

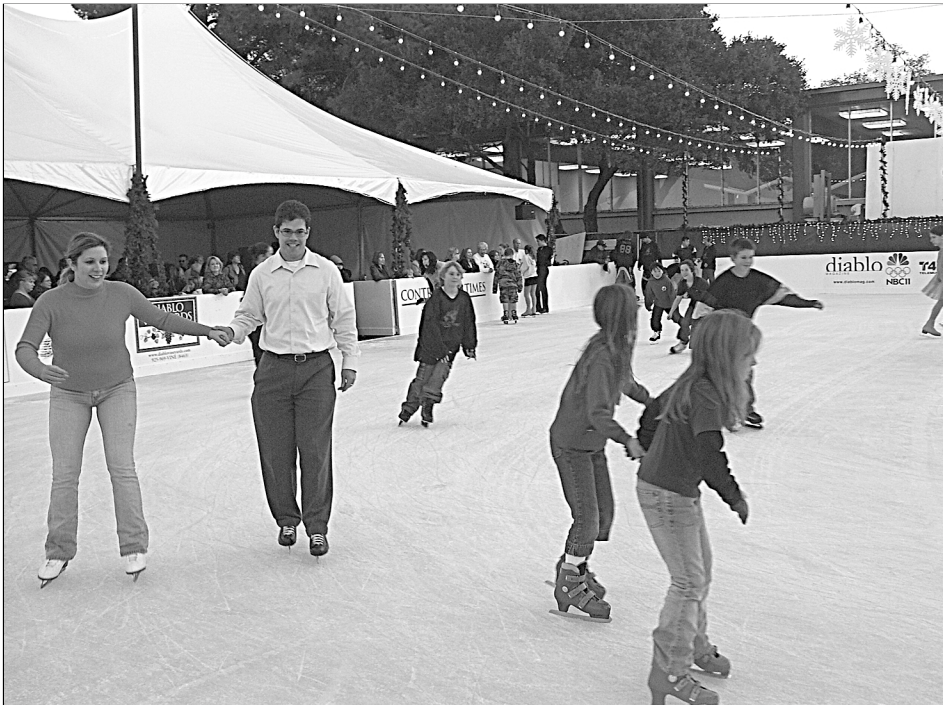
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Come on out: The ice is nice

The hopes and dreams of countless area ice skaters came true Nov. 21 with the official opening of the Walnut Creek on Ice rink in Civic Park. The outdoor venue will be open through Jan. 16. The activity was made possible by a generous donation from Longs Drug, several Walnut Creek businesses, the City of Walnut Creek, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown Business Association. The rink is open seven days a week, beginning at 11 a.m. For more information on hours and admission costs, call 925-935-SNOW (7669).

City to move forward with library plans

Buoyed by election results that showed a large majority of residents want the City to build a bigger downtown library, the City Council is vigorously moving forward with its plan to do just that.

On Dec. 5, the Council directed City Manager Mike Parness to get more community input on the City's proposal for a 42,000-square-foot library next to Civic Park and to revise the funding plan for the \$51.5 million project.

"Given the support of the community, we feel we need to move forward," Parness told the Council. "Let's use this time to rethink and refocus."

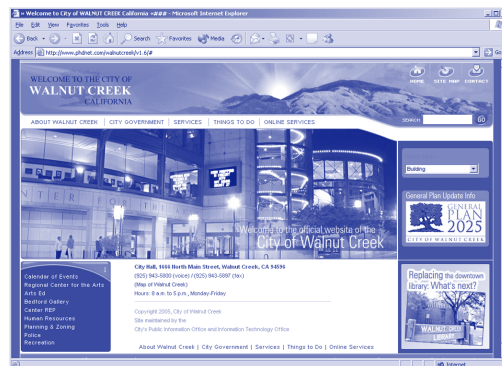
Although 61.5 percent of Walnut Creek voters supported the Council's library bond measure on the Nov. 8 ballot, it failed to get the required two-thirds support for passage. It would have raised \$21 million toward the library project.

