SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

SUMMER FUN AT BOUNDARY OAK

This is a summer to remember at the Boundary Oak Golf Course. Boundary Oak is celebrating its golden anniversary this year. Mark your calendars for a visit July 19-21, with exciting events for golfers and non-golfers alike. Planned events include a golf tournament, golf demos and clinics with instructors, and First Tee events for the kids. On Sunday, July 21, the whole community is invited to an Open House with golf contests, an ice cream social, raffle prizes and more. This is a free event filled with fun for the entire family. You don’t have to wait for the 50th anniversary celebration to pay a special visit to Boundary Oak. The newly reopened Taphouse at Boundary Oak is one of Walnut Creek’s hidden gems. After a five-month closure for renovations, the Taphouse is open with a whole new look and a delicious new menu. Offering local beer and wine, the Taphouse is a contemporary restaurant and full bar with extended open hours. The new outdoor seating offers a great spot for lunch and dinner while enjoying beautiful weather and a view of the course.

This renovation project was funded by the Golf Course Enterprise Fund and approved by City Council as part of the 2018-2020 Capital Budget, and is one of the final phases of the Boundary Oak Golf Course Clubhouse Renovation project, which began in 2014. For more information on everything Boundary Oak has to offer, visit playboundaryoak.com.

FIRST WEDNESDAYS RETURN:
Walnut Creek Downtown knows how to throw a party! Plan to spend the first Wednesday of each month through September enjoying Walnut Creek’s most entertaining street festival. End your work day with live music, food trucks, wine and beer, games, prizes and a Kids Fun Zone. Find out more at WalnutCreekDowntown.com.

JULY 4 CONCERT
The best place to start off your Independence Day celebration is in Civic Park. The Walnut Creek Concert Band will provide the musical inspiration for your July 4 fun. Bring your family and friends for a picnic in the park. The Band kicks off the fun at 6:00 p.m.

2ND SATURDAY SPOTLIGHT CONTINUES
The popular “2nd Saturday Spotlight” series continues through the summer with visits to the Gardens at Heather Farm and the Ruth Bancroft Garden in July. Find out more and register online at www.walnut-creek.org/spotlight.
SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

Check cable listings or walnutcreektv.org for the full schedule of shows.

For original programs, community events and more, visit the City’s YouTube channel.

Memorial Day Ceremony
Honored WWII Veterans were in the spotlight at the City’s 31st annual ceremony. Retired Navy Captain Arthur Oller delivered an inspirational keynote address, and the Walnut Creek Concert Band provided entertainment throughout.

High School Highlights
Congratulations to the Class of 2019! Watch the graduations of seniors from Las Lomas and Northgate High Schools, and enjoy Northgate High School’s Spring Concert at Lesher Center for the Arts.

Pride Ceremony
The City Council unanimously adopted a resolution in May recognizing the month of June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month, and directed staff to fly the symbolic Rainbow Pride Flag at City Hall throughout the month of June. Watch the flag raising ceremony!

Art & Wine Festival
Missed the Walnut Creek Art & Wine Festival? This video recap will show you the food, the entertainment, the fun, and the many faces on hand to enjoy the popular event.

Creek Currents
Check out the latest edition of “Creek Currents,” which includes a special behind the scenes tour of the Lesher Center for the Arts, a unique story about a teacher finding affordable housing, and a visit with Mayor Cindy Silva as she updates the state of the City.

Center for Community Arts

Japanese Teens to Join Local High School Students for Teen Studio Program
This August Center for Community Arts will host its 3rd annual Teen Studio Program, a week-long cultural exchange and in-depth art-making intensive. High school students from Walnut Creek’s partner city in Japan, Kita City, will join local teens for daily classes in the track of their choice, Photography or Studio Art. Students will take part in field trips, work collaboratively, and present their work at a celebration event.

