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Mayor presents State of the City

The City will continue to face unprecedented economic challenges in the year ahead, but also has much to be proud of, said Mayor Sue Rainey in the annual State of the City presentation hosted by the Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce.

Rainey noted that the City has a projected \$20 million, or 14 percent, shortfall for 2010-12, even after closing a \$5.6 million shortfall in June 2009, mostly through a combination of staff reductions and compensation cuts. "Our employees took the hit," said Rainey.

Cutting some services, finding new revenues and promoting economic development will play important roles in balancing the 2010-12 budget, she said.

The entire presentation can be seen on Walnut Creek TV (Comcast 28; Comcast Rossmoor 26; Astound 29; AT&T U-Verse 99) or online at www.walnutcreektv.org. For highlights, turn to Page 6.

Newspaper gives WC an 'A' for access

The City received top marks from the Bay Area Newspaper Group for its timely response to public records requests. The newspaper group asked for salary data on more than 188,000 local public employees from 96 Bay Area government agencies. Most provided the information quickly, but others stalled or asked for excessive fees.

"If we had graded governments on how they responded to the Public Records Act requests ... Walnut Creek was among the entities that would have gotten A's," wrote Watchdog columnist Thomas Peele.

Save the date! Library grand opening July 17



Photo by Bob Brittain

It's official! The community will celebrate the grand opening of its new Library on July 17. The project continues to be on time and on budget, and support continues to grow with contributions to the Walnut Creek Library Foundation. (See related photo, back page). Watch a video tour of the Library on Walnut Creek TV.

Recycle that cell phone and save a life

The Walnut Creek Police Department is proud to announce its participation in the 911 Cell Phone Bank program.

This program reprograms old cell phones so they can be used again for emergency purposes only, and then gives them to community members who could not otherwise afford a cell phone. The free Emergency Use cell phones have proven especially important in assisting domestic violence victims and vulnerable seniors.

Anyone with a cell phone they no longer want – working or not - is encouraged to bring it to the police counter on the first floor of City Hall, 1666

N. Main St., during business hours.

The donated cell phones are shipped to the 911 Cell Phone Bank. All contacts on the phone are deleted, and the phone is reprogrammed so it can only be used to connect with local emergency services via 911.

Hundreds of phones nationwide have been handed out to vulnerable seniors and domestic violence victims since the 911 Cell Phone Bank's inception in 2007.

Persons who cannot afford a cell phone but would like to have access to emergency services through 911 should contact the Walnut Creek Police Department at 925-943-5844.

City Event Calendar

March

1
Women's Conference
(See *Back Page*)

6
Healthy Garden class
(See *What's Happening*)

April

3
Spring Egg Hunt
(See *What's Happening*)

23-25
WC Fine Arts & Crafts Sidewalk Fair
Main & Locust Streets
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

City Meeting Calendar

City Council
March 2, 16; April 6, 20
7 p.m.
City Council chamber
City Hall, 1666 N. Main St.

Planning Commission
March 11; April 8, 22
7 p.m.
City Council chamber

Arts Commission
March 15
4:30 p.m.
City Council chamber

Transportation Commission
March 18, April 15
7 p.m.
City Council chamber

Design Review Commission
March 3, 17; April 7, 21
7 p.m.
City Council chamber

Park, Rec & Open Space Commission
March 1, April 5
7 p.m.
City Council chamber

City Council and Planning Commission meetings are televised live on Comcast Channels 28 and 26 (Rossmoor), on Astound Channel 29, and on AT&T U-Verse Channel 99. Meetings are streamed live and available on demand on the City web site, www.walnut-creek.org

City's summer job fair for teens will be March 4

Don't be bored or broke this summer! Come to the Teen Job Fair from 3-6 p.m. Thursday, March 4 at Civic Park Community Center to find out about summer job, internship and volunteer opportunities.

The Teen Job Fair is sponsored by the City of Walnut Creek and is open to teens 13 and up. Stop by and check it out! This is a drop-in event; reservations are not required.