LIBRARY, see back page

City's official website to get jazzy new look for 2006

Walnut Creek will unveil a sophisticated — even sort of jazzy — new look for its 10-year-old website on Jan. 5, providing visitors even more user-friendly opportunities to interact with the City 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The website — www.walnut-creek.org — is getting more than a facelift. The upgrade includes easier and faster pull-down menus for surfing the site, a faster search engine, and improved navigation.



The new look of Walnut Creek's website features a completely redesigned homepage.

Designed by Internet University of America in Walnut Creek, the website's new look features a dazzling display of photos of Walnut Creek on a completely redesigned home page. It will also make it easier to get to pages devoted to the City's cultural programs such as the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts.

The site is even more interactive, making it easier for users to buy tickets, download applications, and do other City business online.

City Event Calendar

January

16

Martin Luther King Day observance

City offices closed
Ceremony at noon
Civic Park assembly hall
(See *What's Happening*)

February

6 - April 15

Free tax assistance (See *What's Happening*)

20

Presidents' Day observance City offices closed

City Meeting Calendar

City Council

Jan. 3, 17, 18; Feb. 7, 21
7 p.m.
City Hall, 1666 N. Main St.

Planning Commission

Jan. 12, 26; Feb. 9, 23
7 p.m.
City Council chamber

Arts Commission

Jan. 17, Feb. 21
4:30 p.m.
Leshner Center for the Arts

Transportation Commission


Jan. 19, Feb. 16
7:30 p.m.
City Council chamber


Design Review Commission

Jan. 4, 18; Feb. 1, 15
7 p.m., City Council chamber

Park, Rec & Open Space Commission

Jan. 9, Feb. 6
7 p.m., City Council chamber

 **City Council meetings are televised live on Comcast Channels 6 and 26 (unincorporated), and on Astound Channel 29. They are repeated the following Saturday at 1 p.m. on all.**

 **Walnut Creek Currents, a City-produced 10-minute video digest on City activities and services:**

Comcast Channels 6 and 26 — Daily at 6 a.m., 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., and Wed. at 7:30 p.m.
Astound Ch. 29 — Daily at noon and 7 p.m.

JFK photos highlight of next Bedford show

The intimate side of President Kennedy can be seen in a special exhibition, *The Kennedy Years: Photographs from the Archives of Stanley Tretick*, at the City's Bedford Gallery Feb. 5 through April 16, 2006.

John F. Kennedy University joins Bedford Gallery in presenting an exhibition of the late photojournalist, who covered the White House for *Look* magazine during the Camelot years.

Tretick's iconographic images create a stirring visual, historic, and artistic record of the JFK legacy. This exhibition will feature 60 photographs, including battlefield shots of the Korean War taken while Tretick was on assignment with Acme News Service, as well as writings and artifacts from the Kennedy years.

The *Majestic Tapestries of Magnolia Editions* exhibition will be open through Jan. 29. Bedford Gallery is in the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts at 1601 Civic Dr. Admission is \$3, general; \$2, youth 17 and under; free, children 12 and under. Ticket holders to events in the Regional



President John F. Kennedy brushes back his wife Jackie's hair in a rare public moment of intimacy in a 1961 photograph by Stanley Tretick, which will be on display at the Bedford Gallery

Center are admitted free on ticketed date.

Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; and Thursday, Friday and Saturdays 6-8 p.m.; and other evenings when there are theater productions. The Gallery is closed Mondays.

For more information, visit the website at www.bedfordgallery.org or call 925-295-1417.

What's Happening

Martin Luther King Day observance

"The Glories of Martin Luther King" will be the theme of this year's Martin Luther King Day Service on Monday, Jan. 16 at noon in the Civic Park Community Center assembly hall, 1375 Civic Dr. This public event is presented by the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County, in cooperation with the City of Walnut Creek. For more details, contact Rev. David Sammons at 925-934-3135.

