



February 10, 2025

CITY MANAGER BRIEFINGS

2025 TASTE OF WALNUT



2025 Taste of Walnut Flyer

Get ready for the tastiest event in town! Join us for the 2025 Taste of Walnut on March 22nd from 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Suzanne Park! Enjoy live entertainment, delicious food & drink vendors, and a beer & wine garden while supporting a great cause. All proceeds will benefit the Walnut Valley Educational Foundation.

Presale tickets are \$50 for adults, \$20 for students (6 - 18 yrs), and kids under 6 are free!

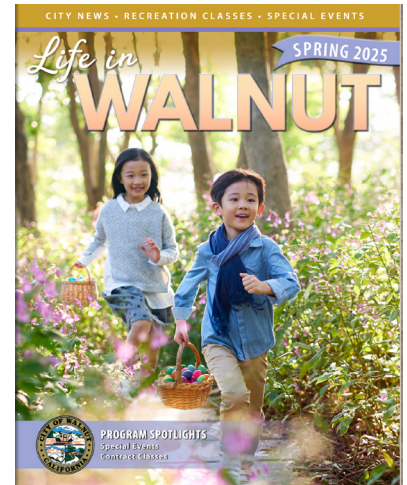
Purchase your tickets online at <https://bit.ly/TasteofWalnut2025>.

SPRING LIFE IN WALNUT

The Spring 2025 "Life in Walnut" digital brochure is now available on our City website! Stay up to date with the latest City news, exciting special events, community excursions, and a variety of recreation classes happening this spring.

Registration opens Tuesday, February 18th for Walnut residents and Monday, February 24th for all others.

Register online, in-person, or by phone. For more details or to view the brochure, visit <https://bit.ly/WalnutSpring2025>.



Spring 2025 Life in Walnut Cover

COFFEE WITH A COP EVENT



Deputy McDonald at the previous Coffee with a Cop

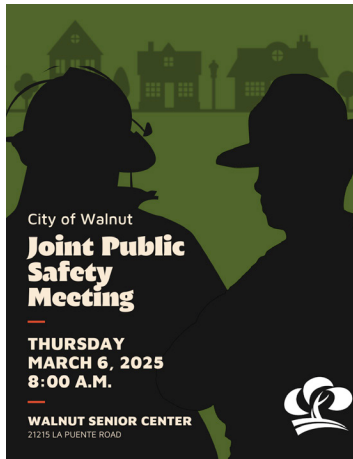
City Staff and Walnut Station Deputies will be hosting our on-going "Coffee with a Cop" event on Thursday, February 13, 2025, from 8:00 am - 9:30 am at the Donut Tree, located at 388 N. Lemon Avenue.

This is an opportunity for residents to come and discuss public safety matters/concerns with our very own Walnut Station Deputies.

Complimentary coffee and refreshments will be provided to attendees.

JOINT PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING (LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF AND FIRE DEPARTMENT)

The City is hosting its annual Joint Public Safety meeting on Thursday March 6, 2025, beginning at 8:00 am in the Senior Center. The meeting will include presentations from the City's emergency services personnel. Breakfast items and coffee will be provided for the meeting, which is open to the public.



Public Safety Meeting Flyer

GRANT FUNDED DUI CHECKPOINT(S)

City Staff and Walnut Station Deputies have secured grant funding for two DUI checkpoints within the City. Last month's Los Angeles County fires caused the first checkpoint to be postponed, so we are looking to have one in the early spring and in the fall. There are no costs to the City for these valuable operations.



Checkpoint Signage

GRANT FUNDED PATROLS

Walnut Station Command Staff secured grant funded patrol hours to be used within the City. These patrol hours complement regular patrols and were used as burglary suppression, when not answering a "call for service." There was no additional cost to the City for these additional patrol hours.



Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station

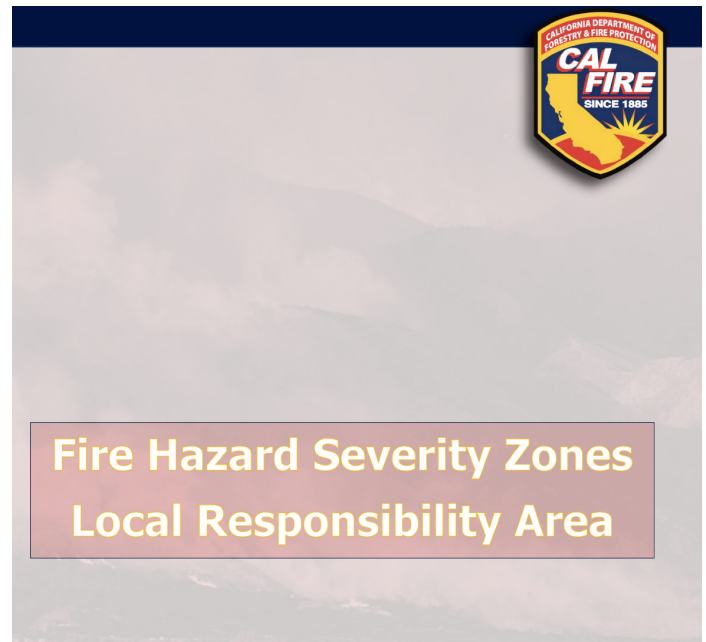
CRIME/TRAFFIC CITATIONS

There have been 97 Traffic Citations issued since January 1, 2025. The most common violations cited: unsafe speed and failure to stop at a sign. City and Sheriff are focusing heavily on burglary suppression Citywide as surrounding communities have seen over a 100% increase in incidents year-to-date (YTD). However, overall crime in the City is down 7.41% YTD.



FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES (FHSZ) IN THE LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREA (LRA)

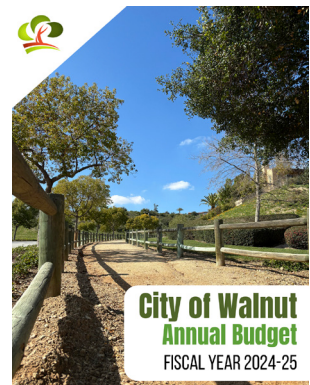
Cal Fire is getting ready to release new Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in the Local Responsibility Area (LRA) that may have an impact on Walnut. These maps will now include High, Moderate, and Very High zones. Once Cal Fire releases the information, the City of Walnut will have 120 days from the release date to adopt the zones within their respective boundaries. Prior to bringing this forward, City Staff will be meeting with Walnut Fire Staff to discuss any/all changes and how they affect Walnut.



Cal Fire FAQ Cover

CITY BUDGET / FINANCIAL OUTLOOK AND FUTURE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES

A City Council Study Session will be held on February 12, 2025, within the City Council Chambers at 5:30 pm. This Study Session will provide the City Council and community with an overview of the current City Budget and financial forecast, as well as potential future increases to expenditures.



City of Walnut Budget Cover

COMMISSIONS

In April, the City Clerk's office will be accepting applications from incumbents and new applicants for the following City Commissions:

- Planning Commission
- Parks & Recreation Commission
- Senior Commission
- Youth Advisory Commission

All applicants would serve one-year terms from July 1st to June 30th and all notices, applications, and requirements for all Commissions will be posted on the City's website at www.cityofwalnut.org. It should be known that all Youth Advisory Commission applications must be completed with all required attachments at the time of submittal. For more information on the qualifications or how to apply, please contact the City Clerk's office at 909-348-0710. The deadline for applying is Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.



