



January 31, 2024

CITY MANAGER BRIEFINGS

PROPOSED WALNUT TRAIL FENCING (POST/RAIL) REPLACEMENT PLAN



Walnut Trail Fencing Sample

The City of Walnut is seeking public input on the potential replacement of the post and rail throughout the City to a vinyl product. A sampling of the two colors (white and almond) is installed on La Puente Road at Old Post. Additional information is available on the City's website ([here](#)), including a survey where residents can submit their feedback to the proposed improvements. As the Council is aware, the existing wooden post and rail has become obsolete due to several factors, including safety (vehicles), chemicals that are no longer available to treat the wood, and rising costs of maintenance. Staff will be providing more information via social media to make sure the public is informed as to why options for the City's trail fencing is being explored. Survey link: <https://forms.office.com/r/Yh6wtaTgTH>

CRIME STATISTICS YEAR-TO-DATE

In a very positive development, burglaries are currently down 22.22% and auto theft is down 16.67% year-over-year. However, larceny numbers are up due in large part to the continuing number of thefts of existing copper backflow valves (i.e. landscape irrigation system components) that are located throughout the community. In an effort to bring these crimes down, the City is taking the following actions:

Plastic Backflow Valves - when a theft occurs, the replacement valve is made of plastic, thus eliminating the potential theft of copper.

Burglary Suppression Patrols (BSP) - As part of the City's on-going BSP program, which has been effective in reducing burglaries throughout the City, Walnut Deputies will increase their presence near City Parks, landscape areas, and commercial/industrial areas where the copper/backflow crimes occur.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Our Public Information Office has been partnering with local public agencies to further expand our social media presence and educate our residents on various topics. Current collaborations planned for this year include Public Safety Tips with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, a mini sandbag series with the Los Angeles County

Fire Department, and a "Did You Know" series with the Walnut Valley Water District. We encourage our residents to follow our social media pages to stay up-to-date on the latest news and video tips from the City.



MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is scheduled on May 2nd, 2024 (National Day of Prayer), from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM at the Walnut Senior Center. Staff is in the beginning phases of planning the Event, so be sure to keep an eye out (likely in February) for the event flyer and additional information on how to RSVP.



Attendees at the 2023 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

AMAR ROAD SPEED/RADAR SIGNS

The City of Walnut has placed an order for two radar speed feedback signs to be installed on Amar Road. These new signs will also contain flashing red and blue lights to further alert speeding motorists of their speed. We are working with the vendor to have them shipped and installed as expediently as possible.



CITY OF WALNUT'S 65TH BIRTHDAY BASH



Kudos to City staff for their hard work as well as the community for their support of the 65th Birthday Bash held this past weekend at Suzanne Park. It was a first-class event for our first-class City!

THE TERRACES (49 ACRES) RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL PROJECT

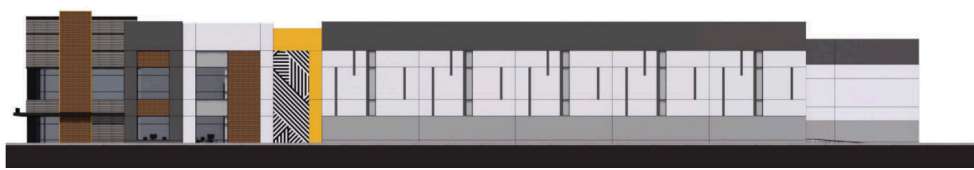
The Terraces (49 Acres) Residential/Commercial Project is ahead of schedule and is estimated to have model homes open in early March. There has been an immense amount of interest in this Project, which will offer 290 new homes and over 15,000 square-feet of commercial restaurant/retail space. The Developer has indicated that sales for the first few phases of the single-family detached homes is strong. The City's Economic Development Team is working close with the developer to recruit a diverse set of eateries and other commercial establishments that will be complimentary to the Community and offer new places for Walnut residents to eat and shop. More information on the new business that will be coming to the Community will be shared in the coming months.



Artist renderings of model homes

PROPOSED WAREHOUSE PROJECT VALLEY/LEMON

Community Development staff is currently working with the Developer of the Walnut Business Park Warehouse (IDS) Project on processing their proposal to redevelop the existing 25-Acre site with warehouse distribution and office space. The site is located at the northeast corner of Lemon Avenue and Valley Boulevard, and extends eastward towards Paseo de Tesoro and bound by Paseo de Prado to the north. The Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) is currently being prepared for compliance with State environmental laws (CEQA). A copy of the draft SEIR is expected to be available for Public review and comment this Spring. As the Council is aware, this project is in the late application phase and still requires approval from the City Planning Commission and City Council. Information related to this project is available for review on the City's website: <https://www.cityofwalnut.org/for-residents/departments/community-development/planning-division/subdivision-projects>. The Public is encouraged to review the proposed project and related information and submit inquires/comments to the Planning Division by calling 909-595-7543, in-person by visiting Walnut City Hall during business hours (M-Th, 7AM – 6PM), or via email at cvasquez@cityofwalnut.org.



North Elevation

SNOW CREEK COMMERCIAL CENTER

City staff continues to work closely with the property owner of Snow Creek Village West to find a tenant for the former Rubio's location. The public is encouraged to contact City Staff to inform of businesses that they would like to see come to the City so that Staff may narrow the search to businesses that are desired by the Community. The public may contact Planning/Economic Development by calling City Hall at 909-595-7543 to submit thoughts on the type of businesses that should come to Walnut.



Previous Rubio's location

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Senior Commission Meeting

Wednesday, February 7

Youth Commission Meeting

Monday, February 12

City Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 14

Lunar New Year

Saturday, February 17

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

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