Time to recycle your Christmas tree

Pleasant Hill Bayshore Disposal will collect your unwanted Christmas tree for composting the week of Jan. 9-13. Simply leave your tree at the curbside on your regular trash collection day. Remove ornaments, tinsel, and other trimmings. Don't leave stands — metal or wood — on the tree; it will not be taken otherwise. Also, don't leave artificial or flocked trees. Call 925-603-1144 for details.



Free tax prep help for low income earners

Low- and middle-income families and seniors can get free tax preparation assistance Feb. 6-April 15 from Contra Costa County Tax-Aide, which will be providing services at two locations in Civic Park: Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Park Place, 1395 Civic Dr., (call 925-335-8749) and Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Civic Park Community Center, 1375 Civic Dr. (call 925-943-5851). Appointments may be made starting Jan. 2.

Mayor to give State of City address

Mayor Kathy Hicks will speak at the Chamber of Commerce's annual State of the City luncheon on Jan. 10, 11:30 a.m., at Blake's at Boundary Oak. Cost: \$25. To reserve, call 925-934-2007.

Antique appraisals at the Gardens

Find out the monetary value of your treasures from professional appraisers at the annual Antique and Collectibles Appraisal event on Sunday, Feb. 26, 1 - 6 p.m. at the Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Drive. The cost for entry and having up to three items appraised is \$15 (\$5 for each additional item). All proceeds benefit the Gardens at Heather Farm, a nonprofit organization that promotes an appreciation and understanding of ecology and horticulture. For more information call (925) 947-1678 or visit www.gardenshf.org.

2006 South African flower tour planned

The Ruth Bancroft Garden and Lindsay Wildlife Museum are cosponsoring a 13-day guided tour of South Africa during prime wildflower season, Sept. 3 - 14, 2006. The trip will be escorted by Brian Kemble, Assistant Garden Director at the Ruth Bancroft Garden. The tour will include a visit to Namaqualand to see its wildflower display as well as rare birds and mammals. An information night will be held Feb. 6 at 7-8:30 p.m. at Lindsay Wildlife Museum, 1931 First Ave., Walnut Creek. For a full trip itinerary or more information, contact Mimi Knox at 925-945-6115.

Moms have hand in creating new tot lot at Larkey Park

Esther Kim was on a mission. Two years ago, she and some other moms whose children used Larkey Park's aging tot lot started talking about the need for updating the playground.

Kim alerted the City to that need and together with Elissa Lawson of Pleasant Hill secured a \$10,000 First Five Grant from the County to purchase new playground apparatus.

In November, her efforts paid off as the City unveiled the new and improved tot lot at Larkey Park — a \$350,000 project largely financed with city in-lieu park fees that includes seven new pieces of play equipment and a sand play area.

"This has been a really rewarding project," said Kim, a mother of two who spearheaded the Friends of Larkey Park Playground to raise funds for the improvements. "It's built a lot of goodwill for the City of Walnut Creek, that they are willing



Walnut Creek's Esther Kim, right, and Elissa Lawson of Pleasant Hill watch their children play on the "Navigator" at the Larkey Park tot lot.

to collaboratively work with families."

Sr. Civil Engineer Steve Waymire, who oversaw the project for the City, gave due credit to the moms for their efforts.

"The parents are the ones who came up with the pieces we have in there," he said. "It made it a lot safer."

The new playground is geared for

children ages 2 to 8, while the play area next to the Lindsay Wildlife Museum is aimed at the 5-12 age group, he said.

"This provides a crossover," Waymire said of the new play area. "It is on par with Civic Park and Heather Farm Park. For the younger kids, it's probably one of the better ones."



City Manager Mike Parness welcoming Citizens Institute participants in 2005.

Sign up for Spring 2006 Citizens Institute

Want to know what *really* goes on at City Hall? Then sign up for the Spring 2006 Citizens Institute. The free 8-week class gives residents an opportunity to learn first-hand how the City works and how they can be involved with their local government.

