



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2020

Calendar

Status of these Community meetings are unknown at this time. Please check City or HHCA website for updates.

DATE	EVENT	TIME
12/7	Theater Committee	10:00 a.m.*
12/7	Architectural Committee	7:30 p.m.*
12/8	Parks and Recreation Committee	11:00 a.m.*
12/8	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	3:00 p.m.*
12/9	Equestrian Committee	6:30 p.m.*
12/14	City Council – City Council Re-Organization	6:30 p.m.
12/15	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	3:00 p.m.*
12/15	HHCA Board of Directors	6:30 p.m.*
12/22	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	3:00 p.m.*
12/28	City Council (CANCELED DUE TO HOLIDAY)	6:30 p.m.
12/29	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	3:00 p.m.*
1/4	Theater Committee	10:00 a.m.*
1/4	Architectural Committee	7:30 p.m.*
1/5	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	3:00 p.m.*
1/11	City Council	6:30 p.m.
1/11	Gate Committee	6:30 p.m.*
1/12	Parks & Recreation Committee	11:00 a.m.*
1/12	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	3:00 p.m.*
1/13	Equestrian Committee	6:30 p.m.*
1/18	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY- OFFICES CLOSED	
1/19	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	3:00 p.m.*
1/19	HHCA Board of Directors	6:30 p.m.*
1/25	City Council	6:30 p.m.
1/26	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	3:00 p.m.*

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

City Council

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

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

Online shopping and delivery of packages always increases during the holiday period. Combine that with restrictions related to the pandemic, package delivery will most certainly reach an all-time high during this month. Please take a moment to review the following safety tips that was provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

- 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 Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.



- 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 Sheriff's 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).

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 12/26/20 and 1/15/20 (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 Saturday, December 26th and Friday, January 15th.

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.



COVID-19 Surge- LA County on the Brink

At the time of the printing of this newsletter, Los Angeles County was on the brink of returning to Safer at Home restrictions similar to what we all lived through earlier this spring.

Both the State of California have recently announced several updates to their Health Orders namely:

- The State of California has initiated a curfew for all non-essential activities between the hours of 10 pm and 5 am.
- LA County has closed all restaurants, bars, wineries, and breweries to in-person dining or consumption. Only take-out is permitted.
- Retail establishments and markets have been forced to decrease their capacity.
- Gatherings at your home are limited to 15 people, outside and with no more than 3 households.

* These updated may have changed since time of printing.

The dramatic increase in positive COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations has necessitated these stricter Orders. The chart below demonstrates the increase in hospitalizations since August 24.

Daily Number of Hospitalized COVID-19 Confirmed Patients, Past 3-day Average November 18, 2020



Although Hidden Hills has fared fairly well during the pandemic, the City does show 24 positive COVID-19 cases since the spring. It is important to remember that in spite of the low numbers in Hidden Hills, our residents shop and dine outside of Hidden Hills.

All COVID-19 precautions should still be adhered to, namely avoid large gatherings, wear a mask, and wash your hands frequently.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health website is your best source of information on the Pandemic and its impacts on residents of Los Angeles County. www.publichealth.lacounty.gov

Hidden Hills City Hall will continue to provide information as it is received.



Sheriff's Blotter October 2020

	CURRENT MONTH	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	CHANGE
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery				
Armed	0	0	0	0
Strong-arm	0	0	0	0
Assault	0	0	0	0
Burglary				
Residential	0	5	10	-5
Business	0	0	0	0
Garage/Out Bldg.	0	0	0	0
Vehicle (locked)	0	0	0	0
Theft				
Grand (\$950+)	1	3	4	-1
Petty	1	3	1	2
Vehicle (unlocked)	0	0	2	-2
Grand Theft Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence / Felony	0	1	0	1
Domestic Violence / Misdemeanor	0	0	1	-1
Trespassing Calls for Service	5	44	51	-7

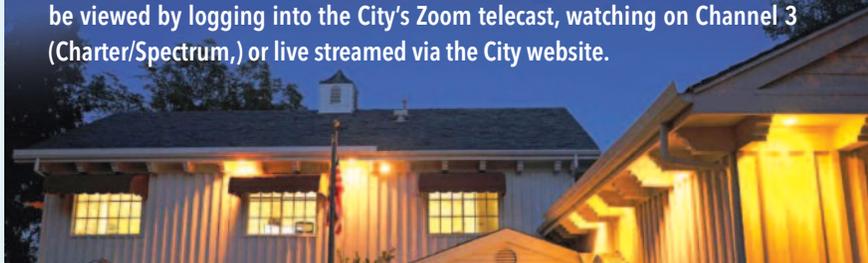
All residents are encouraged to remain alert and to report any and all suspicious activity directly to the Sheriff's Department by calling 911 or 818-878-1808.

Noteworthy Incidents:

- A resident was arrested for driving under the influence in the 23700 block of Oakfield Road.
- A transient from North Hollywood was arrested for trespassing in the 24100 block of Hidden Ridge Road. The suspect was also charged with violation of a restraining order which was issued last year for entering Hidden Hills in the area of Lasher Road and Long Valley Road.

City Council Re-Organization will be Held on Monday, December 14

At the regular City Council meeting scheduled for December 14, the Hidden Hills City Council is expected to certify the results of the recent election that will see the return of incumbent Steve Freedland and the addition of Eniko Gold as the City's newest City Council Member. Current Mayor Bret Katz will complete his City Council term. Once sworn in, the new City Council will select the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem for 2021. The City Council Re-Organization can be viewed by logging into the City's Zoom telecast, watching on Channel 3 (Charter/Spectrum,) or live streamed via the City website.



City Council Updates

At their meeting on November 9, the City Council approved a minor accommodation at 5857 Fitzpatrick Road; received an update on the Fiber to the Home Project; approved an agreement with L. Newman Design Group to provide landscaping design services for the Round Meadow/Mureau Road project. At their meeting on November 23, the City Council received monthly reports from the Sheriff, Fire, HHCA Board of Directors, LVMCOG, and the City Engineer; discussed the 2019-2020

annual audit; discussed a change in Sheriff's Department deployment and approved the purchase of a patrol vehicle dedicated to Hidden Hills; and approved an agreement extension with Magellan Advisors.

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) or web streamed via the City website.

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

- December 3** Dina's Dumplings (Chinese, Asian Fusion, Vegan)
- December 7** The Deli Doctor (Deli, American) (Unconfirmed)
- December 10** Vivace (Pizza) (Unconfirmed)
- December 14** Babys Badass Burgers (Burgers, American)
- December 17** Pinch of Flavor (Asian Fusion)
- December 21** Cerda Vega Tacos (Mexican, Tacos, Vegetarian)
- December 23** Pacifico Chardbroiled Fish (American, Comfort Food, Seafood)
- December 28** Richezze (American, Deli)
- December 31** 8E8 Thai Street Food (Tha)



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



HOLIDAY

City Hall and the Building & Safety Department will be closed and there will be no inspections beginning at noon on Thursday, December 24, 2020 through Friday, January 1, 2021 in observance of the Holiday Season.
HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL HOLIDAY!

