



WALKER

City News

SPRING 2004

A note to our residents and businesses:

You may have noticed a change to the Spring 2004 newsletter edition. In an effort to reduce printing costs, we have eliminated a three-color print in favor of a one-color print. We will also realize savings in mailing costs by distributing the newsletter in a folded and tabbed format. By initiating these changes, we are able to continue to provide information that is both timely and informative to our community. Thank you.

INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT

Reminder from the Income Tax Department

2003 Returns

Who must file: Every resident or part-year resident of Walker (this includes renters) who has taxable income in 2003 of \$750 or more must file a return. Married persons may file either a joint return or separate returns. There seems to be quite a bit of confusion, especially among renters, over whether or not they are Walker residents. All Walker addresses have Grand Rapids mailing addresses which adds to the confusion. Visit the following link on the Walker website to check whether your address is within the city limits of Walker.

Walker street directory: <http://www.ci.walker.mi.us/Streetdirectory>

Required attachments: Please see page two of the Walker resident return for a list of required attachments. Missing attachments will delay the processing of your return. If the missing attachment relates to credits or deductions, we will not send a request for the missing document, but will disallow the credit or deduction and send a notice of proposed assessment. For example, if you take a credit for tax paid to another city and fail to attach a copy of the other city's return, we will disallow the credit and send a notice of proposed assessment. After receiving a notice of proposed assessment, you have 30 days to file a written protest with the income tax administrator. If you do not file a written protest, the assessment will become final 30 days after you receive it. You will not have another opportunity to provide the missing information or to reduce the assessment after this time period has elapsed. Please respond promptly to all correspondence from the Income Tax Department.

Estimated Payments

Tax Year 2003: If you owe more than \$100 with your 2003 return due April 30, 2004 and you have not paid in at least 70% of your current or prior year liability through estimates, credits or withholding, you will be receiving a bill for penalty and interest.

Tax Year 2004: If your employer does not withhold Walker Income Tax or you have non-wage income (rental income, capital gains, premature pension distributions, etc.) that is subject to tax and you think you may owe more than \$100 with your 2004 return, contact the Income Tax Department at 791-6880. We will send you 2004 Quarterly Estimated payment vouchers with instructions. If you filed estimated vouchers for 2003, you will automatically receive 2004 vouchers in the mail. Please call us if you need the vouchers and do not receive them by April 1.

The first quarter estimated payment for 2004 Walker Income Tax is due April 30, 2004

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Dear Citizens of Walker,

Best wishes from your City Commission. Many things are happening in our City and I wish to use this article to mention a few.

We continue to be challenged by budget issues. As you may know, we are experiencing significant reductions in revenue sharing funding from the State of Michigan, which forces increasingly difficult choices as we attempt to prioritize expenditures. The current budget year (ending June 30) represents spending levels comparable to the 1998/1999 budget.

The City budget is no different than an individual budget. If your income goes down, you must reduce spending. This is required despite the fact that the cost of goods and services have increased. Think about what measures you might have to take if your income was reduced and your spending was at your 1998 level. Food, gas, electricity and everything that you purchase has gone up in price, yet your available money to spend has gone down.

To accomplish the necessary reductions, we must focus more and more on the essential core services provided by the City. We must examine every expenditure to make certain that it is necessary. There is no room for luxuries in our budget. We are very grateful to the City employees who have been required to maintain service levels with reduced funds. Your City Commission is committed to finding creative solutions in these challenging times.

In difficult times, it is wonderful to see new solutions arise. For example, one of our priorities has been to maintain programs for seniors in our community. We have worked collaboratively with Kent County, Walker based churches, the Urban Cooperation Board, and individuals to save the Senior Neighbors program in Walker. Recently, the Walker Firefighters Association partnered with the Walker Lions and hosted a pancake breakfast at fire station #3 for the benefit of Senior Neighbors. This fund raiser was a wonderful community event, and significantly helped maintain this valuable program in our City. As a result of the dedication of the firefighters and the Lions, we are able to assist our seniors without spending tax dollars.

