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DIGGING IN!



More than 200 people participated in the official groundbreaking of the new Walnut Creek Library on May 19.

Photo by Brad Rovanpera

Hundreds 'Dig In' to break ground on new library

After more than a decade of planning and anticipation, over 200 community members joined together to break ground on the new Walnut Creek Library on May 19.

The City Council and more than 50 of the attendees wielded shovels to officially begin the project, which is expected to be completed in spring 2010.

On June 3, the Walnut Creek Library Foundation presented a \$1.25 million check to the City toward the construction of the 42,000-square-foot library — the first payment on a \$5 million pledge of private funding for the project.

Chevron Family Theatre Festival returns to Leshner Center on July 26

Once again, kids of all ages will be able to enjoy the fun and excitement at the Chevron Family Theatre Festival, which returns to the Leshner Center for the Arts on Saturday, July 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for another full day of entertainment for the entire family.

The second annual Chevron Family Theatre Festival will feature more than two dozen professional family performances in the Center's three theatres, lobbies, and outside areas. Storytelling, costumed characters, puppet-making, puppet shows, live

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Muppets puppeteer Leslie Carrara will return with Abby Cadabby to perform at the Chevron Family Theatre Festival

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Movies Under the Stars
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City Meeting Calendar

City Council 
July 1, 15; Aug. 5
7 p.m.

City Council chamber
City Hall, 1666 N. Main St.


Planning Commission
July 10, 24; Aug. 28
7 p.m.
City Council chamber

Arts Commission
No July meeting; Aug. 18
4:30 p.m.
City Council chamber

Transportation Commission
July 17, Aug. 21
7 p.m.
City Council chamber

Design Review Commission
July 2, 16; Aug. 6, 20
7 p.m.
City Council chamber

Park, Rec & Open Space Commission
July 7; no August meeting
7 p.m.
City Council chamber

 **City Council meetings are televised live on Comcast Channels 28 and 26 (unincorporated), and on Astound Channel 29. They are repeated the following Sunday at 1 p.m. on all. Video of the meetings is also available online at walnut-creek.org**

'Local Voice' exhibition of local artists at Bedford

In an age when so many of us don't know our neighbors, we may be surprised to learn the person next door, down the street, or in the next cubicle over is, in fact, an artist.

Local Voice: Defining Community Through Art, running June 29-Aug. 31 at the Bedford Gallery, located in the Lesher Center, highlights a vital cross section of artists who live and work in Contra Costa County. This juried exhibition opens a dialogue between local visual artists and our community, exploring what kind of art is being made in this area, by whom, and why.

Admission is \$3, adults; \$2, ages 12-17. For more information, call (925) 295-1417.



The first 'Local Voice' exhibition attracted hundreds to the opening day event.

What's Happening

Celebrate the 4th with music at Civic Park

Music Director Harvey Benstein will conduct the Walnut Creek Concert Band at its annual Fourth of July Concert beginning at 6 p.m. at the Civic Park gazebo as part of the City's popular PARKconcert series. On Sunday, Aug. 10, another PARKconcert featuring music of the 50s, 60s, and 70s will be performed at Civic Park, at 6 p.m. Free.

Summer Pops Concert on July 26

The Walnut Creek Concert Band's summer "Pops" program, *Night At The Opera*, will be Saturday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lesher Center for the Arts. The concert will feature well known overtures by Richard Strauss and Richard Wagner, works by Puccini, Verdi, Offenbach, and the *Carmen Suite* by Bizet. Highlighting the program will be Bay Area artist and soprano Nancy Amini, sharing some of her favorite arias with the audience. The Concert Band, under the direction of Harvey Benstein, is sponsored by the City. Tickets are \$12/\$15 at the box office, call (925) 943-7469 (SHOW), or www.lesherartscenter.org

Movies Under the Stars: 'Princess Bride'

The next installment of the City's popular open-air film series, *Movies Under the Stars*, on Heather Farm Park's front ballfield will feature director Rob Reiner's 1987 comedy *The Princess Bride* on Saturday, July 19, and Dreamworks' *Shrek the Third* (2007) on Saturday, Aug. 16.

Both movies will be shown at dusk (approximately 9 p.m.). Admission is free and folks are encouraged to arrive at least one hour early. Low lawn chairs are allowed in designated areas only; and please, no pets. This program is produced in part by Open Air Cinema.



