



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2020

Calendar

Status of these Community meetings are unknown at this time. Please check City or HHCA website for updates.

DATE	EVENT	TIME
9/7	LABOR DAY – OFFICES CLOSED	
9/8	Parks & Recreation Committee	11:00 a.m.*
9/8	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	3:00 p.m.*
9/9	Equestrian Committee	6:30 p.m.*
9/14	City Council	6:30 p.m.
9/14	Gate Committee	6:30 p.m.*
9/15	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	3:00 p.m.*
9/22	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	3:00 p.m.*
9/22	HHCA Board of Directors	6:30 p.m.*
9/28	City Council	6:30 p.m.
9/29	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	3:00 p.m.*
10/2	Landscape Committee	8:30 a.m.*
10/5	Theater Committee	10:00 a.m.*
10/5	Architectural Committee	7:30 p.m.*
10/6	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	3:00 p.m.*
10/12	INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY - OFFICES CLOSED	
10/13	Parks and Recreation Committee	11:00 a.m.*
10/13	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	3:00 p.m.*
10/14	Equestrian Committee	6:30 p.m.*
10/20	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	3:00 p.m.*
10/20	HHCA Board of Directors	6:30 p.m.*
10/26	City Council	6:30 p.m.
10/27	Hidden Hills Farmer's Market	3:00 p.m.*

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

City Council

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

City Staff

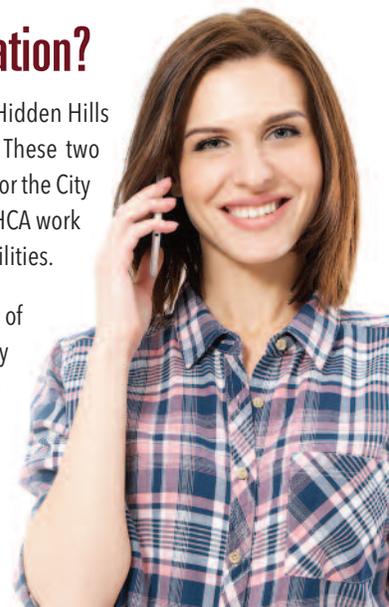
City Manager	Kerry Kallman
City Clerk	Deana L. Graybill, CMC
Accounting Specialist	Theresa Folk
City Attorney	Roxanne Diaz
Special Counsel	Larry Wiener
City Engineer	Dirk Lovett
Building Official	Greg Robinson
Building Inspector	Steve O'Hara
Emergency Services Coordinator	Mike Woodard

Who Ya Gonna Call?

City Hall or the Community Association?

Hidden Hills is governed by two separate agencies, the City of Hidden Hills (City) and the Hidden Hills Community Association (HHCA). These two organizations have different managing boards, the City Council for the City and the Board of Directors for HHCA. Although the City and HHCA work closely on many projects, each has its own distinctive responsibilities.

The City's main area of concern is the health, safety, and welfare of Hidden Hills' residents. These areas include public safety (Sheriff, Emergency Preparedness), building & safety, and intergovernmental relations. HHCA oversees gate access, all infrastructure within the gates, and architectural standards. Recreation programs, with the exception of Fiesta, are run by HHCA. Please review the checklist below for a more comprehensive listing of City and HHCA responsibilities.



Hidden Hills City Hall

6165 Spring Valley Rd
818-888-9281

City Council
Public Safety
Alarm Registration/
False Alarms
Building & Safety/
Code Enforcement
Storm water
Fiesta
Recycling/Trash Service
City Newsletter
Animal Control

Hidden Hills Community Association

24549 Long Valley Rd
818-227-6657

HHCA Board of Directors
Gate Access and Guards
Address Signs/Mailboxes
Architectural Review
and Standards
Community Infrastructure
Recreation Programs
Assessments
Round Up Newsletter
Equestrian Services

Occasionally, a resident will express frustration with "getting the run around" when told by either agency that they cannot help them. Please know, both the City and HHCA are here to help and only want to get questions answered by the correct person.

WEAR A MASK OR CLOTH FACE COVERING:

- ✓ To slow the spread of COVID-19
- ✓ When out in public
- ✓ Made of tight-knit cloth, like cotton

covid19.ca.gov



AVOIDING UNINTENTIONAL POISONING



The use of anticoagulant rodenticide poison to control rodents in your yard, neighborhood and community can result in exposing your pets and local wildlife to this deadly poison. Regardless of who distributes the poison, your pets and local wildlife are at risk of exposure. Death from anticoagulant rodenticide poisoning takes longer than you might think. Rodents that consume anticoagulant poisons do not die immediately. The poison is designed to block the vitamin K-cycle which is important in clotting the body's blood, often resulting in a slow death. It can take up to 10 days for the rodent to die by internal bleeding, if it is not ingested by another animal first. Rodents filled with toxic anticoagulant rodenticide poisons continue to move around in the environment and as they start to feel the effects of the poison, they begin to move slower and become easy targets for your cat, dog and our native predators such as bobcats, hawks, owls, coyotes etc. Research has shown that anticoagulant poison moves up the food chain and eating a poisoned animal can lead to secondary poisoning of dogs, cats and many wild animals.

