



NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2019

Calendar

DATE	EVENT	TIME
3/1	Landscape Committee	8:30 a.m.*
3/4	Theater Committee	10:00 a.m.*
3/4	Architectural Committee	7:30 p.m.*
3/5	City Council Election	7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
3/5	CERT Class/Course Review and Simulation (LOCATION CHANGE - Round Meadow Elementary MPR)	6:30 p.m.
3/11	City Council	6:30 p.m.
3/11	Gate Committee	6:30 p.m.*
3/12	Parks and Recreation Committee	12:00 p.m.*
3/12	CERT Class/Light Search & Rescue/Terrorism	6:30 p.m.
3/13	Equestrian Services Committee	6:30 p.m.*
3/19	HHCA Board of Directors	7:30 p.m.*
3/25	City Council	6:30 p.m.
3/26	Public Safety Commission	7:30 p.m.
3/31	Large Animal Evacuation Clinic/ Spring Valley Arena	10:30 a.m.
4/1	Theater Committee	10:00 a.m.*
4/1	Architectural Committee	7:30 p.m.*
4/5	Landscape Committee	8:30 a.m.*
4/8	City Council	6:30 p.m.
4/8	Gate Committee	6:30 p.m.*
4/16	HHCA Board of Directors	7:30 p.m.*
4/22	City Council	6:30 p.m.
4/30	Public Safety Commission	7:30 p.m.

* Hidden Hills Community Center (24549 Long Valley Road)
Non asterisk meetings held at City Hall, 6165 Spring Valley Road

City Council

Mayor	Steve Freedland
Mayor Pro Tem	Marv Landon
Council Member	Bret Katz
Council Member	Stuart E. Siegel
Council Member	Larry G. Weber

City Staff

City Manager	Kerry Kallman
City Clerk	Deana L. Graybill, CMC
Accounting Specialist	Theresa Folk
City Attorney	Roxanne Diaz
Special Counsel	Larry Wiener
City Engineer	Dirk Lovett
Building Official	Greg Robinson
Building Inspector	Steve O'Hara
Emergency Services Coordinator	Mike Woodard

Recent Burglaries Tied to Chilean Tourist Burglars

Hidden Hills residents continue to be vigilant during an unprecedented string of burglaries in the City. Since January 1, there have been seven confirmed burglaries and four other incidents with trespassers that were believed to be in the City to commit burglary. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department believes most, if not all of these incidents are directly related to so called "Chilean Tourist Burglars." These criminals have committed burglaries all over the world including England, Canada, Australia, and Italy. It is believed that Chilean nationals come to select countries on a tourist visa with the full intent to commit numerous burglaries in high target areas. A simple Google search of Chilean Tourist Burglars will show the sophistication and scope of this criminal enterprise.

Preventing and apprehending the criminals remains a high priority for the Sheriff's Department. In a recent meeting with Sheriff's Department officials, a City Council Member was assured by the Chief of the Special Operations Bureau that Hidden Hills will continue to receive significant resources (helicopters, search dogs, undercover teams) until this rash of burglaries stops. In addition, the City and the Hidden Hills Community Association are working hand in hand with Sheriff's officials and Covered 6 Security to prevent future incidents. In fact, last week, three would-be attempts were stopped before an actual burglary was committed. Covered 6 Security detained one suspect and called in the Sheriff's Department to arrest this Chilean. He was ultimately charged with Conspiracy to Commit Burglary.

Residents play a large role in these efforts by protecting their home and property. Please continue to activate your alarms, use or install security cameras, and light up both the exterior of your home and interior to make your house look lived in. In addition to preventing a burglary at your home, these efforts are invaluable in providing Sheriff's Department real time activations and evidence that can be used in the future.



UPDATE ON CITY PROJECTS

Currently the City is in the planning and development stages of several large capital improvement projects. See below for an update on four of these projects.

LONG VALLEY ENTRANCE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Following the acquisition of the undeveloped parcel of land immediately to the east of the Long Valley Gate House, the City has been designing landscape improvements to the area along with the construction of a new right turn pocket off of the freeway on-ramp and a pedestrian sidewalk to Valley Circle Boulevard. The conceptual design is nearly complete and the City recently brought on a Civil Engineering firm to create the construction documents. It is anticipated that this project will go out to construction bid in late spring/early summer and could be underway by the fall. This project is being funded by Los Angeles County Measure R & M Highway funds.



