



July 26, 2023

CITY MANAGER BRIEFINGS

PUBLIC SAFETY

Due to the continued hard work of the Sheriff's Department, the vigilance of Walnut residents, and the commitment of resources by the City Council, Walnut continues to experience an overall decline in crime year-over-year. The following is a preliminary year-to-date "snapshot" of crime statistics for Walnut:

- Total (all) Crimes down 8.56%.
- Burglaries (commercial, residential, vehicle) down 5.06%.
- Larcenies (theft) down 12.59%.
- Auto theft down 17.39%.

Staff and the Sheriff's Department continue working together to ensure that the overall trend for crime in Walnut remains on a downward trajectory.



CM MEETS WITH MEMBERS OF UWT & CAAW



Last Thursday, I had the pleasure of meeting with residents representing United Walnut Taxpayers and the Chinese American Association of Walnut. The items discussed in our very cordial and productive meeting was the continuing City relationship with Mt. SAC, public safety, the City's emergency management notification system, policies related to prior and future Mayor's Prayer Breakfast events, City website modifications, and a future Saturday community meeting. It certainly gives City staff and me a great deal of encouragement when members of the community take time out of their busy schedules to meet with us and provide ideas in a spirit of camaraderie, respect, and the shared goal of keeping Walnut the outstanding city that it is.

THE HABIT BURGER UPDATE

Jack in the Box on Grand Avenue, across the street from Mt. Sac, officially closed last week to make way for The Habit Burger Grill. City Planning staff has done a very good job to make sure that appropriate enhancements are incorporated to the revamped building. This new Habit Burger location will have an enhanced design and façade elements, including new signage, lighting and an outdoor patio/seating area. Staff anticipates the improvements to be completed by Fall of this year.



LEMON & VALLEY WAREHOUSE/FULFILLMENT CENTER PROJECT UPDATE

The Warehouse project located at the northeasterly area of Lemon Avenue and Valley Boulevard will begin the environmental process in the next few weeks. The CEQA consultant, working closely with Staff and the applicant, is finalizing the 30 – day Notice of Preparation, which will be made available to the Public, during which a Scoping Meeting (also available to the Public) will be held. The time, date and other details of the Scoping Meeting will be included in the Notice of Preparation circulated to the Public. The Warehouse/fulfillment center project proposes four (4) new concrete tilt-up buildings totaling 414,326 square feet in size.



CREEKSIDE PARK UPDATE

The Diversity Plaza job site has been very active as the concrete work on the splash pad is currently underway with etching scheduled for late this week. The installing contractor has also begun to assess the landscaping and expects improvements to begin on the turf in the next three weeks, starting with irrigation improvements. Staff continues to work with the contractors to compress the timelines as much as possible and look forward to bringing this amazing amenity to the community this Fall. New project signs were installed this week to help residents visualize the improvements and offer contact information should they need additional information or have any concerns.



BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM: SUCCESS!



The City of Walnut's Business Grant Program concluded on June 30, 2023. The City awarded grants to sixty (60) small businesses - a total of over \$277,000 of Federal funds, received through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The program was initiated about a year ago to assist small businesses in the City of Walnut recover from the effects of running a business during and post – pandemic. The paperwork and oversight that was required by City staff to process these applications and associated paperwork was intense and required a lot of time. There are many strings attached and additional audit requirements when Federal dollars are involved. Needless to say, helping our small businesses was 100% worth the effort.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Music & Movies in the Park/National Night Out

Tuesday, August 1

Senior Commission Meeting

Wednesday, August 2

Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, August 16

City Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 9

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, August 15

City Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 23

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