



# Newsletter

APRIL 2025

## Hidden Hills on Track to Become a **FIREWISE COMMUNITY!**

### **We are NOT Powerless Against Wildfires - PREVENTION Starts with US!**

We're excited to share that Hidden Hills is set to become the only city in California where 100% of parcels will be part of a Firewise Community—a major step in strengthening our wildfire resilience and protecting our homes, property, and natural surroundings.

As a Firewise Community, Hidden Hills is joining a nationally recognized program that empowers residents to take proactive measures to reduce wildfire risks.

### **What is Firewise?**

As Firefighters do not have the resources to defend every home during a wildfire, Firewise communities are those that are officially recognized by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) as having taken the appropriate measures to mitigate or prevent wildfire structural damage.

The Firewise USA® program encourages local solutions for wildfire safety by involving homeowners, neighbors, and local agencies in wildfire risk reduction.

### **Why it Matters?**

- ✓ Improves community preparedness.
- ✓ Reduces wildfire damage risk.
- ✓ Helps secure future insurance eligibility.
- ✓ Builds stronger partnerships with local fire agencies.

### **JOIN THE EFFORT**

**We all have a role to play. From clearing brush to hardening homes, every action counts.**

### **Join as a Firewise Team Leader**

- ✓ Lower Home Insurance Rates for you and your neighbors – By law in California, insurers must consider Firewise designations in their rating plans, potentially lowering premiums for our entire city.
- ✓ Work with your Family, Friends and Neighbors to Protect Lives & Property – Wildfire preparedness reduces risk and makes Hidden Hills a safer place to live.
- ✓ Minimal Time Commitment – Just 1 to 3 hours per month is all it takes to make a huge impact!

### **What Will You Do as a Team Leader?**

- ✓ Coordinate Firewise Activities – Help organize community efforts to reduce wildfire risks.
- ✓ Engage & Educate Neighbors – Share best practices for defensible space and home hardening.
- ✓ Work with Local Officials – Collaborate with the City and fire safety experts.
- ✓ You won't be doing this alone—the City will provide you with all the resources and guidance needed to make this program a success.

### **LET'S PROTECT HIDDEN HILLS—TOGETHER!**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Since October 2022, insurance companies in California must consider specified wildfire mitigation factors—such as homes located in Firewise Communities—in their rating plans, which can lead to insurance discounts.

For more information, visit: [www.hiddenhillscity.org/firewise-community](http://www.hiddenhillscity.org/firewise-community)

# New Ordinance Restricts Fire-Risk Activities on Red Flag Days

In response to the recent devastating fires, the Hidden Hills City Council has taken proactive steps to reduce local fire risk. The Council approved Ordinance No. 393, which restricts certain activities on days when the National Weather Service issues a Red Flag Warning—a designation given during high-risk fire conditions due to strong winds, low humidity, or dry lightning.

The ordinance, developed in coordination with the L.A. County Fire Department, aims to reduce potential ignition sources during these critical times. It went into effect on April 9, 2025, and includes the following prohibited activities during Red Flag Warnings:

1. Use of portable outdoor barbecue grills.
2. Use of any outdoor fire pits, fireplaces, or any outdoor fire of any kind for any purpose.
3. Any outdoor activity that could produce sparks or flames.
4. Use of gasoline or propane powered equipment for home or property maintenance or repair (e.g. mowers, weed eaters, chainsaws, welders, and portable generators).  
Note: Generators used to provide emergency power to a home or for medical purposes, as well as gasoline-powered pumps used for fire protection, are exempt.
5. Outdoor smoking of tobacco, cannabis, or any other inhalable product.

Residents are encouraged to stay informed about Red Flag conditions and help keep our community safe by observing these restrictions.

