



December 18, 2023

# CITY MANAGER BRIEFINGS

## PUBLIC SAFETY



**Traffic Citations:** Since October 1, there have been 187 tickets issued Citywide. The most common violation cited was "fail to stop" and "speeding."

**Crime Statistics year-to-date (YTD):** Burglaries are currently down 6.29% and Auto Theft is down 5%. Larceny is up approximately 5%. City Staff and our Sheriff team are continually working to bring these numbers down through targeted patrols, safe neighborhood teams, the ongoing Burglary Suppression units that patrol neighborhoods throughout the City. Staff has received positive feedback from the Community regarding the increased Deputy presence as a result of the aforementioned Burglary Suppression patrols.

**Sheriff Motorcycle Units:** Beginning on Wednesday, December 13, sheriff motorcycle units will be patrolling areas of the City focusing on traffic enforcement. Although all areas of the City will be included, an added emphasis on traffic enforcement along the Amar Road corridor will be evident. Motor officers will be patrolling Amar Road and other areas of the City indefinitely.

## ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

We have finalized the annual financial audit and I am pleased to state that the City continues to be in a strong financial position with Walnut's General Fund boasting a fund balance of \$32.0 million and all funds with a fund balance of \$44.8 million. We closed the year with a General Fund surplus of \$1.7 million and an all funds surplus of \$5.3 million.

Our Fiscal Policy requires General Fund reserves of 50% of the General Fund budget expenditures. As of June 30, 2023, our reserves were approximately 195% of expenditures which far exceeds our 50% requirement. I'd like to thank the City Council for their support and sound decision making that has allowed the City to continue to be financially sound.

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for June 30, 2023 is available on the City's website at <https://www.cityofwalnut.org/my-government/financial-reports>.

CITY OF WALNUT

## ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT



FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023  
WALNUT, CALIFORNIA



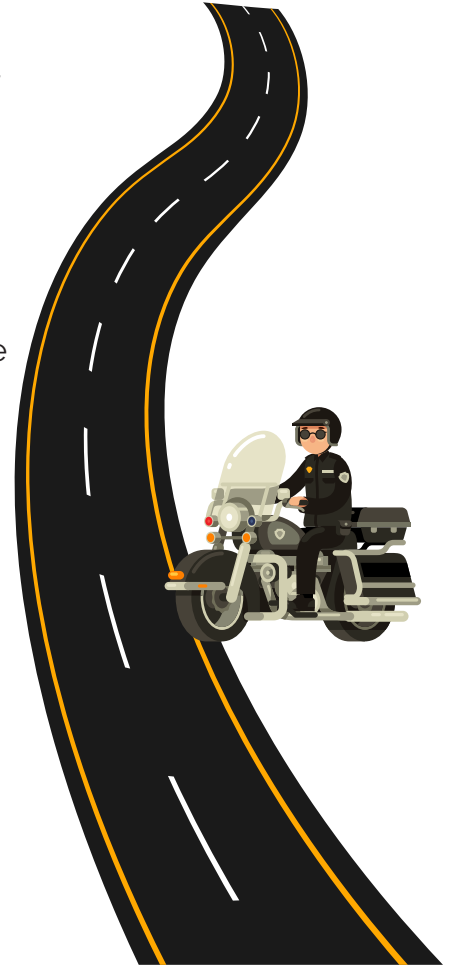
# AMAR ROAD

Earlier this week, Sheriff personnel, the City Engineer, Community Services Director and myself met to discuss increasing vehicular safety along Amar Road. We discussed immediate actions for Amar Road, which include the following:

**Traffic Calming/Signage:** Two radar speed signs will be installed on Amar Road (one eastbound and one westbound). These speed feedback signs, illuminated with red and blue colors, will provide drivers with feedback on their speed in relationship to the posted speed limit. The radar speed signs will be solar powered - Community Services is working with RKA (City Engineer) to determine proper locations for both visibility to drivers and adequate sunlight to maintain the speed signs continuously powered (Amar Road has a lot of trees as the community is aware). A rough estimate on cost is \$10,000-\$12,000, however the exact cost will be known once all equipment is ordered. I have asked Community Services and RKA to expedite the purchase and installation, which should be completed in less than 30 days.

**Increased Police Presence and Enforcement:** As mentioned above in the public safety section, a Sheriff motor officer, who will be mainly focused on traffic enforcement on Amar Road, will begin patrolling the corridor on Wednesday 12/13. The motor unit will be patrolling on varying days throughout the week. We are using existing burglary suppression patrol funds to cover the cost of this part time motor officer. Staff will monitor this budget and will present an appropriation report to the City Council if needed. For the time being, there is money in this budget to facilitate adding the motor officer without impacting our successful burglary suppression patrol program.

**Social Media:** Staff will be leveraging our digital communication channels to promote responsible driving habits and advisory messages regarding Amar Road and other areas of the city related to traffic safety.