We hope that others will step forward and help us maintain the family friendly environment we enjoy in Walker. We in City government are more and more aware of the fact that we can not solve all problems by public spending. We must use tax dollars sparingly and find collaborative and creative ways to stretch limited tax dollars.

Another example of good stewardship is to be found in the City Clerks office. We are now able to provide passport services. This program provides a convenient location for those who need a passport and generates revenue for the City. Since the program commenced in December, we have processed 57 applications resulting in almost \$2,000 in additional revenue to the City.

On the zoning and land use front, I am pleased to report that the 4 Mile Walker/Alpine Township study effort is producing good results. This effort includes representatives for Alpine Township, MDOT, Kent County Road Commission, and the Grand Valley Metro Council. We have already used these efforts to better manage the development of the 4 Mile corridor which is the boundary between Walker and Alpine Township and significantly impacts Alpine Avenue which is a major concern of both municipalities and all who live in and travel through this area.

Thank you for your continuing support of our City. We welcome any suggestions, comments, or thoughts you may have.

Best Regards,
Rob VerHeulen

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CITY HALL

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Hours: M-F — 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Historical Commission Happenings Winter 2004

The Edison House project is coming along through the winter months with the activity centered on sanding floors, pulling newer wallpaper down, as well as acquiring items for the interior. We also had the leaking roof patched by Walker resident Joe Skorka, and with the installation of a temporary furnace we are dry and warm. The floors when uncovered are in great shape, but are taking more time than expected.

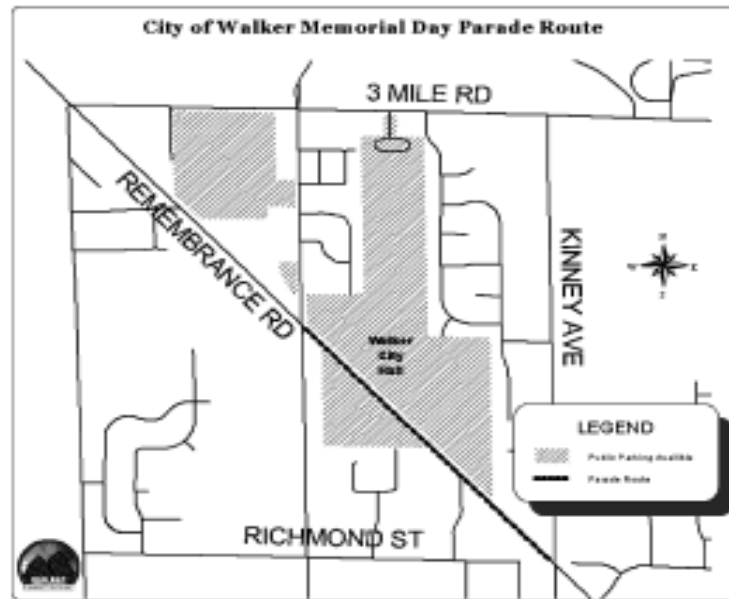
New major artifacts that we have added to the collection include an old wood stove that was made in 1908; an old Postmasters desk and chair for the mid 1800's; as well as a player piano. We are still looking for furniture (chairs, sofas, etc) from the turn of the century to fill up the parlor room, as well as the living room. We also added a one hundred and twenty six office machine collection, which includes a lot of typewriters and adding machines dating back to before the turn of the century.

However, the needs of the Edison House are large and

require a financial investment that we will be raising through a number of means in the next six months. The first fun-raising item will be a limited edition drawing of the Edison House. These will be individually numbered, framed, and signed by a local artist. These should be available to the public before the start of summer, so stay tuned for upcoming news.

The second area that will be bringing more needed funds for the restoration is the publication of the first Walker Historical book since 1976. This book yet to be titled, is a compilation of past and present photographs of various Walker landmarks, buildings, and activities. We have put together a good collection, but still need your help. This will also be one of the last opportunities to contribute to this, as the book needs to be completed and sent to a publisher in the spring months. Any old photographs of buildings, houses, or people, can be dropped off at the Clerk's office. If you need the photos back, please indicate that these are on loan only and the return information.

