



October 24, 2024

CITY MANAGER BRIEFINGS

LOCAL BUSINESS EXPO A SUCCESS



Participants at the local business expo

On October 3, the City held a Local Business Expo at the Senior Center, where small-business owners and entrepreneurs attended and received information on available local resources. There were over 15 agencies who attended, including the US Small Business Administration, the Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity and the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Another event in support of small businesses is anticipated in the near future. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the Planning Division for more information on future events.

STREAMLINED ADU SUBMITTALS



Beginning January 2025, the City of Walnut will begin to offer pre-approved Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) plans and allow for over-the-counter submittals and approvals of certain Planning projects, in addition to ADUs. In keeping consistent with new State requirements and regulations, the City will continue to further streamline the ADU submittal process by allowing the use of pre-approved architectural and structural plans for ADUs. These plans, if submitted, can be reviewed at the counter by Planning Staff and, subsequently, can be approved for immediate permit issuance. Staff will notify the public through social media, including providing information on how to retrieve such plans, on the City's website. It's the City's goal to ensure that we continue to keep consistent with State mandates and implement Department efficiencies to best serve the Community.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Over the past six (6) months, the City has received over 400 new Code Enforcement cases and requests for inspection, resulting in over 1,094 inspections performed. On average, within the aforementioned six (6) month timeframe, Staff issued nearly 100 notices per month based on requests for service. Staff continues these efforts to ensure timely responses to Code Enforcement requests and follow up with new and existing violations to ensure properties are well maintained.



City Code Enforcement vehicle in the community

HEIDELBERG PARK IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE



Vinyl materials around Heidelberg Park



Wrought Iron fencing around Heidelberg Park

The Heidelberg Park Improvement Project is currently underway and progressing on schedule. Key elements of the project include the addition of an ADA-compliant ramp at the park's front entrance, ensuring improved accessibility for all visitors. Additionally, the fencing around the park is being upgraded, with sections replaced by durable wrought iron and vinyl materials to enhance both security and aesthetics. The project is anticipated to be completed by the end of November, at which point the park will reopen to the public. These improvements will make the park more welcoming and accessible to all community members, and we are excited about its completion.

COMPOST AND MULCH GIVEAWAY EVENT RECAP

On September 28, 2024, the City of Walnut hosted another successful Compost and Mulch Giveaway at Valley Vista Services. This year, a new drive-up system was implemented, streamlining the pick-up process and making it more convenient for residents. Over 400 cars participated, and despite the line stretching over a mile long, traffic moved smoothly, keeping wait times relatively short. In total, Walnut distributed 6.42 tons of compost and 4.60 tons of mulch, all prepackaged for easy handling. I am grateful for City staff that spent their Saturday at the event. It was fantastic to see the strong community turnout and look forward to another successful event in 2025. We hope to see all our residents there again!



Participants utilizing the drive-up system

MOSTLY GHOSTLY HALLOWEEN EVENT

Join us for a spooky fun time on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 5:30pm-8:30pm at Suzanne Park. City staff is stocked with over 12,000 pieces of candy to pass out to all the little ghouls and goblins in attendance! We will have food trucks, games, trunk or treat, costume contest and much more! We look forward to



A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

On Wednesday, November 6, 2024, from 5:30pm- 7:30pm at the Walnut Senior Center, we will be honoring our community heroes with a catered dinner. Registration is at no cost to our veterans and one guest. All additional guests will be \$20 per person. This event will have remarks from local dignitaries, a slide show of community members who have served our country, and a delicious dinner. To register for this event, please contact the Walnut Senior Center at (909) 598-5605.



SENIOR HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

On Tuesday, October 22, 2024, over 200 members of the community attended our Health & Wellness Fair at the Senior Center. LA County Department of Public Health administered over 110 flu and COVID-19 vaccines at no cost. There were four seminars during the event that covered: Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, LA Metro and Senior transportation, Zen Meditation, and Mental Health resources. Additionally, there were 22 vendor booths that ranged from Medicare solutions, hearing assistance, and aging home care resources. The Community Services Department looks forward to bringing this event back next year.



Vendors providing residents with resources

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

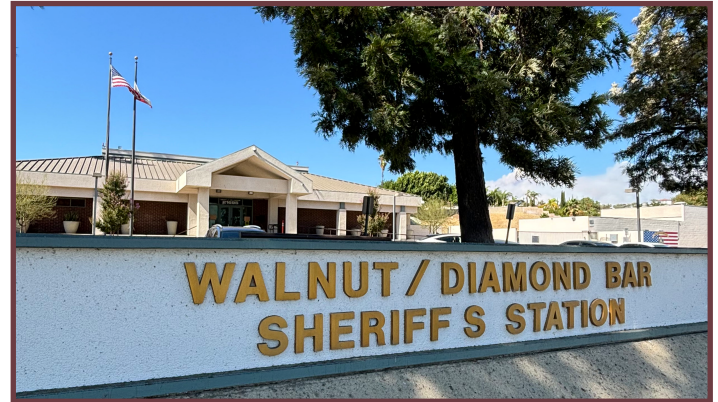
Due to numerous resident complaints of high rates of vehicular speed on segments of La Puente Road, Traffic Enforcement Deputies will be conducting targeted patrols within this corridor. Traffic enforcement patrols on Amar Rd will continue. Staff hopes the additional presence of motorcycle units on La Puente will reduce the number of vehicles speeding in the area



VACATION CHECKS

As the holidays approach, staff will be getting the word out to the community about our residential vacation check program. Sheriff volunteers will regularly visit registered homes to assure that the property is secure while residents are away.

The program is available through the Walnut Sheriff Station at (909) 595-2264.



Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station Signage

2024 GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The Los Angeles County Registrar's Office has begun sending voting ballots for the November 5th, 2024, election. Official "drop-off" mailboxes are available at Creekside Park and the Walnut Library for voters who choose to drop off their ballots directly to Los Angeles County. Early voting at polling locations around the City may be available, but all Vote Centers will be open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. on election day. For questions, please contact the City Clerk's office at (909) 348-0710.



Ballot Drop-box at Creekside Park

LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

The three (3) year labor agreement with the Walnut City Employee Association (WCEA) expires June 30, 2025. Management Staff is preparing for the upcoming negotiation period with WCEA. An anticipated proposed agreement will be presented to the City Council in the second quarter of 2025.





UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

[Mostly Ghostly](#)

Saturday, October 26

[Senior Commission Meeting](#)

Wednesday, November 6

[Veterans Appreciation Dinner](#)

Wednesday, November 6

[City Council Meeting](#)

Wednesday, November 13

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

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Business Hours:

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