



Newsletter

JANUARY 2024

Calendar

DATE	EVENT	TIME
1/8	Theater Committee Meeting	10:00AM*
1/9	Farmers Market	2:00PM *
1/9	City Council Meeting	5:30PM
1/10	Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting	11:00AM*
1/10	Board of Directors Executive Session	4:30PM*
1/12	Hidden Hills Junior Players: Into The Woods	7:00PM*
1/13 & 14	Hidden Hills Junior Players: Into The Woods	5:00PM*
1/15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - City Hall Closed	
1/16	Farmers Market	2:00PM *
1/16	Board of Directors Open Session Meeting	6:30PM*
1/17	Equestrian Services Committee	6:45PM*
1/19	Movie Night: A Star Is Born	7:00 PM*
1/22	Annual Elections Meeting	6:30PM*
1/23	Farmers Market	2:00PM*
1/24	Architectural Committee Meeting	6:30PM*
1/27	Winter Social: Sponsored by Parks & Rec Committee	4:00PM *
1/30	Farmers Market	2:00PM *

* Hidden Hills Community Center (24549 Long Valley Road)
 Non asterisk meetings held at 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	Steve Freedland

City Staff

Interim City Manager	Marcella Marlowe, Ph.D.
City Clerk	Deana L. Gonzalez, CMC
Accounting Specialist	Theresa Hernandez
Administrative Analyst	Aaron Williams
City Attorney	Roxanne Diaz
Special Counsel	Larry Wiener
City Engineer	Dirk Lovett
Building Official	Tom Juzwiak
Building Inspector	Steve O'Hara

Welcome Mayor Gold



On Monday December 11th, Council Member Eniko Gold was unanimously elected as the Mayor of the City of Hidden Hills. Only the second female Mayor in over a quarter of a century, Gold has served the City as a Council Member for the last 3 years, most recently serving as the Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Gold also serves Hidden Hills residents as the President of the Council of Governments, presiding over regional decisions and improvements for the cities of Malibu, Westlake Village, Calabasas, Agoura Hills & Hidden Hills. Additionally, Mayor Gold has been serving for two years on the Cal Cities Statewide Governance & Transparency Committee.

Born in Szeged, Hungary, known as the "City of Sunshine," and graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Cultural Management from the University of Szeged, Mayor Gold later earned a Master of Science Degree in Marriage, Family and Child Counseling from California State University Northridge. Mayor Gold's experience volunteering in Hidden Hills commenced as a member of the HHCA's Parks and Recreation Committee and, as a very involved mother of three children, she also Chairs "Mommy and Me," with a focus of welcoming new families to become more a part of the community. Occupationally, Mayor Gold manages a sizable residential real estate portfolio.

The City of Hidden Hills welcomes Mayor Gold in her new position!

Interim City Manager Marcella Marlowe Joins City

The City is thrilled to have had Marcella Marlowe helming the organization since late November 2023, during our transition toward the future. With over 25 years in local government, she most recently served as City Manager of the City of San Marino for five years, and as Assistant City Manager for the City of San Gabriel before that. An LVUSD alumna (proud graduate of both A.E. Wright and Calabasas High School), Dr. Marlowe is also no stranger to our region; in fact, she started her public sector career with ten years of service to the City of Calabasas. A USC Trojan three times over, she earned her Ph.D. in political science, an M.A. specializing in public law, and a B.A. in classical Greek. The City of Hidden Hills welcomes Dr. Marlowe to our community!



Modernizing Hidden Hills – Capital Improvement Projects

2023 was full steam ahead on numerous improvement projects that have been completed or are currently underway, further enhancing the overall quality of life for Hidden Hills residents.



Rendering of the Long Valley Gate parking lot of how it will look once completed.

