

# NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2021

## Calendar

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

DATE	EVENT	TIME
2/1	Theater Committee	10:00 a.m.*
2/1	Architectural Committee	7:30 p.m.*
2/2	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	2:00 p.m.*
2/5	Landscape Committee	8:30 a.m.*
2/8	City Council	6:30 p.m.
2/9	Parks and Recreation Committee	11:00 a.m.*
2/9	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	2:00 p.m.*
2/10	Equestrian Committee	6:30 p.m.*
2/15	PRESIDENTS' DAY – OFFICES CLOSED	
2/16	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	2:00 p.m.*
2/16	HHCA Board of Directors	6:30 p.m.*
2/22	City Council	5:30 p.m.
2/23	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	2:00 p.m.*
2/25	CERT	6:00 p.m.
3/1	Theater Committee	10:00 a.m.*
3/1	Architectural Committee	7:30 p.m.*
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3/23	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	2:00 p.m.*
3/30	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

## Safe Driving in Hidden Hills

Our community is home to many residents who enjoy spending time outdoors on streets, trails, and parkways including children, horses, and other four-legged friends. We often receive calls from residents alerting us that vehicles are speeding down the street. The City and the Sheriff's Department remind residents and visitors to continue to drive slowly and safely in Hidden Hills.

Please be mindful to keep an eye out for pedestrians and animals near the road and slow down as you pass by in your car. Share the roadway and give the right of way to your neighbors. Be on the lookout for people walking their dogs, riding their bikes and scooters, and maintain awareness that children may suddenly run into the street. Nothing is more precious than the life of a child, slow down and pay attention. Be diligent to obey traffic signs and speed limit signs, especially in a school zone.

Please slow down as you approach horses and riders, too. Try to make eye contact with the rider before passing. Not only is it courteous to slow down around horses, it's the law. California Vehicle Code Section 21759 states: *The driver of any vehicle approaching any horse-drawn vehicle, any ridden animal, or any livestock shall exercise proper control of his or her vehicle and shall reduce speed or stop as may appear necessary or as may be signaled by otherwise requested by any person driving, riding or in charge of the animal or livestock in order to avoid frightening and to safeguard the animal or livestock and to ensure the safety of any person driving or riding the animal or in charge of the livestock.*



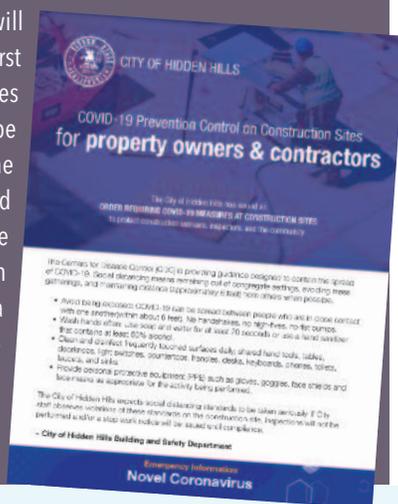
If you happen to see a vehicle speeding, running a stop sign, or driving dangerously, please report this behavior directly to City Hall. The registered owner of the vehicle will be subject to a home visit from a Deputy Sheriff. To report a dangerous driving situation, please send an email including the license plate number, description of violation, date of occurrence, and location to [staff@hiddenhillscity.org](mailto:staff@hiddenhillscity.org) or visit the City's website.

## COVID Measures at Construction Sites for Property Owners & Contractors

In an effort to provide for the continued safety of residents and workers in the City, the City of Hidden Hills has issued an Order Requiring COVID-19 Measures at Construction Sites for Property Owners and Contractors. Under this order, both the property owner and contractor at any property where construction is occurring must develop and implement a COVID-19 Exposure Control Plan requiring specific measures at all construction sites including:

- Requiring workers to wear gloves and masks
- Installation of handwashing facilities at all construction sites
- Social distancing of 6-feet to the greatest extent possible
- No gathering of workers in groups on-site for lunch and other breaks

City staff and Sheriff's Deputies will monitor construction sites and strive first for compliance. If compliance proves challenging, a stop work notice may be issued and/or citations/tickets from the Sheriff's Department. The full order and flyers are available for download on the City's website. To report a concern about COVID-19 safety measures at a construction site, send an email to [construction@hiddenhillscity.org](mailto:construction@hiddenhillscity.org).