Summer swim meets to close Clarke pool

Three major swim meets will draw thousands of swimmers and spectators to Clarke Swim Center in Heather Farm Park this summer. As a result, the pools will be closed to the public on the following weekends:

- July 12-13 — Walnut Creek's annual All City Swim Meet, hosted by the Walnut Creek Swim Club is expecting over 1,500 swimmers (ages 5-18) and 4,000 attendees.

- Aug. 9-10 — The Scottsdale Invitation Swim Meet.

- Aug. 15-16-17 — The Summer's End Classic, hosted by the Walnut Creek Aquabears (Note: the pool center will close to the public at 4 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 15).

Also, on Sunday, July 6 the Clarke Swim Center will not open to the public until noon because of another swim meet that morning.

Aquanuts named to 2008 Jr. National Team

Three Walnut Creek Aquanuts were among 12 athletes named to the 2008 U. S. Junior National Team by United States Synchronized Swimming on May 11. Aquanuts Alex Bollalidlaw, Maria Koroleva, Olivia Morgan, and the rest of the newly-selected team will train together for the next few months before heading to Russia to compete at the Junior World Championships in July 2009. The three Aquanuts are all part of the Aquanut junior team that won the gold medal at the recent U.S. Speedo Junior National Championships held in Florida in March.

Rec program honored by teachers

The City received a service award April 16 from the Walnut Creek Intermediate School Parent-Teacher Association in recognition of the City's after-school sports programs and services at the school that have enriched the lives of WCI students.

Rediscover the 'Happy Days' of the 1950s with Bryson memoir, community activities

Walnut Creek residents are celebrating the remarkable decade of the 1950s this year by reading *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* by Bill Bryson, the 2008 selection for the *One City, One Book: Walnut Creek Reads* program. Readers of all ages can enjoy the book this summer and then participate in a variety of citywide celebratory events this fall.

Bryson's memoir is a laugh-out-loud read about America in the 1950s, the Baby Boomer generation, and "superheros."

For updates on community events, go



to www.WalnutCreekReads.org or call (925) 938-1481.

Copies of the book are available at the Walnut Creek Park Place Library, Broadway and Civic Dr.; Ygnacio Valley Library, 2661 Oak Grove Rd.; Rossmoor Library, Gateway Clubhouse; Friends Used Book Store, 1910 Olympic Blvd., Suite 10; and at local bookstores.

The book is also available on CD, audiotape, and in large print.

The *One City, One Book* program is presented by the Contra Costa Library, Walnut Creek Branch of the American Association of University Women, Walnut Creek Library Foundation, Walnut Creek and Ygnacio Valley Friends of the Library groups, the Rossmoor Library, and the City of Walnut Creek.

Council to look at Neiman Marcus project

Plans for a Neiman Marcus store in Broadway Plaza were reviewed for the first time by the Planning Commission on May 29.

The luxury retailer wants to open a 107,000-square-foot department store by 2010 on the site of the current David M. Brian store and parking lot in the Plaza.

Noting that bringing Neiman Marcus into Broadway Plaza will enhance the strength of Downtown Walnut Creek as a retail destination for years to come, commissioners asked questions about

parking, traffic, and the building's architecture.

Macerich Co., owner of Broadway Plaza, proposed to meet parking requirements by utilizing valet parking in the five-level Broadway Plaza Garage at times of peak demand.

An environmental impact report on the project's parking, traffic, views, and other issues is online at www.walnut-creek.org

The City Council will likely weigh the project plans in either August or September.

Sign-ups still available for City's free citizen's disaster training this fall

Learn to help yourself and your community in the event of an emergency by taking a free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course this fall.

The six-week program includes lessons on suppressing small fires, shutting off utilities, light search and rescue, disaster First Aid, and many other response techniques.

Classes will be Mondays, Sept. 29 – Oct. 27, with a final class exercise on Thursday, Oct. 30. All classes take place 6-9:30 p.m. at the Fire District Training Center, 2945 Treat Blvd., Concord.

Upon graduation, people will be assigned to a CERT Area. If a disaster strikes, CERT team members will assemble at a pre-designated site to work together to respond to the needs of the neighborhood.

To register, email cert@walnut-creek.org or call the CERT registration line, (925) 256-3556.

For details, go to www.walnut-creek.org, by choosing "Emergency Preparedness" under Quick Links.

CERT is a partnership of the City of Walnut Creek, the Contra Costa Fire Protection District, and the Contra Costa County Office of Emergency Services.

