City Manager's Bi-Weekly COMMUNITY UPDATE

WEST VALLEY SPECIFIC PLAN NEW CONSTRUCTION

Construction is well underway on the first mixeduse project that was approved in the West Valley Specific Plan (WVSP) area. The Specific Plan was approved on May 9, 2018 and allows for mixedused projects with higher densities for residential units.

The mixed-use project at 19901 Valley Boulevard was approved on July 18th that same year.

Subsequent to the approval, more mixed-used projects have been proposed in the WVSP area, such as the Lofts at Lemon Creek and Valley Boulevard. City staff is currently processing a number of applications for new development along Valley Boulevard and the West Valley corridor will continue its transformation through quality development and strict design quidelines.



19901 Valley Boulevard Construction Progress



Project Rendering



TOBACCO ORDINANCE

On February 23, 2022 the City Council took the first step in adopting a Citywide Tobacco Ordinance to enhance civic pride through the advancement of public health policies.

The Ordinance puts in place retail licensing and permit guidelines to prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products. The ban on all sale(s) of any flavored tobacco product (e.g. menthol, cherry, bubble gum, strawberry), including flavored varieties for electronic cigarettes, discourages the sale/distribution of nicotine products to youth.

The Ordinance will be presented to the City Council on March 9, 2022 for adoption.

All retailers within the City's municipal boundary will be required to adhere to the licensing and permit guidelines beginning on July 1, 2022.

ORGANIC RECYCLING SERVICE ROLLOUT

Our waste hauler, Valley Vista Services (VVS), rolled out organic recycling services to residential and commercial customers this month as required by SB 1383.

Step one was delivering food pails to all residents on their trash day, which started last week and is expected to be completed by the end of this week. As a reminder,

- 1. The added service is required by the State of California.
- 2. VVS sent information on how to use the kitchen pail and what can go in the bin. An educational video is available here: https://vimeo.com/user7664334/review/595573149/2c51c3c8ab
- 3. Although the cost of additional mandatory organic service necessitated a modest rate increase, Walnut still has the lowest residential rates of surrounding cities.
- 4. The City is taking an educational over enforcement based approach with residents and businesses.



WALNUT YOUTH SOFTBALL OPENING DAY

Walnut Youth Softball will be celebrating their opening day and carnival on Saturday, February 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Suzanne Park.





Good luck to all of the athletes participating this season and may they all make good use of Walnut's beautiful ballfields!

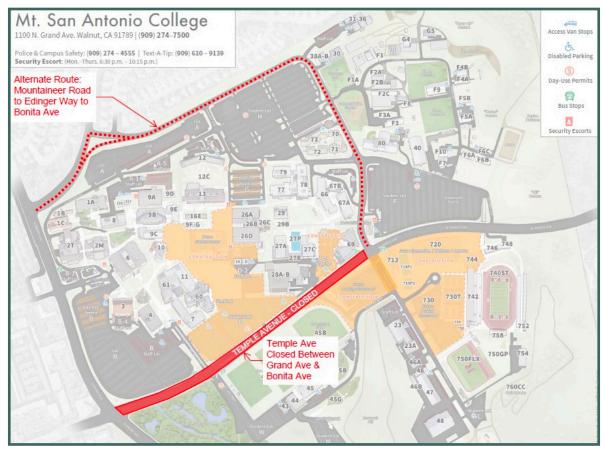
COVID-19 TESTING

Weekly COVID-19 PCR testing continues to be offered at the Walnut Senior Center. Testing is offered on Thursdays & Fridays, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. This service is free of charge.



TEMPLE AVENUE WEEKEND CLOSURE

Mt. San Antonio College continues work on their new pedestrian bridge, which traverses Temple Avenue. Construction crews will shut down vehicle and pedestrian traffic on Temple Avenue once again in order to safely install the steel canopy over the walkway of the pedestrian bridge. The closure will be on Friday (2/25) starting at 6 p.m. until Saturday (2/26) at 6 a.m. and then again on Saturday (2/26) 6 p.m. to Sunday (2/27) at 6 a.m



Detour Map Courtesy of Mt. SAC

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Senior Commission Meeting

Wednesday, March 2

Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, March 2

City Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 9

Agendas are posted 72 hours before the meeting on the web at cityofwalnut.org

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