One notable achievement is the Long Valley Gate Entrance Improvement and Beautification Project that broke ground on October 23, 2023. Construction crews have been working their magic the past few months and, when completed, the upgraded entrance into Hidden Hills will reduce congestion in the morning hours and provide enhanced landscaping. The picturesque green spaces will breathe new life into Hidden Hills for you and your family to enjoy. The project is expected to be completed late March/early April, 2024. Don't forget to sign up for alerts to any future gate closures. You may sign up for notifications at: www.HiddenHillsCity.org/LVProject.

The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District completed the new water pump station located next to the Little Bus Stop at the Round Meadow Road/Jed Smith Road Intersection. The new generator and sound wall will ensure that power is maintained to the pump that provides water to City residents and fire hydrants in cases of emergencies or unexpected power outages.



Photo of water pump station hidden behind Hidden Hills' iconic "Little Red Bus Stop."

HIDDEN HILLS
FIBER
LIGHTNING FAST INTERNET

The City's investment in state-of-the-art technology for all residents continued to move forward in 2023 with the Fiber to the Home project, which is currently out to bid. The City's goal isn't just about providing faster and more secure internet for our community to engage with one another; it's about breaking down geographical barriers and allowing Hidden Hills residents to connect and collaborate with the global community at the speed of light. Designed to grow with increasing consumer needs, the network will deliver 2GB of dedicated, symmetrical broadband to every resident who subscribes to the service.

Finally, as the undergrounding of overhead utilities within the City has been a long-standing priority of the City Council, the Utility Underground Project is on track to continue in 2024. The goal is to remove four poles on Little Hollow Road and nine poles on Jed Smith Road, between Fitzpatrick Road and Kit Carson Road. Not only will the undergrounding of utility wires increase home curb appeal, but it also decreases possible incidents of fire and blackouts caused by strong winds.



Hybrid City Council Meetings

Participate In-Person or Remotely

In August 2022, the Hidden Hills City Council began holding meetings in a hybrid format, providing the public the option to attend meetings and provide public comment in-person or virtually via phone or remote video conferencing (Zoom). Members of the public have the opportunity to address the City Council, no matter how they choose to participate.

Non-Agenda Items

At a Regular City Council meeting, the public may address the City Council on any topic that lies within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council, whether it is agendaized or not. For items not on the meeting agenda, the public is invited to address the Council during the "Audience" portion of the meeting. For those in attendance in-person or via Zoom, the Mayor will call on you for public comment to speak during that time. Members of the public will be invited to speak at the podium in the Council Chambers. For those on the phone or on Zoom, members are asked to "Raise Hand" and the Mayor will call on you, as well. Instructions on how to "Raise Hand" are provided on the meeting agenda.

Agenda Items

For an item on a meeting agenda, public comment will be taken during the discussion of that particular item. The Mayor will call on you for public comment, both for participants in-person and via phone or Zoom.

Email

Public comment on agenda and non-agenda items will be accepted by email to the City Clerk at staff@hiddenhillscity.org. The email should either identify the agenda item number in the subject line of the email or indicate that it pertains to a non-agenda item. Such emails must be received by the City Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Any emails received will be read into the record.

Subscribe to the Agenda Distribution List

Be the first to know what's on the upcoming City Council agenda by subscribing to the agenda distribution list. City staff sends an email to members of the distribution list in advance of the meeting, at the same time the agenda is posted to the public. The agenda will include the time and location of the meeting, a general description of each item to be discussed, including closed session items, as well as instructions on how you can participate. To subscribe to the agenda distribution list, call City Hall at 818-888-9281 or send an email to staff@hiddenhillscity.org.



