



# AGOURA HILLS *Leaflet*

*Agoura Hills... Gateway To The Santa Monica Mountains*

THE 2020 CENSUS WILL PROVIDE A SNAPSHOT OF OUR NATION—OUR POPULATION, WHERE WE LIVE, AND SO MUCH MORE.

## The Census 2020 Sets the Stage for Our Community for the Next 10 Years of Funding

**Look for official Census Bureau information coming to you starting in mid-March. Be Counted!**

The U.S. Constitution requires that electoral districts be periodically adjusted or redrawn to account for population shifts. Each decade, the census reveals where populations have risen or fallen.

State legislatures or independent bipartisan commissions handle the process of redrawing congressional district lines. The U.S. Census Bureau provides population counts to the states for this purpose.

There are many ways the 2020 Census can shape our community. The results, collected once a decade, help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year. Those funds help improve roads and infrastructure that many of us in Agoura Hills use on a daily basis. 🌱

### MAKE IT COUNT

The results are critically important because this once-a-decade census data helps businesses, researchers, and communities make decisions.

### DECADE OF DATA

The data can help inform where your community needs a new fire department, more funding for schools, or new transportation improvements. 🌱

### City Council Meetings

These meetings take place at 6 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at City Hall. Meetings can be viewed live via webstream at [www.ci.agoura-hills.ca.us](http://www.ci.agoura-hills.ca.us) during the regularly scheduled meeting.

- **February 12, 2020**
- **February 26, 2020**
- **March 11, 2020**
- **March 25, 2020**  
(Goal Setting Workshop followed by City Council Meeting)

# Agoura Village Specific Plan Information

## Second AVSP Public Workshop

FEBRUARY

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Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the second workshop on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 starting at 6:00 pm at the Agoura Hills Recreation and Event Center located at 29900 Ladyface Court.

We heard what you said in previous meetings and correspondence and are planning to spend a portion of this workshop going over the specific plan in detail to ensure that everyone in attendance understands the plan, its inception, goals and how it can be utilized moving forward.

Review the Agoura Village Specific Plan prior to the workshop, go to [www.ci.agoura-hills.ca.us](http://www.ci.agoura-hills.ca.us) Click "I Want To" and then click on submenu "Review Agoura Village Specific Plan." 🌿

## Be on the Lookout... Agoura Village Specific Plan Survey

The City has hired an independent public opinion research company to conduct a survey to obtain feedback on the Agoura Village Specific Plan and to identify residents' concerns and priorities.

Residents will receive a letter and/or a postcard explaining how to participate via an online version of the survey or you may receive a call from one of the members of the research team to get your thoughts verbally. The team members will properly identify themselves and will ask you a set of questions to help ensure that your thoughts and opinions are heard as the City Council considers a review of the plan.



The Agoura Village Specific Plan encourages a mixed use (commercial, office and residential) concept when property owners consider developing their properties. The specific plan area starts near the Kanan Road and Agoura road intersection and runs on both sides along Agoura Road until just after Cornell Road. The plan was approved with the intention of creating a small, hometown feeling downtown area to encourage the gathering of the community.

Your participation with this survey is important to help guide any changes the City Council considers throughout this process.

Questions regarding the survey can be sent to Nathan Hamburger, Assistant City Manager, [Nhamburger@ci.agoura-hills.ca.us](mailto:Nhamburger@ci.agoura-hills.ca.us) or (818) 597-7308. 🌿

## Urban Coyotes – Living Among Us

**Living in Agoura Hills, pretty much anyone you talk to loves and enjoys the surrounding hills, Santa Monica Mountains, and open space areas.**

Along with that and other circumstances, specifically the Woolsey Fire and the destruction of various food sources and their habitat, coyotes continually move more and more into our neighborhoods. Coyotes are highly adaptable creatures and they actually serve an important role in the local and regional ecosystem. Typically, coyotes will feed on small rodents rabbits, birds, fruits, vegetables but have learned to look for human garbage and pet food. They are typically active from dusk until dawn and normally prefer to observe human activity from a distance.

