



Newsletter

APRIL 2024

ADAM WASSERMAN: HIDDEN HILLS'S NEWEST COUNCIL MEMBER



At its meeting on March 11th, your Hidden Hills City Council appointed Adam Wasserman to the City Council to fill the seat vacated earlier this year. Wasserman, a long-time Hidden Hills resident was sworn in to his seat by Judge Harwin, following the appointment. We had a chance to catch Council Member Wasserman after his swearing in to ask him a few questions:

What inspired you to run for City Council?

I have lived with my wife and children in the City of Hidden Hills for 19 years and long wanted to run for city council. I believe that I have the right experience to be a meaningful addition to our council. I'm an attorney by trade and have worked in government contracting, policy, litigation, and negotiation in my professional career. During the second part of my career, I have been an education attorney for disabled children at my public interest law firm: Education Justice Law. I also received substantial training in land use law early on, which will come in handy given our current pressures from the state. I have collaborated with university officials and government organizations, assisting with legislation and state law policies to

change educational practices state-wide. As a tech entrepreneur, I created ExamSoft, which revolutionized the modern bar exam nationwide. I believe my extensive experience in both the private and government sectors, my successes in both realms, my familiarity with government body decision-making, and my conflict resolution and problem-solving skills will be valuable for the City Council and thus all residents of Hidden Hills.

What are you most looking forward to as an elected official?

I'm looking forward to maintaining our community's uniqueness and representing it by cautiously fostering positive change in a manner sensitive to all our constituents. I'm excited to work with Hidden Hills' dedicated and talented council members. They are an incredibly diverse and experienced Council from which I'll learn a lot. I also look forward to representing our City and our Council at events inside our community.

What are you most interested in working on to sustain or improve our great city?

I am interested in preserving the bucolic feel of our community. I also wish to help to update the ways that we work to increase productivity. Government is infamous for moving slowly, even in small cities, and I hope to improve efficiencies in our practices with the goal of increasing the speed of policy implementations. Our state has many challenges that affect the City of Hidden Hills. I am concerned about the leniency of our state, particularly considering that misdemeanor crimes can have a negative and harmful impact on our community. Public safety is of utmost importance to me.

Welcome to the City Council, Adam Wasserman!

City Council Meetings

April 8, 2024, 5:30PM
Hidden Hills City Hall
6165 Spring Valley Road

City Council

Mayor	Eniko Gold
Mayor Pro Tem	Larry G. Weber
Council Member	Laura McCorkindale
Council Member	Joe Loggia
Council Member	Adam Wasserman

City Staff

Interim City Manager	Marcella Marlowe, Ph.D.
City Clerk	Deana L. Gonzalez, CMC
Accounting Specialist	Theresa Hernandez
Administrative Analyst	Aaron Williams
Interim City Attorney	Michael Jenkins
City Engineer	Dirk Lovett
Building Inspector	Steve O'Hara

HOMEOWNER INSURANCE CRISIS - VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

Wildfire & Disaster Insurance On-line Town Hall

Hosted by Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara,
Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin and the
Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments



Hear from the experts about
how California is addressing
the homeowner insurance
crisis and how you can
navigate the tools to help you
get coverage for fire, floods
and earthquakes.

April 4th
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM



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As insurers abandon fire-prone areas, homeowners are hard pressed to find – and afford – coverage. We've heard from many of you about the difficulties you are experiencing. Sadly, you aren't alone! Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, and the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments are hosting a Wildlife and Disaster Insurance Town Hall to address the issue of rising costs and shrinking insurance options.

With wildfires increasingly common all over California, many homeowners are having to rely on insurance coverage through the insurer of last resort known as the FAIR Plan. The program serves those who are considered too high-risk to find insurance coverage elsewhere.

Hear from the experts about how California is addressing the homeowner insurance crisis and how you can navigate the tools to help you get coverage for fire, floods, and earthquakes.

When you register, you will be able to submit questions to be answered during the virtual event. The online town hall will also include representatives from the California Department of Insurance, United Policyholders, and CAL FIRE who will provide tips on how to reach out to carriers. Register at www.bit.ly/04042024.

WAVES OF PROGRESS

LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT HOSTS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT

International Women's Day, celebrated annually on March 8, highlights the global social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.

To commemorate and honor all the amazing women right here in our region, the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD), in partnership with our neighboring municipal agencies, hosted an inaugural luncheon to celebrate International Women's Day.

The regional event spotlighted L.A. County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath as keynote speaker, followed by a Q&A session with other

community leaders and young professionals. Each woman shared her unique perspective on navigating the challenges and opportunities of the professional and personal worlds. In addition to other elected officials from our region, Hidden Hills was honored to be represented by our very own Mayor Eniko Gold.

