



WALKER City News

Winter 2010

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Public Announcement

OPERATIONAL CHANGES COMING TO THE CITY OF WALKER NEW HOURS OF OPERATION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 4, 2010

Like many other communities, the City of Walker is faced with rising costs and decreasing revenues. In particular, the City is experiencing significant revenue reductions in income tax as a result of the economic downturn. To make matters worse, the recent approval of the State budget for fiscal year 2011 includes a severe cut to the City's revenue sharing payment. These are dollars used to provide our residents with critical public services.

As a result, effective January 4, 2010, City hours of operation will be changed to 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday through Thursday. City offices will be closed on Fridays. At this time police and fire services will not be affected, however police and fire administrative and police records offices will be closed on Fridays. Walker Ice and Fitness Center hours of operation will remain the same. 59th District Court hours on Friday will be 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Changes to the work schedule equate to an across the board 5% pay cut for employees, and is expected to save the City approximately \$150,000 over the course of the next year. The City Commission will evaluate the program during budget preparations for the next fiscal year. Adjustments may be necessary to ensure orderly operations are maintained.

We trust that our residents understand the need to take this step at this time. The City of Walker is not unlike many of our residents and businesses who are struggling to work within budgetary constraints. We will continue to seek out additional expenditure reductions in the coming months to assure that the City is better positioned to weather this downturn in the future.

City of Walker Department of Public Works

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

City of Walker Christmas trees recycling dates & locations

12/26/09-1/25/10

- Walker City Hall, 4243 Remembrance Rd. N.W.
- Walker Community Park, 650 Cummings N.W.
- Fire Station #3, 1470 Three Mile Rd. N.W.

*** TREE ONLY - NO PLASTIC BAGS ***

WALKER RESIDENTS ONLY





Dear Friends,

I am using my space in this Newsletter to explain a major change approved by the City Commission which will go into effect on January 4, 2010. City Hall will be closed on Fridays. We are implementing a 4 day week with City Hall open from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Thursday.

Why did we make this decision? It is no secret that Walker, like every other City in Michigan, is experiencing a financial crisis. Our three primary income sources are income tax, property tax, and state shared revenue and each have been impacted by the economic downturn. There is no reasonable basis to believe that these revenue sources will return to previous levels in the foreseeable future and it would be irresponsible for us to ignore these trends or simply hope for a speedy recovery.

We have already reduced spending by over 10 percent but this is insufficient to maintain current operations. We have reduced staffing levels but do not feel additional reductions are appropriate at this time. We do not desire to increase the tax burden on our residents at a time when everyone is struggling. Therefore, we have decided to take this step which we estimate will save in excess of \$150,000 over the first year.

We fully understand that this may inconvenience our residents but ask for your support. Our city employees have accepted this decision despite its impact on their lives. Emergency response services and snow removal in the winter months will not be impacted.

We ask for and need your support as this decision is implemented. Please feel free to contact me or any of the Commissioners if you have any questions, concerns or comments.

On another front, I would encourage each of us to "Buy Local." According to a recent study,

\$68 of every \$100 spent at a local business stays in the community. Walker has a wide diversity of local business and when we "Buy Local" we increase the tax base, put people to work, and strengthen our commercial districts and neighborhoods.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation as we work through these measures. Allow me to also remind each of us to reach out and help our neighbors whenever possible.

Best wishes for a safe and prosperous holiday season,

Rob VerHeulen, Mayor
City of Walker

City Commission

CITY HALL 453-6311

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DISTRICT COURT - 59TH

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City of Walker Police Department

BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU WALK OR JOG!

Winter is upon us and everyone is reminded that the safest place to walk or jog, especially in the winter, is on the sidewalks, not in the streets. Not only is it unsafe, but traveling in the roadway where sidewalks are provided is also against the law and could possibly result in a ticket to those who do so.

State law Sec. 257.655 states that “a pedestrian shall not walk upon the main traveled portion of the roadway/highway. Where sidewalks are not provided, pedestrians shall, when practicable, walk on the left side of the highway facing traffic which passes nearest. A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction.”

So be careful, be smart, and use the sidewalk when you walk or jog! 


TIPS TO CONSIDER ENHANCING YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

1. A new trend has emerged relating to residential break-ins that have been linked to GPS and remote control thefts that have been occurring. As a result it is strongly recommended that you do not put your home address in your GPS unit as the point from which you are taking a trip from. If you do and your vehicle is broken into when you are away from home a thief can find your residence by looking at the GPS originating address. Many homes have attached garages and frequently people do not lock the door to the house that is inside the garage. So if a theft also steals the remote control door opener it is possible for the individual to burglarize your home without ever having to forcibly break in. So please make sure you secure your GPS in a locked compartment within your vehicle (glove box or armrest) and clear all data from the prior trips (i.e. starting point listing your home address), or better still, use a location near your home rather than your own address when programming your GPS.

