



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2020

Hidden Hills CERT Participates in a Minor Drill

The Hidden Hills CERT recently participated in a surprise drill at City Hall. CERT members were asked to report to City Hall with their emergency gear. Upon arrival and following a gear and radio check CERT members were told two residents have been reported missing in the arena area and City Hall with possible injuries.



Team members were divided into groups and tasked with the following: (1) set up an Incident Command Post; (2) deploy two search teams; (3) maintain radio contact and provide a status report via radio to Incident Command; and (4) assess each victim and request resources as needed. At the conclusion the team came back to Incident Command for a debriefing and review.



The Hidden Hills CERT is a group of 20 or so dedicated volunteers prepared to assist the community when disaster strikes. The team is planning for a larger City-wide training drill in April. If you are interested in learning more about CERT, please contact City Hall at 818-888-9281.

Calendar

DATE	EVENT	TIME
2/3	Theater Committee	10:00 a.m.*
2/3	Architectural Committee	7:30 p.m.*
2/6	Landscape Committee	8:30 a.m.*
2/10	Gate Committee	6:30 p.m.*
2/10	City Council	6:30 p.m.*
2/11	Parks & Recreation Committee	11:00 a.m.*
2/20	Community Emergency Response Team	7:00 p.m.
2/24	City Council	6:30 p.m.
2/25	Public Safety Commission	7:30 p.m.
3/6	Landscape Committee	8:30 a.m.*
3/2	Theater Committee	10:00 a.m.*
3/2	Architectural Committee	7:30 p.m.*
3/9	City Council	6:30 p.m.
3/9	Gate Committee	6:30 p.m.*
3/10	Parks & Recreation Committee	11:00 a.m.*
3/11	Equestrian Committee	6:30 p.m.*
3/17	HHCA Board of Directors	7:30 p.m.*
3/23	City Council	6:30 p.m.
3/31	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	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

City Council Sends Letter of Opposition to SENATE BILL 50

At a special meeting on January 17, the City Council approved a letter of opposition to Senate Bill 50 Planning and Zoning, Housing Development Incentives. The Bill, authored by Senator Scott Wiener aims to strip local governments of their planning and zoning authority by allowing for more intense housing such as Four-plexes in traditional single-family housing zones such as Hidden Hills. Criteria for this includes proximity to "Job-rich areas" and "transit hubs. Both of these categories are not specifically defined meaning Hidden Hills may qualify. SB 50 has been around for several years in one form or another and has faced major opposition from local cities along with the League of California Cities and the California Contract Cities Association both of which the City of Hidden Hills is a member of. **The Bill was narrowly defeated in the State Senate on Thursday, January 30.**

Coyote Hazing Guidelines

How to Haze for Effective Reshaping of Coyote Behavior



Generally, coyotes are reclusive animals who avoid human contact. Coyotes who've adapted to urban and suburban environments, however, may realize there are few real threats and approach people or feel safe visiting yards even when people are present. These coyotes have become habituated (lost their fear of humans), likely due to the ready availability of food in our neighborhoods. Sometimes, this food is deliberately provided by people who like to watch wild animals or misguidedly feel they are helping them by offering food. These bold coyotes should not be tolerated or enticed, but given the message that they should not be so brazen.

Hazing is a method that uses deterrents to move an animal out of an area or discourages an undesirable behavior or activity. Hazing can help maintain coyotes' fear of humans and deter them from neighborhood spaces such as backyards and playgrounds.

HAZING METHODS

Using a variety of different hazing tools is critical because coyotes can habituate to individual items, sounds, and actions.

- ☛ Yell and wave your arms while approaching the coyote.
- ☛ Use noisemakers (e.g. your voice, whistles, air horns, bells, soda cans filled with pennies or dead batteries, pots and pans banged together).
- ☛ Use projectiles (e.g. sticks, small rocks, cans, tennis balls, rubber balls).
- ☛ Try other repellents (e.g. hoses, water guns with vinegar water, spray bottles with vinegar water, pepper spray, bear repellent, or walking sticks).

"GO AWAY COYOTE!"

The simplest method of hazing a coyote involves being loud and large. If a coyote has not been hazed before, he might not immediately run away when you yell at him. If this happens, you might need to walk towards the coyote and increase the intensity of your hazing. If the coyote does run away, he might stop after a distance and look back at you. It's important to continue to haze the coyote until he leaves the area completely. You might need to use multiple tactics, such as shaking noisemakers, stomping your feet, and spraying him with a hose to get him to leave.

DOG-WALKING TOOLS

There are several tools for repelling coyotes that you can carry with you while walking your dog. Of course, remember that you should always walk your dog on a leash. If you see a coyote, either pick up your dog (if possible) or place him or her behind you before hazing the coyote. Then:

- ☛ Blow a whistle or air horn at the coyote.
- ☛ Squirt a squirt gun at the coyote.
- ☛ Yell and wave your arms.
- ☛ Use a homemade noisemaker, such as pennies in a sippy cup or soda can (sealed with duct tape).
- ☛ Pick up sticks or rocks and throw them towards the coyote.

IN YOUR YARD

Keeping pets and pet food inside is the best way to keep coyotes out of your yard. If you do encounter coyotes, all of the above methods can be used in your yard. First, try the "Go Away Coyote!" method (yell and wave your arms as you approach the coyote). You can also squirt the coyote with your garden hose or a squirt gun or bang pots and pans together.