Youth program 'tees off' at Boundary Oak Golf Course

The First Tee program for youngsters ages 5 - 18 will begin at Boundary Oak Golf Course at 4 p.m. Monday, March 4. The First Tee is a worldwide youth development program that teaches life skills through the game of golf. To learn more, contact Tom Worthy at worthy@astound.net or Angela Paradise at 925-686-6262 ext. 0 or angela@thefirstteecontracosta.org.

Spring Eggstravaganza on April 3

Children can participate in Walnut Creek's annual Spring Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 3 at Heather Farm Park. The activity begins promptly at 10:15 a.m. for children through 5th grade. A breakfast of hotcakes, sausage, juice and coffee will be served before the egg hunt at Heather Farm Community Center from 8 - 9:45 a.m.; cost is \$6 per person. Bring your camera for a picture with the Spring Bunny; \$1 donation benefits the Walnut Creek Youth Council. The breakfast is co-sponsored by the City's Recreation Division and the Walnut Festival Association. The egg hunt will be held rain or shine and is free of charge, although donations are greatly appreciated.



Healthy Garden Workshop

Learn how to create a sustainable garden during a free "Healthy Garden Workshop" sponsored by the City. The workshop will be presented by the Gardens at Heather Farm from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 600 N. San Carlos Dr. Call 925-947-1678.

Rummage sale supports Las Lomas class

Las Lomas High School sophomores will host their traditional rummage sale from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, March 6 at the high school, 1460

What's Happening

S. Main St. The event is like a mix of quality thrift-store shopping crossed with the thrill-of-the-hunt experienced while perusing antique markets. The prices are amazingly affordable and it all goes to benefit the Class of 2012. There is a \$1 entry fee for those 10 and older. Arrive early to get the best selection!

Free home composting workshops

Residents can sign up for free home composting workshops on March 11, 7-8:30 p.m., at Heather Farm Community Center, 301 N. San Carlos Dr.; March 27, 2:30-4 p.m., Lindsay Wildlife Center, 1931 First Ave.; and April 23, 10-11:30 a.m., Contra Costa Times Garden, 2640 Shadelands Dr. Home composters can receive a credit on their Allied Waste Services quarterly bill. Reservations are required; call 925-906-1801 to sign up.

Spring Plant Sale at Gardens at HF

A wide selection of water-wise plants suited to our Mediterranean climate will be available at the Spring Plant Sale, 9 a.m. - noon, Saturday, April 17 at the Gardens at Heather Farm, 600 N. San Carlos Dr., Walnut Creek. Bring your membership card or join that day to earn a 10 percent discount on plant purchases. All proceeds benefit The Gardens at Heather Farm, six acres of demonstration garden. To view the list of plants available for sale, visit www.gardenshf.org.

Host families sought for foreign students

The International Education Center at Diablo Valley College is looking for local families to host international students on a temporary basis while they improve their English skills. All types of families are welcome — single adults, couples, or families with or without children. Short-and long-term placements are available and all students already speak a good level of English. Host families will receive a monthly stipend of \$750 per student and must provide a bedroom and two meals per day for the student(s). Contact Fia Parker at 925-876-0080 or fparker@dvc.edu.



SIGN UP NOW FOR SUMMER FUN

Recreation Summer Camp registration begins March 8 for a wide variety of summer camp programs for ages 3 -15. Day and sport camps include an all-day excursion each week, swimming, arts, crafts and more. Summer programs also include preschool, science, adventure, enrichment and teen camps. Register at www.WalnutCreekRec.org or 925-943-5858.

'Navigate Change' at Women's Conference

"Navigating Change, Facing Forward" is the theme of this year's East Bay Women's Conference, presented by the Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce on March 1 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the San Ramon Marriott.



Lisa Ling

International journalist Lisa Ling keynotes the popular networking and learning event, featuring speaker presentations, breakout sessions, exhibitor booths, free health screenings, full lunch and afternoon reception.