For more details, visit [www.hiddenhillscity.org/red-flag-days](http://www.hiddenhillscity.org/red-flag-days)



## Celebrating 35 Years of Service Deana Gonzalez

This year marks 35 incredible years of service by City Clerk Deana Gonzalez, the heartbeat of City Hall. When Deana first joined the staff, City documents were typed on electric typewriters, there was no email, important numbers were kept on Rolodexes, and filing cabinets ruled. Need a past ordinance? Time to dig through a drawer! Over the decades, she has seen it all—elections, emergencies, and joyful community milestones—always with grace, wisdom, and a steady hand.

Her institutional knowledge and warm spirit have been a guiding force for staff, residents, and Council alike. Deana's legacy is woven into the very fabric of Hidden Hills, and we are beyond grateful for her unwavering dedication. We're lucky to have her.

Thank you, Deana—you truly are one of a kind.



# Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station invites you to attend our **OPEN HOUSE**

**Saturday, April 26, 2025 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Location: Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station**  
 27050 Agoura Rd \* Agoura, CA 91301 \* (818) 878-1808



- ★ Sheriff K-9
- ★ Special Enforcement Bureau
- ★ Mini Horses
- ★ Food Vendors
- ★ Search & Rescue
- ★ LASD Helicopter
- ★ Jail Tour
- ★ Mounted Posse

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@lasd\_lhs

@LHSLASD



# Sheriff's Blotter February 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	2	-2
Burglary				
Residential	0	0	4	-4
Business	0	0	0	0
Vehicle (locked)	0	1	0	+1
Theft				
Grand (\$950+)	0	0	2	-2
Petty	0	0	1	-1
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	1	1	18	-17

## Noteworthy Incidents

- There were no noteworthy events.

# Does Your Bicycle Need a Tune-Up?

Did you know there's a handy bike repair station located at City Hall in the upper parking lot. It's equipped with basic tools and an air pump, free for all residents to use.

Stop by next time your bike needs a little TLC!



# Concerns or Issues with Your Trash Pickup and Service?



The City's trash hauler provides a dedicated Concierge for all your service inquiries.

**DENISE KANE**  
 dkane1@wm.com  
 (661) 316-9877

## City Council Updates

At the Council's Regular Meeting on March 10 2025, the City approved an agreement with PMF Consulting Group to conduct the work necessary to achieve recognition as a Firewise USA Community. California's Safer from Wildfires regulations require insurance companies to provide discounts to homeowners in recognized Firewise USA communities. The program educates residents on creating defensible space and fire-safe infrastructure, reducing the likelihood of catastrophic property loss. (Read about the Firewise program on page 1).

The Council also added a new section to the City's Municipal Code restricting certain activities when Red Flag Warnings are issued due to high-risk brush fire conditions (read about the restricted activities on page 2).

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.

## Annual Defensible Space Inspection Program

### Brush Clearance Inspection Begin May 1

The Annual Brush Clearance Inspection Program (now referred to as the Defensible Space Inspection Program) is one of the best tools residents can use to protect their homes from a brush fire. Creating defensible space through brush clearance, coupled with home hardening, greatly improves the chance that a house will survive a wildfire.

LA County Fire will begin 2025 Defensible Space Inspections on May 1st in Hidden Hills.

After the inspection, property owners will receive a report showing either "In Compliance" or outlining the violations that need to be corrected. Owners will have a minimum of 30 days to complete corrections. Residents with questions may call the Defensible Space Unit at 626-969-2375.

For more details, visit: [www.hiddenhillscity.org/LACFD](http://www.hiddenhillscity.org/LACFD)



## City Council Meetings

2nd Monday of Every Month  
5:30 p.m.

## City Council

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

## City Staff

Interim City Manager	Gloria Mollada
City Attorney	Lauren Langer
City Clerk	Deana L. Gonzalez, CMC
Accountant	Theresa Hernandez
Administrative Analyst	Aaron Williams
City Engineer	Dirk Lovett
Building Inspector	Steve O'Hara
Public Safety & Emergency Services Manager	Mike Grant