ROUND MEADOW SCHOOL TRAFFIC MITIGATION

The City and the Las Virgenes Unified School District are executing a Memorandum of Understanding that will lead to the creation of a new pick-up/drop-off loop at Round Meadow Elementary School. The new loop will be created along the ball field which will allow for vehicle circulation away from the Round Meadow Gatehouse. This project is being jointly funded by the City and the School District. The City's funding is being provided by restricted State Gas Tax funds.

OVERHEAD UTILITY LINES UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT

The City Council recently initiated an agreement with Southern California Edison to design underground documents for five locations in the City. The total number of poles being considered for undergrounding is 37. Residents living within the areas being studied have been contacted to determine their support for the project and willingness to underground the lines across their private property. This project is being funded by General Fund Surplus funds that are set aside each year for undergrounding.

CITY HALL PARKING LOT

Construction has begun on a project that will see the creation of two additional parking spots, electric vehicle charging stations, and parking lot lights at City Hall. This project is being funded through a combination of restricted and grant funds.



HOME SECURITY ASSESSMENTS

As discussed previously, one of the most effective ways to prevent a home burglary is to make your property less attractive to would be criminals. Alarms, cameras, lighting, and safes are just some of the options to consider. Residents are encouraged to arrange for a free home assessment. These assessments can be performed by one of three sources, Hidden Hills Emergency Services Coordinator (retired Sheriff's Deputy), Covered 6 Security, or a representative from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

To schedule a walkthrough and assessment call:

- City of Hidden Hills Emergency Services Coordinator
Mike Woodard - 818-888-9281
- Covered 6 Security - 805-926-2055
- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy
Mike Raney - 818-878-1808



Sheriff's Blotter January 2019

	CURRENT MONTH	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	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	4	4	0	4
Business	0	0	0	0
Garage/Out Bldg.	0	0	1	-1
Vehicle (locked)	0	0	0	0
Theft				
Grand (\$950+)	0	0	1	-1
Petty	1	2	2	0
Vehicle (unlocked)	0	0	2	-2
Grand Theft Vehicle	0	2	1	1
Arson	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence / Misdemeanor	1	1	0	1
Trespassing Calls for Service	7	7	4	3

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

Noteworthy Incidents:

- A residential burglary was reported on Bridle Trail Road with the upstairs master bedroom's glass door smashed to gain entry. The victim was not home but received an alarm activation. Jewelry and U.S. currency were stolen from the bedroom area.
- A residential burglary occurred on Penland Road. A window was smashed to gain entry and the bedrooms and bathrooms were ransacked.
- A residential burglary was reported on Paradise Valley Road. The residence was vacant and is being remodeled. The garage side glass door and the upstairs master bedroom sliding glass door were smashed. It appears entry and exit were made via the mud room laundry door that was smashed. No property was taken.
- A residential burglary occurred on Jim Bridger Road. Unknown suspect(s) gained access to the roof which allowed access to the bedroom balcony where entry was made by smashing a glass door. A watch and U.S. currency were stolen from the master bedroom area.
- A domestic violence was reported on Round Meadow Road. The suspect assaulted his wife during an argument. The case is on-going.

City Council Updates

At their meeting on January 28, the City Council received and filed the December Fire, Sheriff and City Engineer reports; received a quarterly update from the City's Investment Advisory Services; approved a resolution updating the salary schedule for the City Manager; and approved a Social Media Policy for the City. At their special meeting on February 11, the City Council. Law Enforcement, Security Personnel and the HHCA Board of Directors held a discussion regarding recent burglaries within the City. At their meeting on February 11, the City Council received a report from the City Engineer regarding a draft EIR on the West Village at Calabasas Project. At their meeting on February 25, the City Council received and filed the January Fire, Sheriff and City Engineer reports; and appointed the City Manager and Water Quality Consultant to be the Designate and Alternate on the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee.

The Hidden Hills City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. City Council meetings start at 6:30 pm and can also be watched on Channel 3 (Charter/Spectrum Cable.)

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City Email Notifications - Are You Receiving Them?

The City regularly sends out official notifications and information via e-mail. Notifications include recent crimes, upcoming events, electronic City Newsletter. The e-mail service was also used throughout the Woolsey Fire back in November to provide to most up to date and accurate information.

It is simple to sign up for e-mail notifications. Log on to the City website, www.hiddenhillscity.org and scroll halfway down the page to Hidden Hills E-Notifications. Simply enter your name and e-mail address and you are all set.

