



# Newsletter

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## A NEW ERA FOR LIBRARY SERVICES

Exciting developments are underway as Hidden Hills continues to make strides in developing an innovative digital library to serve our community! Earlier this year, the City Council approved an agreement to work with Professor Jonathan Reichental, an award-winning tech expert, to help bring forward a groundbreaking online library concept. In June 2024, Dr. Reichental held focus groups with residents to capture ideas about what is both wanted and possible, with an update coming soon.

Meanwhile, the City of Hidden Hills finalized a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Calabasas, securing indefinite reciprocal access for Hidden Hills residents to the Calabasas Library. For background, on November 26, 2012, Hidden Hills elected to withdraw from the Los Angeles County library system. Shortly afterward, in 2013, the City entered into an MOU with Calabasas and the Las Virgenes Unified School District to provide library services to Hidden Hills residents in exchange for property tax funds received from the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office. This agreement enabled Hidden Hills residents to have full, equal access to the resources of the Calabasas Library, similar to Calabasas residents.

The 2013 MOU was renewed in 2018 for five additional years and was allowed to sunset in 2023 as the City conducted thorough financial reviews. This process led to a new agreement with Calabasas in October, finalizing indefinite reciprocal library access for Hidden Hills residents and the return of \$538,850 in unused library tax funds to Hidden Hills. These funds will support future Hidden Hills library services and help fuel our vision for a digital library.

This renewed partnership reflects the strong collaboration between Hidden Hills and Calabasas. Soon, residents of both cities will enjoy expanded library access, marking an exciting new chapter for our community!





# GREAT NEWS FOR WILDFIRE SAFETY IN HIDDEN HILLS!

The City of Hidden Hills is pleased to announce that, after much determination and assistance from Los Angeles County Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Smith, we are now part of the statewide Cal Fire/UC San Diego camera network system, with the installation of two wildfire detection cameras that have been placed in the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve (Ahmanson Ranch).

## Why This Matters

This network has thousands of cameras connected across California that are actively monitored and play a key role in early fire detection, providing 24-hour surveillance with infrared capabilities. The cameras perform 360-degree sweeps every few minutes, ensuring continuous coverage of high-risk areas, including Hidden Hills.

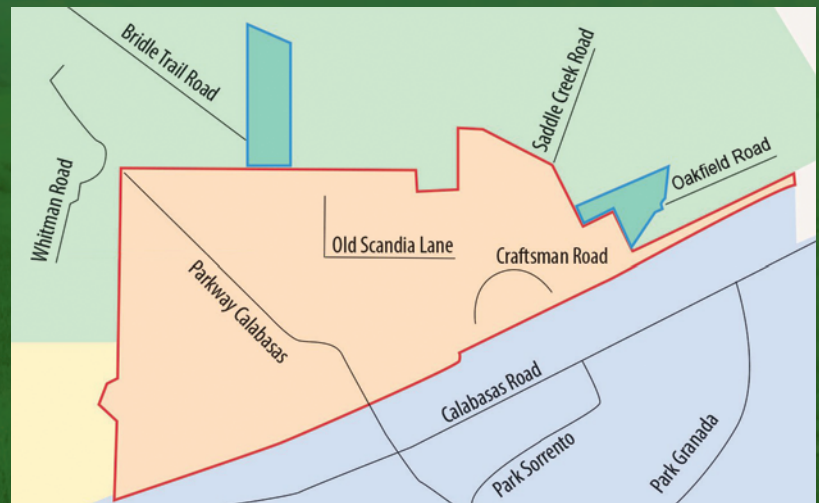
In addition to manual monitoring at emergency command centers, the program uses AI technology to detect anomalies such as smoke in real time. Faster than 911 calls in many cases, the cameras give firefighters an early advantage, enabling them to respond more effectively. This hybrid approach—combining human oversight with AI-powered detection—enhances situational awareness for emergency responders, allowing them to monitor fires, coordinate evacuations, and allocate resources to contain wildfires quickly and safely.

The cameras, named 'Las Virgenes 1' and 'Las Virgenes 2,' were provided by Cal Fire in cooperation with UC San Diego and went live on Monday, October 14th. Anyone can view the cameras by visiting: [www.AlertCalifornia.org](http://www.AlertCalifornia.org).