Sessions are led by management staff from various City departments as well as the City Manager, Council members and community leaders, and include discussion groups, tours, presentations and hands-on exercises. Topics range from

how Walnut Creek sets its fiscal priorities to the philosophy behind community policing.

Classes will be Wednesday evenings, 6:30-9:30 p.m., beginning March 15, with Saturday morning sessions on March 11 and April 29. There is no cost to participate.

For more information, call Community Relations Officer Gayle Vassar at 925-943-5899 ext. 189. The class schedule and topics, as well as the application forms, are available at www.walnut-creek.org

City again providing free sandbags to residents

With the rainy season upon us, the City is again providing free sandbags at stations located at the north end of Heather Farm Park on N. San Carlos Road and at the Larkey Park parking lot, as well as on Lancaster Road near Orchard Lane.

Sand and bags will be available, although users must bring their own shovel. Call 925-943-5855 for details.

Mini-grants available for waste prevention efforts

The Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority offers mini-grants for innovative projects that promote waste prevention and recycling efforts.

The CCCSWA allocates \$50,000 each fiscal year for the Mini-grant Program, and individual grant awards range from \$250 to \$10,000. If you, or someone you know, are interested in the mini-grant program, applications (due no later than March 10) are available starting Jan. 9 at www.wastediversion.org/grant.htm or by calling (925) 906-1801.

General Plan Update

Draft blueprint for WC's future to City Council

After nearly three years of study, discussion and preparation, the draft General Plan that will guide Walnut Creek's growth and preservation efforts through 2025 is ready to go to the City Council for final adoption.

The Planning Commission, working with the public, has been fine-tuning the massive document since last March. Now, at last, the General Plan will be delivered—with the Planning Commission's recommendations—to the City Council in March. The Plan incorporates the goals of the community as well as policies that will help the city reach them.

"This General Plan will serve as a strong guidepost through 2025," said Assistant Planning Manager Victoria Walker, who has helped shepherd the plan through the lengthy approval process.

"Many residents deserve praise for their interest and devotion in making sure the policies reflect the community's needs and goals of the community," she added.

So, what's in the draft General Plan? You can go to the City's website at www.walnut-creek.org and get detailed information as well as the project's meeting calendar.

The major themes are:

Protecting the things we value

The Plan recognizes that there are some things Walnut Creek citizens want to keep the same. The open space that rings Walnut Creek will remain as public lands. Further, the Plan reaffirms and strengthens the City's commitment to protecting our creeks, view sheds, and quality public recreational opportunities.

The Plan emphasizes protection of the character and quality of our existing residential neighborhoods. It also continues the City's existing commercial growth metering program allowing a



Preservation of open space is one of the major themes of the draft General Plan that will be sent to the City Council in March for final adoption.



maximum of 75,000 square feet of new development a year for the next 10 years as a means of minimizing the quality of life impacts of rapid growth.

Ensuring economic vitality

General Plan 2025 recognizes that commercial development plays an important role in maintaining the vitality of our local economy—it provides jobs, a wide range of places to shop and obtain services, and substantial tax revenues for our local government that support the high level of city services residents receive.

General Plan 2025 identifies the traditional downtown along Main and Locust Street as a unique economic and community resource due to its small town scale and diversity of shops and establishes goals and policies to preserve the character of the area over time.

The Plan also identifies areas where new development may occur over the next two decades — the Mt. Diablo Boulevard gateway, the Shadelands Business Park, and the area around the BART station — and establishes land use controls to influence the type and quality of future developments. Shadelands Business Park is identified as an important opportunity to create high quality jobs within Walnut Creek; consequently, the Plan attempts to remove barriers to job creation by exempting the Shadelands from the commercial growth cap.

Because the auto dealers are so important to the City's economic health, *General Plan 2025* protects these uses in basically their same locations.

