



# Newsletter

JUNE 2025

## IT'S OFFICIAL Hidden Hills is Now a Firewise Community

### What Is Hidden Hills Firewise?

Hidden Hills Firewise is a collaborative initiative that works closely with federal, state, and local agencies to reduce wildfire risk in our community. Their mission is to safeguard life and property in Hidden Hills through resident education, fuel mitigation efforts, and hands-on home resiliency projects. While the primary goal is wildfire prevention, the program also aims to help homeowners lower insurance costs and improve policy access amid California's rising insurance rates.

### Key Firewise Initiatives Include:

- Strengthening home resiliency against wildfire
- Helping reduce homeowner insurance costs
- Providing free Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) assessments
- Educating residents on defensible space and home hardening
- Reducing wildfire fuel in local open spaces
- Building an engaged Firewise community in Hidden Hills

### Get Your Firewise Certificate of Recognition

Since October 2022, insurance companies in California have been required to consider specific wildfire mitigation efforts—such as a home's location within a recognized Firewise Community—when determining insurance rates.

Now that the City of Hidden Hills has been officially recognized by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) as a Firewise Community, residents may be eligible for savings on their homeowner's insurance.

To take advantage of this opportunity, visit [www.hiddenhillscity.org/firewise-certificate](http://www.hiddenhillscity.org/firewise-certificate) to download your official Firewise Certificate and submit it to your insurance provider.

### Monthly Firewise Newsletter

If you haven't received your first Firewise monthly newsletter yet, please visit [www.hiddenhillscity.org/firewise](http://www.hiddenhillscity.org/firewise) to sign up. The monthly email newsletter features vital updates and resources—all designed to help you protect your home and family from the threat of wildfire.

### Have questions about Firewise Community?

Please contact City Hall at: 818-888-9281



# Seasonal Goat Crew Returns to Reduce Fire Risk

The City of Hidden Hills is once again welcoming back its four-legged fire prevention team. The roughly 275 goats have returned for their annual summer homecoming to help clear approximately 33 acres of dry brush and vegetation along the City's northern and western borders.

This effort is a key part of Hidden Hills' fire hazard abatement strategy and supports the City's broader emergency preparedness goals. The targeted areas include the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve (formerly Ahmanson Ranch) and the Crummer Canyon section behind Jim Bridger Road. While neighboring agencies are only required to clear 100 feet of brush from structures, the City Council has opted to maintain a wider 200-foot clearance zone to better protect the community.

Residents have often spotted the goats from nearby trails and scenic overlooks. If you happen to see them in action, please admire them from a distance and be cautious around the electric fencing used to keep them safe. Their work should be completed within a few weeks.



## Fun Facts About the Goats:

- The herd includes Boer, Spanish, and Kiko-cross goats.
- They eat almost everything, including Poison Oak, Italian Thistle, Starthistle, and even Cactus.
- Guard dogs such as Trinity and Buster, along with their pups Joy and Martha, will be on site to protect the herd. The Anatolian-Pyrenees-Akbash mixes are excellent guardians.

# SUPPORT MALIBU

## Malibu Needs Us - Support Their Recovery

Malibu is rebuilding after the devastating Palisades Fire, and your support means more than ever. While the spirit of this iconic town remains strong, many beloved restaurants and small businesses are hanging on by a thread - and without immediate support, they may not survive.

The good news: Malibu is open, the roads from Hidden Hills are clear and easy to navigate, and it's never been easier to show up for a community in need. Lunch and dinner reservations are widely available, and many restaurants are now offering delivery directly to our area.

Your visit - whether for a meal, a quick shopping trip, or even a few hours by the coast, makes a real difference. Every order, every reservation, every dollar spent helps keep Malibu's businesses alive and contributes to its recovery.

To see the list of open restaurants, visit:  
[www.hiddenhillscity.org/keep-malibu-alive](http://www.hiddenhillscity.org/keep-malibu-alive)

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#keepmalibualive





# Join Your Neighbors on the Hidden Hills CERT Team



Your Hidden Hills Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a group of trained resident volunteers dedicated to supporting emergency preparedness and response in the city. CERT members are trained in basic disaster response skills like fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and medical operations. In an emergency, they help neighbors, support first responders, and keep the community safe and connected.

We are excited about expanding the team. Hidden Hills CERT Members who have filled out the official paperwork will receive their pre-packed disaster preparedness bag filled with emergency and medical supplies valued at \$1,000. If you are interested in joining the Hidden Hills CERT team, please contact Public Safety and Emergency Services Manager Mike Grant at 818-888-9281 or [mike@hiddenhillscity.org](mailto:mike@hiddenhillscity.org).



## Sheriff's Blotter April 2025

	CURRENT MONTH	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	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	0	0	1	-1
Business	0	0	0	0
Vehicle (locked)	0	1	0	+1
Theft				
Grand (\$950+)	0	0	0	-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	0	1	-1
Trespassing Calls for Service	2	4	6	-2

### Noteworthy Incidents

- There were no noteworthy events.



City Hall and the Building and Safety Department will be closed and there will be no inspections on Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Have a safe & fun 4th of July!



## City Council Updates

At the Council's Regular Meeting on May 12, 2025, the Council adopted new construction and demolition site control measures. These apply to all construction, grading, and demolition work and will take effect on July 9, 2025. Violations of these standards may result in citations and fines. To read about the new standards, visit: [www.hiddenhillscity.org/construction-and-demolition-site-maintenance-standards](http://www.hiddenhillscity.org/construction-and-demolition-site-maintenance-standards).

The City Council also unanimously appointed longtime resident and former seven-time Mayor Stuart Siegel to fill the vacant seat. Mr. Siegel, a Hidden Hills resident for 36 years, graciously accepted the appointment.

City Council Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of every month. Meetings start at 5:30 p.m. and can be watched on Channel 3 (Charter/Spectrum Cable) or web streamed via the City's website.

**This year's Fiesta theme is here: WOODSTOCK HIDDEN HILLS!**



Ready to bring the spirit of Fiesta Weekend to life? We're calling on all residents to join the fun and be part of the Resident Fiesta Committee. It's a great way to connect with neighbors and help create an unforgettable Fiesta 2025.

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to assist with planning and execution. Call 818-888-9281 to get involved!

**Peace, love, and Hidden Hills vibes await!**

### City Council

Mayor	Larry G. Weber
Mayor Pro Tem	Joe Loggia
Council Member	Laura McCorkindale
Council Member	Eniko Gold
Council Member	Stuart Siegel

### City Staff

City Manager
Assistant City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk
Accountant
Administrative Analyst

Shawn Bayliss
Gloria Molleda
Lauren Langer
Deana L. Gonzalez, CMC
Theresa Hernandez
Aaron Williams

Public Safety & Emergency Services Manager	Mike Grant
Emergency Services Coordinator	Nick Saldivar
City Engineer	Dirk Lovett
Building Inspector	Steve O'Hara

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