## COVID-19 Vaccinations in LA County

The COVID-19 vaccine is here and distribution is being coordinated by the County of Los Angeles. Vaccine supply is still extremely limited, we urge patience as we work urgently with Public Health to make the vaccine available to all residents. As of January 25, LA residents who are age 65 and older are eligible for



vaccination but appointments are limited. When you make your appointment, you will be required to show proof that you are an LA County resident and that you are age 65 or older. A hotline (833-540-0473) has been established to assist residents without computer access or who need help making appointments.

### Three of LA County's established large capacity vaccination sites are:

- California State University, Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge, CA 91330
- L.A. County Office of Education, 12830 Columbia Way, Downey, CA 90242
- Six Flags Magic Mountain, 26101 Magic Mountain Pkwy., Valencia, CA 91355

If you are a member of a healthcare network such as UCLA Health or Kaiser, etc., you may want to also check with your doctor's office to inquire about whether or not you can register to receive the vaccine from them.

COVID-19 vaccination information is changing frequently and the City of Hidden Hills will provide updates to residents as we receive them. For the most current information on the vaccine from LA County Public Health, go to [www.VaccinateLACounty.com](http://www.VaccinateLACounty.com).

## City Council Continues to Monitor Potential Housing Legislation

The City Council is committed to fighting California's high density housing legislation as its dramatic effects would forever change the quality and character of our community. The City will continue efforts to protect Hidden Hills' single family zoning and our local control of planning. The City has sent numerous opposition letters, met with local legislators, joined forces with other jurisdictions, and retained the services of a Sacramento lobbyist to assist in our efforts.

Although the State legislature has already introduced numerous bills regarding housing, the three bills described below are examples of potential legislation that are of particular concern:

**SB 9** - Introduced by Senators Atkins (San Diego), Caballero (Merced/Salinas), Rubio (El Monte/Baldwin Park) and Wiener (San Francisco) along with three coauthors. This is a reintroduction of last year's SB 1120 which was narrowly defeated. The Bill would allow for duplexes and lot splits in single-family residential zones to be allowed by-right, meaning without City Council review or approval.

**AB 215** - Introduced by Assembly Member Chiu (San Francisco) requires a city or county to adopt a general plan for land use development within its boundaries that includes, among other things, a housing element. That law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to determine whether the housing element is in substantial compliance with specified provisions of that law. In other words, placing more pressure and legal backing into forcing a city to allow for additional housing.

**SB 10** - Introduced by Senator Scott Weiner (San Francisco). This is a reintroduction of last year's SB 902 that permits cities to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential housing without triggering California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review.

In addition, the Governor recently introduced a budget that contains funding for a Housing Accountability Unit that would, in effect, be charged with monitoring local land use and housing decisions made by the City Council to ensure they are following the State's preferred actions. It is anticipated that the City Council will consider formal opposition to these bills and more in the coming months. Residents are encouraged to read up on the legislation above and voice their opinions to our local legislators.

### CONTACT:

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District Office: 818-876-3352

State Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel  
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Capitol Office: 916-319-2045  
District Office: 818-346-4521



# Valentine's Day

## Strawberries & Chocolate Fondue

Fresh strawberries and a pot of chocolate fondue make the perfect treat to celebrate Valentine's Day with the ones you love. Don't worry, if you don't have a fondue set on hand, you can prepare this decadent dessert stove-side:

### Recipe:

1 pound of premium semisweet or bittersweet chocolate, well chopped  
1 1/2 cups of organic heavy cream

Set aside the chopped chocolate. Pour the cream into a medium, thick-bottomed saucepan (or double boiler) over low heat. Bring the cream to a simmer and add the chocolate. Stir until the chocolate is melted. Transfer the chocolate to a fondue pot or bowl and enjoy with strawberries or other favorite sweets like graham crackers, marshmallows, or angel food cake!



