



Newsletter

2024 Year-in-Review

2024 was a remarkable year for the City of Hidden Hills, marked by progress and accomplishment. From completing key infrastructure upgrades, such as Phase One of the Long Valley Entrance Parking Lot, to advancing the undergrounding of utility poles for enhanced safety and aesthetics, Hidden Hills continues to build its reputation

as a forward-thinking city. Through collaborative efforts and bold initiatives, the city has laid a solid foundation for an even brighter future. 2024 was a year of growth, resilience, and pride for all who call Hidden Hills home. Let's celebrate our shared achievements and look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Long Valley Entrance Improvement Project

The Long Valley Gate Entrance Improvement and Beautification Project, which began in October 2023, was completed in August. The upgraded entrance to Hidden Hills now boasts a more efficient design, easing guest traffic flow and reducing congestion. Enhanced landscaping and picturesque green spaces have revitalized the area, creating a welcoming and visually appealing gateway to the community. Funded by Los Angeles County Metro Measure R and Measure M sales taxes, the project supports improved pedestrian and vehicular traffic conditions, aligning with the city's commitment to sustainable growth and accessibility.

BEFORE



AFTER



THANK YOU for Staying Informed about Local Issues

On December 18, 2024, Proposition 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act, took effect after a landslide victory, with over 70% of Californians voting in favor.

The Hidden Hills City Council was the first in California to formally support the proposition, which strengthens penalties for theft and drug-related crimes. The Council's endorsement during the signature-gathering phase to qualify the measure for the November ballot underscores its commitment to prioritizing public safety and supporting policies that curb crime.

You can read the approved resolution from the Council's February 26th meeting here:

<https://hiddenhillscity.org/prop-36-support>

We're grateful to serve such an engaged and supportive community!

HIDDEN HILLS TOP PRIORITY PUBLIC SAFETY

Coffee with the #1 Cop



Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna, leader of the largest Sheriff's Department in the nation, made a special appearance at the City's annual Coffee with a Cop event last October. Sheriff Luna was joined at the Community Center by some of Los Angeles County's finest, including Lieutenant Dustin Carr, Hidden Hills Deputy Rick Baldi, and California State Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin.

The event drew many residents eager to ask questions, share concerns, and engage in meaningful discussions in a relaxed setting. Sheriff Luna addressed key topics such as property crimes, the drug epidemic, homelessness, recruitment challenges, and the need for greater support for law enforcement.

Thank you to everyone who participated in making this event a success.



Transforming Public Safety

As our city continues to grow, so do the challenges we face. Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Public Safety Event last April. The Hidden Hills theater was filled with residents who voiced concerns about historically low staffing levels at local law enforcement agencies and learned about a new public safety program initiated by the City Council. This program strengthens our city's defenses against crime and enhances preparedness for emergencies, fostering a safer community for all.



If you missed the event, key topics included:

- The City Council's proactive measures to boost crime prevention and emergency management.
- The introduction of Michael Grant, the City's new Public Safety and Emergency Services Manager.
- Current law enforcement challenges and resources for fostering a more connected community.
- Insights into national and local crime statistics and the city's strategies for keeping families safe.
- Essential tips for home fortification.
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) engagement and upcoming training opportunities.

A recording of the event is available on the city's website: www.hiddenhillscity.org/tps

Revamped Emergency Preparedness Pages Added To City Website

The City of Hidden Hills is committed to keeping our community safe and informed, which is why we revamped and relaunched the Emergency Preparedness section of our City website back in December. These updated resources provide essential information, best practices, and preparedness guides to help residents stay ready for any emergency.

What You'll Find:

Our new Emergency Preparedness pages offer a comprehensive hub for emergency planning, including:

- Preparedness Guides & Best Practices – Access key resources on Red Flag Warnings, Wildfires, Earthquakes, Floods, and more to ensure you and your family know what to do before, during, and after a disaster.
- Information on the City's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – Learn how to get involved with CERT, a vital program that trains residents in disaster response and first aid.
- Know Your Zone Maps – Find out which evacuation zone you live in to be better prepared when an emergency strikes.
- Home Hardening Assessment Information – Strengthen your home against wildfires and other disasters with expert-recommended strategies.
- Plus MORE Resources & Critical Information – Explore links to official safety agencies, local emergency contacts, and additional preparedness tools to keep you informed.



Emergencies can happen at any time, and being prepared can make all the difference. By taking a few moments to review these resources, you'll be equipping yourself with the knowledge and tools to safeguard your home, family, and community.

Visit the new Emergency Preparedness pages today:
hiddenhillscity.org/emergency-preparedness



PREPAREDNESS STARTS AT HOME

Emergency preparedness begins at home. Police and Fire agencies train year-round for the "next" event. The City has preparedness plans in place and has recently increased emergency response preparations.