Community Arts is seeking host families! Host families will receive a voucher that can be used towards a class at Center for Community Arts during the Summer 2019 or Fall 2019 quarter (up to $200) for each student they host, and are welcome to host multiple students. The program runs August 5-9 from 12pm-3pm daily at Shadelands Art Center. For more information visit www.communityarts.org or call 925-943-5846. Financial Aid is available to qualifying students! Inquire for details.

Camp Community Arts
Unleash your child’s creativity this summer! Kids ages 5-14 will explore art-making, music, theater, dance and more, all under the instruction of working artists and the guidance of caring counselors. Full day campers will enjoy weekly outdoor activities including swimming, sports, games and field trips.

New this year: intensives in Digital Media, Theater, and Painting & Drawing for 11-14 year olds! To learn more or register visit www.communityarts.org/camps or call 925-943-5846.

Center for Community Arts’ Summer Dance Intensive
Deepen your study of ballet with world-class teachers from Diablo Ballet and other major companies! Community Arts’ 3-week intensive is directed by Professional Training Program Director Rebecca Berke and runs July 8-26. Both Intermediate and Advanced classes take place Monday through Friday from 10am to 3pm at Shadelands Art Center. The program culminates in an evening performance on July 26. Classes include ballet technique, pointe (if applicable), repertoire, character dance, modern, jazz, and floor barre.

All students with at least one year of ballet experience are eligible but must audition for class placement. To schedule an audition, please email rebecca@diabloballet.org. For questions, call 925-943-5846.

Summer Jazz & Flock of Flutes Concert
August 6, 7-9pm
Shadelands Art Center Auditorium
Enjoy sizzling jazz standards, rock anthems, vocal showcases and ballads by the Community Arts Jazz Band under new director, Dr. Matt Zebley. Then be transported by Flock of Flutes, a group of piccolo, alto, bass and traditional flutes under the direction of Monica Williams. Visit www.communityarts.org/events for more information or call 925-943-5846.

Arts After Dark
Friday, August 23, 5:30-8:00pm
Center for Community Arts
Enjoy art-making stations with Community Arts teaching artists as well as craft beer, wine, music, food and more. To learn more visit www.communityarts.org/events or call 925-943-5846. Ages 21+
**Blow Up II Opening Reception**  
Sunday, July 14, 3 – 5 pm  
Bedford Gallery

In response to the immense popularity of our 2015 exhibition BLOW UP, Bedford Gallery is excited to present a second exhibition of inflatable art. Featuring a brand new roster of artists, BLOW UP II explores the imaginative ways that air is used as a tool to create large-scale sculptures. The exhibiting artists translate everyday materials and imagery into larger-than-life, yet nearly lighter-than-air art that is rich with meaning, resulting in a wide array of works that are figurative, conceptual, and abstract. The Bedford has commissioned brand new artworks by six of the exhibiting artists specifically for the show! Adult $5, Youth 13-17 $3, Children 12 & under free.

**Create Your Own Inflatable Workshop during BLOW UP II!**

Get pumped up for Bedford Gallery’s DIY Inflatable workshop coming in early August! The class will be taught by educator Carrie Ziser, who will walk participants through every step of making their very own inflatable. Participants will be able to take their professional blow up home! Tickets go on sale mid-June, and BG Newsletter subscribers will be the first to know. Sign up for our newsletter at bedfordgallery.org for first dibs on tickets and stay tuned for more details on the BG website and Instagram @bedfordgallery.

**Public Art Walking Tours**

Saturdays: July 20, August 17 11 – 12 pm  
One hour docent-led excursions to Walnut Creek’s wonderful downtown public art happen every third Saturday, April –Nov. Tours meet in front of the Lesher Center for the Arts on the plaza. $5 admission for adults, which includes admission to the Bedford Gallery. No charge for those 18 or under. Find details at the BedfordGallery.org.
HOME REHABILITATION LOAN AND EMERGENCY GRANT PROGRAM
The City of Walnut Creek has partnered with Habitat for Humanity East Bay/ Silicon Valley, an affordable housing non-profit, to provide health and safety, property maintenance, energy efficiency, and disability accommodation repairs to low- and moderate-income homeowners. The goal of the Home Rehabilitation Loan and Emergency Grant Program is to keep homeowners in their homes.
There is currently funding for minor repairs with the Emergency Repairs Grant, as well as for major repairs with the Home Rehabilitation Loan. To see if you qualify for this type of service, please call (510) 803-3388 or visit www.HabitatEBSV.org/Apply/HomeRepair for more information.

