



Newsletter

DECEMBER 2022

Calendar

DATE	EVENT	TIME
12/12	City Council	5:30 p.m.
12/26 - 12/30	City Hall & Building and Safety	CLOSED
1/9	City Council	5:30 p.m.
1/23	City Council	5:30 p.m.

City Council

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

City Staff

City Manager	Kerry Kallman
City Clerk	Deana L. Gonzalez, 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

5 TIPS FOR WALKING AFTER DUSK IN HIDDEN HILLS

With no street lights in Hidden Hills and the end of daylight saving time, it can be very dark at night in the community. Make sure to be seen by other pedestrians and motorists when you're out walking or jogging.

1. Wear reflective clothing

Hi-visibility jackets, pants, and shoes with reflective material are must-haves when you walk at night. Consider arm and ankle bands, the more reflective gear you have, the better. Do not wear dark clothing - at the very least, wear bright colors such as neons or whites.

2. Walk against traffic

Walk against traffic if you're in the street. If possible, walk on the parkways. It is much more difficult for drivers to see you at night. By walking against traffic, you can see what is coming in advance and allow yourself time to react. You also place yourself in the driver's headlights so they can see you better.

3. Carry a flashlight or wear a headlamp

Having a flashlight helps you see your surroundings when walking at night and allows others to see you. While a flashlight will do, a good headlamp will free your hands during exercise and provides a steady beam of light in your direction of travel.

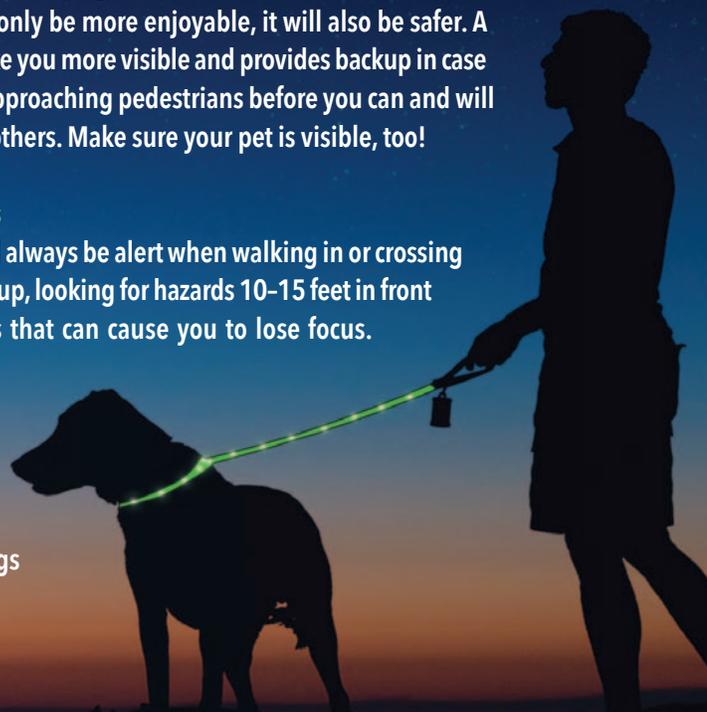
4. Bring a friend or your dog

Bringing a friend will not only be more enjoyable, it will also be safer. A walking partner helps make you more visible and provides backup in case of injury. Animals sense approaching pedestrians before you can and will also help you be seen by others. Make sure your pet is visible, too!

5. Avoid distractions

Take extra precautions and always be alert when walking in or crossing the street. Keep your head up, looking for hazards 10-15 feet in front of you. Avoid distractions that can cause you to lose focus.

Looking at your phone or even listening to music should be avoided at night so you can be more aware of your surroundings and react when needed.



CITY COUNCIL RE-ORGANIZATION

On Monday, December 12, the City Council will officially certify the results of the November election. The City Council will then select the 2023 Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. The Re-Organization meeting will also represent the last official City Council meeting for long-time incumbent Stuart Siegel.

FAREWELL TO COUNCIL MEMBER SIEGEL, 28 YEARS OF SERVICE

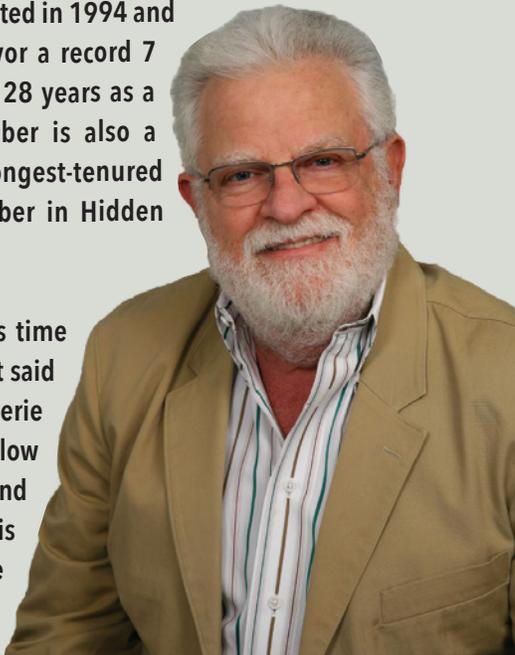
Stuart was first elected in 1994 and has served as mayor a record 7 times. In fact, his 28 years as a City Council Member is also a record, he is the longest-tenured City Council Member in Hidden Hills history.

In reflecting on his time with the City, Stuart said that the camaraderie he's shared with fellow Council Members and staff are among his best memories. He is extremely proud of the City's role in

assuring that Ahmanson Ranch remained open space rather than a huge development. Stuart was also instrumental in the formation of the Las Virgenes/Malibu Council of Governments (COG). The COG is made up of the cities of Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Malibu, and Westlake Village and it takes a regional approach to multi-community issues and projects.