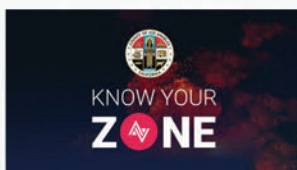
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EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

The City's main tool to send out emergency messages will be through the Blackboard Connect system. All residents with a traditional landline through AT&T should be preloaded into the system.

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KNOW YOUR ZONE

LA County Fire, with LA County Sheriff, has divided the City of Hidden Hills into two zones. Zones will be used in emergency alert notifications, so knowing the name of your zone is an important part of your emergency plan.

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CERT TEAM

The Hidden Hills Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Team is a group of highly trained resident volunteers that is prepared to assist the City and first responders during a large-scale emergency or natural disaster.

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LOS ANGELES EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOUNDATION

The Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Foundation (LAEPPF) is dedicated to supporting the City and County of Los Angeles in disaster preparedness, risk mitigation, crisis management, and long-term resiliency.

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BRUSH CLEARANCE

In the warm summer months, annual brush clearance is a top priority in Hidden Hills. Brush clearance is important because it creates defensible space around homes and properties.

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Leading the Charge on Undergrounding Utilities

On November 4, 2024, the City launched the Little Hollow Road Utility Undergrounding Project as part of its ongoing efforts to enhance safety and aesthetics by removing overhead wires and utility poles. Now complete, the project eliminated four utility poles and relocated all associated wires underground.

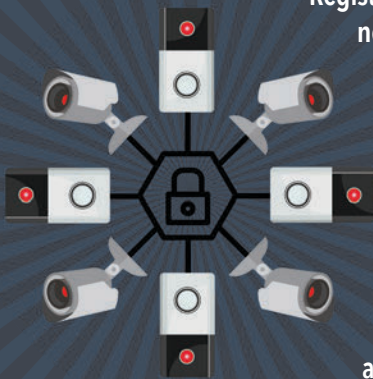
Residents interested in undergrounding utility poles on their street can learn more by visiting www.hiddenhillscity.org/underground-utility-project and submitting a City-Financed Utility Undergrounding Project application.



Working Together to Fight Crime!

In September, the Lost Hills Sheriff's Station promoted its interactive map of security cameras across Los Angeles County. This innovative tool:

- Enables communities to work together to create a safer Los Angeles County
- Provides investigators with immediate contact information for camera owners.
- Enhances the efficiency of video evidence collection
- Is accessible only to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department



Registering your cameras does not grant the Sheriff's Department access to live video streams. Instead, it allows investigators to identify the presence of a camera at your location and easily request video footage if an incident occurs. Camera registration takes less than

one minute via a secure online portal. To register your camera, visit: <https://connectlosangelescounty.org>

Hidden Hills is Your Home Relax, Slow Down, and Stop



Stopping at posted stop signs is not just a legal requirement but a vital practice for ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone in Hidden Hills. While it may seem like a small, routine action, its importance cannot be overstated. Stop signs are strategically placed throughout Hidden Hills to enhance safety for vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians, and horses by regulating right of way, calming traffic, and preventing accidents. Stopping at stop signs

is a simple yet powerful way to set an example for others and help keep our streets as safe as possible.

To help encourage full stops at stop signs and prevent accidents from occurring, two new flashing stop signs were installed last November at the corner of Long Valley Road as you exit Hidden Hills and turn right onto the 101 North onramp or left into the City of Los Angeles/Woodland Hills.

Let's all do our part by stopping at every posted stop sign in the City. Thank you.

Smart Cities Regional Fiber Network Coming to Hidden Hills

In October, the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (LVMCOG) announced that the Smart Cities Regional Public Safety and Transportation Fiber Project is coming to Hidden Hills!

Reflecting statewide efforts, this cutting-edge fiber project will enable real-time data transmission, connecting Hidden Hills City Hall with neighboring cities, fire and police departments, public safety agencies, and emergency command centers. This enhanced connectivity will improve coordination of evacuation routes and enable instant information sharing among residents, public safety officials, and emergency management agencies.

For more information about the project, visit:

www.hiddenhillscity.org/public-safety-fiber-network



More Proactive Wildfire Safety Measures For Hidden Hills!

As of October, thanks to the determination of the City Council and support of Los Angeles County Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Smith, Hidden Hills has joined the statewide Cal Fire/UC San Diego camera network system. Two wildfire detection cameras have been installed in the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve (Ahmanson Ranch) to enhance fire monitoring and response efforts.