Wanted: Memorabilia from Walnut Creek in the 50s for exhibit

Check in your attic, garage, closets, scrapbooks, and photo albums. You may have the perfect 1950s item for the upcoming "Remembering the '50s" exhibit about Walnut Creek.



The exhibit will be one of this year's citywide events for *One City, One Book: Walnut Creek Reads* (see story at left).

The Walnut Creek Reads committee is

asking residents to share their local memorabilia from the 1950s for inclusion in displays at City Hall, the Ygnacio Valley Library, and other locations around the city between Sept. 22 and Oct. 17.

Items may include the following (all must be specific to Walnut Creek):

✓ School memorabilia (yearbooks — like the 1954 Las Lomas High School *El Caballero* shown, group/class photos, uniforms, and event tickets or programs)

✓ Posters, photos, and programs from local festivals, performances or celebrity appearances

✓ Youth or city sports trophies, uniforms, posters, or tickets

✓ Local business items (such as signs, restaurant menus, or newspaper ads)

✓ Items from neighborhood activities

Donors are also asked to provide a short (30-word-maximum) description of each item, including information on its personal meaning.

Due to space limitations, donations are limited to nothing larger than 18" x 18" x 18" and no original photos or fragile documents unless approved by the committee. The number of donations is limited to three items per family. A damage waiver will need to be signed.

Loaned items may be dropped off:

- Saturday, Aug. 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Ygnacio Valley Library, 2661 Oak Grove Rd.
- Wednesday, Aug. 27, 5-7 p.m., Park Place Library, N. Broadway and Civic Dr.

The items will be available for pick up in late October.

Visit www.WalnutCreekReads.org for details. Inquiries may be sent by email to WalnutCreekReads@gmail.com.

City to voluntarily cut back on electricity use during summer alerts

This summer the City of Walnut Creek will voluntarily reduce energy consumption when notified of an energy alert as part of San Francisco Community Power's Demand-Response Program.

The program, which began June 1 and runs through the end of September, targets peak hours, which are weekdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The *Energy Alert* program is similar to the *Spare the Air* program. In this case, once the City receives notification from SF Community Power, building managers will be directed to reduce electricity use by at least 10 percent for a minimum of four hours during peak times. Special placards will be posted in the lobbies of participating City facilities to inform the public that we are operating with reduced power. Reductions will be requested not more than 24 hours in a given month.

"By collectively easing demand on the energy grid on hot summer days, we can avoid power outages and the need to fire-up power plants that produce dirtier forms of electricity," said City Manager Gary Pokorny.

For enrolling in the program, the City will be furnished advanced interval meters, also known as time-of-use meters. Working in partnership with San Francisco Community Power, PG&E will be installing the interval meters at 15 City sites. They have already been installed at City Hall, the Leshner Center, and the Corporation Yard.

"With Walnut Creek buildings accounting for roughly 50 percent of the City's greenhouse gas emissions, interval meters will allow for better monitoring by providing real-time energy usage information on our most heavily used buildings," said Public Services Director Heather Ballenger.

Program participants also receive cash incentives. On critical days between June and September, the City will receive \$10 for each kilowatt saved.

City staff is looking into PG&E's Smart AC Program, another demand-response program for homes and small businesses.



CITY STAFF GOES GREEN
— Among the many ways City staff are being more sustainable is the use of electric trucks at Heather Farm Park (above) and the use of recycled paper at the City's print shop (right).

Photos by Grant Hochstein



New green homes mean benefits to city

Three new homes on Arbutus Drive are the first in Walnut Creek to be certified as "Build-It-Green" residences.

Senior Planner Scott Harriman said that besides the green certification, the three houses (with one more under construction) built by Mark Scott Construction are within walking distance

of Las Lomas High School, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, and the downtown; they improve public safety with new curbs, gutters, and sidewalks; provide street parking; and are attractive additions to the neighborhood.

"These homes represent a big win for our community," said Harriman.

City parking garages get lighting retrofit

Two of the City's public parking garages are brighter and cheaper to operate after being retrofitted with energy-efficient lights.

The new lighting, which produces better quality light with less energy, was installed in the North Locust Street and Broadway parking garages.

The project was made possible through a partnership with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

Ninety percent of the \$70,000 cost was covered by a state grant, leaving the City to pay only \$7,000. The upgrade will save the City \$42,000 a year in energy costs.

