



November 26, 2024

CITY MANAGER BRIEFINGS

VALLEY BOULEVARD (BLVD.) COMMERCIAL BURGLARIES



Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station

Over the past couple of months, the Valley Blvd. Corridor has been affected by a string of commercial burglaries. In an effort to eliminate these cases and reduce the pressure placed on our commercial/business partners, the Sheriff has deployed additional resources to the area. In addition to regular Walnut Deputy patrols, Burglary Suppression patrols will work the early mornings within the centers along Valley Blvd. Also, Los Angeles County has reassigned two Special Assignment Officers (SAO) to patrol the area along Valley Boulevard overnight. The City of Industry is also partnering with Walnut to have Industry Station SAOs patrol the Industry side of Valley Blvd.

VALLEY BOULEVARD RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) ENCAMPMENTS

The Sheriff's Department has concerns that possible burglary suspects in the recent string of commercial burglaries are transients that have set up encampments. These are located within the railroad ROW that runs along Valley Blvd., just south of the City of Walnut, within the City of Industry and unincorporated LA County. City Staff worked with the Walnut Station to coordinate a multi-law enforcement agency transient sweep and encampment removal. On November 21, 2024, Walnut Station Deputies, Industry Station Deputies, Los Angeles County Special Assignment Officers (SAO) and Union Pacific Railroad Police conducted a sweep that ran along Valley Blvd. from Brea Canyon south to Fairway Drive. Deputies and Railroad Police dismantled two (2) large encampments, detained one (1) person of interest in relation to recent burglaries and arrested one (1) individual for an outstanding "no-bail" felony warrant.

Furthermore, Union Pacific maintenance staff and associated contractors followed directly behind Law Enforcement and disposed of all encampment materials. Walnut Deputies also recently inspected all underground storm drains and culverts within the area for transients. The Valley Blvd. Railroad ROW, storm drains, and culverts located at the southern edge of the City are completely cleared of transient encampments and associated materials at this time.

Going forward, Staff is beginning the next phase in working with the County on addressing the extensive graffiti present on the side of the industrial buildings (located on the south side of the Railroad ROW) that is visible from Walnut.



Deputies at transient encampment



Encampments along the railroad

BUSINESS WATCH PROGRAM

The City is excited to announce our partnership with the Walnut Sheriff's Station in developing a Business Watch Program. The Business Watch Program mirrors that of a Neighborhood Watch Program, giving Walnut business owners access to information, tools, and a community that assists in preventing crime. We urge all Walnut business owners to participate by taking the online Business Security Assessment. A link to the Assessment form is available on our website at www.cityofwalnut.org/lacsd or you may click the link [here](#). We encourage local business owners to complete the Assessment, which provides valuable insights on essential security measures that can be incorporated. After completing the Assessment, business owners may request a follow-up meeting with Deputy McDonald to review their results and discuss tailored security recommendations.

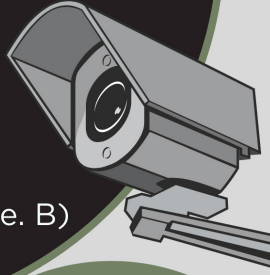
The first Business Watch Meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2024, at Puffect Bakery (385 S. Lemon Avenue, Suite B) from 2pm to 3pm. We urge our local businesses to attend and collaborate on ways to help keep the business community safe!



City of Walnut

Business Watch Meeting

 December 10th
 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
 Puffect Bakery
(385 S. Lemon Ave., Ste. B)



Business Watch Meeting Flyer

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

In recognition of the National Day of Prayer, the City of Walnut's Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Thursday, May 1st, 2025, at the Walnut Senior Center. Staff are working in conjunction with Mayor Linda Freedman on creating an event promoting inclusivity by requesting the attendance and participation of various religious organizations from the Walnut Community. We look forward to joining our community members for a morning filled with prayer and worship.



City Blessing Church Band Members Singing

PUBLIC SPACES RESIDENT ART EXHIBITION POLICY

From time-to-time, Staff receives requests from residents to display/exhibit their work (i.e. paintings, photography, moldings, etc.) at City facilities. In addressing these requests, Staff works with our residents to ensure that all items being displayed represent the City in the highest possible light; furthermore, these pieces are solely for exhibition purposes and not for sale. Recently, these requests are becoming more frequent, and Staff is working on creating a policy that lays out the guidelines and parameters for exhibiting resident work(s) that is uniform and consistent.



Sample photo display

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Beginning Wednesday, December 25, 2024, all City facilities will be closed until Thursday, January 2, 2025. Emergency Services (Sheriff/Fire) will continue to operate without interruption. For more information, please contact the City's Administration Department at (909) 595-7543.



Walnut City Hall

ELECTION RESULTS

While Election Day has come and gone, the County is continuing the work of certifying the results of Walnut's General Municipal Election for three City Council seats. Staff anticipates adopting the Election results at the December 11, 2024, City Council meeting, where newly elected Council Members will be sworn in. For more information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (909) 348-0710.



Election ballot drop boxes

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (CANCELLATIONS)

Please note that the City Council meetings of November 27, 2024 and December 25, 2024 have been cancelled in observance of the Holidays. It should be noted that the regular meeting on December 11, 2024 will take place as scheduled. For additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (909) 348-0710.