Results from tested bobcats, coyotes and mountain lions, and exposure to anticoagulant rodenticides during NPS study:

- Bobcats** - 92% of bobcats were exposed to anticoagulant poisons.
- Coyotes** - 83% of coyotes were exposed to anticoagulants and it was the 2nd leading cause of death during study.
- Mountain Lions** - 94% of mountain lions were exposed to anticoagulant poisons, including a 3-month-old kitten.

In March, 2014, the City Council approved a resolution opposing the purchase and use of anticoagulant rodenticides in the City of Hidden Hills.

FARMERS' MARKETS ARE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL FOOD OUTLETS & WILL REMAIN OPEN

During the shelter in place you are allowed to visit essential businesses including the certified farmers' market

- Hand washing stations provided
- No samples will be available
- No communal seating areas
- Practice social distancing
- Wash all produce before consumption!
- Pick up citrus for vitamin C & sunshine for vitamin D.

See you at market!

The Hidden Hills Farmers Market at the Community Center is open on Tuesdays from 3 pm to 7 pm.



Lethal Dose: Rat Poison

Local residents may inadvertently be poisoning wildlife through exposure to anticoagulant rodenticides, commonly known as rat poison, in the Santa Monica Mountains. How rodenticide works its way up the food chain.

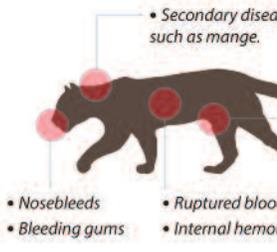
1 Targeted rodents

Rats and other rodents who eat rodenticide do not die right away and may even become lethargic as they approach death, making them easy prey for larger predators.



How anticoagulant rodenticide kills

These compounds interrupt blood-clotting, which leads to uncontrolled bleeding and death. They may also suppress the animal's immune system, making it susceptible to other diseases. **Symptoms include:**



Check the label
Here are the most common anticoagulant compounds:

- Bromadiolone
- Brodifacoum

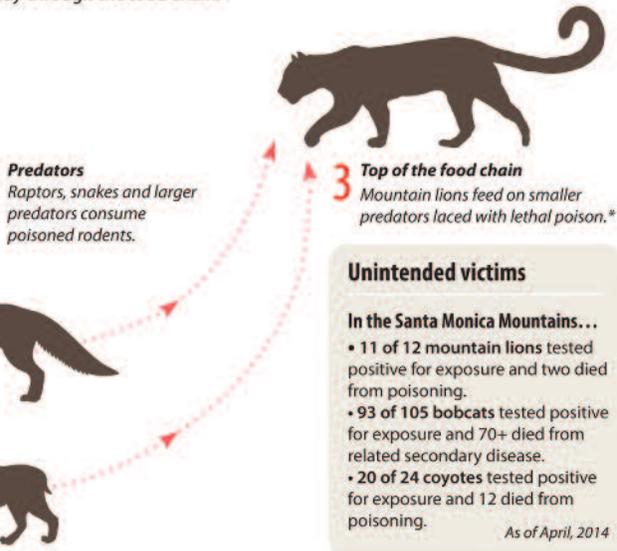
SOURCES: Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area research, L.E.K. Series



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Mountain & Local Wildlife

National Park Service researchers have found a direct link between the use of rat poison, and the deaths of wildlife in and around the area through the food chain:



Unintended victims

In the Santa Monica Mountains...

- 11 of 12 mountain lions tested positive for exposure and two died from poisoning.
 - 93 of 105 bobcats tested positive for exposure and 70+ died from related secondary disease.
 - 20 of 24 coyotes tested positive for exposure and 12 died from poisoning.
- As of April, 2014*

What is mange?

A microscopic mite that burrows into the skin and causes...

1. Extreme itchiness and skin lesions.
2. Fluid and nutrient loss through the skin.
3. Infection, starvation, hypothermia or other complications, eventually leading to death.