Also, every incandescent light bulb in City Hall has been replaced with energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs.



Public Services analyst Matt Huffaker, left, and Building Maintenance Supervisor Steve Schmidt inspect the new, energy-efficient lighting in the North Locust Street parking structure.

100 YEARS YOUNG

When she turns 100 on September 2, Ruth Bancroft will most likely credit the 36 years of tenderly tending her famous garden as the reason.

“Exercising and gardening probably

helped,” says the petite and plucky gardening icon, relaxing in the two-story home on the Bancroft family estate where she has lived since the 1950s.

She moves a lot slower now, and doesn’t get out as much as



Ruth at home today.

she used to.

“I try to go out every once in awhile,” she says. “I don’t get out every day.”

Ruth still gets up before 7 a.m. and retires at 11 p.m. (“after a nap”). But a bout of pneumonia two years ago has slowed her down and she admits missing her regular visits to the garden she started in 1972.

“I’m frustrated because I can’t do



Ruth Bancroft tended her Echeverias in her famous garden in 1995 (above); Ruth on her wedding day in 1939 (right); and the new entry wall for the Ruth Bancroft Garden was unveiled this spring (far right).



things I like to,” she huffs.

What started out as a private garden for her own pleasure with 2,000 varieties of cacti and succulents has become world-renowned as “an exceptional example of American garden design.”

It was her late husband, Phil, who helped her transform three acres of the family grounds into a cactus paradise.

Phil was the grandson of noted historian Hubert Howe Bancroft, who

established a fruit farm in Ygnacio Valley after relocating from San Francisco in 1885.

Today Ruth is still proud as a parent of the remarkable garden that bears her name on the wall fronting Bancroft Road:

“I hope it has helped people to realize they shouldn’t use so much water.”

For Ruth’s 100th birthday, the Chamber of Commerce will host an event in the Garden on Aug. 28, 5:30-7 p.m. Call (925) 934-2007 for details.

‘Miracle’ on Lime Ridge: two new plant species identified

An amateur botanist who discovered two new plant species in the City’s Lime Ridge Open Space says it proves how valuable the preserve is to science.

David Gowen of Oakland, a retired carpenter, made the independent discoveries in 1998 and 2003 while searching for another rare plant.

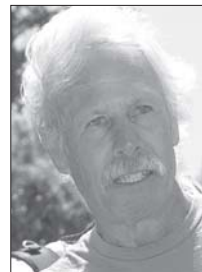
He never did find the Mt. Diablo buckwheat, but inadvertently stumbled upon two previously unknown species: the Lime Ridge Navarretia and the Lime Ridge Woollystar, tiny plants that are being hailed as important discoveries.

“This is a very big deal,” said Seth

Adams of Save Mount Diablo, “not just one but two new species in a tiny area on the edge of development. This is one of the most exciting discoveries of my life.”

Both plants, which were confirmed as new species in December after years of testing, are critically endangered given their tiny habitats and small numbers.

“Discovering one new plant is incredible,” said Gowen. “That there are two new species in the same general location is a miracle.”



David Gowen and one of his new finds: the tiny Lime Ridge Navarretia

Mayor, Council receive honors

Mayor Gwen Regalia was honored as the first recipient of the Distinguished Leadership Award from the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) on April 24 in recognition of her long and influential public service career and "her unsurpassed commitment to sustainable community improvement and focus on smart growth on the local, regional, and state level."

Mayor Regalia and the City Council also received the 2007 Outstanding Service Award from the County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission for their long-term commitment to youth employment and empowerment.

A Look Back:

Little Master Plan finished 50 years ago

Walnut Creek entered a "new era" on July 13, 1958 when the City celebrated the completion of its \$2 million Little Master Plan, an ambitious street construction program aimed at easing a tremendous traffic crunch in downtown.

The Little Master Plan, headed by City Attorney John A. Nejedly, was launched in 1954 as a response to the staggering traffic congestion caused by the Broadway Shopping Center, which opened in 1951. One-way streets were temporarily considered by the City as it waited for the state to construct a freeway,



but local merchants opposed that plan.

Finally, a \$2 million bond issue in 1956 was overwhelmingly approved by voters to finance the project, which began in 1957 and completed in 185 working days.

Council funds affordable housing, non-profit public service programs

The City Council on May 6 allocated \$666,264 to fund housing programs and non-profit public services in 2008-09.