Sheriff's Blotter

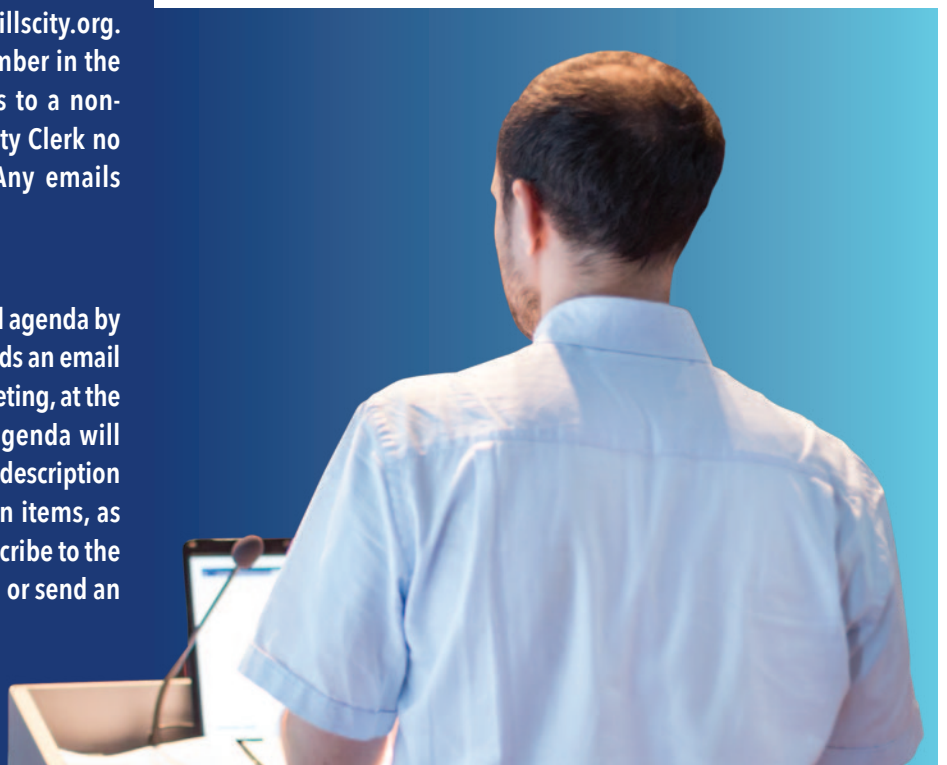
November 2023

	CURRENT MONTH	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	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	1	0
Burglary				
Residential	0	1	5	-4
Business	0	0	0	0
Garage/Out Bldg.	0	0	0	0
Vehicle (locked)	0	0	1	-1
Theft				
Grand (\$950+)	0	2	3	-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	0	1	2	-1
Trespassing Calls for Service	1	21	30	-9

Noteworthy Incidents:

- An unhusband male was arrested for trespassing on Hidden Ridge Road, after being asked to leave by security.

All residents are encouraged to remain alert and report any and all suspicious activity directly to the Sheriff's Department by calling 911 or 818-878-1808.



City Council UPDATES

At the Council's annual reorganization meeting on December 11th, Eniko Gold was elected Mayor of Hidden Hills for 2024 with Larry Weber being elected as Mayor Pro Tem. Outgoing Mayor Steve Freedland was presented with a gift from the City in appreciation of his year of mayoral service to Hidden Hills and he then resigned his Council seat for the remainder of his term.

At the special meeting on December 22, Mayor Gold, on behalf of the City Council, accepted Steve Freedland's resignation pending receipt of his paperwork, and wished him well in all his future endeavors. The City Council then approved an amendment to the agreement to move forward with a two-year extension on the current agreement with Waste Management for solid waste services.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9, instead of the regularly scheduled second Monday of the month. 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.

FIESTA

Fiesta is always a special and memorable tradition in Hidden Hills. The 2023 weekend event rivaled 2022's record attendance for the Saturday night carnival. The parade, emceed by Rob Raznick and Chuck Pick, traveled through town with entries including families, children, horses, marching bands, homemade floats, and the 2023 Grand Marshal, Stuart Siegel! The chili cook-off, bake contest goodies, In & Out Burgers and Bella Donna Pancakes were savored by all ages, and a classic & exotic car show wrapped up the festive weekend. Thank you to all the residents who sent the City their photos of cherished memories.