Hidden Hills City Hall To Be A Los Angeles County Vote Center

Los Angeles County will be holding a statewide election on March 3. However, this year is a bit different. Rather than specific polling places, LA County is rolling out "Voting Centers." Voting Centers will allow voters to cast a ballot at any location in the County over an 11-day period.

Due to building constraints, Hidden Hills City Hall will serve as a voter center for four days beginning February 29 through March 3. The Vote Center will be open from 7 am to 6 pm daily. Residents will have the option to drop off their ballot at

the Hidden Hills location during the time period above or at any LA County Vote Center. For a detailed list of LA County Vote Centers go to locator.lavote.net/locations/vc.

The March 3 ballot will contain the Presidential Primary, several proposition and measures including Measure FD (LA County Fire Department) and Measure V (Las Virgenes Unified School District.)

If you need to register to vote or want to confirm your registration visit lavote.net.

REMEMBER...

- NEVER run away from a coyote!
- If the coyote doesn't leave at first, continue approaching him and/or increase the intensity of your hazing until he runs away. If he runs a short distance away and then stops and looks at you, continue hazing him until he leaves the area completely.
- If a coyote returns after you've successfully hazed him or her, continue to haze the coyote as you did before. It typically takes only one or two times to haze a coyote away for good.
- Contact authorities and do not interact with a coyote whom you suspect of being sick or injured. Although coyotes are skittish by nature and generally aren't aggressive towards people, engaging animals who are sick or injured can result in unpredictable behavior.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Hazing is most effective when an individual coyote is hazed by a variety of people using a variety of tools and techniques.
- A coyote who is being hazed must be able to recognize that the potential threat is coming from a person. Therefore, hiding behind a bush and throwing rocks or hazing from inside your car isn't effective.
- You can use hazing techniques and tools for one animal or multiple animals. There is usually a dominant animal in the group who will respond, and others will follow her lead.
- Don't stop hazing after it's successful. Coyotes or their pups could return to their unacceptable habits or behaviors if you stop.
- Share this information by teaching your family, friends, and neighbors how to haze coyotes too! The more people that get involved in hazing, the more quickly you will see results.

For more information and tips, visit our website at humansociety.org/coyotes.



Sheriff's Blotter December 2019

	CURRENT MONTH	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	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	10	4	6
Business	0	0	0	0
Garage/Out Bldg.	0	0	0	0
Vehicle (locked)	0	0	0	0
Theft				
Grand (\$950+)	0	4	6	-2
Petty	0	2	2	0
Vehicle (unlocked)	0	2	0	2
Grand Theft Vehicle	0	1	2	-1
Arson	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence / Misdemeanor	0	1	2	-1
Trespassing Calls for Service	4	58	61	-3

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 cited for driving with a suspended license in the area of 23500 block of Long Valley Road.
- A Woodland Hills resident was cited for trespassing in the 25100 block of Jim Bridger Road.

IN MEMORY OF PEACHES 8/4/06-1/16/20

If you've been to City Hall in the last 13 years, you've likely been welcomed by a beautiful golden retriever Peaches! Peaches started coming to work with her dad, Building Inspector Steve O'Hara, when she was a puppy. She had so much fun and made everyone so happy, that she came to work almost every day of those 13 years. Staff liked to tease that she was the City's Human Resources Department; however, there was a lot of truth to that title. She just made every day better. She loved her treats and had staff, visitors and delivery people "trained" to get her a cookie from her cookie jar. She loved and had just a gentle disposition with everyone, including her littlest resident friends, like Sophia (who drew her a beautiful picture, with the help from her mom, that hung over her bed at City Hall). Sadly, on January 16, Peaches passed away. City Hall will not be the same without her, but we lucky to have had her with us for so many years. RIP Peaches.



MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!

“There’s trouble right here in Hidden Hills!”



Don't miss the 2020 Hidden Hills Valentine's Day Charity Musicale!

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE
STARTING JANUARY 27, 2019 AT THE HHCA OFFICE

Please make your \$50 per person donation to ONE of these worthwhile organizations:

CASA of Ventura County
The National Brain Tumor Society
Round Meadow Elementary School PFA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH @ 6:30PM* & 8:30PM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH @ 7:30PM & 9:30PM

Be sure to arrive at least one hour early to enjoy food and libations
Residents with last names A-K please bring an appetizer / L-Z please bring a dessert

*** FAMILIES ARE WELCOME AT THIS ONE PERFORMANCE ONLY!**

Audience members under 21 may attend the PRE-PARTY where NO ALCOHOL will be served.
Audience members for all other performances must be 18 or over & 21 or over for all other parties.

City Council Updates

At their meeting on January 13, the City Council approved an application and negative declaration for TPM 82703 and approved a Community Assistance Grant to Calabasas High School for the Every 15 Minutes Program. At a special meeting on January 17, the City Council approved sending a letter of opposition regarding SB 50 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning. At their meeting on January 27, the City Council and dignitaries recognized outgoing Mayor Larry Weber and selected Mayor Pro Tem Bret Katz as Mayor and Stuart Siegel as Mayor Pro Tem for 2020; received and update on the City's investment advisory services;; adopted a resolution regarding SB 2 Planning Grants Program Funds; and directed staff to begin a landscape rehabilitation project at the corner of round meadow and Mureau Roads.

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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Holiday Hours

City Hall and the Building & Safety Department will be closed and there will be no inspections on Monday, February 17, 2020 in observance of Presidents' Day.