Most of the allocations (\$598,000) are being channeled through the City using federal Community Development Block Grant funding. As in past years, half of the new funding is allocated for affordable housing.

In 2008-09, the City has committed \$394,802 from new and carryover CDBG funds to acquire land for a new affordable housing project this year.

The Council also allocated \$100,000 in Community Service Grant funds for services that reach residents throughout

the City and will serve seniors, youth, families, the disabled, people living with HIV/AIDS, and the homeless.

The 13 service providers receiving Community Service Grant funding are: Contra Costa Legal Services for the Elderly, John Muir Foundation, Ombudsman Services, Senior Outreach Services' Meals on Wheels, Northern California Family Shelter, Contra Costa Crisis Center's Homeless Hotline/211 and Crisis Line, Community Violence Solutions, Family Stress Center, Lions Center for the Visually Impaired, New Connections, STAND! Against Domestic Violence, and The Wellness Community.

2008-10 budget reflects leaner times

A sobering downturn in the local economy coupled with rising costs will force the City Council to adopt a leaner-than-usual operating budget for 2008-10.

The good news is that it is a balanced \$166 million spending plan that preserves most public services and programs and does not require any employee layoffs.

The not-so-good news is that the lean economic times will linger through 2010 and most likely into the 2010-2012 operating budget, according to City Manager Gary Pokorny.

What it means is that the City needs to cinch its fiscal belt tighter than it has in more than 16 years, said Pokorny.

"It was not an easy budget to put

together this time," he told the Council on May 20. "Projected expenditures initially exceeded our resources rather significantly."

However, at press time the Council was prepared to adopt a balanced budget that includes a hiring freeze on 13 unfilled staff positions and an increase in use fees and parking fines.

"We are not in a crisis," said Pokorny. "We have concerns, and we'll address those concerns so we don't have a crisis."

He noted that the City's continued financial vigor is reflected by the fact that it is proceeding with the long-planned, \$42 million library and parking garage project.

The largest operating expenditure is for employee salaries and benefits, which represent about 75 percent of the entire budget due to the high level of service provided to residents.

With employee health care costs rising at a projected rate of 13.5 percent each of the next two years, Council members have expressed concern over how to cover those costs while still providing expected services. Energy and fuel costs are also increasing substantially.

A drop in revenues is due to a softening of property taxes because of the housing market downturn coupled with a drop in sales taxes due to a decrease in auto and retail sales.

To deal with this double-whammy of higher costs and lower revenues, the approach to balancing the new budget will be multifaceted:

- reduced expenditures (selective hiring freeze, reduced training and supplies, reduced funding to outside groups in 2009-10)
- financing large technology projects over a multi-year period
- increasing program fees and charges
- using budget savings from 2004-08
- designating a \$7 million emergency reserve as a cushion against any unanticipated State takeaways.

For a detailed look at the new budget, go online to www.walnut-creek.org

In memoriam: Bob Wisecarver

Bob Wisecarver, a 47-year resident and longtime open space activist, died May 29 after a lengthy illness at age 87.



Q&A: New laws on driving with wireless phones

Two new laws dealing with the use of wireless telephones while driving go into effect July 1. Following are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions posed to the CHP:

What are the laws?

The laws prohibit all drivers from using a handheld wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle. Motorists 18 and over may use a hands-free device. Drivers under 18 may NOT use a wireless telephone OR hands-free device.

What if I need to use my telephone during an emergency and I do not have a hands-free device?

A driver may use a wireless telephone to make emergency calls to a law enforcement agency, a medical provider, the fire department, or other emergency services agency.

Will there be a grace period when motorists will only get a warning?

No.

Are passengers affected by this law?

No. It applies only to the person driving.

DRIVERS 18 AND OVER

Can I use a Blue Tooth or other earpiece?

Yes, but both ears can't be covered.

Can I use the speaker phone function while driving?

Yes.

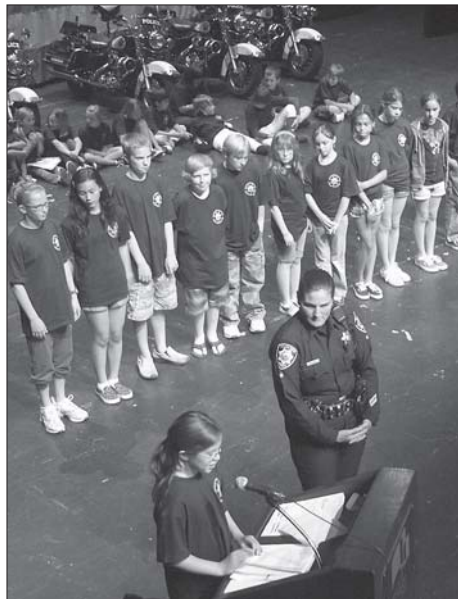
DRIVERS UNDER 18

Can I use my wireless phone hands free?