The Plan also identifies the City's robust art scene as an important element of the City's economic vitality and supports bringing a small, higher-end hotel into the downtown area to further support these uses.

Managing traffic

Walnut Creek is at the crossroads of Contra Costa County, and growth in the surrounding region has a big impact on traffic here. Thus, the City cannot expect to *expand* its way out of traffic congestion. Widening roads would change the character of the town and destroy neighborhoods.

Consequently, *General Plan 2025* suggests focusing new development near public transportation and improving pedestrian and bicycle opportunities because they encourage people to take BART and other alternatives to single occupant vehicles.

The Plan supports mixed-use projects, where housing is located within retail and employment centers, because this type of development enables people to walk to work and shopping.

Providing housing

General Plan 2025 supports creating more affordable housing in our community because it means that people can live closer to work, so there will be fewer cars on our freeways and less air pollution and regional congestion.

The Plan's vision for the future includes providing housing for people at all stages of life and at all income levels, principally in and around our downtown area, primarily as mixed-use.

A LOOK BACK:

IRON HORSE

How the popular trail got its name

When Southern Pacific Railroad began its long-awaited service through Contra Costa County in 1891, little did anyone know that less than 100 years later the so-called Iron Horse would be extinct and the 22 miles of right-of-way that had been used for train tracks would be converted into a popular hiking and biking trail for thousands of users.

It was in May 1891 that the first SP locomotive pulled into the Walnut Creek train station. Walnut Creek's earliest denizens spent nearly 30 years working to get railroad service through their village, and the arrival of the Iron Horse was a major milestone in its development as a community.

Pioneers such as James Stow, Homer Shuey, Antonio Botelho and John Larkey contributed money, land or both to provide Southern Pacific the right-of-way it needed to extend its tracks through Walnut Creek on its way from Suisun Bay to the Pleasanton border.

Trains not only provided passengers a faster and cleaner way to get to San Francisco (in little more than two hours!), but also an efficient method for Ygnacio Valley fruit farmers to get their produce to market.

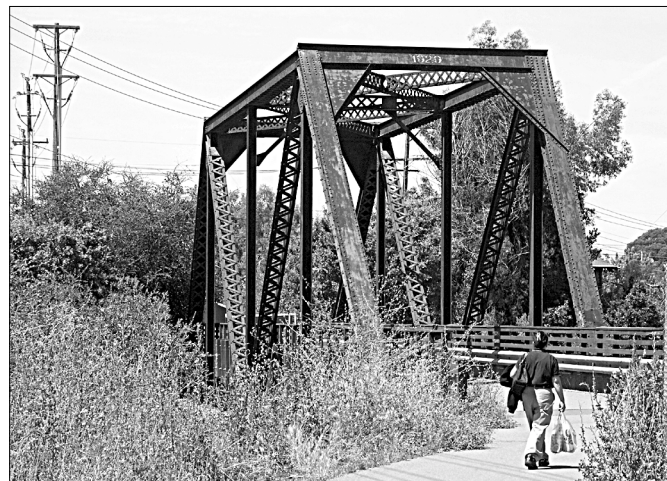
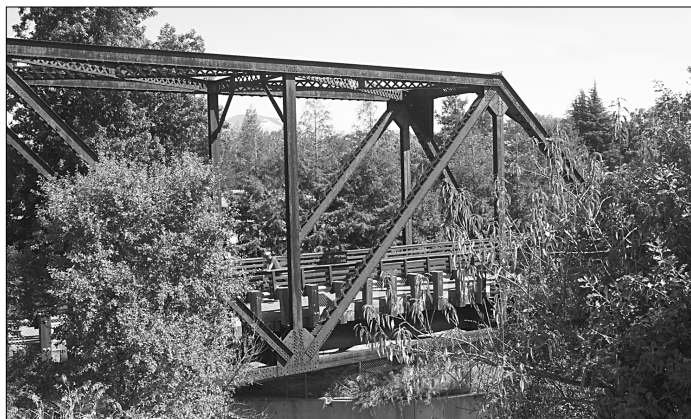
Passenger service ended in 1941, and in 1972 the Walnut Creek depot was relocated to make way for the extension of South Broadway. Local attorney John



The Walnut Creek train depot in 1912.



