



June 19, 2023

CITY MANAGER BRIEFINGS

PUBLIC SAFETY

Utilizing additional City Council authorized funding, from the City, Walnut Sheriff Deputies continue enhanced burglary suppression and traffic enforcement operations. During the month of May, 162 traffic citations were issued, including many for unsafe speed. Directed patrols for "hot spots" and burglary suppression is having a positive impact as Walnut has seen a double-digit (13%) drop in Part 1 crimes over the past 12 months, which is unprecedented. Increased sheriff visibility, community vigilance, and City Council/City staff support is working.



Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station

HABIT BURGER COMING TO WALNUT

The Habit is coming to Walnut! Staff was notified that The Habit will be replacing Jack in The Box located at 1245 N. Grand Avenue (across from MTSAC) in the coming months. Improvement plans have been submitted to the City to remodel the existing building and drive-thru to facilitate The Habit's new location. Currently, a timeline is not available as to when work will be expected to begin; however, The Habit representatives desire to move quickly once improvement plans have been approved by all Agencies (e.g. Fire, Public Health, etc.). Staff will provide updates once additional information and timelines are available.



4TH OF JULY

We are looking forward to another fun and festive 4th of July event! This year the fun has been extended by an hour and the celebration begins at 5pm at Suzanne Park. There will be live music, games, pooch parade, food trucks, and most importantly... FIREWORKS! We look forward to seeing you all there.



MUSIC & MOVIES IN THE PARK (NOTE NEW LOCATION)

We are excited to bring back our summer concert series! This year the Music and Movies in the Park will be hosted at **Suzanne Park** and kickoff on Tuesday, July 11! There will be food trucks, dancing, and fun for the whole family to enjoy!



ZONE 9 (THREE OAKS) ENTRY OAK TREE UPDATE

The City has purchased a replacement entryway tree for the Three Oaks Community and the 30ft tall Coastal Live Oak will be planted at the north-west corner of Lemon and Amar in the coming weeks. Site preparation will begin next week, and a crane delivery of the tree will be coordinated shortly after. The entire process will be supervised by Walnut's Certified Arborist and a Tree Transplant Specialist. Traffic control will be on site to limit the impact to residents entering and exiting the community during the planting process.



WALNUT RANCH PARK TENNIS COURT RENOVATION & PICKLEBALL CONVERSION UPDATE

The Tennis and Pickleball Courts at Walnut Ranch Park were closed earlier this week to begin the final phase of the renovation project. Contractors will be painting the fencing, installing new LED lighting, resurfacing the tennis courts, and relocating the pickleball courts to their permanent location on Court A. A reopening date is scheduled for early July and details will be posted on the City's website and social media accounts.



Court A at Walnut Ranch Park Under Construction

WEST VALLEY RESIDENTIAL LOFTS PROJECT UPDATE

A new mixed-use project is preparing to break ground this Summer at 20225 Valley Boulevard. The revisioning of the 1.3-Acre automotive service/repair site will incorporate thirty-three (33) residential units comprised of lofts and townhomes, and will include a small retail/commercial space. The project is located at the easterly gateway into the West Valley Specific Plan (WVSP) District. The WVSP is a long-range development plan to transform Valley Boulevard between the Project site and westerly City limit with a mix of residential housing opportunities and smaller neighborhood serving retail/commercial uses, such as coffee shops and eateries. For more information on the Project please contact the Planning Division at (909) 595-7543.



Project artist rendering

LEMON CREEK AUTOMOTIVE CENTER FOR SALE

The Lemon Creek Automotive Center (across from Del Taco on Valley Boulevard) was recently listed for sale and is located within the City's recently rezoned (from light manufacturing-M1 to Medium-High Residential-R4) as part of the State Mandated Housing Element Update. The 1.5-Acre site is currently developed with automotive service/repair uses and a car wash. The R-4 Medium-High Residential Zoning allows for the site to be redeveloped with residential uses with a density range between 32 to 36 dwelling units/acre. Multiple inquiries regarding the site and the development potential have been received; however, no development proposal has been submitted. Staff will continue to monitor the property and will provide updates as information is available related to the sale and development proposals of the site.



Location of Lemon Creek Automotive Center

MAGNOLIA AGE/INCOME RESTRICTED SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTY SALE UPDATE

Staff is pleased to announce that the sale of the Magnolia Property will be closing escrow this month. Following dozens of inquiries and receipt of thirty (30) applications, staff has identified an eligible buyer that meets the narrowly specified requirements of being age and income restricted to purchase the home at an affordable price (\$404,036). Following the sale of the property the owner will be required to occupy the Property as their principle residence to ensure the affordability and sale restrictions are preserved.



Magnolia Property

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, June 20

Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, June 21

City Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 28

Fourth of July - All Facilities Closed

Tuesday, July 4

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

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