Problems tend to occur when coyotes are trained (intentionally or not) to look for food around humans and our neighborhoods, especially those near open spaces or

natural areas. Unattended pets are no different to a coyote from any other animal in their territory. Without human protection, pets are treated like potential prey.

In order to live together as harmonious as can be, there are things that we can do to make it less likely that a coyote will dwell on or near your property:

- 🐾 **Keep garbage cans closed and secure**
- 🐾 **Keep small pets indoors (especially at night) and remove dishes when your pets finish their meal outside**
- 🐾 **Pick backyard fruit as soon as it ripens and keep rotten fruit off the ground**

🐾 **Clear brush and dense weeds from around your property**

🐾 **Install motion activated lighting around your home**

🐾 **Use negative reinforcement – let them know they are not welcome with loud noises**

🐾 **Moth balls or ammonia soaked rags tend to deter them**

If you encounter a coyote, keep eye contact with them and do not turn your back to them or run, show them you are not afraid.

Throw small objects at an aggressive or approaching coyote such as small rocks or pine cones until they leave the area.

For more information, go to LA County Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & measures go to [www.acwm.lacounty.gov](http://www.acwm.lacounty.gov) | (626) 575-5462 or contact the Louis Celaya in the City Manager's Office at [Lcelaya@ci.agoura-hills.ca.us](mailto:Lcelaya@ci.agoura-hills.ca.us) | (818) 597-7314. 🌿

# Worst Places to Hide Your Valuables in Your Home

**Burglary is a crime of opportunity and burglars don't want to spend a lot of time looking for things to steal so here are some tips on where not to leave your valuables.**

The best situation is to avoid be burglarized by making your home an inconvenient target. Security cameras are a great start along with

lighted motion sensors to illuminate the exterior. Locking exterior doors, securing sliding glass patio doors, close your garage door when not in use, keep valuables out of sight. Another important tip is not to over-share personal information with the world advertising your absence from home via social media.

Do what you can to make your home a difficult, inconvenient and time-consuming target that will force a burglar to move on.

Hiding our valuables, makes many of us feel better no matter how much home security we have in place, so be creative where you hide items but here are some to avoid:

- 1 - In a desk, bedside, or clothing drawer
- 2 - CD or Video game cases – these items can be pawned for quick cash
- 3 - Jewelry box – make it an easy find
- 4 - Anywhere that can cause damage to your valuables with water or invasive matter such as the tank of a toilet
- 5 - Cookie jar – put treats in it, not money
- 6 - An electrical item or heated area such as a lamp base, toaster oven or HVAC duct. You could accidentally ignite your valuables.
- 7 - Any lock box or locking file cabinet. The lock box will be stolen regardless of what's inside and a file cabinet lock can be easily broken.

If you see suspicious activity, report it. For information on the Neighborhood Watch program, please contact Deputy Richard Baldi at (818) 878-1808 or [ribaldi@lasd.org](mailto:ribaldi@lasd.org). 🌿

## A BIG THANK YOU

TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Agoura Hills community is a unique and special place that we call home. The reason it is so great is due to the many volunteers that give their time and effort in a variety of areas that benefit the community. The City Council would like to say thank you to all of those who have made our community a better place to live in 2019 and invite those volunteers to a special event, including a light reception that will take place at City Hall on February 12, 2020 starting at 5:00 pm, and be followed by a formal recognition done by the City Council at the regularly scheduled meeting starting at 6:00 pm.

For more information, please call (818) 597-7368.

## Stop Auto Burglaries... "Don't feed the bears"

Whether it is a thief looking to do a smash and grab or a car is left unlocked, auto burglars are just like bears in our National Parks. If you feed them, they are likely to come back a second, third or fourth time. By leaving items of value for burglars to see and steal, you increase the risk of being victimized. It only takes a few seconds to significantly reduce the risk of being a victim of this PREVENTABLE crime.

