime. To report any suspicious activities, please call the Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff Station at 818- 878-1808 or in the case of an emergency dial 911.

The City has arranged for increased Sheriffs patrols during the holiday season; however, residents are asked to do their part to ensure that packages are not left out and removing any potential crimes of opportunity.

Holiday Home Safety Tips

1. Inspect electrical decorations for damage before use.

Cracked or damaged sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.

2. Do not overload electrical outlets.

Overloaded electrical outlets and faulty wires are a common cause of holiday fires. Avoid overloading outlets and plug only one high-wattage into each outlet at a time.

3. Never connect more than three strings of incandescent lights.

More than three strands may not only blow a fuse, but can also cause a fire.

4. Keep trees fresh by watering daily.

Dry trees are a serious fire hazard.

5. Use battery-operated candles.

Candles start almost half of home decoration fires (NFPA).

6. Keep combustibles at least three feet from heat sources.

A heat source that was too close to the decoration was a factor in half of home fires that began with decorations (NFPA).

7. Protect cords from damage.

To avoid shock or fire hazards, cords should never be pinched by furniture, forced into small spaces such as doors and windows, placed under rugs, located near heat sources, or attached by nails or staples.

8. Check decorations for certification label.

Decorations not bearing a label from an independent testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Canadian Standards Association (CSA), or Intertek (ETL) have not been tested for safety and could be hazardous.

9. Stay in the kitchen when something is cooking.

Unattended cooking equipment is the leading cause of home cooking fires (NFPA).

10. Turn off, unplug, and extinguish all decorations when going to sleep or leaving the house.

Unattended candles are the cause of one in five home candle fires. Half of home fire deaths occur between the hours of 11pm and 7am (NFPA).



Passing a Stopped School Bus is not only dangerous, IT IS ILLEGAL

Recently the City received notification from residents about two separate incidents of drivers in Hidden Hills passing a school bus with its flashers on and children present. These violations are not simply a local problem. The National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services performs an annual 1-day survey of "Stop Arm Violations." In 2017, nearly 80,000 stop arm violations were reported in one day, with roughly 22,000 violations in California alone. All drivers should be reminded that not only is this action extremely dangerous, it is illegal. The California vehicle code states: "The driver of any vehicle, upon meeting or overtaking a school bus that is stopped for purposes of loading or unloading children and has red lights flashing or a stop sign extended, shall stop before passing the school bus and shall not proceed past the bus until the flashing lights are turned off or the stop sign arm is withdrawn." The minimum fine for passing a school bus with its flasher on is \$695. If you witness a driver illegally passing a school bus, please make note of the vehicle license number and report the violation to the Sheriff's Department STTOP program at www.sttop.net. A Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy will follow up with the driver of the vehicle.



By now, Hidden Hills residents should be familiar with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). In fact, Hidden Hills CERT not only played a key role during the Woolsey Fire, they have been training and preparing for the next big event. CERT provided valuable assistance for several minor incidents in the past year. This includes locating a lost child during the Fiesta, providing support during Halloween, and most recently patrolling with a City staff member during the recent rounds of Red Flag Warnings. One such patrol was underway when the small fire broke out on Mureau Road. City staff and a volunteer CERT member arrived at the scene before ultimately joining two Sheriff's Deputies at a high point, to keep an eye on the Fire.

The next free CERT training will begin on Tuesday, January 28. Jointly sponsored by the Cities of Hidden Hills and Calabasas, this twenty-hour training will cover Disaster Preparedness, Medical Operations, Search and Rescue and Fire Suppression. Classes are held on Tuesday nights at the Calabasas Library.

Upon completion of CERT training, residents will be asked to join the Hidden Hills team. You don't have to join a team to benefit from CERT. All graduates will gain valuable knowledge to better prepare themselves and family if a disaster strikes.

For more information on CERT or to register, visit www.fire.lacounty.gov/cert or call Mike Woodard, Hidden Hills Emergency Services Coordinator at 818-888-9281.

PREPARE FOR WET WEATHER

The rainy season is right around the corner. Now would be a good time to clean out your rain gutters, stream beds and other drainage devices. All property owners are responsible for maintaining all drainage devices and stream beds located within their property by keeping them clear of debris and ensuring proper water flow. If you have any questions or are unsure which areas are your responsibility, please contact the City's Building and Safety office Monday through Friday between 9 am and 11 am. The Building and Safety office can be reached by calling City Hall at 818-888-9281.

Sand and sandbags are available at Fire Station 125 in Calabasas on Las Virgenes Road.



