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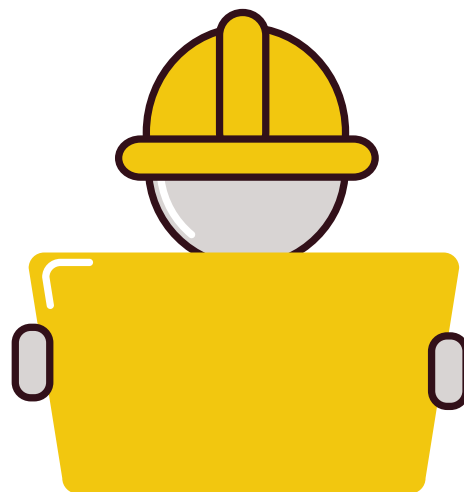
PUBLIC SAFETY

Fighting crime in Walnut is a community effort - a partnership with our citizens that begins with the Walnut Sheriff Department and the City Council's commitment to reducing crime in Walnut. In 2023, the City Council acted and funded additional Citywide Burglary Suppression patrols. These Patrols focus on increasing Deputy presence throughout Walnut's residential and commercial areas as well as reducing crime through proactive enforcement, intelligence gathering, and investigation. It is encouraging to report that burglaries for both private residences and commercial businesses are down 15.6% year-to-date and we look forward to seeing a continuing downward trend in the last quarter of 2023. A big thank you to our Deputies and our vigilant residential and business community!



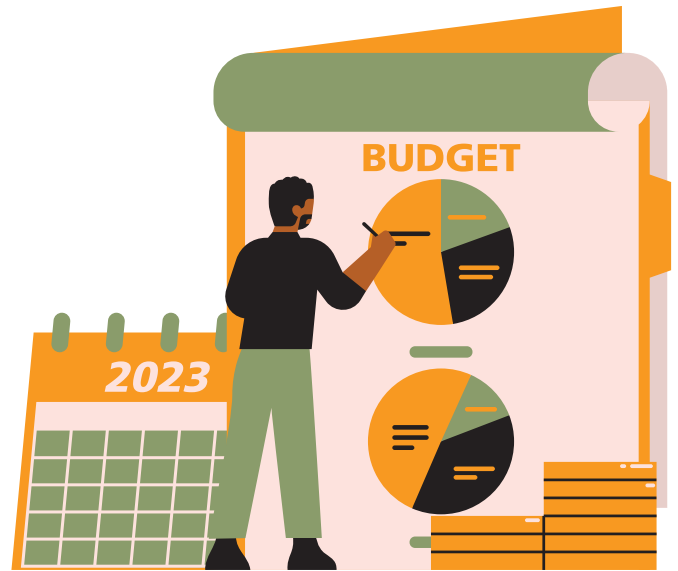
CITY DEVELOPMENT/CONSTRUCTION

At the end of the 2022 – 2023 Fiscal Year (FY), the City issued nearly 1,000 building permits, equaling approximately \$833,274 in General Fund revenues. This is a 23% increase in the issuance of permits in comparison to last FY 2021 – 2022. The City also took in 55% more plan checks this FY than last, totaling \$526,194 in revenues to the General Fund. Building/construction activity in the City continues to be robust and is an important component to overall City revenues.



WALNUT'S CONTINUED FISCAL STRENGTH

The City of Walnut continues to be in a strong financial position as we enter the phase of closing out Fiscal Year 2022-23. This is primarily attributed to revenues coming in higher than projected. Property taxes and sales/use taxes are projected to be slightly higher than conservative budget estimates. Development Agreements (implemented several years ago by the Community Development Department), inspection fees, and interest earnings are estimated to exceed budget revenue estimates. As a result of continued spending efficiencies, expenditures are projected to come in under budget estimates as well. With increased revenues, coupled with lower anticipated expenditures, we are anticipating to end Fiscal Year 2022-23 by exceeding the budget General Fund surplus of \$1.9 million. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the period ending June 30, 2023 will be posted on the City's website when available in December/January.



VALLEY/LEMON PROPOSED WAREHOUSE PROJECT

On August 29, 2023 the City held a Scoping Meeting for the IDS Warehouse Project to solicit public input and to refine and/or expand the scope of environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Notice of Preparation (NOP) comment period continued throughout September 18, 2023, at which point the City's third-party environmental consultant will compile all the comments received and formulate responses over the coming months. Subsequent opportunities will be presented to the public to participate in the CEQA review as the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) is finalized and distributed for public and agency review. The Project is expected to be presented to the Planning Commission and subsequently to the City Council for consideration during late Spring/Summer 2024.



NEW EATERY OPENING

Walnut is happy to announce the opening of Qyuan Cha Tea Shop in the Walnut Village Center located on Pierre Road at Valley Boulevard (former Liqueurette site). I recently visited the business that offers different types of tea-based refreshments and pastries. The interior space has been nicely remodeled and they offer free Wi-Fi to their customers. With the addition of Qyuan Cha Tea Shop, the recently remodeled Center is now 100% leased. Through the construction of the Cornerstone Residential Development by Shea Homes (adjacent to the center) the City collected \$250,000 from the Developer and reinvested back into the community via a partnership with the Walnut Village property owner to enhance the Center with new exterior façade improvements, parking lot upgrades, landscaping enhancements, and new halo illuminated business signs.



WALNUT HOUSING ELEMENT

On September 18, 2023, the City of Walnut received confirmation from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) that the 2021 – 2029 Housing Element has been deemed in compliance with State Laws and essentially certified. Several Federal, State, and Regional funding programs consider Housing Element compliance as a key criteria for eligibility or ranking. The City is dedicated to ensure that we continue efforts to comply with local, State, and Federal guidelines to prepare for future growth. Great job by Community Development Staff seeing this Project through to compliance and certification.



LA PUENTE ROAD RETAINING WALL/TRAIL WORK

Construction is currently underway on a retaining wall along the trail of La Puente Road from Citadel to Old Post. In an effort to minimize the impact on commuters along La Puente Road, City Staff is coordinating with the contractor for the off-site removal of debris. Unfortunately, short term lane closures will be required to allow construction vehicle access to the work site. Notifications will be placed on the City's social media account and the trail will be re-opened following the completion of the wall.



NEW CITY/COMMUNITY STAGE HAS ARRIVED

On Tuesday, September 19, 2023, Community Services received delivery of our long-awaited mobile stage. The Department also completed a mandatory training to learn how to safely operate and setup the stage. We look forward to showcasing it at our “Halloween Trunk or Treat” event on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm at Suzanne Park. Spots are still available should Council want to participate.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Senior Commission Meeting

Wednesday, October 4

Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

Monday, October 9

City Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 11

Parks & Recreation Meeting

Tuesday, October 17

City Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 25

Mostly Ghostly

Saturday, October 28

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