City Council Chambers

GRAND/LA PUENTE (LOU) PROPERTY UPDATE

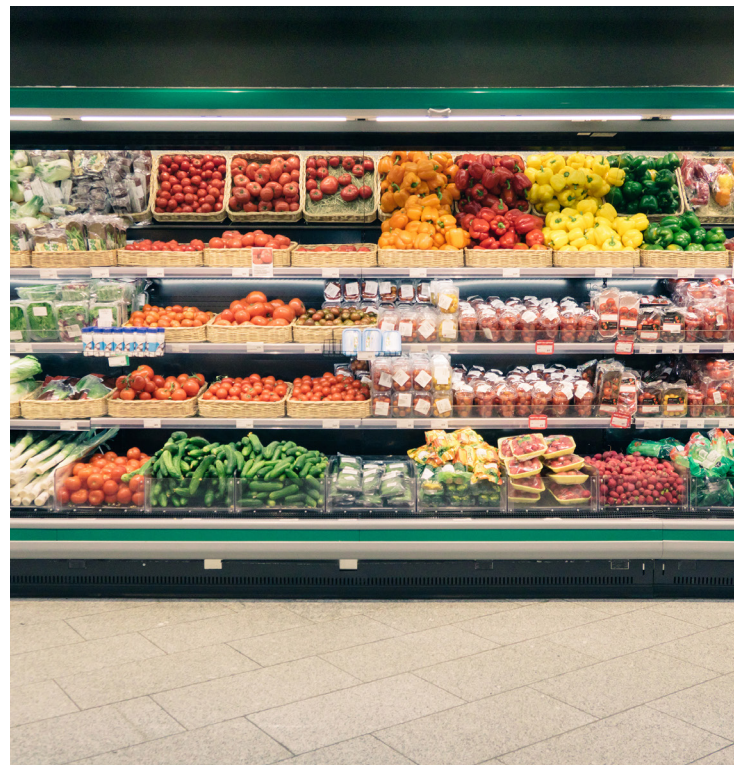


Mixed-use renderings

Recently, the property owner for the vacant Lot at Grand Avenue and La Puente Road (behind Panda Express) installed perimeter fencing to secure the property and prevent trespassing/illegal dumping. The fencing is unrelated to the development project application that is currently under City review. The City is preparing to release the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the project. The NOP outlines a thirty (30) day period for public comment/questions and will include the date and time for the Public Scoping Meeting, where residents and the public are invited to discuss any questions and/or comments on the project. Though the NOP period is the first phase of the environmental process, the public can (and are encouraged) to submit comments/questions to Staff as the project continues through the process. The project currently proposes forty-two (42) townhomes and a commercial component of approximately 20,000 square – feet along Grand Avenue. As mentioned, the NOP period is the start to the environmental review process, **therefore no approvals for the project have been issued.** Materials/plans for the proposed project may be reviewed by the public by visiting the Community Development project page here: <https://www.cityofwalnut.org/for-residents/departments/community-development/planning-division/subdivision-projects>

STATER BROS UPDATE

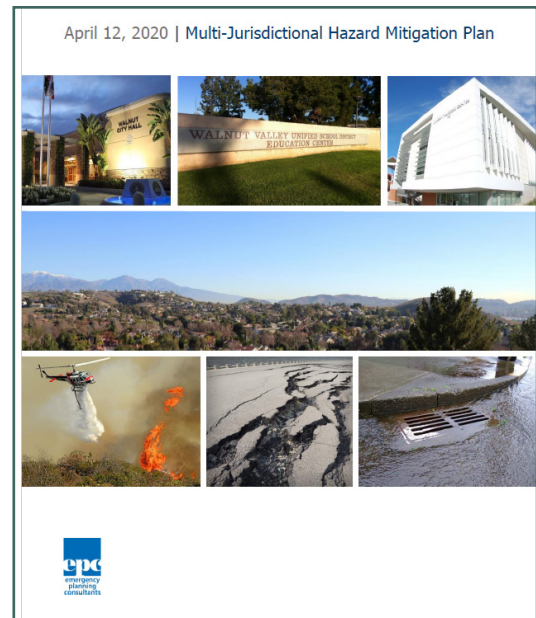
The Stater Bros on Amar Road ceased operations officially on January 5th, 2025, and as of February 1st has turned the space back over to the property owner. As previously noted in a City press release, Stater Bros opted to not renew the lease at their Walnut location as they had made a significant investment at a higher performing store in Valinda. Since the closure, Staff has been in communication with the property owner. City Staff is told by ownership that they are in conversation(s) with another grocery store; however, they are not able to share details at this time with Staff as conversations remain confidential until a lease agreement is executed. Once Staff has been updated on the location's status and potential future, information will be provided to the community.



