



AGOURA HILLS *Leaflet*

Agoura Hills... Gateway To The Santa Monica Mountains

The Governor of California signed Assembly Bill X1 26 and 27 in June 2011, which was challenged legally. AB X1 26 was upheld in the California Supreme Court, which required the dissolution of all Redevelopment Agencies as of February 1, 2012.

A Successor Agency was to be selected (in our case the City of Agoura Hills) acting as a separate legal entity that is required to liquidate all of the now closed Redevelopment Agency's assets and turn the funds over to the State of California for distribution to the various tax collecting agencies. Unfortunately, the bill contains a lot of language that is not clear and has left cities throughout the state working to decipher its meaning in an attempt to follow the implied directives. Affordable housing obligations were separated out from general redevelopment activities and could be retained by a local government housing agency or transferred to a regional housing authority. Due to the fact that a local housing authority does not exist, the

The End of Redevelopment in California and What It Means to Agoura Hills

affordable housing duties and responsibilities that existed under Redevelopment previously were transferred to the Housing Authority for the County of Los Angeles.

As it stands now, the City will lose approximately \$1 million a year in revenues that were previously received via the Redevelopment Agency. The loss of Redevelopment not only affects the budget of the City but removes

valuable economic development tools that could have been utilized to create local jobs, infrastructure improvements, remediation of environmentally polluted properties, ensure smart growth, assist with housing for our local workforce, and provide a local housing rehabilitation loan program. The loss of Redevelopment also affects other agencies, such as the Las Virgenes Unified School District as it reduces a funding source to their capital program and limits collaborative efforts that existed in the past with the Agoura Hills Redevelopment Agency.

Although the loss of Redevelopment will be staggering for many communities, the Agoura Hills City Council did anticipate the possibility of this loss and last year began a two-year cost savings strategy. The idea was that any cuts or reductions would be done over two years rather than one to insure that the cuts were not overly drastic and unnecessary due to the fact that there was not any way to tell how deep the effects of the loss of Redevelopment would be due to the vague language that existed at that time in several proposed legislative bills. 🌱

WHAT THIS ALL MEANS IS....

- The City will continue to look for cost saving measures and innovative ways to continue providing the level of services that currently exist.
- Funding for services will need to be reviewed and prioritized by the City Council as it prepares the budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13.
- Due to the fact that the City Council planned for this type of situation, major service cuts **ARE NOT** expected.
- The City will need to reinvent how Economic Development activities are provided.
- The City will await further legislative "clean up" bills to help clarify several issues.

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 during the regularly scheduled meeting.

- March 28, 2012
- April 11, 2012
- April 25, 2012
- May 9, 2012
- May 23, 2012



Conejo Valley Restaurant Week The second annual Conejo Valley Restaurant Week, scheduled April 15-19, 2012, brings back the exciting culinary celebration featuring prix-fixed three-course dinners prepared by top chefs throughout Agoura Hills, Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village and beyond. Participating restaurants are offering unbelievable, mouth-watering menus at unbeatable \$20 and \$30 per person prices (tax, beverages and gratuity are not included). *Please support our local businesses as they help contribute to the great community that we live in.* 🌿



You will not want to miss this opportunity to experience the best culinary talents the Conejo Valley has to offer! You may choose to visit a favorite restaurant, try a new dining locale, or experience a different restaurant every night (Sunday-Thursday) of Restaurant Week.



Visit the event website for reservation directions and book yours early as restaurants are sure to fill up!



The City of Agoura Hills is proud to support the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce and ConejoDeals.com in promoting the outstanding restaurants here in the Conejo Valley community, especially in Agoura Hills.

Parks are for Everyone!

As the weather begins to warm up, more and more of us are taking advantage of the beautiful parks in our community. The Department of Community Services would like to take a moment to remind park patrons of some of the basic Park Rules that exist in order to allow everyone to have a pleasurable experience while visiting the parks.