When asked what he would miss the most, Stuart said the positive interactions at the Council Meetings and collaborating to solve problems. Although Stuart and his wife Peggi are not moving out of the City, it still seems appropriate to say "Happy Trails, Stuart" and congratulations on a job well done!

We Will Miss You.



CITY NOW OFFERS ONLINE BUILDING PERMITTING AND PLAN CHECK

The City's Building and Safety Department is now accepting online services for both permit and plan check submittals.

The new online portal will allow interested parties to submit a permit application, upload any required plan check documents, and pay the permit and/or plan check fee with credit card. The City will utilize electronic plan check software that will allow reviewers in any department to conduct their reviews concurrently, reducing the overall turnaround time.

One reason for the switch to an online system was to reduce the amount of paper that comes in and out of City Hall each day. Along with the paper comes the statutory requirements related to archiving. Starting the project electronically is much more efficient for all.

In addition to reducing paper costs, the new software will allow submittals 24 hours a day, providing building projects to be submitted anytime, and inspections to be requested from anywhere. This added convenience will allow architects, builders, and homeowners to realize additional cost savings by reducing the number of trips to City Hall.

The City's Building and Safety Department is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 11:00am. The Online Permit Center can be accessed via the City website at [hiddenhillscity.org](https://www.hiddenhillscity.org).



HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

To help residents enjoy a crime-free holiday shopping season, the Sheriff's Department shares the following tips.

- When out shopping, stay vigilant and avoid shopping alone. Park in a well-lit area.
- Do not leave packages in plain view in your vehicle. Lock your vehicle and place all your merchandise in the trunk.
- Be cautious of strangers approaching you for any reason. Many thieves will use different methods to distract you with the intention of taking your money or merchandise.
- Keep an eye on your credit cards at all times. A common tactic of fraudsters employed by a legitimate company is to take the card you present as payment, swipe it through the legitimate payment system, and then swipe it again through their own collection device.
- Limit use of free Wi-Fi. Don't use free wireless networks, such as those in coffee shops, when you shop online. Fraudulent Wi-Fi hotspots are too easy to set up and are often disguised to look like legitimate services offered by reputable companies. Criminals use these fraudulent sites to capture your data or install malware on your device. Waiting until you have a secure connection at home or using data from your own personal cellular plan is a good way to eliminate this type of operation.

SHOP SAFELY ONLINE

- Be wary of online deals that are too good to be true. Do your research on whoever you are buying from.
- If an online seller asks you to wire payment, be suspicious. Many times, fraudsters will advertise a great deal on a high dollar item but will only accept a money wire transfer.
- Buy online and pick up in store whenever possible.
- If you don't plan to be home for delivery, have your packages shipped to your office or to a neighbor who is home.
- Request a signature confirmation of delivery.

If you believe you are a victim of a crime, contact the Lost Hills Sheriff's Station at 818-878-1808. If you see a crime in progress, call 911 and DO NOT approach the suspect(s).



Sheriff's Blotter

October 2022

	CURRENT MONTH	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	CHANGE
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	1	-1
Robbery				
Armed	0	0	0	0
Strong-arm	0	0	0	0
Assault	0	1	2	-1
Burglary				
Residential	0	4	0	4
Business	0	0	0	0
Garage/Out Bldg.	0	0	0	0
Vehicle (locked)	0	1	0	1
Theft				
Grand (\$950+)	0	3	1	2
Petty	0	0	0	0
Vehicle (unlocked)	0	0	2	-2
Grand Theft Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence / Felony	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence / Misdemeanor	0	2	2	0
Trespassing Calls for Service	5	30	42	-12

Noteworthy Incidents:

- A Calabasas resident was arrested for battery and trespassing in the 24800 block of Long Valley Road. The victim, a security guard, ordered the suspect to leave the location. The suspect then attempted to punch the victim. The suspect had been at the location on two prior occasions and told to leave.
- A subject, a resident of Georgia, was arrested for trespassing in the 25300 block of Eldorado Meadow Road.

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.

NOT HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS? SCHEDULE A VACATION CHECK

If you will be traveling this holiday season, you can schedule a vacation check with the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff's Deputies will stop by your house several times while you are gone. To schedule a vacation check, call City Hall at 818-888-9281.



City Council UPDATES

At their meeting on November 14th, the City Council directed staff to solicit construction bids for Phase 1 of the Long Valley Road/ US 101 Onramp Project, approved an Agreement with INYO dba Onward to Perform Design

Engineering Services and Development of a Construction Bid Package for the City's Fiber Network, and appointed Council Member Gold as the City's representative to the Calabasas Library Commission.

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

A LOOK BACK TO FIESTA PARADE CONTEST WINNERS

It took a little extra time to track down the very special winners of the 2022 Fiesta Parade!



1st Place - Larry Weber & Nanette Walden



2nd Place - Viewpoint's Girl Scout Troop #3256

The winner of 3rd place in the Fiesta parade remains a mystery. Please email us at staff@hiddenhillscity.org if it was YOU!

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

It's the most wonderful time of the year again! This year, residents can recycle their Christmas tree one of two ways:

1. Place in green waste cart (or next to cart) for pick-up on your regular trash service day, any time between December 26 and January 13. Any tree taller than 6 ft. must be cut in half.
2. Drop off tree in the designated bin at the Community Center or in the upper parking lot at City Hall between December 26 and January 13.

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.



HOLIDAY CLOSURE

City Hall and Building & Safety will be closed and there will be no inspections December 26th - December 30th. HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

