



# Newsletter

AUGUST 2024

## CERT PROGRAM

### STRENGTHENED WITH NEW EXPERT LEADERSHIP

A new chapter of the City's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program has begun. Public Safety and Emergency Services Manager Mike Grant is enthusiastic about involving all past and present CERT members. At July's CERT meeting, various topics were discussed, including organizational structure, emergency communications, upcoming training, and personal readiness. In light of recent fires throughout California, the team agreed that supporting first responders during wildfire events is a top priority.

importance of having trained volunteer wildland firefighters in the Hidden Hills community. These volunteers bridge the gap between professional first response agencies and local communities during major disaster events. Hidden Hills is one of only seven selected communities in LA County to participate in the program. If you are over 18 and interested in learning about the Community Brigade, visit : <https://laepf.org/community-brigade> for more information and to register as a volunteer.

Special guests from the Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Foundation's Community Brigade Pilot Program emphasized the

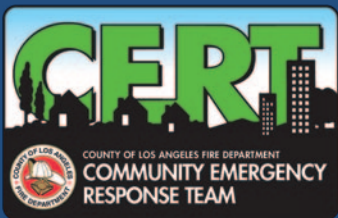
The next CERT meeting will focus on emergency radio communications, firefighting equipment inspections, and planning for Fiesta 2024. Unique



to CERT, events like the Fiesta provide an opportunity to practice deployment strategies in a low-stress environment. Training foundational skills such as communication, set-up, and recovery during planned events will enable the team to respond quickly and efficiently during critical incidents.

If you are interested in serving the Hidden Hills community in a meaningful way, CERT meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month at City Hall. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 27, 6:30pm. Radio check at 6pm.

## BE A HOMETOWN HERO FREE CERT HYBRID TRAINING



After a major disaster, first responders may be inundated with emergency requests and demands and unable to immediately respond to all those in need. In such a crisis, it will be neighbors assisting neighbors for immediate first aid and life-sustaining needs until emergency response personnel can arrive. The County of Los Angeles Fire Department is hosting a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) hybrid training to provide the public with basic training in safety and life-saving skills. Interested residents and current Hidden Hills CERT team members are encouraged to sign up.

Independent online courses are required to be completed prior to taking the in-person hands-on training session over two days beginning Saturday, August 10, 2024, being held at the Calabasas Community Center. For more information and to sign up please visit: [www.hiddenhillscity.org/cert-hybrid-training](http://www.hiddenhillscity.org/cert-hybrid-training)

# THE COUNTDOWN TO FIESTA 2024 BEGINS

## YOU'RE INVITED - SEPTEMBER 14 - 15 SPORTS AND THE ARTS UNITE US ALL

One of the most beloved annual Hidden Hills traditions will touchdown before you know it. This year's Fiesta theme, chosen by the Fiesta Committee, is "Sports and the Arts Unite Us All," and all your favorite Fiesta events are back! Saturday is jam packed with fun, starting with the Morning Parade, Pet Parade, Bake Contest, Chili & Cornbread Cook Off, the Afternoon In-N-Out Lunch and Kid Zone, and wrapping up with the Evening Carnival and Community Dinner. Sunday's lineup includes the famous Pancake Breakfast in the morning and the Adult-Only Wine Exchange, Dinner and Car Show at night.

The DJ returns by popular demand to spin your favorite tunes at Saturday night's Community Dinner, and the Marionette puppet show will play to audiences of all ages at Saturday afternoon's Kid Zone.

Fiesta sign-ups and ticket sales begin on Wednesday, August 28th, at 9 am. Tickets will be available for purchase in-person at City Hall or online via the City's website at [www.hiddenhillscity.org](http://www.hiddenhillscity.org). Online ticket sales are limited to 10 tickets per event per resident. Please remember that Fiesta is intended for Hidden Hills residents and their families, so limit the number of guests you invite.

The 2024 Fiesta brochure will be mailed to every household soon and will also be available online. We can't wait to see you at Fiesta 2024!



## Your FIESTA 2024 Parade Grand Marshals Nancy Faner and Nina Olander

Hidden Hills isn't just the best city in all Southern California; it's also the key to longevity and a fulfilling life. The city is home to many longtime residents, including two extraordinary "wonder women" who moved to Hidden Hills in the 50s, long before it was incorporated as a city in 1961.

Nancy Faner, 97 years young, and her husband Walter moved to Hidden Hills in 1951, where they built their home after purchasing a lot for \$4,995. Nancy had 4 "Hidden Hills babies" and her first-born child, Cindy, has the distinct honor of being the first baby to ever be born in Hidden Hills.