NORTH DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN UPDATE
The North Downtown Specific Plan and Final EIR were released in April and discussed by the Planning Commission in May. The City Council will be reviewing them at a study session and adoption hearings are expected over the summer. The area considered “North Downtown” extends from Civic Drive to Parkside Drive, and from Highway 680 to the Iron Horse Trail. To view the documents or subscribe to receive email updates on the Plan and the process, visit walnut-creek.org/northdowntown. If you have questions, please contact Senior Planner Jeanine Cavalli at cavalli@walnut-creek.org, or by phone at 925-943-5899, ext. 2204.

HELP SHAPE THE CITY’S DESIGN REVIEW GUIDELINES
The City of Walnut Creek is updating our Design Review Guidelines and we’re looking for what inspires you. The Design Review process promotes quality architectural and landscape design in our City. Show us what design moves you in Walnut Creek’s downtown by taking a photo and tagging it #MyDesignReview on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook. You may be eligible for prizes just for participating! You may also send a photo via email to community@walnut-creek.org with #MyDesignReview in the subject line. Selected photos will also be featured in our updated Design Review Guideline document. Find out more on the City’s social media channels or homepage banner at walnut-creek.org.

RIVIERA FAMILY APARTMENTS GRAND OPENING
The City of Walnut Creek’s strong commitment to providing a diversity of housing options for all members of the community was showcased on May 15th with the grand opening celebration at the new 58 unit Riviera Family Apartment complex. In close proximity to Walnut Creek BART and Downtown, Riviera provides eight studios, 24 one-bedroom units, seven two-bedroom units, and 19 three-bedroom units, all of which are affordable to lower income households.

The City provided the initial acquisition financing for this 100% affordable project in 2013, and continued to support the project for a total commitment of $6.4 million dollars. The majority of the City’s funding came from housing impact and in lieu fees paid by market rate residential and commercial developers through the City’s Inclusionary and Commercial Linkage Fee policies. Over the past 15 years, the City has been fortunate to collect $26 million for affordable housing, which has helped to create over 400 affordable units. More than 4,000 applications were received for the units, which still has a waitlist of 2,500.

The ceremony was held during Affordable Housing Week and brought together representatives from broad array of community partnerships.

Elena Akmatova and her daughter Ayana Tursunalieva are among the new residents of the Riviera Family Apartments.

For more information on affordable housing and upcoming projects, visit walnut-creek.org/housing.
CITY PRIORITIZES CREATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

The City of Walnut Creek is working to ensure a high quality of life for our residents today and for future generations by taking action to address the damage to our climate. We’re already making smart investments in local clean energy, including solar. Over the next two years, the City has set a priority to develop a strategic plan to create a healthier environment for our community. Not only will we be updating our current Climate Action Plan with new goals and strategies for the next decade, but we will also be expanding the plan’s focus beyond the climate to address additional environmental and sustainability issues.

As we work to develop this plan, we will have many opportunities for community members to share their input. Stay in the loop on this plan and other news by signing up for our sustainability e-newsletter at www.walnut-creek.org/goinggreen.

JOIN THE CLEANER CONTRA COSTA CHALLENGE!

