



Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2024

Calendar

DATE	EVENT	TIME
2/5	Theater Committee Meeting	10:00AM*
2/6	Farmers Market	2:00PM *
2/6	Board of Directors Executive Session	4:30PM*
2/7	Landscape Committee Meeting	9:00AM *
2/12	City Council Meeting	5:30PM
2/13	Farmers Market	2:00PM *
2/14	Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting	11:00AM*
2/16	Movie Night: Valentine's Day	7:00 PM*
2/19	President's Day - City Hall Closed	
2/20	Farmers Market	2:00PM *
2/20	Board of Directors Open Session Meeting	6:30PM*
2/21	Equestrian Services Committee	6:45PM*
2/27	Farmers Market	2:00PM*
2/28	Architectural Committee Meeting	6:30PM*

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

City Council

Mayor	Eniko Gold
Mayor Pro Tem	Larry G. Weber
Council Member	Laura McCorkindale
Council Member	Joe Loggia
Council Member	Steve Freedland

City Staff

Interim City Manager	Marcella Marlowe, Ph.D.
City Clerk	Deana L. Gonzalez, CMC
Accounting Specialist	Theresa Hernandez
Administrative Analyst	Aaron Williams
Interim City Attorney	Michael Jenkins
City Engineer	Dirk Lovett
Building Inspector	Steve O'Hara

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Eniko Gold,
Mayor of Hidden Hills

My family and I attended a pony ride event that was hosted by our HHCA equestrian committee. As I looked at all the little faces lit up with excitement, I could not help but remember the time when my family first moved to Hidden Hills – a move that became a life-changing experience in the best sense! We found new friends and a community that welcomed us with open arms.

At the time, I wondered what set this place apart from the rest of Los Angeles. Why did it feel so different, living on the inside of the three rail fences? And I realized... what sets us apart from the rest of the world is our community; that's our greatest asset. It's the cohesion between individuals who share the same wish to live in a place in harmony, caring deeply for each other.

Cohesion is something we must strive for. Cohesion is not stable, but rather fluid, as we encounter tough decisions and take on ambitious projects. We must continuously strengthen our bond: on policy and administrative levels, between the two governing entities (the City and the HOA), on a community level by participating in events, in the decision-making process, and on a personal level with our next-door neighbors.

Let's make this year about building a sense of togetherness because we, together, are invincible!

Rosenberg's Parliamentary Rules of Order

The City Council had the privilege of hosting a very esteemed guest at their meeting on January 9th, Judge David Rosenberg, who graciously joined the City Council meeting to present his Rosenberg's Rules of Order.



Rosenberg's Rules of Order has gained widespread adoption throughout California by hundreds of cities, counties, boards, and more, over Robert's Rules of Order, because Rosenberg's simplified Parliamentary Procedure rules are practical, logical, and user-friendly. Rosenberg's Rules of Order retain the basic tenets of order and insightful strategies that are necessary to maintain the effectiveness of organized and civil discussion and meetings.

The City Council was honored to have him join the meeting and hear his views on how to effectively implement a well-run meeting. More information on Rosenberg's Rules of Order may be found online at: www.calcities.org.

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, building & safety, and intergovernmental relations. HHCA oversees gate access, all infrastructure within the gates, and architectural standards. Recreation programs, except for Fiesta, are run by HHCA. Please review the checklist below for a more comprehensive listing of City and HHCA responsibilities.

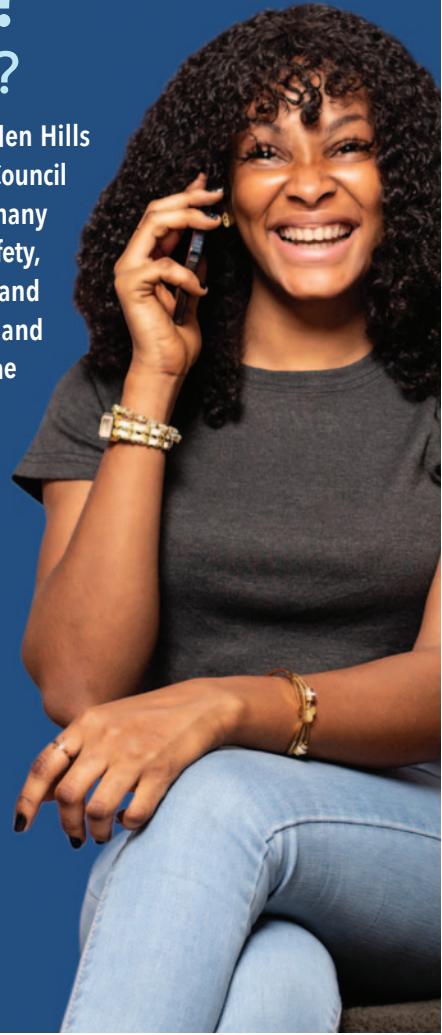
Hidden Hills City Hall
6165 Spring Valley Rd
818-888-9281

- City Council
- Public Safety
- Public Works Projects
- Building & Safety/ Code Enforcement
- Stormwater
- Fiesta
- Recycling/Trash Service
- City Newsletter
- Legislation
- 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.



