City Council Updates

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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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Sheriff’s Blotter January 2020

HIDDEN HILLS GYMKHANA
SUNDAY MARCH 15TH 9:00 AM
FREE TO ENTER GYMKHANA
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Ms. Falotico pictured with Former Public Safety Commission Chairman and Resident Jim Dowan.

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