Walnut Council Chambers

FIRE STATION 61 PINE TREE

The Public Works Department is pleased to share an update on the recent planting of a new pine tree at Fire Station 61. This new tree replaces the previous one which had become a hazard and required removal. Understanding the significance of this tree to the Walnut Valley Women's Club and the community, the City acted quickly to ensure the tradition could continue this year and for years to come. The new tree is now wrapped in lights and ready to shine as part of the Women's Club's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, scheduled for Sunday, December 1st, at 6:30 PM. This event remains a cherished holiday tradition, and the City is proud to support it by providing a safe and lasting centerpiece for the celebration and a holiday symbol for the community to enjoy.



Station 61 New Pine Tree

STORM PREPARATION

As the winter season approaches, the Public Works Department has been actively preparing to ensure the City is ready to address potential weather impacts. Crews have been clearing storm drains, inspecting flood prone areas, and preparing equipment for rapid response if needed. To support our residents, up to 10 free sandbags are available at the Walnut Public Works Yard (Tip: bring a shovel to fill the bags). We encourage the community to take proactive measures to protect their properties, create an emergency plan, and stay informed about weather updates.



Sandbag area located at 21701 Valley Blvd.

A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS DINNER RECEPTION

On Wednesday, November 6, the City held a Veterans Dinner Reception at the Senior Center, where local Veterans were honored for their service. Veterans and their families were able to enjoy a catered dinner and share their experiences, branch served, and years of service. It was a wonderful event to celebrate the honorable men and women who have served our Nation.



Group picture at the Veterans Appreciation Dinner

HOLIDAY EXTENDED PUBLIC STREET PARKING

Parking/Permit Enforcement will be suspended on the following days in residential areas due to the upcoming holidays:

- Thursday, November 28- Sunday, December 1
- Tuesday, December 24- Saturday, December 28
- Tuesday, December 31- Thursday, January 2



For more information, please contact City Hall at (909) 595-7543 and have a safe holiday season.

WALNUT FAMILY FESTIVAL PRESENTS... WINTER WONDERLAND

The Community Services Department invites the community to attend our Winter Wonderland event on Saturday, December 14, 2024 from 3pm-8pm at Suzanne Park.

We will have community vendor booths, live bands, community performances and live music. Additionally, we encourage the community to register for our 1k Family Reindeer Run, Walk, or Roll, which is free of charge. Participants will receive (1) free t-shirt and a pair of reindeer antlers to wear for the 1k!

This year, we will have pre-sale tickets available for \$10 and day of tickets available for \$15, for all attractions. Please join us for game booths, Santa story time, bounce houses, sledding, and snow play area. Children 3 years of age are free with a paid adult. For more information or to register, please contact the Walnut Senior Center at (909) 598-6200. We can't wait to see you all on December 14th!

WINTER Wonderland

JOIN US FOR A DAY FULL OF FAMILY FUN & ENTERTAINMENT AS WE CELEBRATE THE TRADITION OF FAMILY FESTIVAL AT WINTER WONDERLAND

DEC 14
3 PM - 8 PM

SUZANNE PARK
625 SUZANNE ROAD, WALNUT, CA 91789

Free Attractions:

- VENDORS
- LIVE BANDS
- FOOD TRUCKS
- COMMUNITY PERFORMANCES
- 1K-FAMILY REINDEER RUN, WALK & ROLL

Attractions:

PRE-SALE: \$10 **DAY OF EVENT: \$15**
CASH ONLY

- GAMES
- SLEDDING
- SANTA
- EURO BOUNCE
- BOUNCE HOUSES
- SNOWBALL BATTLEFIELD

AGES 3 AND UNDER FREE WITH A PAID ADULT

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE WALNUT SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 21215 LA PUENTE ROAD OR BY CALLING (909) 598-6200

Winter Wonderland Event Flyer

JERSEY MIKE'S

Jersey Mike's is anticipated to open at the Terraces in the next few weeks. Signage has been approved to be installed and the last details of the shopping center, such as striping etc. will be completed prior to the opening. Staff is working with Sunjoint and Jersey Mike's to get details on a Grand Opening event for the public. Staff will keep Council and the public apprised as improvements are completed.



Commercial buildings at the Terraces

3D PRINTED ADU



Inside the 3D Printed ADU

The first 3D printed Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) is nearing completion. The owner/applicant has requested the City to perform a final inspection on the two (2) bedroom, two and a half (2.5) bath structure before the end of the month. A few months ago, permits were issued to the owner of the Snow Creek property to begin construction on an ADU using a 3D printing machine. Buildtech, the general contractor for the project, set up a 3D printing machine in the owners' backyard, essentially using printing technology to "construct" the walls of the ADU. It is the first of its kind in the City of Walnut and in the greater Southern California region to implement print technology.

CODE ENFORCEMENT



Code Enforcement out in the Community

In the month of November, Staff performed over 100 inspections for new and ongoing code violations. Additionally, over 50 notices were sent out to residents with regards to ongoing violations. In the past year, the City has successfully facilitated the compliance of nearly 80% of the total cases received. Staff will continue to work diligently in the efforts to prevent and correct detrimental and unsightly conditions to ensure properties are well maintained and the quality of life in Walnut can remain at a high standard.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Senior Commission Meeting

Wednesday, December 4

Youth Commission Meeting

Monday, December 9

City Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 11

Winter Wonderland

Saturday, December 14

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

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City of Walnut

21201 La Puente Road
Walnut, CA 91789

Business Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Closed Every Friday