These Park Rules are posted at each of the six parks and can also be found on the City's website www.ci.agoura-hills.ca.us

The following is a list of the Park Rules that we ask community members to pay extra attention to. They are:

1 Dogs and cats must be on leashes at all times. Removal of animal feces is the responsibility of the animal's custodian or owner. There has been an increase in complaints to City Hall regarding dogs off leash at all of the parks. The LA County Animal Control frequents the parks looking for offenders who will be given a ticket, should they have a dog off leash. If you would like to report someone who is obviously breaking that rule, please contact LA Animal Control directly at 818.991.0071, or stop by the Agoura Animal Shelter, 29525 Agoura Road, Agoura Hills. For your convenience, Mutt Mitt Stations have been installed in every park and numerous other locations. The City Landscape Maintenance Crew does its best to keep them filled!

2 Firearms are not permitted in the parks. This includes BB Guns, Paintball Guns, and Air Soft Guns.

3 Please stay off bikes, scooters and skateboards in the parks.

Many of the parks have long, beautiful pathways that serve as great walking paths for people to exercise or just take a stroll. They have also become an area for skateboarders and bicyclists (young and old) to use, as well. Please use common courtesy when using the walkways and give the right of way to our walkers.

4 Inflatable devices (i.e. moon bounces, jolly jumps, etc.) and children's rides are prohibited in all of the parks.

While the City of Agoura Hills does not permit the use of inflatable rides in its parks, there are several surrounding parks in this region that do. If you would like more information on those areas, please feel free to call the Department of Community Services at 818.597.7361. 🌿

"Parks and recreation makes lives and communities better now and in the future by providing access to the serenity and inspiration of nature, outdoor space to play and exercise, facilities for self-directed and organized recreation, positive alternatives for youth which help lower crime and mischief, and activities that facilitate social connections, human development, the arts, and lifelong learning."

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Preparing for an emergency during one is the last thing you want to do. Being ready to address a fire, earthquake or other emergency scenario, while difficult, is easier to handle if you are prepared.

HERE ARE A FEW THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER TO PREPARE FOR A POTENTIAL DISASTER:

- Have an emergency plan for each situation
- Plan escape routes from your home and set up meeting places outside your home
- Show responsible family members how to turn off the main water, gas, and electrical switches
- Post emergency telephone numbers near telephones. Choose one out-of-state and one local contact for family members to call if separated during a disaster
- Assemble a disaster supplies kit
- Take a basic first aid and CPR class
- Make arrangements for your pets
- Consider taking a CERT training class
- Sign up for emergency notifications via the City's Connect-CTY system.

During a disaster, you may need to be self sufficient for five days or more. This means having your own water, food, and emergency supplies.

YOUR DISASTER SUPPLY KITS SHOULD INCLUDE AT LEAST SOME OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- ✓ A two-week supply of water (one gallon per person per day)/water purifying tablets.
- ✓ A two-week supply of nonperishable packaged or canned food.
- ✓ A non-electric can opener
- ✓ Non-breakable eating and drinking utensils
- ✓ One complete change of seasonal clothing and shoes for each person
- ✓ Towels, blankets, pillows, and sleeping bags
- ✓ A well stocked first aid kit with plenty of bandages and disinfectants
- ✓ A battery-powered radio and flashlight with plenty of extra batteries
- ✓ An ABC-type fire extinguisher
- ✓ Cash, credit cards, and valuable personal documents
- ✓ Special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members, and pets

For more information on emergency preparedness, contact City Hall at (818) 597-7314. 🌿



At Your Door Special Collection™

Mark your calendars for the first Agoura Hills Door-to-Door Household Hazardous Waste/E-Waste collection for 2012. The service is free to all Agoura Hills residents. To schedule an appointment simply contact "At Your Door Special Collections" (formally Curbside Inc) at (800) 449-7587 starting the first day of April, or simply log on to <http://www.curbsideinc.com>. Go to the "schedule appointment button". You can also make an appointment by email hotline@curbsideinc.com. The deadline date for scheduling an appointment is Friday, April 11, 2012.

- **ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** Most common household hazardous waste and electronic waste, Sharps, & non-controlled medicines.
- **NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** Ammunition, Explosives, Asbestos, Liquid Mercury, Pressured Cylinders, Materials in Unlabeled or Leaking Containers.
- **One bag per household.** All items must fit inside kit bag provided by Curbside Inc. and be sealed. Electronic items are left outside the kit bag.