2004 WALKER MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



The Walker Recreation Department is hosting the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 31 at 12:00 noon. Veterans, marching bands, floats, and local groups/organizations who are interested in participating in this year's parade can contact the Walker Recreation Department for an application. Deadline for registration is Monday, May 3.

NEW LOCATION

Due to the Spring/Summer construction on Lake Michigan Drive in Standale, the 2004 Memorial Day parade will be held on Remembrance Road between Wilson Avenue and Kinney Avenue. (See the detailed map above)

Public parking will be available at City Hall and the neighboring businesses. For further information, please call the Recreation Department at 791-6890.

AT THE WALKER LIBRARY

SPRING EVENTS...

The library is ready for spring and has been planning fun-filled activities for all ages.

For Youth...

Special Pajama storytimes are as follows:

Mon. Mar. 29 at 7pm - The Wiggles - based on the popular TV series. Mon. Apr. 26 at 7pm - Barnyard Song with activities related to the story picked for "Michigan Reads!" Registration required please.

Laptime and storytime sessions begin Wednesday, Mar. 31 at 10am or 11am and will run for 4 weeks. Family storytime begins Tuesday, Mar. 30 at 10am and will run 4 weeks also. Registration for these programs is required.

Fairy Magic happens on Tues. April 6th at 1 pm. Join in the fun by signing up now!

For Adults...

The book discussion group will meet monthly on the second Tuesday at 10am. Join us for a friendly discussion and good refreshments.

Are you interested in woodcarving? On Thursday, April 15th at 6:30pm, Fran Mendez and John Sanchez will discuss the art of woodcarving and its techniques. You are welcome to bring in your own woodcarving pieces for discussion.

The Walker Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9:30 am to 8:00 pm. Fridays and Saturdays 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. Please call **647-3970** for further information regarding library services.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

CITY OF WALKER CLEAN UP DAYS MAY 6,7,8, 2004

LOCATED BEHIND CITY HALL, 4243 REMEMBRANCE. THERE WILL BE SIGNS.

HOURS: MAY 6 - 8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
MAY 7 - 8:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.
MAY 8 - 7:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

VOTER REGISTRATION CARD OR TAX BILL WILL BE REQUIRED.

WE WILL ACCEPT:

- APPLIANCES - REFRIGERATORS WILL HAVE TO HAVE COOLANT REMOVED. CERTIFICATE WILL BE REQUIRED.

- WOOD - BRUSH - LEAVES

- METAL

- MISC.

WILL NOT ACCEPT: CALL KENT COUNTY RESOURCE CENTER
616-336-2570

- PROPANE TANKS

- GAS TANKS

- CO2 CYLINDERS

- OIL

- PAINT

- GARBAGE

- COMPUTERS

- CAR BATTERIES, BATTERIES

CITY OF WALKER

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

2004 ADOPT-A-ROAD PICK UP WEEKS

4/5/2004

6/7/2004

8/9/2004

10/11/2004

FALL ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

The Walker Recreation Department will be having its 14th Annual Fall Arts & Crafts show on Saturday, October 30, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The show will be at Kenowa Hills Intermediate School, located at 4252 Three Mile Road, N.W.

Entry fee is \$30.00 per space and \$5.00 additional for each table. Registration deadline is September 30, 2004. If you are interested in participating, please call the Walker Recreation Department at 791-6890 for an application.

GIRL'S SOFTBALL UMPIRES

The Walker Recreation Department is accepting applications for girl's softball umpires.

The program is offered for girls ages 7 through 12. The season will begin on Tuesday, April 27, 2004. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. If needed, some games will be played on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Softball experience is necessary. If you are interested in umpiring, please contact the Recreation Department at 791-6890 for further information.

SOFTBALL UMPIRES

The Walker Recreation Department is accepting applications for Adult Softball umpires. The Adult softball season begins the week of June 7, 2004. Leagues are offered for men, women, and co-ed teams on Monday through Thursday evenings. **Umpiring classes are required.** Classes will be held at the Community Building/Fire Station #3, LOWER LEVEL, located at 1470 Three Mile Rd., N.W. The classes will meet for 3 weeks – May 3, May 10, and May 17 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please contact the Recreation Department at 791-6890 for further information.

