



# NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019

## Are You Ready For FIESTA 2019?

### Calendar

DATE	EVENT	TIME
9/4	Architectural Committee	7:30 p.m.*
9/5	Landscape Committee	8:30 a.m.*
9/9	Theater Committee	10:00 a.m.*
9/9	Gate Committee	6:30 p.m.*
9/9	City Council	6:30 p.m.
9/10	Parks and Recreation Committee	11:00 a.m.*
9/11	Equestrian Services Committee	6:30 p.m.*
<b>9/14 and 9/15</b>	<b>HIDDEN HILLS FIESTA</b>	
9/17	HHCA Board of Directors	7:30 p.m.*
9/18	CERT	7:00 p.m.
9/23	City Council	6:30 p.m.
9/24	Public Safety Commission	7:30 p.m.
10/3	Landscape Committee	8:30 a.m.*
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10/16	CERT	7:00 p.m.
10/28	City Council	6:30 p.m.
10/29	Public Safety Commission	7:30 p.m.
9/17	HHCA Board of Directors	7:30 p.m.*
9/23	City Council	6:30 p.m.
9/24	Public Safety Commission	7:30 p.m.

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

### City Council

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

### 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

The 2019 Hidden Hills Fiesta will be held on Saturday, September 14th and Sunday, September 15th. By now, you should have received the full color Fiesta brochure. The brochure contains everything you need to know about Fiesta, including a schedule of events, carnival information, and meal ticket prices. All meal tickets (In-N-Out Lunch, Saturday Night Dinner, Sunday Pancake Breakfast and Sunday Wine Picnic Dinner) must be purchased by Wednesday, September 11th at City Hall (Spring Valley). Every Saturday Night Dinner ticket you purchase comes with a wristband, which allows you to ride all the carnival rides and play the carnival games. If you do not want to purchase a Saturday Night Dinner meal ticket, wristbands will be available to purchase. All meal tickets must be purchased with CASH OR CHECK ONLY.

All supplementary entry forms for the Parade, Pet Parade, Bake Contest, Children's Art Show and Chili & Cornbread Cook-Off are available on the City website, [www.hiddenhillscity.org](http://www.hiddenhillscity.org). These forms can be dropped off at City Hall (Spring Valley), faxed to City Hall (818.719.0083), or emailed to City staff ([staff@hiddenhillscity.org](mailto:staff@hiddenhillscity.org)) by Wednesday, September 11th.

Meal tickets went on sale at City Hall (Spring Valley) on *Monday, August 26th*. Please refer to the last page of the Fiesta brochure for the meal reservation form to fill out and bring with you when you buy your tickets.

Get your neighbors together to build a float for the parade, decorate your animal for the pet parade and contest, cook your best chili and cornbread recipe, and more than anything....*let's celebrate our Hidden Hills Heroes!*



# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS STA

Almost ten months ago, the community suffered through the most devastating wildfire in our region's history. While the City of Hidden Hills emerged relatively unscathed, the surrounding communities experienced loss like never seen before.

Hidden Hills faired so well for a variety of reasons, including favorable winds and weather, proper preparedness and brush clearance, heroic volunteers, and a little bit of luck. As fall approaches, so does our traditional fire season. Some experts predict that this region won't see a fire as destructive as the Woolsey Fire for a generation, others use the term "new normal" for the recent increase of these devastating events. It's not just wildfires fires that residents should be prepared for; earthquakes and other disasters could impact all of us.

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. So should all residents. It goes beyond having an emergency kit. Below are several examples of efforts you as a homeowner can do to better prepare your family and property.

## Hazardous Landscape

Take a look at what plant material you have on your property. Do you have defensible space? Do you have dead or dry vegetation within 30 feet of your home? Do you keep a woodpile near your home? The Fire Department has identified 5 trees and 1 plant as "High-Hazard Plants." These are: Acacia (Shrub), Eucalyptus, Juniper, Palm, Pine, and Pampas grass. If you have any of these species, consider replacing them with something less hazardous, if not, ensure they are properly trimmed and maintained.



Acacia (Shrub)



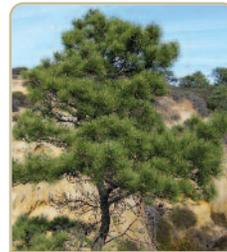
Eucalyptus



Juniper



Palm



Pine



Pampas grass

## Harden Your Home

Take steps to ensure your home is ready for a potential wildfire. Some examples include:

- Address is clearly visible in front of your house
- Chimneys and vents are properly screened to prevent embers from entering your home
- Driveways should provide adequate access for emergency vehicles
- Store necessary equipment on your property or in your garage – examples include hoses hooked up to water, fire extinguishers, shovels
- Keep your property clear of debris, especially combustible debris. If there is a threatening wildfire remove all flammable materials (baskets, furniture, propane tanks, etc.) away from your home
- Consider purchasing an emergency pool pump that could provide water in an emergency



## Create an Emergency Action Plan

It is critical to sit down with your family to put together a plan. Do you have a meeting point for your family? If you have school aged children, who is picking them up? Do you have a communication plan including out of state relatives to check in with? Do you have an emergency kit? Remember the 6 P's:

- People and pets
- Papers – phone numbers and important documents
- Prescriptions – vitamins and eyeglasses
- Plastic – credit cards, ATM, and cash
- Pictures
- Personal Computers, hard drives, and flash drives

# HOW DOES THE CITY SEND OUT NOTIFICATIONS?

The City of Hidden Hills employs two methods to send out information in a timely manner. The first, e-mail notification, is entirely optional and requires residents to opt-in. The second, Blackboard Connect, is a reverse 911 call-out system the City would use during an imminent life-threatening emergency.