Cost is \$165 per person and pre-registration is required. Call 925-934-2007 or go to www.walnut-creek.com. The 2010 East Bay Women's Conference is presented by The PMI Group, Inc., in association with Chevron Corporation.

Open Space on Facebook



Walnut Creek's Open Space is now in cyberspace! Seeking to connect with open space enthusiasts, the division has launched its own Facebook page. The page lists events, showcases various open space areas with stunning photos and gives open space visitors a way to connect with the rangers and each other. Become a fan!



Artists tell stories with painting, prints and tapestries

Three extraordinary Bay Area artists are featured together for the first time in the Bedford Gallery's current exhibition, "Story Painters: Drawings, Paintings, Prints and Tapestries by Squeak Carnwath, Hung Liu and Inez Storer."

Carnwath, Liu and Storer are nationally renowned. All three have numerous catalogues profiling their work, and all have produced significant public art projects nationally. The selection of art works in *Story Painters* represents each artist's archetypal style; dexterity among media; and, in some cases, new works not been previously shown.

Curator Carrie Lederer states, "It makes perfect sense to present these three outstanding artists as visual narrators for our contemporary tales. Their distinct voices reflect a range of experiences not uncommon to our own. Squeak, Hung and Inez have the impeccable ability to reveal intimate personal stories while making the viewer feel as though they are part of the discourse."

"Story Painters" continues through April 11. Visit www.bedfordgallery.org



Artist Inez Storer is one of three extraordinary artists whose work is part of the "Story Painters" exhibition at the Bedford Gallery.

Collage Workshop with Inez Storer

1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 6
\$50, includes basic materials.
Space is limited, call 925-295-1423.

'Meet' the artists on WCTV

Walnut Creek TV profiles the artists of "Story Painters." It's a great way to enrich your visit to the gallery. Go to www.walnutcreektv.org for schedule or to view on demand.

New tennis operator for WC courts

Walnut Creek welcomes new operator, Lifetime Tennis, to Heather Farm Tennis Center this spring. The City selected Lifetime Tennis among a group of nine qualified firms. Lifetime Tennis currently manages tennis operations with the cities of Pleasanton and Cupertino, and brings more than 15 years of community tennis experience.

"We are pleased by the professional and community-based approach that Lifetime will bring to tennis in Walnut Creek," said Barry Gordon, Arts, Recreation and Community Services Department director. "Lifetime is committed to growing the game of tennis and delivering a quality experience for all players from beginner to advanced."

Representatives of the 800-member Walnut Creek Racquet Club participated in

the selection process and expressed strong support for Lifetime Tennis. Lifetime Tennis aims to further enhance this popular community program made successful by the City's preceding tennis operator, Jim Farber.

Gordon added, "I want to express my gratitude to Jim Farber for his 15 years of service to the Walnut Creek community."

Lifetime Tennis assumes the management of the 10-court tennis center and all City-owned courts through a five-year contract with the City.

In addition to the Heather Farm Tennis Center, public tennis courts are at Arbolado, San Miguel, Larkey and Rudgegar parks and at Northgate High School off Hutchinson Drive.

For additional information, contact the City's Recreation Division at 925-943-5858.

Business Licenses go green

Join the growing number of Walnut Creek business owners who conduct their business license-related correspondence online. Just email businesslicense@walnut-creek.org with your business name and/or business license number. (Please send your email by March 15 to help us get ready for the annual business license renewal program.)



Earth Day in Open Space

Celebrate Earth Day on April 17 with Walnut Creek Open Space. Plans are under way to offer everything from birdwalks to community service projects, plus children's environmental education activities and a picnic for all ages. To find out more, go to www.walnut-creek.org or follow Walnut Creek Open Space on Facebook.