Why This Matters

This network has thousands of cameras connected across California that are actively monitored and play a key role in early fire detection, providing 24-hour surveillance with infrared capabilities. The cameras perform 360-degree sweeps every few minutes, ensuring continuous coverage of high-risk areas, including Hidden Hills.

In addition to manual monitoring at emergency command centers, the program uses AI technology to detect anomalies such as smoke in real time. Faster than 911 calls in many cases, the cameras give firefighters an early advantage, enabling them to respond more effectively. This hybrid approach—combining human oversight with AI-powered detection—enhances situational awareness for emergency responders, allowing them to monitor fires, coordinate evacuations, and allocate resources to contain wildfires quickly and safely.

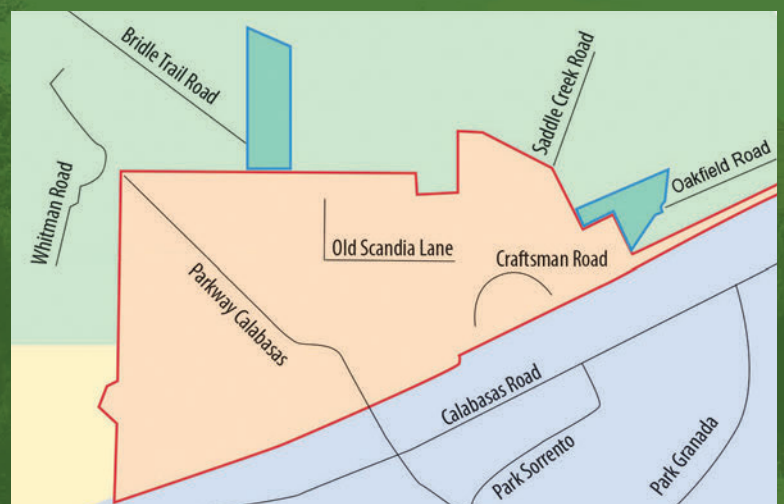
The cameras, named 'Las Virgenes 1' and 'Las Virgenes 2,' were provided by Cal Fire in cooperation with UC San Diego and went live on Monday, October 14th. Anyone can view the cameras by visiting: www.AlertCalifornia.org.



8 ACRES TO BE ANNEXED INTO HIDDEN HILLS

In collaboration with Los Angeles County, the City of Calabasas, and multiple other county jurisdictions, the City Council approved the future annexation of the area commonly known as 'Craftsman's Corner' in October. This unincorporated Los Angeles County area is located north of Highway 101, between Hidden Hills and Calabasas.

This annexation will add approximately 8 acres of uninhabited land (at the end of Bridle Trail Road) and 4 acres of inhabited land (on Oakfield Road), to Hidden Hills. The small 4-acre portion on Oakfield Road is already part of the Hidden Hills Homeowners Association but was excluded from the City of Hidden Hills when it incorporated in 1961. The 8-acre portion at the end of Bridle Trail Road is currently in unincorporated Los Angeles County.



ANNEXATION—The light green area is the current City of Hidden Hills border with the dark green portions of Craftsman's Corner to be the future border to be annexed.

City Council Updates

At the Council's annual reorganization meeting on December 9, the City Council certified the results of the November election. Incumbents Eniko Gold and Adam Wasserman were sworn into office by Hidden Hills resident Superior Court Judge Harwin.

Following the certification, the City Council selected Larry Weber as Mayor and Joe Loggia as Mayor Pro Tem for 2025. Outgoing Mayor Eniko Gold was honored with recognition from dignitaries and a gift from the City in appreciation of her dedicated service as Mayor over the past year.

City Council meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Meetings can be viewed on Channel 3 (Charter/Spectrum Cable) or streamed live on the City's website.

Lions and Goats and Bears, OH MY!

2024 was an eventful year for wildlife sightings in Hidden Hills. While coyotes are a familiar presence and families have enjoyed watching the fire-grazing goats during recent summers, it's far less common to encounter mountain lions and bears. This past year, however, Hidden Hills saw it all.

In December, a mountain lion was spotted perched in the tall trees near the Jim Bridger Road area. Even rarer, a female black bear was observed roaming the city in August. The bear, estimated to be 3 to 5 years old, made an incredible journey from the San Gabriel Mountains to Hidden Hills, crossing multiple freeways, including SR-14, SR-118, I-5, and US-101.

While black bears are generally not dangerous, they may become aggressive if threatened or attracted by food sources. To ensure your family's safety, visit www.hiddenhillscity.org/bear-sighting-2024 for tips on handling bear encounters.

If you spot a bear, mountain lion, or other uncommon wildlife in Hidden Hills, please report the sighting to the Department of Fish and Wildlife at apps.wildlife.ca.gov/wir/incident/create.



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 Molleda
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