Nina Olander, 91 1/2 years young, and her husband Roland moved to Hidden Hills in 1958 for the excellent school district and they wished to own property with room to expand for their soon to be growing family. Nina was 7 months pregnant when they purchased the home that she still lives in today where she gave birth to 3 Hidden Hills babies.

Nancy and Nina have many fond memories of how Hidden Hills has developed and grown over the past 70 years and are honored to have been chosen your Fiesta 2024 Parade Grand Marshal's.





# WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER A RATTLESNAKE

We're in the middle of rattlesnake season when you're most likely to encounter a rattlesnake. Fortunately, rattlesnakes just aren't that into you. They generally are not aggressive and would rather avoid people. They'll often retreat if given space to move and don't feel threatened. Most bites happen when someone handles or accidentally touches a rattlesnake, which even offers a warning with its rattle that you might be too close.

## What do rattlesnakes look like?

The tell-tale sign of a rattlesnake is on the end of its tail. But rattlesnakes don't always rattle before a strike. A rattle might also break off, and young rattlesnakes might only have a small rattle or button. As snakes shed their skin, a new rattle segment is formed. Other visual characteristics include a triangular head and scales that are keeled with a rough raised texture and matte appearance instead of smooth and shiny. They are earth tone, which helps them blend in with their surroundings.

## Are all rattlesnake bites venomous?

No. Rattlesnakes often deliver what's known as a non-venomous dry bite as a warning, so if you are bitten remain calm, but act quickly. It's best to treat all bites as venomous and seek immediate medical attention as a venomous bite can cause severe injuries and even death.

## Common symptoms of a venomous rattlesnake bite

- Extreme pain • Bleeding • Bruising
- Swelling in the mouth and throat • Drooling
- Difficulty breathing • Lightheadedness
- Nausea • Swelling at the location of the bite
- Collapse • Shock, in rare cases

## How are rattlesnake bites treated?

- Remove items that constrict swelling, like watches, rings and shoes.
- Go to the nearest medical center.
- Do not put ice on the bite.
- Do not apply a tourniquet.
- Do not cut the wound.
- Do not try to suck venom out with your mouth.

For more rattlesnake safety tips visit the California Department of Fish and Wildlife website: [www.wildlife.ca.gov](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov)



# Sheriff's Blotter

## June 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	1	0	1
Burglary				
Residential	0	1	2	-1
Business	0	0	0	0
Vehicle (locked)	0	0	0	0
Theft				
Grand (\$950+)	0	2	1	1
Petty	1	1	0	1
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	0	1	0	1
Trespassing Calls for Service	0	9	12	-3

## Noteworthy Incident:

- A resident reported their license plate stolen on Fitzpatrick Road.

## CONCERNS OR ISSUES WITH YOUR TRASH PICKUP AND SERVICE?



The City's trash hauler provides a dedicated Concierge for all your service inquiries.

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# GOODBYE GOATS... UNTIL NEXT YEAR

The goats made fast work of the dry brush on the outer perimeter of the City this year. The goats started munching July 1st and made their way through the approximately 33 acres in just under 3 weeks. The goats, a critical component in the City's fire hazard abatement program, cleared the vegetation along the City's northern border inside the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve (formerly Ahmanson Ranch) and between Jim Bridger and Crummer Ranch Road.



Many Hidden Hills families got to see the goats in action up close but if you missed them this year you can find photos and a farewell video at: [www.hiddenhillscity.org/goats2024](http://www.hiddenhillscity.org/goats2024)



## Back to School at Round Meadow Elementary



The first day of school at Round Meadow Elementary is coming up on Wednesday, August 21st. As students prepare to go back to the classroom, we would like to remind all parents and drivers about traffic safety in front of the school. Residents are asked to remain patient while driving through this area as the first month of school is traditionally more impacted with traffic.

Residents are strongly encouraged to stay within the City gates and park and walk to the school to pick up their students whenever possible.

- Remember to park parallel, not angled, in the parkways.
- Children may not enter or exit a vehicle that is stopped in the street.
- Be advised there is no right turn into the Round Meadow School driveway when exiting Round Meadow gate during school hours.

### City Council Meetings

August 12, 2024, 5:30PM  
Hidden Hills City Hall  
6165 Spring Valley Road

### City Council

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Mayor Pro Tem Larry G. Weber  
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