- Blood in urine and feces
- Damaged blood vessels, causing bruising and hemorrhaging

UrbanCarnivores.com



CREDIT: National Park Service
nps.gov/samo



Sheriff's Blotter July 2020

	CURRENT MONTH	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	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	4	10	-6
Business	0	0	0	0
Garage/Out Bldg.	0	0	0	0
Vehicle (locked)	0	0	0	0
Theft				
Grand (\$950+)	1	2	4	-2
Petty	0	2	1	1
Vehicle (unlocked)	0	0	1	-1
Grand Theft Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence / Felony	1	1	0	1
Domestic Violence / Misdemeanor	0	0	1	-1
Trespassing Calls for Service	6	29	38	-9

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 theft occurred in the 5500 block of Bonneville Road. The victim received a phone call from his "grandson" stating that he needed help due to being involved in a vehicle collision. The victim's "grandson" then handed the telephone to another unknown male stating he was an "attorney" representing their "grandson". The "attorney" instructed the victim to wire money (bail money) to an account in New Jersey or their "grandson" would go to jail. The victim went to the bank and complete the wire transfer. The victim later spoke to his grandson and discovered the phone call was a scam
- A resident of Redlands was arrested for driving under the influence at the gate entrance on Long Valley Road. The suspect attempted to make entry but was thwarted by a security barrier arm; and a Chatsworth resident was arrested for driving under the influence in the 6100 block of Spring Valley Road. The suspect had crashed into the guard gate at the location.

Food Trucks in Hidden Hills

Tired of cooking? Check out one of these food trucks coming soon to Hidden Hills. Visit streetfoodfinder.com/hiddenhills for a complete schedule and to pre order your food. All the trucks will accept orders for time slots 24 hours in advance. Each truck will limit how many orders they can take in advance per hour. Food trucks are located at the Community Center.

Food Truck Schedule

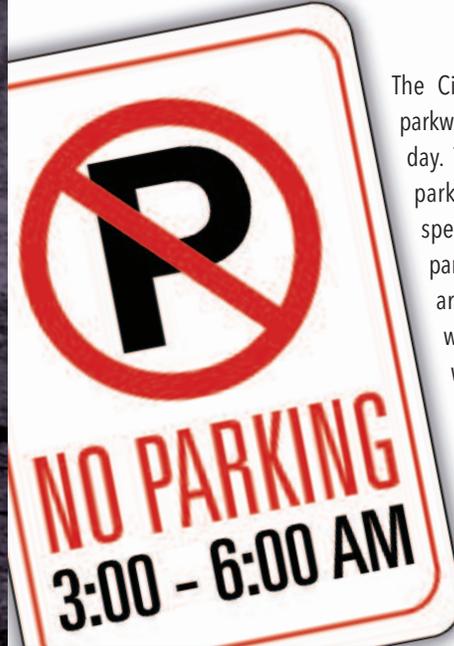
- September 7** Pinch of Flavor (Asian fusion)
- September 10** Vivace (pizza)
NITROPOD (desserts)
- September 14** District Burger

City Council Updates

At their meeting on August 10th, the City Council approved an appeal to repair a wood shake roof at 5511 Bonneville Road and awarded the bid for the Long Valley Road undergrounding utility project. At their meeting on August 24th, the City Council received monthly departmental reports from the Fire and Sheriff's Departments, the City Engineer, and the HHCA Board of Directors.

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,) or web streamed via the city website.

Overnight Parking on City Parkways is Prohibited



The City's Municipal Code prohibits parking on any parkway between the hours of 3:00 am and 6:00 am every day. This prohibition is in place to discourage overnight parking on all parkways. Residents may request a special parking permit should they need to park on the parkways for an extended period of time. These permits are granted as-needed and for a maximum of two weeks. Permits can be applied for via the City website, www.hiddenhillscity.org, by clicking on the Resident link and then Temporary Parking Permits or by calling City Hall at 818-888-9281. Vehicles found on parkways between 3:00 am and 6:00 am are subject to a parking ticket from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

805 GOATS Are on the Job



For the past three weeks, goats have been working very hard on the City's perimeter clearing brush and extending the City's firebreak with Ahmanson Ranch and to west along Crummer Canyon. As of the drafting of this article the goats are working their way up the hill behind Eldorado Meadow Road.

The City contracted with 805 Goats to provide an environmentally friendly solution to better protect our community. Although the goats are kept in pens while they work, we have seen a few incidents where the goats get out and wander off. Our goats are very friendly but a little stubborn. If for some reason one of the goats ends up on your property, please call City Hall or Covered 6 Security. You can also spray a little water their way and they should leave.

A small pen of baby goats are kept right at the entrance of the park at the top of Long Valley. Feel free to take a walk out there to say hello.

Goat Etiquette

1. Please don't feed the goats. They have a lot of brush to clear and need their appetite.
2. Please keep dogs on a leash. We don't want the goats playing with your dog while on the job. They have work to do.
3. Please no loud whistles or noises around the goats. Way too distracting.