In the previously unpublished photograph above, a Southern Pacific steam locomotive (circa 1909) chugs north across the Pratt truss bridge over Walnut Creek, with Mount Diablo and Shell Ridge in the background. The current bridge (right) was built in 1929 to replace the earlier bridge as trains got heavier. Below right, a user of the Iron Horse Trail is about to traverse the 1929 bridge, which is located just south of the Iron Horse Trail overcrossing on Ygnacio Valley Road.



Herrington purchased the historic station and moved it to its current location to convert it into a restaurant.

Also in 1972, the Contra Costa County General Plan identified the SP right-of-way as a potential trail corridor. Recognizing that this branch line was no longer necessary, SP sought to abandon the right-of-way and in 1978 the Interstate Commerce Commission gave its approval.

By July 1978, all the tracks and most of the bridges had been removed.

Beginning in 1986, a tremendous community effort was started to secure funding for the Iron Horse Trail. The

East Bay Regional Park District, working with a grass roots group called the Right of Way Trail Advocates, identified the route as a priority regional trail and an agreement was signed with the County in 1986 to operate the first segment of the Iron Horse Trail, which finally opened to the public in 1990.

In 1998, the \$2 million Iron Horse Trail overcrossing at Ygnacio Valley Road was opened, financed with City, state and federal funds.

Today, the park district estimates the Iron Horse Trail is used by one million people annually.

City Council Update

Mayor honors local servicemen

In a Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11, Mayor Gary Skrel presented commendations to two Walnut Creek servicemen who recently returned from tours of duty in the Middle East.

Recognized for their "courageous service" to the country were Cpl. Michael Ergo, U.S. Marine Corps and Cmmdr. Brad Porter, U.S. Coast Guard.

City Council selects new mayor

The City Council voted Dec. 6 to name Kathy Hicks to her third term as Mayor of Walnut Creek for 2006, succeeding Gary Skrel.

Hicks, who was mayor in 1996-97 and 2000-01, was first elected to the City Council in November 1994 after serving terms on the Planning Commission (1994) and the Park, Recreation & Open Space Commission (1990-94).



Classic trolleys debut downtown

The City on Nov. 29 officially unveiled a new classic cable car trolleys for its popular Free Ride shuttle route in downtown Walnut Creek. The previous shuttle buses that were in operation for several years on the Community Connection's Route 104 were converted into trolleys by Cable Car Classics in Healdsburg. The City Council decided in September to dress up the free shuttle to encourage more ridership. The trolleys on Route 104 will continue going from the Walnut Creek BART station to Broadway Plaza, making stops every 15 minutes along Locust and Main streets, including the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts.



2005 City Employees of the Year:
Toni Kilcoyne and Don Murphy

City Employees of the Year honored

City Manager Mike Parness on Nov. 14 announced Toni Kilcoyne and Don Murphy as co-recipients of the Rosie Coan Employee of the Year Award for 2005.

The award, created in 1989 and named in 2004 in memory of the City's late Administrative Services Director Rosie Coan, honors those staff members who exemplify excellence in the organization.

Kilcoyne, production services coordinator at the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, has been on staff since 1990. She was recognized for her outstanding efforts in bringing quality live theater to audiences. Murphy, the City's construction coordinator, joined the staff in 2001 and was recognized for personifying the values of teamwork and excellence.

Time to think about tree pruning

Nearly all trees need periodic pruning, especially when they are young. This helps to improve shape and to encourage a safe, strong structure.

If you're planning to prune a tree, remember that there is a right way — and there is a wrong way. Proper pruning is important because trees can enhance property values by as much as 27%. Improper pruning can damage the health of a tree and mar its beauty, thus reducing property values.