3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Walker Recreation Department is hosting its 10th Annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday, June 12, 2004.

The tournament will be held at the Walker City Hall complex, 4243 Remembrance Rd., N.W. The cost per team is \$ 80.00. If you are interested in participating, please call the Walker Recreation Department at 791-6890 for an application.

GOLF LESSONS

The Walker Recreation Department will be offering beginner golf lessons for youth 7-15 years of age and adults 16 years of age and older. Lessons will be offered on Monday evenings beginning May 3 or Friday evenings beginning May 7 at Community Park, located at Cummings and West Grand, N.W.

Youth lessons will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and adult lessons will be from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The cost for 4 – 1 hour lessons will be \$ 35.00.

To register send your name, address, business and home phone numbers, day preference, along with your check or money order payable to: WALKER RECREATION DEPARTMENT, 4243 Remembrance Rd., N.W., Walker, Michigan 49544. The deadline for registration is Monday, April 26, 2004.

When registering for the lessons, please indicate whether you will be needing golf clubs.

For further information call 791-6890.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA—EASTER EGG HUNT

On Saturday, April 10, 2004, the Walker Recreation Department will be having its 14th Annual Eggstravaganza (Easter Egg Hunt). The event will begin at 11:30 A.M. and be held at the Walker City Hall Complex, 4243 Remembrance Rd., N.W. The event is for boys and girls 7 years of age and younger. There will be three different age groups for boys and girls. They will be hunting for wrapped candy and plastic eggs, some of which may be redeemed for various prizes. Bags of goodies will be available for children under 2 years of age. The Easter Bunny will be available before and after the hunt for pictures.

FREE REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE!!

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE CANDY WILL BE GIVEN AWAY AT 11:30 A.M. FROM THE DPW GARAGE.

For further information, please call the Recreation Department at 791-6890.



Fitness minded

Potato Economics.

You would think they'd be cheap – just lying there-not moving much-minding their own business, but Michigan couch potatoes are *pricey*. Inactive adults in the state of Michigan cost approximately *8 billion* dollars a year. By the way, that 8 BILLION is a *conservative* estimate that does not even include the cost of prescription medications. The problem with lack of activity is that it paves the way to diseases – expensive ones-like obesity, heart disease and diabetes. Statistics are already telling us that the situation will most likely get worse. It's obvious that children model what their parents do when *40%* of 5 to 8 year olds show *one or more* risk factors for heart disease; and there are 11 million obese kids from age 6 to 11 in the United States.

You might wonder who pays the 8 billion-dollar tab. Unfortunately, it's on all state of Michigan residents. A couch-potato lifestyle translates into higher costs of goods and higher taxes. If this trend doesn't change, by the year 2007 the 8 billion-dollar figure will increase to 12.65 billion. The next time you feel like complaining about climbing prices and higher taxes – turn off the TV and take your dog or your kid – for a walk. Bring your neighbor with you. Need a place to walk? Try the Walker Ice and Fitness Center track. Stop in today and start a two-week free trial! For more information on the cost of inactivity, check out: www.michiganfitness.org

Public Skating Times:

All times are subject to change.

Please call in advance to confirm times.

Open Skating times include:

Mondays	12:00 noon to 1:50 PM
Wednesdays	12:00 noon to 1:50 PM
Fridays	12:00 noon to 1:50 PM
	8:00 PM to 9:50 PM
Saturdays	2:00 PM to 3:50 PM
Sundays	2:00 PM to 3:50 PM

Drop-In Hockey times include:

Tuesdays	12:00 noon to 1:50 PM
Thursdays	12:00 noon to 1:50 PM
Sundays	8:00 AM to 9:20 PM

Senior Skating times include:

Tuesdays	8:00 AM to 10:00 PM
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Freestyle Skating times include:

Tuesdays	6:00 AM to 7:50 PM
Thursdays	6:00 AM to 7:50 PM

Upcoming Ice Programs:

- **Learn to Skate** - Mar 13 to May 1
Saturdays 9:00 AM to 9:50AM
- **Learn to Play Hockey**
Contact Main Line Number 735-6286

Party Packages:

We offer Birthday Party and Group Packages starting at \$5.49 per person. Call the Walker Ice & Fitness Center at 735-6286 to schedule your party!