Potential Grocery Store Photo

MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

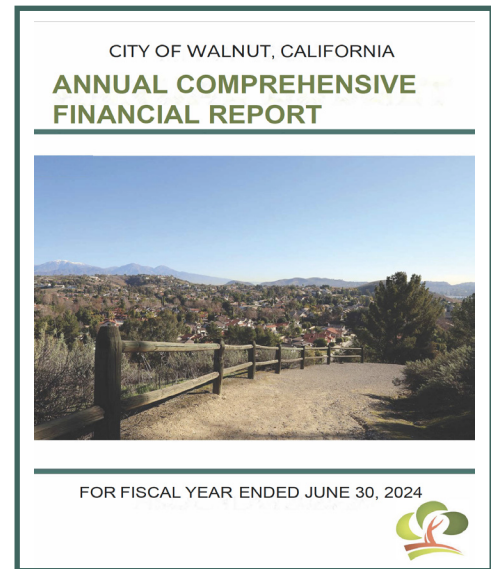
Staff will soon begin work on the City's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The current plan, adopted nearly five (5) years ago, was a collaboration between the City of Walnut, Mt. Sac and the Walnut School District. The plan's goal is to ensure the City and Agency partners are well prepared and can respond to a major disaster (e.g. earthquakes) or emergency. Staff anticipates the same collaboration for the update of the new plan and will consider reaching out to other local agencies to participate in the drafting of the document. Having a Hazard Mitigation Plan that is consistent with Federal guidelines and approved by FEMA and is helpful to agencies to ensure proper preparedness and response, in addition to pursuing grants and aid from the Federal government during a major disaster or emergency.



2020 Cover

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

During January and early February, the Finance Department has been engaged in finalizing the City's audit in anticipation of issuing the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. This crucial aspect of financial reporting is expected to be brought to the City Council in the form of an agenda item within the next several weeks. The budget preparation process for the upcoming Fiscal Year (2025-2026) is also underway. Department Heads from all operating units have provided their estimates and requests to the Finance Department for review and consolidation.



TRAFFIC SIGNAL REHABILITATION PROJECT - ONGOING OVERNIGHT WORK

The City of Walnut is currently undertaking a citywide Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Project to enhance visibility, safety, and energy efficiency at all city-owned intersections. Work is being conducted during overnight hours to minimize traffic disruptions. As part of this project, all traffic signal lights and pedestrian notification lights are being repainted to improve visibility and aesthetics. Additionally, overhead lights at the signals are being upgraded to energy-efficient LED fixtures, providing better illumination while reducing energy consumption.

This project is expected to continue over the next several months. We apologize for any inconvenience to drivers traveling overnight. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at (909) 598-5605.



Lights being repainted

GREEN STREET PROJECT NEAR LOYALTON & BOOKMAN



Green Street Project Improvements

The City of Walnut is making progress on the Green Street Project in the Collegewood neighborhood, near the intersection of Loyaltan Drive and Bookman Avenue. This project is designed to enhance stormwater management and improve local drainage while incorporating environmentally sustainable features.

As part of these improvements, crews are installing biofiltration filters upstream from catch basins to capture and treat stormwater runoff before it enters the drainage system. Additional upgrades include improved irrigation and the installation of drought-tolerant landscaping to reduce runoff and support water conservation efforts. Weather permitting, the project is on track for completion by the end of the month.

We appreciate the community's patience as we work to enhance Walnut's sustainability and compliance with our stormwater permit. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at (909) 598-5605.

ONGOING LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS AT HEIDELBERG PARK

The City of Walnut is pleased to provide an update on the ongoing improvements at Heidelberg Park. Recently, the City completed significant upgrades, including the construction of a new perimeter wall and the installation of an ADA-accessible pathway, enhancing accessibility and security for park visitors.

As part of our continued commitment to maintaining and beautifying our public spaces, the Public Works Department is currently working on irrigation system upgrades to ensure long-term sustainability and water efficiency. Following this, crews will begin reseeding the turf and re-landscaping key areas of the park to restore and enhance its natural beauty.

We appreciate the community's patience and cooperation as we complete these final phases of improvement. The park will remain open for use as the landscape work is completed.



Signage at Heidelberg Park



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Study Session

Wednesday, February 12

City Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 12

Coffee with a Cop

Thursday, February 13

Presidents' Day (All Facilities Closed)

Monday, February 17

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

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