No. Drivers under 18 may not use a wireless telephone, pager, laptop, or any other electronic communication or mobile services device to speak OR text while driving in any manner, even hands free. EXCEPTION: It is permitted in emergency situations to call police, fire or medical authorities.

May I use the hands-free feature while driving if my car has it built in?

No. The law prohibits anyone under the age of 18 from using any type of wireless device while driving, except in an emergency situation.



Kids learn that 'character counts'

Community Policing Officer Nicole Rosenbusch listens as fifth grader Jasenia Weathers of Parkmead Elementary School reads her essay on how character counts at the first of three graduation ceremonies May 12 at the Leshner Center for the Arts involving 800 Walnut Creek students who completed the Police Department's "Character Counts" program.

New Chief of Police to start June 30

City Manager Gary Pokorny has appointed Joel Bryden, San Diego's assistant chief of police, to be Walnut Creek's new Chief of Police.

Bryden, who starts June 30, comes to Walnut Creek after a 28-year career with the San Diego Police Department. He has been assistant chief there since October 2005, moving up the ranks as police officer, sergeant, lieutenant, and captain.

He was chosen from a field of four finalists following a recruitment that attracted 53 applicants nationwide for the position formerly held by Chief Tom Soberanes, who retired Sept. 30.

"We are very pleased to fill this vital position with such an outstanding individual," said Pokorny. "Joel impressed us with his strong collaborative skills and participative management style. I am



JOEL BRYDEN

confident he will do a great job leading our police department, which is one of the finest in the state."

As assistant chief in San Diego since 2005, Bryden oversaw investigations and the police lab, as well as special operations (including special events, S.W.A.T., air support, and the traffic division). In January 2003, he was responsible for overseeing public safety during Super Bowl XXXVII.

Bryden will oversee the Walnut Creek Police Department's 78 sworn employees and 30 non-sworn employees.

"It's an honor to be chosen," Bryden said. "It's humbling. I'm excited to start this new chapter of my career."

Bryden and his wife of 26 years, Nancy, have two sons. He earned a bachelor's degree in speech communication at San Diego State University in 1980.

Spring cleaning in the City's creeks

Max Mataraso, 10, a fifth grade student at Eagle Peak Montessori School in Walnut Creek, was among 175 volunteers May 10 who helped clear debris from downtown creeks on Creek Clean-Up Day.





Remembering a fallen patriot

Jessica Langevin, holding her 3-month-old daughter, Zoe, stands beside her brother-in-law, Scott Langevin, as the U.S. Marine Corps honor guard opens the City's Memorial Day observance in Civic Park on May 26. The City Council honored the memory of Ms. Langevin's husband, U.S. Army Cpl. Sean K.A. Langevin, who died in combat in Afghanistan on November 9. More than 400 people attended the event, at which a bronze plaque was dedicated in memory of Cpl. Langevin, who was the second Walnut Creek serviceman killed in the wars.



City Directory

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Bicycle registration	943-5844
Building Division, permits	256-3549
Business licenses	943-5821
City Clerk's Office	943-5818
City Hall main number	943-5800
City Manager's office	943-5812
Civic Park rentals	943-5853
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Employment hotline	943-5817
Fingerprinting	943-5844
Flood zone info	943-5839
Garbage collection	603-1144
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Mayor's Office	256-3504
Open Space information	943-5855
Planning/Zoning hotline	256-3558
Police (non-emergency)	943-5844
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Senior citizen activities	943-5851
Street light outage	943-5899, x.510
Ticket Office (Leshner Ctr)	943-7469

Festival

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music, and sword fighting demonstrations.

This year's lineup includes: The Sippy Cups, Puppeteer Leslie Carrara, Fantasy

Forum performing *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, San Jose Taiko Drummers, The Pushcart Players, the Rosen Family Singers, GLANK!, and much more.

Tickets for performances inside the Leshner Center will be \$5 each. To purchase tickets online, go to www.lesherARTScenter.org/theatrefestival



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