Living with Wildlife Inside the Gates



The City recently received another report from a resident witnessing either a Bobcat or Mountain Lion in their backyard, and it is important to recognize that the wildlife is indigenous to Hidden Hills. The City was built in their backyard and they have adapted to this environment. There are important steps to remember to protect your family, pets, poultry, and livestock around coyotes, bobcats, and mountain lions.

Chicken, rabbits, and other small animals often kept outside should be in well-protected areas and in sturdy cages at night. Cages made of chicken wire will not keep desperate coyotes or other predators from entering. Stronger gauge wiring is a necessity in protecting these small animals.

Coyotes are capable of scaling fences up to six feet high. They will also dig under fences. They can be deterred by increasing the height of fencing and facing it outward at a 45-degree angle. Bury the bottom of the fence at least six to twelve inches underground to prevent the coyote from digging underneath. A covered enclosure set up with a pet door will permit your pet to go safely outdoors. Coyotes are wild animals and should be treated as such. No attempt should be made to pet or otherwise make contact with them.

Living with Wildlife Do's and Don'ts continued on Page 3

TEMPORARY PARKING PERMITS

The City does not allow parking on any parkway between the hours of 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. If you are redoing a driveway or hosting an overnight guest and need to park on the parkway during these hours, you may request a temporary parking permit. Simply call City Hall at 818-888-9281 or submit your request online: www.hiddenhillscity.org/parking-permits.



CONCERNS OR ISSUES WITH YOUR TRASH PICKUP AND SERVICE?

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

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PRESIDENTS DAY



City Hall and the Building and Safety Department will be closed and there will be no inspections on Monday, February 19, in observance of Presidents Day.

Living with Wildlife Do's

- Keep your cat or dog indoors at night or any other time when a wildcat or coyote is known to be in the area.
- Use Negative Reinforcement - let them know they are not welcome with loud noises, spray them with garden hoses, throw rocks or a rubber ball. Do not stop until they leave the area.
- Walk your dog on a leash whenever you take it off your property.
- Confine poultry and rabbits in covered enclosures constructed with heavy mesh wire. Wildcats and coyotes can break through ordinary chicken wire.
- Install motion activated lighting around your home.
- Use moth balls or ammonia-soaked rags around the property to deter them from entering.
- Keep all outdoor trash can lids securely fastened to trash containers.
- Pick backyard fruit as soon as it ripens and keep rotten fruit off the ground.

Living with Wildlife Don'ts

- Don't feed wild animals. It is illegal to feed predatory wild animals in the City of Hidden Hills.
- Don't leave pet food outside, particularly at night.
- Don't allow pets to roam from home—especially at night.
- Don't leave water bowls for pets outdoors.
- Don't leave garbage containers open.
- Don't leave water in birdbaths or bird seed outdoors for songbirds.

Aggressive wildcat and coyote behavior should be immediately reported to City Hall at (818) 888-9281 or via e-mail to staff@hiddenhillscity.org. Please provide date, time, location, and nature of incident.



Sheriff's Blotter

December 2023



	CURRENT MONTH	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	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	1	1	0
Burglary				
Residential	0	1	4	-3
Business	0	0	0	0
Garage/Out Bldg.	0	0	0	0
Vehicle (locked)	0	0	1	-1
Theft				
Grand (\$950+)	0	2	2	0
Petty	0	0	0	0
Vehicle (unlocked)	0	0	0	0
Grand Theft Vehicle	0	0	1	-1
Arson	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence / Felony	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence / Misdemeanor	0	1	2	-1
Trespassing Calls for Service	0	22	31	-9

Noteworthy Incidents:

- There were no noteworthy incidents in the month of December.

City Council UPDATES

At the Council meeting on January 9th, the Council heard two presentations. ReThinking Libraries joined the meeting and presented ideas for the potential of new and innovative library services for the residents of Hidden Hills. The Council was also joined by a very special guest, Judge David Rosenberg, who authored Rosenberg's Rules of Order, which the City adopted in September 2022, as the

Council's parliamentary procedure for facilitating discussions and group decision-making. See story on page one for more about Rosenberg's Rules of Order.

The council also approved Resolution No. 1021 that amended and readopted the City's personnel rules.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 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.

FIESTA MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The 2024 Fiesta weekend dates are in! This year Fiesta will be Saturday, September 14th and Sunday, September 15th. It's never too early to express interest, submit theme ideas and volunteer for Fiesta committees. Call or email City Hall at 818.888.9281 or staff@hiddenhillscity.org.



Battery Recycling at City Hall

As a reminder, residents may participate in the City's battery recycling program. The City will accept all used rechargeable & non-rechargeable dry cell batteries. Simply put your used batteries in a bag and place them in our incoming delivery bin at the entrance to City Hall.