The panel of diverse women from different backgrounds at varying stages of their professional journeys offered inspiration to all attendees. From racial and geographical inequities, to wage disparity, to diminishing bodily autonomy, discussion touched on how far women have come, while highlighting how many victories still remain out of reach.

WE NEED YOUR HELP SAVING OUR LANDLINES



AT&T wants to eliminate phone landline service. Whether you have a landline or not, they are an important public safety option in our city. As you may already have heard, AT&T has petitioned the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to be allowed to discontinue their obligation to provide POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service) throughout California.

As a resident of Hidden Hills, you know how critical landline service is. Given our frequent internet and electrical outages, poor-to-non-existent cellular phone service, and constant threat of natural disasters, losing the reliability of landline service is potentially catastrophic. We do not have to look further than Woolsey Fire to know how necessary landline service was to our community's survival.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

The CPUC is in the process of taking public testimony before rendering their decision on AT&T's petition and they have told us they must have individual residents testifying in order to consider exempting our community from AT&T's request.

Visit: www.hiddenhillscity.org/save-our-landlines and read how you can submit your comment to help the City of Hidden Hills in our vigorous campaign to defeat AT&T's request.



Sheriff's Blotter

February 2024

	CURRENT MONTH	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	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	1	0	1
Business	0	0	0	0
Vehicle (locked)	0	0	0	0
Theft				
Grand (\$950+)	0	0	1	-1
Petty	0	0	0	0
Vehicle (unlocked)	0	0	0	0
Grand Theft Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence / Felony	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence/ Misdemeanor	1	1	0	1
Trespassing Calls for Service	1	2	5	-3

Noteworthy Incidents:

- A male adult was arrested for a misdemeanor domestic violence on Lewis Clark Road.
- Unknown individuals were spotted on the second-floor balcony of a residence on Hoback Glen Road. They fled upon hearing the homeowner.



Front row left to right: Hidden Hills Mayor Eniko Gold, Calabasas Mayor Alicia Weintraub, Lost Hills Sheriff's Captain Jennifer Seetoo, Chair of L.A. County Board of Supervisors Lindsey P. Horvath, Agoura Hills Mayor Pro Tem Penny Sylvester, Westlake Village Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Honig

Back row left to right: Representative for Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin Skylar Payab, Calabasas Chamber Coordinator Jaylin Licup, LVMWD Public Affairs Associate Riki Clark, LVMWD Public Affairs Intern Kayley Norman



CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

At the Special Council meeting on February 26th, the Council Adopted Resolution No. 1023, supporting the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act, a pending California ballot initiative. With the adoption of Resolution No. 1023, the City of Hidden Hills became the first city in the State of California to support the initiative.

At the March 11 meeting, the City Council was delighted to appoint Adam Wasserman as Hidden Hills' newest City Council Member. Council Member Wasserman was unanimously selected after the only other candidate withdrew her application after being impressed by Wasserman's qualifications, passion, and commitment. Council Member Wasserman now fills the vacated Council term through the upcoming November election. For more, please read our cover story on Council Member Wasserman on Page 1.

The City Council also approved the appointment of Michael Grant as the City's new Interim Public Safety and Emergency Services Manager. Grant is no stranger to Hidden Hills; CERT members were introduced to him at last month's CERT meeting. Stay tuned for his introduction event to the community!

The next City Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 8. The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. and can be watched on Channel 3 (Charter/Spectrum Cable) or web streamed via the City's website.

ESSENTIAL TIPS FOR KEEPING DOGS SAFE FROM RATTLESNAKES

Last month, the City received a call from a resident who's dog was bitten by a rattlesnake during a walk in Ahmanson Ranch, known to be a snake-prone area. This is an excellent (and disturbing!) reminder that, as warmer weather beckons, dog owners must be vigilant in safeguarding their furry companions from potential dangers, including encounters with venomous reptiles. Here are some tips to keep your pets safe:

Know Your Surroundings:

Before venturing into areas known for rattlesnake activity, familiarize yourself with the local wildlife. Keep in mind that rattlesnakes are most active in warm weather, making spring and summer prime times for encounters.

Leash Control:

Maintaining control of your dog on a leash is a fundamental preventive measure. By keeping your pup close, you reduce the risk of unexpected encounters with rattlesnakes.

Training:

Teaching your dog basic commands, such as "leave it" or "come," can be life-saving in snake encounters.

Stay on Designated Paths:

Stick to well-traveled paths and trails to reduce the risk of stumbling upon hidden snakes. Avoid tall grass, rocks, and underbrush where rattlesnakes might be lurking.

Give your Dog the Rattlesnake Vaccine:

Administering a rattlesnake vaccine to your dog provides a valuable window of time, allowing for a more extended and critical timeframe to reach the emergency veterinarian hospital for prompt anti-venom treatment, potentially saving your pet's life.

If your pet has been bitten by a rattlesnake, go to an emergency veterinary hospital immediately.