### REMEMBER TO THESE SAFETY TIPS:

- ✓ Lock your car
- ✓ Remove valuables from the vehicle if possible
- ✓ If you are hiding items in the trunk, do it before you get to your destination
- ✓ NEVER leave bags, purses, electronic devices or backpacks inside and in plain sight.

These simple rules can help keep the bears (auto burglars) out of our community. For more information, please contact the Lost Hills Sheriff Station, Deputy Rick Baldi at (818) 878-1808 or [ribaldi@lasd.org](mailto:ribaldi@lasd.org). 🌿

**LA County  
is Modernizing  
the Voting  
Experience  
in 2020**

**HERE IS WHAT IS CHANGING AND INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW:**

- ★ Say good bye to paper ballots and hello electronic voting. Voting devices will give real time access to voters at all voting centers but is NOT online voting
- ★ You can access the ballot via a computer, mobile phone or personal device prior to arriving at the voting center. If you have your sections completed, you can use a QR code (similar to an airline boarding pass) to load your voting selections, saving you time.
- ★ You will now have 11 days to vote rather than just 1 day
- ★ Vote centers will be located throughout the county, these are not the same as your past polling locations so keep an eye out for voting center locations (coming soon)
- ★ Voter registration information can be updated in real time
- ★ Look for further information in early 2020!

Demo sites are currently completing their initial test of the voting program. For general information on the new voting solutions, go to [vsap.lavote.net](http://vsap.lavote.net) or email questions to [VSAP@rrcc.lacounty.gov](mailto:VSAP@rrcc.lacounty.gov)

For More Information on Events or Services, check the City of Agoura Hills' website at [www.ci.agoura-hills.ca.us](http://www.ci.agoura-hills.ca.us)

**Who, What & Where...**

City Hall	(818) 597-7300
City Hall Fax	597-7352
Mayor ILLECE BUCKLEY WEBER	597-7372
Mayor Pro Tem DENIS WEBER	597-7371
Councilmember CHRIS ANSTEAD	597-7375
Councilmember DEBORAH KLEIN LOPEZ	597-7373
Councilmember LINDA NORTHRUP	597-7374
Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce	(805) 370-0035
Animal Control - LA County	991-0071
Building & Safety	597-7334
Building & Safety Inspections	(866) 701-3365
Business License	597-7328
City Clerk	597-7303
Code Compliance (Residential)	597-7335
Code Compliance (Commercial)	597-7335
Dial-A-Ride	707-2005
Disaster Response Team	597-7302
Engineering/Public Works	597-7322
Graffiti	597-7355
Parking Citations	(800) 553-4412
Human Resources	597-7306
Planning & Community Development	597-7339
Recreation Center	597-7361
Senior Center	597-7361
Emergency Info HOT LINE	597-7301

**AGOURA HILLS CITY HALL**

30001 Ladyface Court  
Agoura Hills, CA 91301  
(818) 597-7300  
Monday - Thursday 7 am - 5 pm and Friday 7 am - 4 pm

**RECREATION & EVENT CENTER**

29900 Ladyface Court  
Agoura Hills, CA 91301  
(818) 597-7361  
Monday - Thursday 7 am - 6 pm and Friday 7 am - 4 pm

**LOST HILLS SHERIFF'S STATION**

27050 Agoura Road  
Agoura, CA 91301  
(818) 878-1808

**FIRE DEPARTMENT LOCAL DISPATCH**

(818) 889-1122

**AGOURA HILLS LIBRARY**

29901 Ladyface Court  
Agoura Hills, CA 91301  
(818) 889-2278  
Monday 10 am - 8 pm  
Tuesday 10 am - 8 pm  
Wednesday 10 am - 8 pm  
Thursday 9 am - 5 pm  
Friday 9 am - 5 pm  
Saturday 9 am - 5 pm  
Sunday CLOSED

**AGOURA HILLS /CALABASAS COMMUNITY CENTER**

27040 Malibu Hills Road  
Calabasas, CA 91301  
(818) 880-2993

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