## Email Notification

E-mail notifications are sent out for a variety of incidents, such as road conditions, minor flooding, downed trees, and Sheriff activities. In addition, reminders for City events will be sent out via e-mail. Residents interested in receiving these types of notifications should sign up on the City's website, [www.hiddenhillscity.org](http://www.hiddenhillscity.org).

# ARTS AT HOME

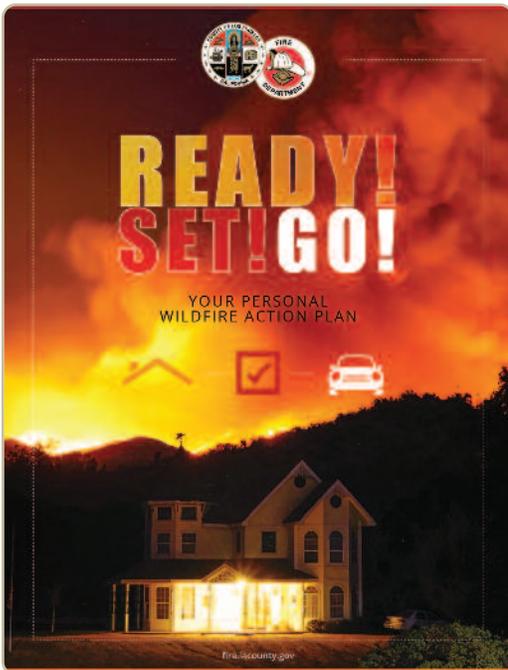
## Animals

Do you have a plan for your animals? Can you safely transport your dog or cat? Do you have a horse and can you safely move them out of the City? If not, have you arranged for emergency transport?

## Communication/Power

During the Woolsey Fire, the City lost power for three days and internet service for nearly 10 days. All of us took communication for granted. Can you charge your personal device? Do you have back-up power? Have you registered for the City's mass notification system? (See side bar article)

The information above is taken directly from the Los Angeles County Fire Department "Ready Set Go" program. Additional information and details can be found by downloading the plan at <https://fire.lacounty.gov/ready-set-go.pdf>.



## Sheriff's Blotter July 2019

	CURRENT MONTH	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	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	10	3	7
Business	0	0	0	0
Garage/Out Bldg.	0	0	0	0
Vehicle (locked)	0	0	0	0
Theft				
Grand (\$950+)	0	4	3	1
Petty	0	1	0	1
Vehicle (unlocked)	0	1	0	1
Grand Theft Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence / Misdemeanor	0	1	1	0
Trespassing Calls for Service	4	38	33	5

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 subject, resident of Reseda, was arrested for traffic violations in the area of Round Meadow Road and Jed Smith Road.
- A resident of Saugus drove her vehicle through the security gate and damaged it in the 23500 block of Long Valley Road. The subject exited her vehicle, walked around the area talking to herself and not responding to security officer's commands. The subject was transported to a medical facility.
- Three juveniles were cited for trespassing in the 5800 block of Round Meadow Road. The subjects approached the property and were stopped by in-house security.

## Hidden Hills E-NOTIFICATIONS

Sign up here to receive non-emergency notifications from the City. Notifications include the City Newsletter, upcoming public meetings and non-emergency traffic hazards.





## Blackboard Connect Emergency Notification System

Voice, e-mail, and text notifications can be sent to all residents using the City's emergency notification system. Notifications are reserved for imminent life-threatening emergencies such as massive flooding, wildfires, and evacuations. All landline phones within the City are registered in the system. However, residents have the option to add additional phone numbers such as mobile or businesses phones and e-mail addresses. If you are interested in adding additional contact information to the City's emergency notification system, please visit the City website at [hiddenhillscity.org](http://hiddenhillscity.org) and click on the Blackboard Connect icon on the center of the home page.



# City Council Updates

At their meeting on July 22nd, the City Council discussed and updated the established City Council goals. At their meeting on August 12th, the City Council approved the following: an agreement with the County of Los Angeles pertaining to catch basins, the purchase of a Type 6 Emergency Vehicle, and sending a letter of support to the League to increase funding allocations for Rule 20A projects.

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).

## City of Hidden Hills

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# CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING



Prior to the Woolsey Fire, the City of Hidden Hills had a robust Emergency Preparedness Program. The City dedicated resources towards an Emergency Services Coordinator position, a luxury for the City the size of Hidden Hills. The City's mass notification system had been updated and tested prior to the Woolsey Fire (see side bar article) and the City had a small CERT team. City staff had attended many disaster preparedness trainings and met regularly with local agencies to discuss various scenarios and response. All in all, the City's preparedness paid off during the fire. However, the City Council directed staff to redouble their efforts related to emergency preparedness. Examples of this include:

- Increase in CERT team members from 5 to 20
- Advanced training for CERT team members
- Installation of wildfire detection cameras overlooking Ahmanson area
- Acquisition of two portable emergency generators
- Acquisition of Type 6 wildland firefighting vehicle
- Upgraded radio repeater and new portable radios
- Complete inventory of all emergency equipment and supplies, along with purchase of additional equipment
- Installation of back-up internet service at City Hall to ensure communications

Woolsey Fire aside, the City's main role in an emergency is to provide information to residents and support public safety agencies any way they can. This mission continues to be the goal of the City, with the understanding that in a large-scale event, the City may be on its own for a period of time until support arrives.