FREE Smoking Cessation Support Group

Are you ready to leave smoking behind?

You CAN do it and support groups have been proven to work!

Date: Wednesdays, beginning April 14 – May 19

Time: 6PM – 8PM

Place: Walker Ice & Fitness Center, Conference Room A

Cost: FREE

Call: 735-6286 to pre-register.

We're Proud of Our Facility...and we stand behind it by letting you try the Walker Ice & Fitness Center for 14 days Free.	TRY Before You BUY This is the best fitness facility in the area and you can prove it with no obligation	No Risk No Cost No Excuses No hidden costs. Nothing to pay. Simply bring in this coupon with your workout clothes.	*To Qualify You Must: -Live in Grand Rapids area -Be at least 21 years of age -Be able to show valid Michigan I.D. -Not have applied for this offer within a 1- year period. -Not have previously had a membership with W.I.F.C. -Limit 2 trial memberships per household.
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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

As spring approaches, the Walker Fire Department would like to make you aware of some points of interest.

Tornado season is approaching. In the event of a tornado warning, be sure to take cover in a protected area such as a basement or storm shelter. Remember to stay away from windows, doors and walls that face the outside. Take shelter in the smallest room, closet or hallway near the middle of your house on the lowest level possible. Use blankets or cushions from furniture to cover you. You can also take shelter under a heavy table, under a bed or under stairs.

Also, our outdoor warning sirens are tested on the first Friday of every month at noon from April through October. If you hear them sound off, other than during testing times, you are encouraged to turn on your radio or television for any important announcements regarding the weather, etc.

When doing your spring cleaning, check your appliances for dust and lint buildup near heating sources. Please pay special attention to the back of your refrigerator and in the motor compartment of your clothes dryer. Also, check your clothes dryer vent stack for lint buildup.

Residential open burning begins on April 15 and runs through May 15. Just a reminder that burning permits are needed to burn and they can be obtained at the main reception area at City Hall. There is no charge for a burning permit. Also, open burning is only allowed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. You must call 453-6311 before you burn, and you must call in on Friday to burn on Saturday.

Reflective address signs are available through the Fire Department. The signs are \$10.00 and can be purchased by calling the Fire Department office at 791-6840.

If you are interested in a Self Home Inspection Sheet checklist, call 791-6840.

WALKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

For the year of 2003, we participated in several enforcement activities including Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Office of Highway Safety and Planning (OHSP), and Red Light Task Forces.

The Red Light Task Forces was done by area departments using on-duty personnel. The enforcements were done in conjunction with the Wyoming Police Department, Grandville P.D., Grand Rapids P.D., Kentwood P.D., Kent County Sheriffs Department, and the Michigan State Police. Unfortunately they had a large success. I believe that the officers assigned to this, at least in our instance, had their wages paid by the ticket revenues. Officers worked high accident intersections focusing primarily on Red Light Enforcement but any other violations observed by a designated spotter or officer could be addressed. This just goes to show how commonplace running red lights have become in our areas.

The MDOT enforcement was done all by MDOT refunding officer's salaries. We paid the salary of officers then were totally reimbursed their wages for the initial time spent. The city then gets revenue from the ticket money generated from officers. This is done the same as all other tickets written. This program generated 212 total citations. Officers are to do traffic enforcement only during the time allotted allowing the regular officers to still dedicate their time to regular activities and calls for service.