Your best bet for a properly pruned tree is to hire a professional arborist certified by the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture. Look in the yellow pages of your phone book for a list of certified arborists.

If you're thinking of removing a tree, you'll need a permit. Call the City's Public Services office at 943-5854 for details.

Tree pruning tips . . .

Winter is the ideal time to inspect your trees and determine if they need pruning. Following are tips on how to prune your trees safely and correctly:

- Remove broken or dead limbs
- Thin trees; don't stub cut branches
- When cutting a limb, be sure to leave the branch collar for quick healing
- Don't use patching paste or paint to seal cuts — it can inhibit healing
- Prune fruit-bearing trees annually
- Prune ornamental or shade trees only every eight years

Free informational brochures on tree care are available at City Hall.

City maintains high FEMA score to keep low flood insurance rates for homeowners

Residents will continue to enjoy a 15 percent discount on their flood insurance premium rates thanks to another high rating for Walnut Creek based on a 2005 FEMA audit of its community floodplain management activities.

Walnut Creek received a rating of 7,

making it one of only 1,028 communities nationwide receiving the discounts based on its efforts to reduce flood losses, ensure accurate insurance ratings, and promote awareness of flood insurance that go well beyond the National Flood Insurance Program's requirements.



By Officer Chris Norlund

When to put the brakes on elderly motorists

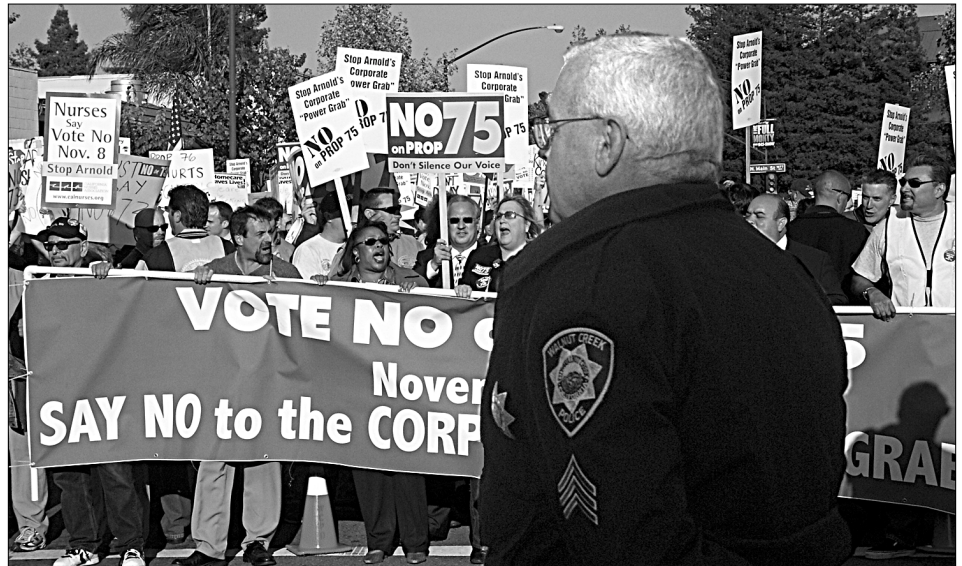
When is it time for an elderly person to stop driving? This is a very hard question for most people. The following list of warning signs comes from the AARP web site (www.aarp.org/life/drive):



1. Feeling less comfortable and more nervous or fearful while driving.
2. Difficulty staying in your lane.
3. More frequent "close calls."
4. More frequent dents, scrapes on the car or on fences, mailboxes, etc.
5. Trouble judging gaps in traffic at intersections and entrance/exit ramps.
6. Other drivers are honking at you more often; more instances when you are angry at other drivers.
7. Friends or relatives not wanting to drive with you.
8. Getting lost more often.
9. Difficulty seeing the sides of the road when looking straight ahead.
10. Trouble paying attention to or violating signals, road signs, and pavement markings.
11. Slower response to unexpected situations; trouble moving foot from gas to brake pedal or confusing the two pedals.
12. Easily distracted or hard to concentrate while driving.
13. Harder to check over shoulder while backing up or changing lanes.
14. Medical conditions or medications that may affect ability to drive safely.
15. More traffic tickets or "warnings" in the last year or two.