# CREEKSIDE PARK/DIVERSITY PLAZA



*Grass growing back at Creekside Park*

Hydro-seeding for the Diversity Plaza Creekside Park project was successfully completed two weeks ago, resulting in promising germination observed this week - the beautiful green grass at Creekside Park is returning. Large electrical equipment needed to provide proper power was ordered 14 months ago and is still pending due to supply chain delays. As soon as this equipment arrives, required final inspections from LA County can be completed and Edison can also finalize their requirements. Finishing work is progressing inside the mechanical room and around the project site. With the recent removal of the panels along the fencing, residents have an ability to get a sneak peek at the plaza and all the improvements.

# PARK LIGHTING/LED RETROFIT UPDATE

The installation of LED sports field lighting began this week at Suzanne Park with Creekside Park and Snow Creek Park scheduled to be completed by early January. The LED retrofit for Walnut Ranch Park was fully completed last month and is in the final stages of programming and troubleshooting. Annual tax payer electrical savings with this retrofit are estimated at \$56,598 per year and will provide Walnut with reduced ongoing maintenance costs and improved lighting levels at Walnut Ranch, Suzanne, Creekside, and Snow Creek Park.

## THE HABIT BURGER GRILL

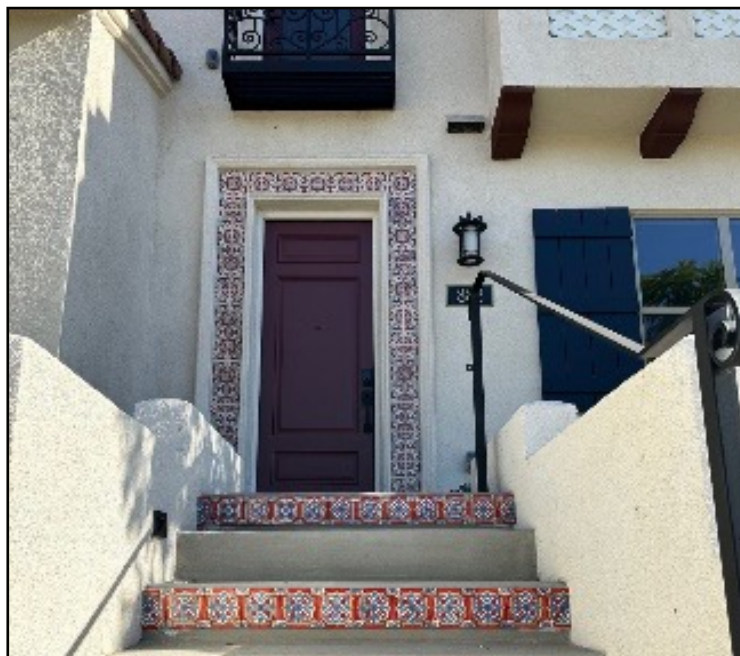
The Habit Burger Grill is set to open January 1st in the MT. SAC Center (former Jack in the Box location). Community Development worked closely with The Habit to ensure this location included an enhanced architectural design and one-off aesthetics to meet community expectations for high quality development and uses within the City. The final design includes unique features, such as a mural on the building façade facing Grand Avenue with images taken from City scenery and inset into the letters/ backdrop of the mural. The building also includes enhanced lighting, building signs with Halo illumination, an outdoor patio with string lights and heaters for an enhanced ambience, and complimentary landscaping.



*The Habit Burger Grill opening soon in Walnut*

## NEW TOWNHOMES (FRANCESCA)

The second Los Colinas phase was recently completed and builds upon the enhanced architectural and site design aesthetic introduced by the first phase. The Spanish influenced home designs incorporate enhanced features such as Talavera tile lined entry doors and stoops, decorative wrought-iron railing, enhanced trim and eave details along the roofline, and complimentary landscaping. The project entry was also enhanced with decorative pavers to accentuate the entry into the site for the new residents and their guests. Phase 3 of this high-quality development is currently under construction with an estimated time for completion of the final 13 homes to be in the early Summer of 2024. Planning /Community Development has been outstanding working with developers to ensure that site design and architecture of new development projects are of an enhanced nature commensurate with the high standards of development for the City of Walnut.



*Enhanced entry design at Los Colinas*

# THE TERRACES AT WALNUT (49 ACRES SITE)

The Terraces at Walnut (49 Acres Site) on Valley Boulevard has seen some recent major updates. The construction of model homes has begun - currently in the framing phase. Many of the home foundations are also being worked on with an estimated timeline to open models being late Spring 2024. This Project will bring a variety of home options (290 total homes), including townhomes, small-lot detached homes, and large-lot configurations. The 20,000 square-feet of commercial food/retail space is also being constructed concurrently with the homes. Community Development is working closely with the developer to ensure the commercial space is filled with a diverse mix of food/retail uses that will be complimentary to the Community.



Construction of model homes at the Terraces at Walnut

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### [Planning Commission Meeting](#)

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

### [Youth Commission Meeting](#)

Monday, January 8, 2024

### [City Facilities Holiday Closure](#)

Monday, December 25, 2023 -  
Monday, January 1, 2024

### [City Council Meeting](#)

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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on the web at [cityofwalnut.org](http://cityofwalnut.org)*

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