## Sheriff's Blotter December 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	6	10	-4
Business	0	0	0	0
Garage/Out Bldg.	0	0	0	0
Vehicle (locked)	0	0	0	0
Theft				
Grand (\$950+)	0	3	4	-1
Petty	0	3	2	1
Vehicle (unlocked)	0	0	2	-2
Grand Theft Vehicle	1	1	1	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence / Felony	0	1	0	1
Domestic Violence / Misdemeanor	0	0	1	-1
Trespassing Calls for Service	7	60	58	2

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 theft of a vehicle was reported in the 5300 block of Jed Smith.
- A 2005 gray Toyota Sequoia was stolen from the street area of the location. No suspects seen or heard. The vehicle is still outstanding.
- A vandalism occurred in the 5100 block of Round Meadow Road. The suspect, a resident, drove his vehicle through the entrance and exit gate arms causing the arms to break and fall. The case is ongoing.
- A computer hacking was reported in the 24200 block of Bridle Trail. The suspects attempted to transfer money from the victim's accounts. This occurred after the victim received a suspicious email from Amazon.

## Energy Efficient Ideas

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

### Southern California Edison (SCE) Rebates and Incentives

SCE offers several programs and rebates available to customers. Two such programs are highlighted below. For more information, visit [www.sce.com/residential](http://www.sce.com/residential).



### It Pays to Drive Electric!

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.

### Electric Portable Power Stations

Sometimes power outages can happen because of weather conditions, unforeseen circumstances, public safety, and critical work. Portable power stations use battery storage and plug into an electrical power outlet to recharge. They can charge multiple devices such as laptops, cell phones, tablets, and other devices. You may be eligible for up to five (5) \$50 rebates for purchasing qualified Portable Power Stations, per residential address. Visit [marketplace.sce.com/portable-power-stations](http://marketplace.sce.com/portable-power-stations) to view models that are eligible for a rebate.

## Battery Recycling at City Hall

Though City Hall remains closed to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic, residents are still able to participate in our battery recycling program. We can accept all used rechargeable & non-rechargeable dry cell batteries. Simply put your used batteries in a bag and place in our incoming delivery bin in front of City Hall (underneath the tent).



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# City Council Updates

At their meeting on January 11, the City Council adopted Order No. 3 Requiring COVID-19 Measures at Construction Sites and adopted Resolution No. 968 allowing the City of Hidden Hills to apply for Per Capita-Grant Funds from the State Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Hidden Hills City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. City Council meetings start at 6:30pm (5:30pm effective February 22, 2021) and can also be watched on Channel 3 (Charter/Spectrum Cable) or web streamed via the City website.

## The 2021 Hidden Hills Valentine's Charity Musicale

Like so many other things, the annual Hidden Hills Valentine's Charity Musicale is going to be a little different this year. Rather than abandon the event altogether for health and safety reasons, many of your favorite cast members are getting together virtually to fill the world (or at least the neighborhood) with "Silly Love Songs." There will still be lots of music and lots of laughs, but because the Hidden Hills Theatre is off-limits for the time being, it will be streamed online. Unfortunately, the logistics are a bit complicated, so it will not be happening until sometime after Valentine's Day. Announcements with the date, time, and designated charities will be made as soon as those details are available. So, stay tuned, and in the meantime, have a Happy and Healthy Valentine's Day!



Photo: Bret Katz Photography

## Food Trucks in Hidden Hills

Tired of cooking? Check out one of these food trucks coming soon to Hidden Hills. Visit [streetfoodfinder.com/hiddenhills](http://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

- February 11th: Vivace (Pizza)
- February 25th: Wise Barbecue (American, BBQ)
- March 18th: 8E8 Thai Street Food



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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Presidents' Day Holiday

City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents' Day

### City Council Meetings

City Council meetings to begin at 5:30 pm new start time takes effect February 22