If you notice one or more of these warning signs you may want to have your driving assessed by a professional or attend a driver refresher class.

Numbers 7 and 15 are the two that jumped out at me. Cops have mothers and grandmothers. We don't like to write tickets to grandma. However, more "warnings" by traffic officers is a sure sign for the family that it may be time for the older driver to park the car.



Policing the protesters

Officer Bill Holian was among the many Walnut Creek police officers on Oct. 24 who monitored demonstrators who came to protest four ballot measures being promoted by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger during a live TV appearance at the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts.

Sign up now for emergency training

When disaster strikes, you may be on your own. Emergencies can happen anywhere, at any time. In the event of a major catastrophe, such as an earthquake, experts say that residents are likely to be on their own for the first 72 hours. The experience of New Orleans indicates it could be much, much longer.

You can be prepared to take care of yourself, your family, and your neighbors through Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

Through CERT, you will learn how to shut off utilities, extinguish small fires, perform light search and rescue, carry out first aid, and much more. These free classes are weekly for six weeks, for a total 20 hours of training, and are coordinated by the Contra Costa Fire District in partnership with the City of Walnut Creek.

New classes will be offered this spring. For information, call Community Relations Officer Gayle Melvin at 925-943-5899, ext. 189.

How to improve cycling community

Walnut Creek supports bicycling policies that establish bicycle routes, require secure parking, provide a high quality of roads, and implement educational programs to promote safe sharing of public roadways.

Help us help you – get active in promoting and improving our cycling community.

How do active cyclists and the community benefit?

1. Offers physical activity (helps fight obesity, stress, and poor health).
2. Less traffic — cleaner air.
3. Promotes maturity and independence in kids who ride a bike to school.
4. Less traffic congestion.



5. Healthy transportation for an aging community, an alternative to the hassles of driving and parking.

6. Less noise.

7. Positive example for our children.

8. Reduces neighborhood traffic jams around schools.

9. Nurturing physical activity early in life, encourages an active lifestyle in adulthood.

10. Reduces need for additional land use for parking structures.

So, attend our Bicycle Advisory Committee meetings, get involved, and ride your bikes.

For more information, go online to walnut-creek.org/bicyclecouncil/BAC.htm



Skate park surfin'

Skaters and boarders hit the bowl at the new Walnut Creek Skate Park at the corner of Heather and Marchbanks drives in Heather Farm Park at the grand opening on Nov. 12. The 12,250-square-foot skating facility is open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Admission is free. All users must wear helmets, elbow and knee pads. For skate park rules, go online to walnut-creek.org

Library

From front page

Parness pledged to come back by the end of January with site design alternatives and revised costs for the project.

The City still hopes to get \$18 million

in state funding if a statewide library bond measure is approved by voters next June.

Council members thanked volunteers who worked on the Measure R campaign.

Significantly, most council members

remained committed to building a 42,000-square-foot library as a minimum to meet the city's future needs, although they said they would consider a smaller parking facility and civic plaza to reduce costs.



City Directory

Arts Education classes	943-5846
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
Crime prevention	943-5885
Employment hotline	943-5817
Fingerprinting	943-5844
Flood zone info	943-5839
Garbage collection	603-1144
Heather Farm Pool	943-5856
Leisure Service classes	943-5858
Mayor's Office	256-3504
Open Space information	943-5854
Planning/Zoning hotline	256-3558
Police (non-emergency)	943-5844
Public Information	943-5895
DLRCA Ticket Office	943-7469
Senior citizen activities	943-5851
Street light outages	943-5854



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