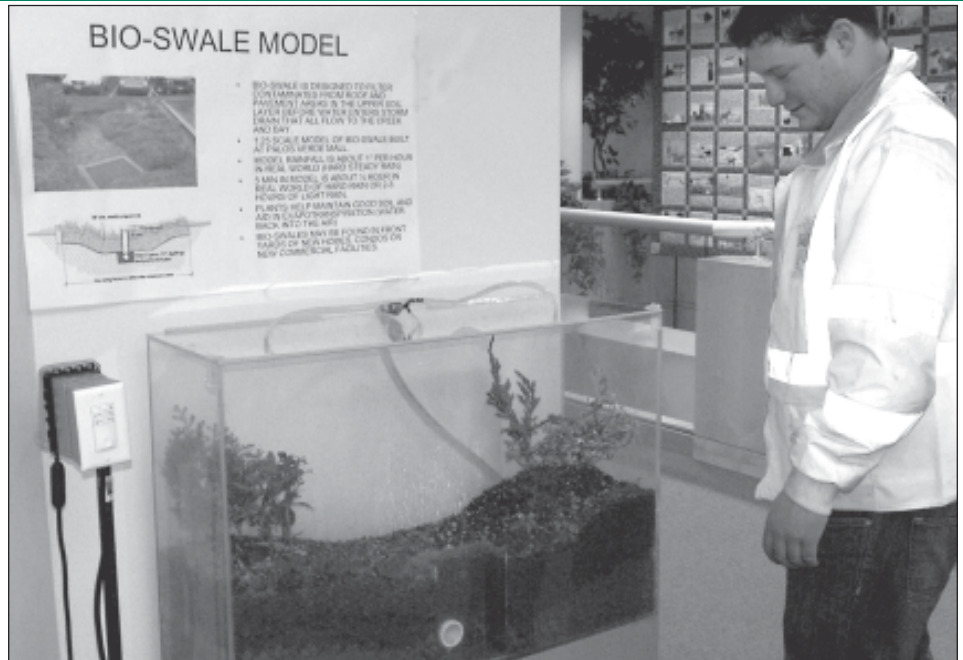
Free Trolley ridership up

The Free Downtown Trolley (Route 4) ridership increased 3.5 percent in 2009. According to County Connection, nearly 300,000 people took advantage of the free trolley, which runs between Walnut Creek BART and Broadway Plaza. The Free Downtown Trolley continues to have the highest ridership in the County Connection network, representing more than 6 percent of passengers carried systemwide.



Assistance League of Diablo Valley marks milestone

Operation School Bell, one of eight philanthropic programs of the Assistance League of Diablo Valley, observed its 15th Anniversary on Feb. 11 at the Community Resource Center and Annex in Walnut Creek. In 2008-09, 3,300 Contra Costa students received clothing, shoe cards and dental care kits through Operation School Bell, items that ultimately improve school attendance, citizenship and academic performance. Assistance League of Diablo Valley and schoolchildren across Contra Costa thank the community for its support.



Stephen Azzi of Shimmick Construction checks out the bio-swale model located near the Permit Counter on the second floor of City Hall. The model was built by Rinta Perkins, Walnut Creek's Clean Water program manager, and Carlton Thompson of Engineering.

Using plants and soil to clean water

A Plexiglass case filled with plants, soil and "rain on demand" is giving City Hall visitors a fun lesson on how landscaping can stop pollution from getting into creeks and the Bay.

Visitors push a button to activate a sprinkler system simulating rain. The water soaks into the ground, seeps through plant roots and layers of soil, and eventually trickles out via a PVC pipe. In suburban areas such as Walnut Creek, buildings, streets and pavement now cover much of the land. Rainwater runs off these hard surfaces directly into the storm drain systems, taking pollutants with it.

The runoff moves rapidly through the system into creeks, causing flooding, destabilized stream banks and destruction

of creek habitat.

Effective landscaping can be used to stop this rapid runoff. As the rain soaks into the ground, pollutants from the atmosphere are absorbed through contact with soils and vegetation.

Under the City's Clean Water permit, certain development projects are required to incorporate these landscaping "bio-swales" into their plans.