# 8 ACRES TO BE ANNEXED INTO HIDDEN HILLS

Working alongside the County of Los Angeles, the City of Calabasas, and multiple other County jurisdictions, the Hidden Hills City Council approved the future annexation of property commonly known as "Craftsman's Corner." The area is located in unincorporated Los Angeles County, north of Highway 101 between Hidden Hills and Calabasas. This annexation will add approximately 8 acres of uninhabited land (at the end of Bridle Trail Road) and 4 acres of inhabited land (on Oakfield Road), to Hidden Hills. The small 4-acre portion on Oakfield Road is already part of the Hidden Hills Homeowners Association but was excluded from the City of Hidden Hills when it incorporated in 1961. The 8-acre portion at the end of Bridle Trail Road is currently in unincorporated Los Angeles County.



*ANNEXATION—The light green area is the current City of Hidden Hills border with the dark green portions of Craftsman's Corner to be the future border to be annexed.*



# HIDDEN HILLS IS YOUR HOME RELAX, SLOW DOWN, AND STOP

Stopping at posted stop signs is not just a legal requirement but a vital practice for ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone in Hidden Hills. While it may seem like a small, routine action, its importance cannot be overstated. Stop signs are strategically placed throughout Hidden Hills to enhance safety for vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians, and horses by regulating right of way, calming traffic, and preventing accidents. Stopping at stop signs is a simple yet powerful way to set an example for others and help keep our streets as safe as possible.

To help encourage complete stops at stop signs and prevent accidents, two new flashing stop signs are being installed at the corner of Long Valley Road, as drivers exit Hidden Hills and either turn left into the City of Los Angeles/Woodland Hills or right onto the 101 North onramp.

**Let's all do our part by stopping at every posted stop sign.  
Thank you.**



## Sheriff's Blotter September 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	2	1	1
Burglary				
Residential	0	1	1	0
Business	0	0	0	0
Vehicle (locked)	0	0	0	0
Theft				
Grand (\$950+)	0	2	2	0
Petty	0	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	1	0	1
Domestic Violence/ Misdemeanor	0	1	1	0
Trespassing Calls for Service	2	12	17	-5

Noteworthy Incidents: Nothing to report

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY

City Hall and Building & Safety will be closed and there will be no inspections on November 11th.

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council meeting regularly scheduled for Monday, November 11th has been adjourned to Tuesday, November 12th at 5:30 p.m.

### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

City Hall and Building & Safety will be closed and there will be no inspections November 28th - 29th

## City Council Updates

The Council unanimously approved a new library agreement with the City of Calabasas following a year of financial reviews and discussions. See Page 1 story. This agreement ensures Hidden Hills residents receive full access to Calabasas library services at no additional cost, equivalent to that of Calabasas residents. Additionally, Calabasas will return \$538,850 of unspent library tax funds to Hidden Hills.

The Council received three presentations. Spectrum presented two high-speed internet solutions, potentially making Hidden Hills the first community in the country to implement direct residential high-speed fiber at reduced rates. Southern California Edison provided a grid hardening update, announcing the replacement of 9 miles of wiring with insulated wires and the replacement of older utility poles. Lastly, L.A. County Emergency

Preparedness Foundation's Wildfire Community Brigade detailed the progress made in aligning local community needs with government resources since the Woolsey Fire.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12th. 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.

**South Coast AQMD**  
South Coast Air Quality Management District

Residential *Electric*  
**Lawn & Garden**  
**EQUIPMENT**  
**Rebate Program**

**Get up to \$250 per Equipment**  
**When You Replace Your Old, Polluting Lawn**  
**and Garden Equipment with Electric Models**

**Purchase up to 3 lawn and garden equipment in store**  
**or online and get up to \$250 cash back per equipment.**

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DETAILS

## City Council Meetings

November 12, 2024, 5:30 p.m.  
Hidden Hills City Hall  
6165 Spring Valley Road

## City Council

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

## City Staff

Interim City Manager Gloria Mollada  
Interim City Attorney Michael Jenkins  
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Accountant Theresa Hernandez  
Administrative Analyst Aaron Williams  
City Engineer Dirk Lovett  
Building Inspector Steve O'Hara  
Public Safety & Emergency Services Manager Mike Grant