



February 1, 2023

CITY MANAGER BRIEFINGS

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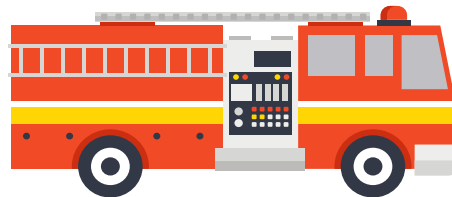
As of last quarter, the City has issued approximately 1,200 building permits, which is a 21.5% increase in the number of building permits issued around the same time, last year. The City anticipates that building permit numbers will continue to rise as newly approved residential and commercial projects are finalized.

Building permits include residential additions, Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), Solar System projects, commercial tenant improvements, and new construction. Building activity continues to be robust and Walnut will continue to implement new and innovative efforts to process permits as efficiently as possible.



2023 PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

A joint public meeting with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles County Fire Department will be held to review statistics from each organization in an open forum, and recognize their efforts in diligently serving the Walnut Community. The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2nd, 2023 from 7:30 am to 9:00 am at the Senior Center. Members of the public are welcome, and encouraged to attend. Reminders will be generated as the event gets closer.



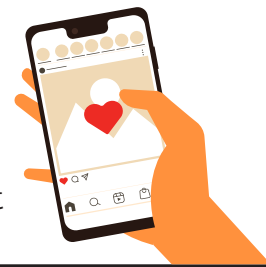
ENHANCED SHERIFF PATROLS CONTINUE

Over the past several weeks, City and Sheriff Staff have conducted evening meetings with residents from several neighborhoods (Belgate, Snow Creek, Creekside, etc.) to receive their input on public safety issues. Staff, in conjunction with our LA County Sheriff partners, have worked to enhance patrols throughout the City by adding an additional Deputy for targeted burglary suppression citywide. We have received feedback that this has increased Sheriff visibility throughout the City, especially in targeted areas. Also, an additional traffic patrol unit has been deployed twice a week for citywide traffic enforcement, as requested by many of our residents.



BUSINESS PROMOTION FORM

The Administrative Services Department / Economic Development Division launched the Business Promotion Program at the beginning of the 2023 calendar year. The Promotion Program provides businesses in the City of Walnut an opportunity to apply for an individualized promo video created by City Staff, and publicized on all City Social Media Platforms, and the City Website.



If you know of a business interested in showcasing their services via the City's Social Media channels, (Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram) please send an email to City Staff at EconomicDevelopment@cityofwalnut.org to obtain the interest form.

TASTE OF WALNUT

In December, 2022 the City Council authorized Staff to coordinate efforts with the Walnut Valley Educational Foundation (WVEF) in hosting the first Taste of Walnut special event. The Taste of Walnut will be held on March 25, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Suzanne Park—more specifically, the event will resemble a “street fair” and will be held on Suzanne Road between Fuerte Drive and Marcon Drive. Additional information on how to purchase tickets will be advertised within the upcoming weeks, so keep your eye out!

City Staff and the WVEF will soon be launching the vendor application for this event. If you, or someone you know owns an eatery in the City of Walnut, please contact Staff at EconomicDevelopment@cityofwalnut.org to reserve a vendor space.



SENIOR SAFETY SEMINAR

Earlier this month, the Senior Commission invited the Sherriff's Department to talk about Senior Safety and tips to avoid being scammed. Deputy CT McDonald and other Sheriff staff spent approximately an hour talking about phone scams, online fraud hacks, and how to be more vigilant when you are at home. Over 65 seniors from our community were in attendance and were able to get their questions answered while enjoying breakfast provided by the Walnut Senior Commission.



Deputy McDonald at the Senior Safety Seminar

WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT- SUCCULENT WORKSHOP

Last month, the Walnut Valley Water District presented a Succulent and Drought Tolerant Landscaping Workshop. 30 members of our senior community enjoyed arranging their own plant to take home, all while learning the benefits of drought tolerant landscaping.



Residents at the succulent workshop

SINGLE AUDIT

During this last week of January, the City Finance Department will be working with auditors as they conduct a Single Audit. Single Audits are required when state, county, local and other non-Federal entities expend \$750,000 or more in Federal financial assistance (i.e. ARPA funds). Walnut has been successful in exceeding the \$750,000 in Federal financial assistance, which has directly benefited the community. Staff anticipates the Single Audit report to be finalized by the end of February.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

City Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

Monday, February 13, 2023

Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Presidents' Day (Facilities Closed)

Monday, February 20, 2023

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

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