Managing runoff from a single development site may seem inconsequential, but by changing the way most sites are developed, we may be able to preserve and enhance our stream ecosystem in urbanizing areas.

— Rinta Perkins
Clean Water Program Manager



Reducing springtime yellowjacket stings

The Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District offers a free service to eliminate ground-nesting yellowjackets.

Before calling the district for help, residents should locate the nest by spotting yellowjackets as they enter or exit in search of food. Place a clearly visible object near the nest and draw a simple map describing the location to assist the District. Contact the District at www.ContraCostaMosquito.com or 925-

771-6184. A District employee will come and treat the nest with a plant-based powder insecticide.

Having a picnic or barbecue? Here's a tip to keep yellowjackets away: about 15 minutes prior to the meal, place a plate with samples of everything on the menu in the furthest corner of the yard. The yellowjackets will discover the plate first, and typically remain in that area, leaving the outdoor diners alone.



Neighborhood Watch fights crime in Livorna Estates

Crime in the Livorna Estates Neighborhood has dropped by more than a third since October, thanks to the Neighborhood Watch Program. The program has given the Neighbors at Livorna Estates an opportunity to collaborate with the Walnut Creek Police to deter and reduce crime.



For the past three years, the Neighbors at Livorna Estates have been dedicated to increasing participation and improving communication among their Neighborhood Watch groups.

As a result, more than 250 of the 370 homes in Livorna Estates participate in Neighborhood Watch. Nineteen block captains relay important information to their neighbors about crime trends in the area. Through their e-mail network, the Neighbors at Livorna Estates share information about neighborhood events and experiences related to crime, crime prevention tips and best practices.

In August, special attention was directed toward reducing vehicle-related crimes in the neighborhood. As a result of this targeted effort, there were no vehicle-related crimes reported in October, November and December. With the support of the Walnut Creek Police Department and Crime Prevention Coordinator Amy Ballock, Neighbors at Livorna Estates reduced overall neighborhood crime by a total of 38 percent between October and January.

Neighbors at Livorna Estates continue to work together with the Walnut Creek Police to create a healthy, crime-free environment. They know that police can have a positive impact on crime, but need the help of the residents themselves to maintain these improvements over the long term.

If you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch group in your area, contact Amy Ballock at 925-943-5885.

— Amy Ballock
Crime Prevention Coordinator, WCPD



Police Services Officer Melvin Miranda with some of the phones that have been donated through the 911 Cell Phone Bank program. For full story, see Page 1.

PD reaches out in wake of robberies

Two Walnut Creek banks and a drug store were robbed at gunpoint in January. In light of these brazen robberies, the Walnut Creek Police Department is working closely with local businesses and residents to inform and educate them on how to prevent and react to such crimes in our town. This proactive and collaborative relationship will help identify those involved.

We encourage people to call the Police if they see any suspicious behavior near a business; especially banks. Alert and aware citizens can help prevent these crimes. Call 925-935-6400 to report suspicious activity. Dial **9-1-1** for crimes in progress or medical emergencies.

The Walnut Creek Police Department is aware of the seriousness of these crimes

Stay informed with Nixle

To receive timely information about police activity, traffic situations and other events, go to www.nixle.com. Nixle sends messages through a secure message delivery system to registered cell phones and email accounts at no charge. Text messaging charges may apply.

and is working diligently to prevent future crimes of this nature.

Persons with questions or information regarding the recent robberies should contact Detective Steve Bertolozzi or Detective Andy Brown at 925-943-5844.

— Amy Ballock
Crime Prevention Coordinator, WCPD

2010 Census participation critical for funding

Take 10 and be counted – 10 minutes, that is. The 2010 Census questionnaire arrives in homes in Mid-March. With only 10 questions, it shouldn't take more than 10 minute to answer. Simply fill it out and mail it back by April 1.

Why bother? Because the federal government uses census data when it



determines how much money to allocate to states and communities. Our community stands to lose \$11,450 in federal funding for each person who goes uncounted. Census questionnaires envelopes have only addresses, not names, so please don't throw yours away as junk mail! Just take 10, fill it out and be counted.

