



February 27, 2023

CITY MANAGER BRIEFINGS

PUBLIC SAFETY – CRIME TRENDING DOWN

The Walnut City Council has made public safety enhancement a top priority. The commitment of resources and the focus towards keeping Walnut a safe community is showing positive results early on in 2023. So far this year, crime rates have decreased in the City of Walnut, compared to the same period in 2022. Overall, crime in Walnut is already down 20%. This is in large part to lower counts of Burglary and Larceny Theft, which are down approximately 29% and 19%, respectively. The recent addition of a directed burglary patrol unit, an extra traffic patrol unit, and an increase in resident/citizen involvement have all contributed to this positive trend. The Community, City Council, Sheriff Personnel, and City Staff will continue to work together to make sure crime numbers stay on a downward trend.



Creekside Park Restroom/Storage Building

CREEKSIDE PARK DIVERSITY PLAZA UPDATE

The restroom/storage building was delivered and installed in two main pieces on semi-trucks on Thursday, February 23. Although the site has been busy with grading and utility work, residents will be able to see significant visual progress on the project over the next several days. Work will now begin to install pumping equipment and re-grading of the site to prepare for the concrete pad for the picnic shelter. Staff will continue to provide updates as work continues on this great community project.

HEIDELBERG PARK NEW PLAYGROUND

The installation of the new playground at Heidelberg Park has been completed. A playground safety audit is scheduled and the goal is to have the playground/park re-open for the community's enjoyment by the end of next week.



New playground equipment at Heidelberg Park

ASHLEY PARK UPDATE

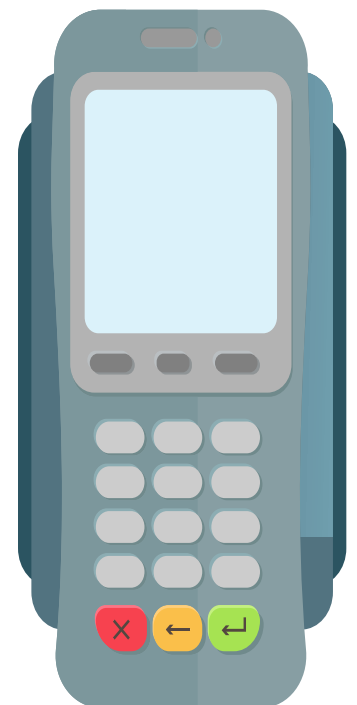
All concrete work has been completed on the basketball court and the park pathways. The playground equipment is being installed this week and the contractor is preparing the site for park finishings including a new barbeque, picnic benches under the gazebo, and new benches throughout the park. The concrete on the basketball court is currently in the 28 day curing period prior to painting surfacing colors and all markings. Staff is working with the installing contractor to obtain a final completion date, which will be soon!



Construction progress at Ashley Park

MODERNIZING PAYMENT PROCESSES AT CITY HALL

The City of Walnut currently accepts credit card payments for class registration and business licenses only. City Manager Tom Weiner has asked the Finance Department to begin exploring the option of accepting credit cards for all transactions, including building permits, plan check fees, senior excursions, teen center, etc. The ability to accept credit card payments will offer added convenience to our constituents, as well as provide the opportunity to pay for certain fees and services entirely online and via a smart phone.



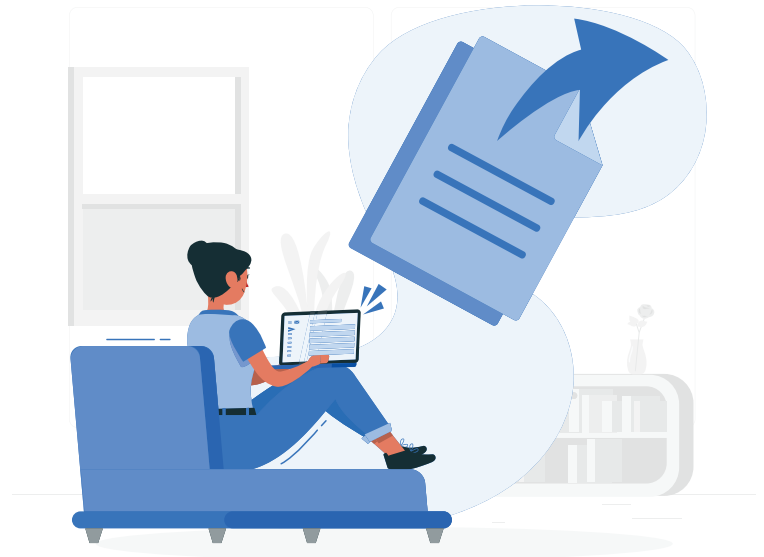
2023 PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING - THIS THURSDAY

Another reminder that 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 this Thursday, March 2nd, 2023 from 7:30 am to 9:00 am at the Walnut Senior Center. Members of the public are welcome, and encouraged to attend.



DIGITAL SUBMITTALS FOR PLANNING/BUILDING PROJECTS NOW LIVE

The Planning Division is now accepting digital submissions for all land development applications (e.g. room additions/remodels, accessory dwelling units, subdivisions, commercial signs, etc.). This process is intended to streamline the review process and facilitate alternative ways in which applications may be submitted for review. Applicants are encouraged to submit digitally and may do so by uploading PDF files of the project to the dedicated Dropbox link located on the Community Development page of the city website. Project applicants are encouraged to contact the Planning Division at 909-595-7543 to receive a list of submittal requirements and application fees for their project.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Senior Commission Meeting

Wednesday, March 1., 2023

Joint Public Safety Meeting

Thursday, March 2, 2023

City Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

Monday, March 13, 2023

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

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