The OHSP grant for 2003 (which also includes 1-4-04). We had a "Click it or Ticket" wave in November resulting in 134 citations in our city. Our officers also worked in the cities of other participating departments and they had their officers working in our city. There was a "You Drink You Drive You Lose" wave the end of December and into the first of the year returned numerous citations and arrests. On this wave the state changed its way of reporting and wanted total department citations on various charges. Our total was 192. A June and July "Alcohol Enforcement" with 174 total citations and arrests. A May "Seat Belt Enforcement" was in effect with 147 citations and arrests. Officer's salaries for the initial time spent were again refunded by the state. Ticket revenues were again divided the same as all other citations.

All these programs are not to see how many tickets can be written. These are designed to educate the drivers of this area and state that their driving habits are unsafe for all the motorists of the state. These highly publicized enforcement efforts have been making the death tolls lower and better driving habits a more common occurrence.

Walker Residents:

The Walker Police Department is in the process of expanding our Neighborhood Watch and Child Watch programs. Participation in these programs is a positive action for your family, neighborhood and community. Both programs are designed to take minimal time from your busy schedule.

Advantages to you for joining include; a safer neighborhood, getting to know your neighbors, contacts in the police department, and receiving information about events, meetings, and criminal activity in your community.

Our advantage is self-evident. We can do our job without your help, but we can do it much better with your help. Joining sides with your police department just makes good sense.

Anyone interested in more information, please contact Sgt. Greg Antor at 791-6819.

“YOUR” NEWSLETTER!

We value your communication. You may contact us with your comments or suggestions for “Your” newsletter at any time.

CITY OF WALKER

Attn: Newsletter
4243 Remembrance Road NW, Walker Mi 49544
Phone: (616) 791-6860
E-Mail: newsletter@ci.walker.mi.us

Also let us know if you need to correct your mailing address or need to add a new resident to our current list of recipients.

Thank you!

CITY OF WALKER

4243 Remembrance Road NW,
Walker Mi 49544

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INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT

Employer Withholding

A company is required to withhold Walker income tax from an employee’s pay if the company has a location in the City of Walker. A company must also withhold Walker tax if they are doing business in the City of Walker even though the company has no locations in the city. Companies outside of the City of Walker are not required to withhold Walker tax but may voluntarily do so as a convenience to their employers. Call Nancy at 791-6869 or visit the following link on the Walker website to request a New Employer Package.

New employer package request:

<http://www.ci.walker.mi.us/Services/IncomeTax/DepartmentOverview.htm>

Business Taxes

In addition to filing and paying withholding taxes on employees working in Walker, businesses are also subject to Walker income tax. Sole proprietors that file a Schedule C for Federal income tax purposes must also report this income on their individual Walker returns if the business is located in Walker or has activity within the city limits. Corporations located in or doing business in Walker must file form W-1120 to calculate tax due on the income apportioned to Walker. Partnerships located in or doing business in Walker must file form W-1065 to report the amount of partnership income apportioned to each resident or non-resident owner. Partnerships have the option to pay the Walker income tax on behalf of all owners as well. If you have any questions regarding filing requirements for businesses, please call Julie Blok at 791-6866 or e-mail jblok@ci.walker.mi.us for more information.

Meeting Dates and Times

City Commission Meetings:

8:00 p.m. - 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.
Walker City Hall/Commission Chambers

Board of Zoning Appeals

7:00 p.m. - 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month to hear appeals on the city’s zoning regulations. City Commission Chambers

Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. - 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month to make recommendations regarding land use planning and zoning concerns. City Hall, City Commission Chambers

Recreation Committee

Meets one Wednesday of each month.
City Hall Conference Room

Historical Committee

Meets 1st Monday of every month to discuss museum displays and preservation of artifacts.
Walker Museum

Community Relations/Volunteer Committee

Meets 3rd Thursday of every month to identify individual & community needs. (veterans, seniors, etc.) Also recognizes and awards special achievements in the community.

International Relations Committee

7:00 p.m. - 2nd Wednesday of the month to discuss Sister City school exchange program with Colac, Australia.

Mineral Mining Reveiw Board

Meetings as needed. Reviews applications for mineral extraction in the City.

Traffic Committee

Meetings as needed. Discussion on transportation matters brought by residents.