Editor's Note: This is a synopsis of Mayor Sue Rainey's Jan. 26 State of the City presentation to the Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce. Video of the presentation can be seen on Walnut Creek TV (Comcast 28; Comcast 26 in Rossmoor; Astound 29; AT&T U-Verse 99). Go to www.walnutcreektv.org for scheduled times, or check your cable provider's on-air Guide. Streaming video of the State of the City is available on demand at www.walnutcreektv.org.

Community Conversations: Balancing for the Future

After closing a \$5.6 million shortfall in June 2009, the City began working with the community to tackle the \$20 million shortfall projected for 2010-12. A combined total of nearly 400 people participated in the Community Conversations on Balancing for the Future process, held between September and December 2009.



City staff is currently evaluating all programs and services against the goals set by the community; the information will be used as part of the 2010-12 budget process. Stay tuned . . .

Recreation: Caring for what we have

2009 marked the first time in the 40-year history of Boundary Oak Golf Club that there has been a single operator for all aspects of operations. The community response has been positive, and golf rounds are up by more than 5 percent.



In progress: Aquatics needs assessment

Coming up in 2010: 2010 won't be a year of taking on new major projects, but we will continue to care for our existing parks, which play such an important role in our neighborhoods; replacing the



Fall 2010: The Leshner Center for the Arts 20th anniversary

playground equipment at Diablo Shadows Park, as well as the parcourse at Heather Farm Park. And, the aquatics needs assessment starting in 2009 will continue with public input.

Arts as an economic engine

Despite the economic downturn, ticket sales at the Leshner Center continued to be strong throughout 2009 — good news for our local economy. Every time someone comes to Walnut Creek for the arts, they spend on average \$36 on top of the cost of their ticket, according to a study by Americans for the Arts.

Coming up in 2010: The Leshner Center for the Arts will celebrate its 20th anniversary this fall. Plans for a gala celebration on Oct. 9 are under way.

Economic Development

People still want to do business in Walnut Creek. In 2009, the City issued 1,093 new business licenses, for everything from small in-home businesses to major ventures such as the Cheesecake Factory. In fact, 20 new restaurants came to Walnut Creek in 2009, bringing the total number of restaurants to 194.

Walnut Creek cannot be complacent about economic development. "We need to go after businesses with good jobs," said Mayor Rainey.



New, easier-to-read parking signs debuted over the holidays. Look for more in 2010.



The Village at 1500 Newell, a mixed use, four-story project will include 49 condominiums and ground level retail is under review.

The health care sector is a bright spot with the expansion of John Muir Medical center, the continued success of Kaiser Permanente Medical Center and Children's Hospital East Bay's opening in Shadelands.

Coming up in 2010: Look for continued focus on Economic Development, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Business Association.

Community Development

Two major residential projects were completed in 2009 — 555 YVR, on Ygnacio Valley Road in walking distance to BART, and the Windsor apartments next to the Marriott Hotel.

Nordstrom is in the midst of a significant upgrade, adding more than

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State of the City

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18,000 square feet of retail and storage.

On the northwest side of Walnut Creek, the Palos Verde Mall is almost done with a two-phase improvement plan that added 11,605 square feet of retail, including a Chase bank.

Coming up in 2010: Demolition is under way at South California and Olympic boulevards for Centre Place, a two-building commercial development that will include improvements to the Alma Park entryway plaza.

Under review is The Village at 1500 Newell, a mixed use, four-story project will include 49 condominiums and ground level retail proposed for the site occupied by the 8-story white "Peace Building."

Affordable housing

The City continues its commitment to affordable housing, working in partnership with nonprofits such as Satellite housing. Montego Place II opened in 2009, with 33 affordable units for seniors.

Coming up in 2010: The City approved a loan to Satellite Housing to acquire land on 3rd Avenue to build 48 affordable family rental units; and approved acquisition of a site on Barkley Avenue for a future Habitat for Humanity project.