We all want Walnut Creek to be an even better, healthier place for families and residents to live. As the Bay Area sees the effects of the damage to the climate with more wildfires and poor air quality, we know that we must come together to solve these problems. That’s why we’re excited to announce the launch of the Cleaner Contra Costa Challenge. This new program empowers Walnut Creek residents to create a healthier environment, reduce pollution, and save money. The Challenge gives communities throughout Contra Costa County an online tool to quickly and easily create a personal plan to act on climate change, share their success, save money, and build a stronger community. Every action a household completes reduces its greenhouse gas emissions, and the online platform tracks progress in dollars, energy, and gallons of water and gas saved. Participants can start a team or community group and engage in a friendly competition with their neighbors to reduce their carbon footprint. When we reduce our impact by conserving resources, cutting energy costs, decreasing our use of dirty fuels, and investing in local opportunities, everybody benefits! Join the Challenge today at www.CleanerContraCosta.org.

If your community group is interested in forming a team and would like a presentation on the Challenge, contact Sustainability Coordinator Cara Bautista-Rao at bautista-rao@walnut-creek.org.

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CERT to the Rescue

On May 5th, sixteen Walnut Creek Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members assisted the Walnut Creek Police Department during a search for a minor. CERT members found the youth during a door-to-door search of the area. Walnut Creek residents are invited to train with CERT for light search-and-rescue, light first aid, short-term animal services, and radio communications. CERTs train for disaster preparedness and response, and practice search skills when mobilized by Walnut Creek Police Department.

Basic training classes will begin again in the fall. The class schedule is posted at walnut-creek.org/CERT, and you can sign up to be notified when registration opens. CERT thanks the many community supporters who help with donations, including the Walnut Festival Foundation.

Volunteer with Project Second Chance

More than 100,000 adults in Contra Costa County struggle with the literacy skills needed to complete even daily, routine tasks. The Contra Costa Library has a long track record of providing help to those who need literacy coaching through its “Project Second Chance” program. The Library’s adult literacy program pairs tutors, who are given free training, with people who can benefit so much by learning how to read, regardless of their age. The Library is currently recruiting volunteers who would tutor out of either the Walnut Creek or Ygnacio Valley Libraries. The program is incredibly rewarding for the tutors, who can change lives by giving the gift of literacy. Project Second Chance is free to the students, who receive confidential, one-on-one tutoring. Visit the Project Second Chance website at cclib.org/psc, and consider becoming a volunteer.

Congratulations to Walnut Creek’s Employees of the Year

The City of Walnut Creek annually recognizes outstanding achievements by its dedicated staff, and this year surprised two team members who were selected as the “Employees of the Year” for 2018. Code enforcement officer Nancy Templeton and personnel analyst Selena Franklin were nominated by their peers for outstanding work throughout 2018. Their work and work ethic serve as examples and inspiration for the City workforce. Congratulations, Nancy and Selena, and thank you for going the extra mile to improve our community and organization.

Walnut Creek Police Team Member Wins State Award

When you think of the Police Department, uniformed officers patrolling the streets come to mind, but there is a long list of jobs performed by Police staff behind the scenes that are critical to the success of the Department. That is why the City is so proud to announce that Property and Evidence Technician Shamekia Riley was recently awarded the California Association for Property and Evidence (CAPE) State Property Officer of the Year award. CAPE promotes professionalism in property and evidence gathering, processing, and retention, with emphasis placed on information sharing, training, and support in this complex and often changing field.

In her role as the City’s sole Property and Evidence Technician, she is responsible for the intake, processing, warehousing, and disposition of approximately 600 new items every month. In addition, she uses her initiative and resourcefulness to create processes and procedures to ensure the chain of custody of each item is maintained while purging old items based on local, state, and federal laws. Congratulations, Shamekia!
Summer events are well underway in the City’s more than 3,000 acres of Open Space. Find out the latest events on the Open Space Facebook page, or visit walnut-creek.org/openspace to see what is happening this season.