With the ever increasing busy lives we all live and the increase in the number of electronics that we all have, it is easy to forget that there are some thieves out there that want your stuff but don't want to pay the high price for it like you did!

Over the past handfull of years, the victims have given criminals an easy target by leaving valuables in plain sight when they park their cars, even for a short amount of time.

Most of the vehicles that have been targeted were parked on the street or in driveways and had been left open or unlocked, making them easy targets for thefts. In many cases, valuable property- especially laptop computers, purses, tools, cell phones, wallets, and MP3 players- have been left in plain view inside the vehicles. Public safety officials

remind drivers to park their vehicles in the garage whenever possible, remove valuable property

Don't Make Your Valuables an Easy Target

from vehicles and lock all vehicle doors, even if you will only be leaving your vehicle unattended for a quick moment.

Thieves can easily target people who rush into stores, or those that are "running in" to drop their kids off at school, going to the gym or park at the entrance of hiking trails and leave their valuables in plain sight.

However, be cautious of just assuming you can put everything in the trunk of your car. Thieves may be watching people who get out of their vehicles and place their valuables in the trunk or under a seat, and so you are encouraged to be aware of their surroundings.

Residents must be vigilant about locking their cars and taking steps to prevent the theft of valuables, especially those in plain view, as these types of crimes are preventable. The responsibility is the criminal's, but the opportunity is provided by the citizen. 🌿

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This Year’s Fabulous
FREE Events are Inspired
 by the Unforgettable
 Book **“Born to Run!”**

Wednesday, March 28th - 6pm - Run & Grub -
 hosted by **Future Track (30125 Agoura Road)**

The run will consist of a 3.2 mile loop, (or 6.4 mile loop for longer distance runners) leaving from Future Track and ending at The Lab. The first 100 to register with Future Track will get a free beverage at The Lab after the run. Call Future Track at (818) 991-4786 to register. 15% discount on everything in the store to participants of the run. 21 and over.

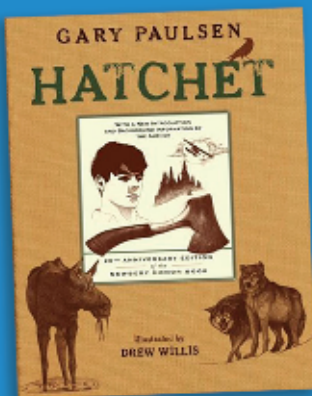
Thursday, March 29th - 6pm -

Appearance by Christopher McDougall

Join us at the Agoura Hills Community Room (30001 Ladyface Ct.) for a lecture, Q&A, and book signing about the book.

Saturday, March 31st - 2pm - Hike with the Mayor

Let's go out and explore the nature that surrounds us in Agoura Hills. This family-friendly hike will start at the base of the Cheseboro/Palo Comado Canyon Trail. (5792 Chesboro Rd.) Hike will be lead by the National Park Service. Wear hiking shoes and bring water.



And for the kids...

Tuesday, March 27th - 3:30

Agoura Hills Library, 29901 Ladyface Ct. Agoura Hills CA 91301

- Book “Hatchet” by Gary Paulsen
- Kids will be able to examine the difference between falcons, owls, and hawks up close
- Make your very own trail mix
- Special appearance by “Wings of Discovery Outreach Program”

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Who, What & Where...

City Hall	(818) 597-7300
City Hall Fax	597-7352
Mayor JOHN EDELSTON	597-7374
Mayor Pro Tem DENIS WEBER	597-7371
Councilmember ILLECE BUCKLEY WEBER	597-7372
Councilmember BILL KOEHLER	597-7373
Councilmember HARRY SCHWARZ	597-7375
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 Registration	597-7313
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	597-7313
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 7am- 5pm
Friday 7am- 4pm

RECREATION CENTER

30610 Thousand Oaks Blvd.
(818) 597-7361 Monday - Thursday 7am- 6pm
Friday 7am - 4pm

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 CLOSED
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

AGOURA HILLS /CALABASAS COMMUNITY CENTER

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

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