



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2021

Calendar

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

DATE	EVENT	TIME
1/4	Theater Committee	10:00 a.m.*
1/4	Architectural Committee	7:30 p.m.*
1/5	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	2:00 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	2:00 p.m.*
1/13	Equestrian Committee	6:30 p.m.*
1/14	City Council Goals Session	4:00pm
1/18	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY- OFFICES CLOSED	
1/19	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	2:00 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	2:00 p.m.*
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	6:30 p.m.
2/23	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

2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

Happy New Year 2021! Last year will go down in history as a tumultuous and challenging year for all of us – from the tragic loss of NBA legend Kobe Bryant in our neighboring city to the COVID-19 pandemic, to social unrest, we saw disruption in almost every way of life, it was an intense year. Despite these difficulties, City Council and City staff have been busy at work. Below are some highlights and accomplishments of 2020.

COVID Response

When the Governor's initial Stay Home Order was issued in March, the City's response was swift and impactful. The Community Care Program was launched to pair those in Hidden Hills who needed assistance with a CERT member or resident volunteer. The program was very successful and kindness in the community continued to abound. Residents helped each other with grocery shopping and delivering supplies, one resident started sewing masks and provided them to several neighbors and anyone in need. The City Council put a construction order into place, requiring masks, social distancing, and handwashing stations at all construction sites. City Hall closed to the public and staff became acclimated to working from home. City Council meetings have been streaming online since April, providing ease of access for all who want to attend and participate. The City has persevered through the pandemic and continues to move forward while prioritizing the public's health and safety.



Advocacy

This year Hidden Hills increased its advocacy efforts and became heavily involved in opposing State legislation that could have dramatic effects on the quality and character of the community. Through the year, the City Council has aggressively opposed numerous bills that restrict local control and allow for more intense, higher density housing policies. The City has sent letters, met with government officials, joined forces with other jurisdictions, and retained the services of a Sacramento lobbyist to assist in its efforts. Work in this area is ongoing as further challenges to local control are expected from Sacramento in 2021.



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Public Works Projects

The Long Valley Road utility undergrounding project broke ground in October and is underway. A total of nine utility poles and associated overhead wires will be removed in the current phase and the City is studying additional areas to be undergrounded. The undergrounding of all utility lines and removal of poles remains a high priority for the City. By undergrounding the lines, the risk of fire caused by faulty wires is greatly reduced. This project both enhances public safety and promotes community aesthetics.



Photo: Lilian Holt

Significant progress has been made on the Long Valley 101 freeway onramp/entrance project. This project includes: extending the sidewalk along the Long Valley Road on-ramp and Valley Circle Boulevard to Ventura Boulevard, constructing a parking lot outside the Long Valley Gate, improving traffic circulation, and making improvements to the Long Valley gate entrance. The design and planning phase is nearly complete and the City is hopeful that construction will begin as early as Summer 2021.

The City has reviewed several conceptual designs for the Round Meadow/Mureau Road intersection landscape project. A landscape architect has been selected and this beautification project is anticipated to be done this year.

Finally, the Fiber to the Home project continues to be studied and evaluated to arrive at an optimal solution for high speed internet. The City has selected a preferred vendor to build and operate the network and is seeking additional input from residents before construction begins. Keep an eye out for a survey in the coming months so the City can hear from you!

COVID-19 VACCINES Arrive in LA County

By late December, initial allocations of COVID-19 vaccines arrived in Los Angeles County, an allotment of almost 83,000 doses. Public Health is arranging for the redistribution of vaccines so that every acute care hospital across Los Angeles County that treats COVID-19 patients receive their share of this initial allocation. Acute care hospitals are beginning or will soon begin the process of administering the vaccinations to their staff at highest risk of exposure. The first round of COVID-19 vaccines in LA County are going to frontline healthcare workers who have been putting themselves at risk each day to care for others. For updated information on COVID-19 and the vaccine, visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.



City Council Hosts Annual Re-Organization and Selects Mayor & Mayor Pro Tem for 2021

Pursuant to the California Elections Code, the City of Hidden Hills moved its elections to the date of the statewide general election, effective November 2020. Moving forward, the City will continue to hold its elections on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even numbered years. Hidden Hills experienced a record voter turn-out in the most recent election.

At their meeting on December 14, 2020, the City Council recognized outgoing Mayor Bret Katz for his nearly four years of service to the City. The Council certified the November 3rd, 2020 election results and welcomed new Council Member Eniko Gold and returning Council Member Steve Freedland. Both Council Member Gold and Council Member Freedland took the oath of office which was administered by the Honorable Michael Harwin, a Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge and Hidden Hills resident. As part of the reorganization process, the Council selected Council Member Stuart Siegel as Mayor and Council Member Laura McCorkindale as Mayor Pro Tem for 2021.



Mylar or Metallic Balloons Have No Place in Hidden Hills

You may recall the citywide power outage we experienced back in December when a mylar balloon got caught in an overhead power line and caused two fires to ignite following a surge of electricity. Southern California Edison (SCE) reports that over 900 outages each year are tied directly to metallic balloons getting caught in Edison power lines. SCE warns that serious injuries and property damage can occur when balloon contact is severe enough to bring down power lines. Due to the dangerous risks and potential devastation **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY METALLIC OR MYLAR BALLOONS INTO HIDDEN HILLS.** If you happen to see a metallic balloon near a power line, please report it to SCE - do not attempt to retrieve it. If you see a downed power line, call 911. For more information and safety tips, please visit, www.sce.com/safety/power-lines-and-you.



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City Welcomes a New Primary Deputy Sheriff

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Sheriff's Blotter November 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	1	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	0	0	1	-1
Arson	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence / Felony	0	1	0	1
Domestic Violence / Misdemeanor	0	0	1	-1
Trespassing Calls for Service	9	53	54	-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 residential burglary was reported in the 24000 block of Hidden Ridge Road. A subject, resident of North Dakota, was arrested for the incident. The subject had damaged a rear door to gain entry while the victims were inside the residence. No property was stolen.
- A Glendora resident was arrested for trespassing in the 5100 block of Penland Drive. The subject stated that he was at the location attempted to serve a summons.
- A resident of Santa Monica was arrested for trespassing and violation of felony probation in the area of Long Valley Road and Spring Valley Road. The subject refused to obey the security officer for the City of Hidden Hills to leave the area. The subject is on probation for burglary.

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 anytime between 12/26/20 and 1/15/21 (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.



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City Council Updates

At their meeting on December 14, the City Council certified the election results from the November 3, 2020 election, for which Steve Freedland was reelected and Eniko Gold was elected to the City Council for a four-year term. The City Council reorganized as follows: Stuart Siegel as Mayor and Laura McCorkindale as Mayor Pro Tem.

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. You must order ahead, no walk ups. All the trucks will accept orders for time slots 24 hours in advance. Visit streetfoodfinder.com/hiddenhills for a complete schedule and to pre-order your food. 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

- January 4 Richeeze (American, Deli)
- January 7 Pinch of Flavor (Asian Fusion, Japanese, Mexican)
- January 11 O.G Kebab Truck (Lebanese, Mediterranean)
- January 18 The Deli Doctor (Deli, American)
- January 25 Babys Badass Burgers (Burgers, American)



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



MLK Holiday

City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.