Sheriff's Blotter October 2019

	CURRENT MONTH	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	CHANGE
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	1	0	1
Robbery				
Armed	0	0	0	0
Strong-arm	0	0	0	0
Assault	0	0	0	0
Burglary				
Residential	0	10	3	7
Business	0	0	0	0
Garage/Out Bldg.	0	0	1	-1
Vehicle (locked)	0	0	0	0
Theft				
Grand (\$950+)	0	4	7	-3
Petty	0	1	1	0
Vehicle (unlocked)	0	2	0	2
Grand Theft Vehicle	1	1	2	-1
Arson	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence / Misdemeanor	0	1	0	1
Trespassing Calls for Service	2	51	44	7

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 Tujunga resident was arrested for driving on a suspended license in the area of Long Valley Road and Lasher Road.
- A San Fernando resident was arrested on driving on a suspended license in the area of Round Meadow Road and Jed Smith Road.
- A Cudahy resident was arrested in the 24100 block of Hidden Ridge Road for attempted grand theft vehicle. The suspect entered private property and refused to leave. The suspect attempted to enter someone else's vehicle. The suspect appeared to be under the influence of narcotics, and possessed narcotics and narcotics paraphernalia. The suspect was arrested.

Christmas Tree Recycling

It's that time of year again!

This year you can recycle your Christmas tree one of two ways:

1. Place in green waste cart or next to cart for pick-up on your regular pick-up day any time between 12/26/19 and 1/17/20 (any tree taller than 6 ft. must be cut in half).
2. Place in the designated bin at either the Community Center or the upper parking lot of City Hall between Thursday, December 26th and Friday, January 10th.

Please be sure to remove all plastic containers, metal stands and bars, ornaments, and tinsel, or the trees cannot be recycled. Flocked trees, or trees coated with a fire retardant, will be accepted.



WINTER FAMILY FUN IN HIDDEN HILLS

The Hidden Hills Community Association and the Parks and Recreation Committee are hosting a series of family friendly special events this summer. Below are events coming up this winter.

HIDDEN HILLS PRESENTS
Holiday Movies

DEC 7TH	7:30 PM	Elf™
HOSTED BY PARKS & RECREATION		
DEC 14TH	7:30PM	HOME ALONE™
HOSTED BY PARKS & RECREATION		
DEC 28TH	7:30 PM	NICH NICHAI BEFORE CHRISTMAS™
HOSTED BY PARKS & RECREATION		

One showing on Saturday Nights 7:30pm. Kids under 13 must attend with an adult.
 GET READY TO *Jingle Bells!*

HIDDEN HILLS PRESENTS
BOND MOVIES

JAN 4TH	7:30 PM	GOLDFINGER™
HOSTED BY PARKS & RECREATION		
JAN 11TH	7:30 PM	LIVE AND LET DIE™
HOSTED BY PARKS & RECREATION		
JAN 18TH	7:30PM	GOLDEN EYE™
HOSTED BY PARKS & RECREATION		
JAN 25TH	7:30PM	SKYFALL™
HOSTED BY PARKS & RECREATION		

One showing on Saturday Nights 7:30pm. Kids under 13 must attend with an adult.
 GET READY TO **KEEP THE BRITISH END UP**

HIDDEN HILLS PRESENTS
ROMANCE MOVIES

FEB 15TH	7:30 PM	THE NOTEBOOK™
HOSTED BY PARKS & RECREATION		
FEB 22ND	7:30PM	DIRTY DANCING™
HOSTED BY PARKS & RECREATION		
FEB 29TH	7:30PM	PRETTY WOMAN™
HOSTED BY PARKS & RECREATION		

One showing on Saturday Nights 7:30pm. Kids under 13 must attend with an adult.
 GET READY TO **FALL IN LOVE**

Winter Social
SATURDAY JANUARY 11
 5:00 TO 9:00 PM
 NEW LOCATION SADDLE CREEK ARINA

\$10 INCLUDES ACTIVITY WRISTBAND & SMORES TICKET

- ICE SKATING • GOURMET SMORES • DJ •
- SNOWBOARDING SIMULATOR •
- HOLIDAY CHARACTERS AND GAMES •

FOOD TRUCKS (CASH OR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED)

HIDDEN HILLS
Events to remember
 SEE YOU THERE!

City Council Updates

At their meeting on October 28, the LVMWD gave a presentation regarding the Las Virgenes Tap Water, Irrigation and the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo; reappointed Britt Aaronson to the Calabasas Library Commission; and discussed an informal speed study on Eldorado Meadow Road. At their meeting on November 18, Charter/Spectrum Cable presented an update on service in Hidden Hills; the City Council approved an agreement with Magellan Advisors as consultants for the Fiber to the Home project; discussed draft pool hydrants; and approved a Resolution regarding Unfunded PERS Liability.

The Hidden Hills City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. City Council meetings start at 6:30 pm and can also be watched on Channel 3 (Charter/Spectrum Cable.)

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CITY HALL *Holiday Closure*

City Hall and the Building & Safety Department will be closed and there will be no inspections beginning at noon on Tuesday, December 24, 2019 through Wednesday, January 1, 2020 in observance of the Holiday Season. Have a safe and wonderful holiday!