Traffic & Parking

Last fall, the City formed a Downtown Parking Task Force dedicated to making parking work in the downtown. Task Force members include representatives from the Chamber and Downtown Business Association as well as representatives from different areas of the community.

Meetings are open to the public and posted on the City web site.

During the 2009 holiday season, as part of an overall "Stress Free Holiday Parking" program, we introduced new, easier-to-read signs directing drivers to our public parking garages.

Coming up in 2010: February marked the start of installation of a new automated system in the City's three public parking garages that will allow the garages to operate 24/7. To learn more, go to www.wcparking.org.



Plans for Centre Place, under construction at the corner of South California and Olympic boulevards, include improvements to the Alma Park entryway plaza.



Participants logged onto a "virtual bank account" during the Community Conversations.



Also, look for more parking pay stations in the core downtown that will let people pay for parking with credit cards.

Economic Stimulus money

Thanks to good advance planning of "shovel ready" projects, engineering staff seized the opportunity to receive funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to extend the length of the Civic Drive Rehabilitation Project all the way to Walden Road.



The Civic Drive rehabilitation project got a boost from Federal Economic Stimulus money.

Sustainability

The City continues its commitment to sustainability. In 2009, we completed our greenhouse gas inventory. Other green milestone projects of 2009 were installation of an electric vehicle charging station in the North Locust garage, installation of "eLockers," or electronically controlled bike lockers, in front of City Hall, and conversion of streetlights along Ygnacio Valley Road to LED in partnership with PG&E

Coming up in 2010: Look for the completion of our Climate Action plan and installation of solar panels on top of some City facilities.

Celebrating our new Library

The library is on time, on budget and LEED certified, the recognized standard for building sustainability. The grand opening will be July 17.

Plans for a community celebration on the library's opening day are in the preliminary stages. Look for more information in the next issue of the Nutshell. In the meantime, take a video tour of the project by tuning into Walnut Creek TV.



Walnut Creek Library Foundation directors proudly hold the \$1.5 million check they presented to the City Council on Jan. 19 — \$500,000 more than was expected, making a total of \$3.5 million raised to date. From left, Ward Pynn, Bob Brittain, Diane Longshore, Foundation President Ed Del Beccaro, Senior Branch Librarian Cindy Brittan, Carole Wynstra, Janet Abrams, Terry Goss, Executive Director Kristin Anderson and Sean Heyne.

Free tax preparation offered through AARP

Free tax preparation is offered by Tax Aide's AARP-sponsored program. The service is available to low- and moderate-income taxpayers of any age but special attention will be given to seniors 60-plus.

Bring your Social Security Card or ITIN letter for all individuals to be listed on the returns; copies of all W-2s; 1098s and 1099s; other income and deductions; and your 2008 return.

Please call for an appointment. The

service is available at:

Walnut Creek Senior Center, 1375 Civic Drive. Thursdays 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Call 925-943-5851.

Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd. Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Call 925-405-6278.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1924 Trinity Ave. Mondays and Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Call 925-979-5013 (walk-ins welcome at this location).

Volunteers sought for local history programs

The Walnut Creek Historical Society is seeking interested adults to lead tours and interpret local history. They provide the training, and you provide the fun!

Among the volunteer opportunities:

- Shadelands Ranch Museum docents lead visitors on tours of this historic house.
- The Living History Program immerses local third graders in a hands-on experience of life in our valley 100 years ago.
- The Magical History Tour takes third grade classes on a walking tour of our downtown historic sites. Tours for the general public will be added this year.
- When the new Walnut Creek Library opens in the summer, the Historical Society is going to be there answering local history questions.

Email wcsadelands@sbcglobal.net or call 925-935-7871.

TV Walnut Creek TV seeks historical footage

Do you have any old home movies featuring Walnut Creek from days past? We're accepting vintage footage which will be edited and set to music to share with the community. Email community@walnut-creek.org or call 925-943-5899 ext. 2136 for details.



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