**Check out some of the programs available to you:**

- **Evening Snake Walk**
  Old Borges Ranch
  Saturday, July 6  8:30p.m.
  Warm summer nights are the perfect time to go out and search for snakes that emerge after the hot summer sun has set. Many of our snake species wait until the sun has set to come out from their daytime hiding places to hunt for their next meal. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a flashlight and wear shoes that cover your feet (no sandals please). Be aware that handling of the snakes by guests cannot be allowed.

- **July Bird Walk**
  Old Borges Ranch
  Saturday, July 13   8 a.m.
  We will bird the ranch and riparian woodlands around the Bob Pond area in search of orioles, kingbirds, and other summer visitors. Meet under the windmill at Old Borges Ranch.

- **Lime Ridge Quarries**
  Lime Ridge Open Space
  Sunday, July 14  8a.m.
  Do you know how Lime Ridge got its name? This ranger led hike will explore the old quarries as we discuss the history of this popular Open Space.

- **Old Borges Ranch “Historic” Open House**
  Old Borges Ranch
  Saturday, July 20  1:00p.m.
  Not a tour but a day when staff opens up the doors and you can visit on your own. Staff is on site for your questions.

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- **Old Borges Ranch “Historic” Open House**
  Old Borges Ranch
  Saturday, July 28  2:30p.m.
  From around the world James Howe lived an amazing life as an Associated Press correspondent before settling in Walnut Creek. Hobbies such as winemaking, smoking meats, and pigeon flutes kept him busy here at “Gopher Gulch Ranch.”

For more information about programs in our Open Space, contact Nancy Dollard at dollard@walnut-creek.org.
JAZZ AT THE LESHER

The Diablo Regional Arts Association, the non-profit partner of the Lesher Center for the Arts, is proud to announce the 8th season of Jazz at the Lesher Center, returning to Walnut Creek this summer. No need to travel to New Orleans for world-class jazz, swing on down to the Lesher Center! Please visit the Lesher Center website for more details about the artists.

JULY 27
Veronica Swift with the Emmet Cohen Trio

AUGUST 3
Anat Cohen Tentet with Oded Lev-Ari

AUGUST 10
Monty Alexander and the Harlem-Kingston Express

AUGUST 24
Ralph Peterson and the Messenger Legacy Sextet

For additional information and to purchase tickets, please visit lesherartscenter.showare.com/2019jazz or contact the Ticket Office at (925) 943-7469.

SUMMER BIKE CHALLENGE UNDERWAY

Pump up the tires, grab your helmet and hop on two wheels as the Walnut Creek “Summer Bike Challenge” returns. Explore Walnut Creek from the seat of your bike, and take part in the fun summer event that will show you parts of the City you may not have yet explored, and as you cross off destination squares, you can become eligible for a variety of prizes and giveaways.

Find out more at 511cc.org. Challenge cards are available at City Hall, both Walnut Creek libraries, the Community and Senior Centers and at our pools.

SUMMER BIKE CHALLENGE UNDERWAY

DOWNTOWN
*FREE Stuff!

- FREE Stuff!
- June 27, 1-3
- Museum
- Store
- Gym
- Office
- Theater
- Post Office
- Restaurant
- Friend’s House

*FREE Stuff!

- August 2, 10-12
- August 6, 10-12

*FREE Stuff!

- June 14, 9-11

SCHOOL

- Las Lomas
- High
- 5XGJHDU
- 1RUWKJDWH
- &LYLF

*FREE Choice

- Farmers Market
- Closest station to your home
- Gardens

- DOGHQ

- Ygnacio Valley Branch

- ART
- Murals, sculptures, fountains…

Details on back

- San Miguel
- Park
- Parked Elementary
- School
- Vandenberg
- Park
- Park
- Park
- Park

- DOWNTOWN
- Park
- Park
- Park
- Park

- ART
- Gardens
- Park
- Park
- Park
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- Grand Prize: iPad

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SUMMER BIKE CHALLENGE

Start your ride from the spot of a bike

San Miguel Park
Parked Elementary School
Vandenberg Park
Downtown Park

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