2. Put a remote on your car keys and place them at your bedside at night...

If you should hear someone attempting to gain entry into your residence at night, press the panic button on the remote to activate the alarm. The alarm will activate the horn and draw attention to your residence. It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. The horn will continue until you turn it off or the battery goes dead, hopefully startling the would-be thief and discourage their intent. This will work whether you park in the garage or the driveway, with odds being the offender will change their minds on following through with the crime.

This is also true while walking to your vehicle parked in a lot. Activate the alarm in the same fashion to thwart an attempted crime or to illicit assistance for any type of emergency (medical or other).

These are just a few tips that have been shared throughout numerous neighborhood watch groups and community organizations to help promote citizen safety initiatives. 

City of Walker Fire Department

WINTER SAFETY ALERT

Many people this time of year will look for just about any means available to stay warm. The Walker Fire Department would like to pass along some basic fire prevention tips in regards to home heating equipment to help you remain safe and warm during the rest of the winter.

- Wood burning stoves and fireplace chimneys should be inspected and cleaned.
- Your space heaters should carry the label of an independent testing lab, and they should be equipped with an automatic shutoff. Combustible materials should be kept clear of all heating appliances.
- Kerosene heaters should be equipped with a primary safety control furnished as an integral part of the appliance by the manufacturer to stop the flow of oil in the event of flame failure.
- When using kerosene heaters, the following safeguards should be followed:
 - Provide adequate ventilation
 - Use only approved type 1-K water clear kerosene.
 - Keep at least three feet away from combustibles, furnishings, or drapes.
 - Do not place on carpeting
 - Wait for burners to cool before refueling.
- YOU SHOULD NEVER USE YOUR OVEN AS A HEATING DEVICE!
- If you use an electric blanket, make sure that the wire is in good condition, and you should turn the blanket off and unplug it when not in use.
- Using electric blow dryers, torches, or other homemade remedies to thaw out frozen pipes is extremely dangerous. Lives have been lost and property destroyed by not taking proper steps to thaw pipes. Prolonged continuous use of a blow dryer will cause it to overheat, and could easily start on fire. If you have a problem with frozen pipes, seek help from a professional to thaw pipes. If your pipes are susceptible to freezing, get advice from a plumber on how to protect your pipes against freezing.

And finally as always, make sure your smoke detectors are in good working condition, and practice your escape plan. 

City of Walker Fire Department

BE FIRE SAFE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Each year fires associated with the holiday season injure 1,200 individuals and cause over \$25 million in property damage. We have some simple life-saving steps you can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday. By following these precautionary tips, you can greatly reduce your chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty.

- Special fire safety precautions need to be taken when keeping a live tree in your house. A burning tree can rapidly fill a room with fire and deadly gases.
- Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needles should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Bouncing the tree trunk on the ground can identify old trees. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.
- Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.
- Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to one of the recycling drop off locations provided by the City of Walker Department of Public Works.
- Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect the strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into an outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires—they should not be warm to the touch. Do not leave holiday lights on unattended.
- All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.
- Never put wrapping paper in a fireplace. It can throw off dangerous sparks and produce a chemical buildup in the home that could cause an explosion.
- If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.
- If you use lit candles make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning. Never put lit candles on a tree. Do not go near a holiday tree with an open flame—candles lighters or matches. Flameless candles have become very popular. If you are a candle lover, you should consider this alternative.
- Finally as in every season, have working smoke detectors installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice your escape plan.




FIRE HYDRANT ALERT

Winter is here and we are faced with the chore of snow removal from driveways and sidewalks.

If you are lucky enough to have a fire hydrant in front of your home or business, the Walker Fire Department needs your help in keeping the hydrant clear of snow. When clearing the snow, please work from the street to the hydrant.

In the event of a fire emergency, an accessible fire hydrant and a water supply is crucial for us to be able to successfully complete our job in a timely manner.

The Walker Fire Department would like to thank the many residents and business owners that currently take the time to clear the fire hydrant in front of their homes and businesses, and we urge all residents and business owners with a fire hydrant near their home or business to please help by keeping it clear of snow. 

Kent County Animal Shelter

DOG LICENSES


In previous years the Kent County Animal Shelter has sent out dog license renewal notices the first of December. This year mailing of the renewal notices will be delayed until early January 2010. This delay is necessary to allow sufficient time for our revised fee schedule to be reviewed and renewal notices processed. To avoid client confusion, it is our desire that printed renewal fees be consistent with the revised fee schedule.

We recognize this delay may be an inconvenience for some individuals; however, license renewals are not due until March 1, 2010. Experience indicates that the majority of license renewals occur after January 1.


Thank you for your consideration. If citizens have any questions, please feel free to contact the Animal Shelter at 632-7300.

City of Walker Recreation Department


2010 ADULT SOFTBALL

The Walker Recreation Department offers summer softball leagues for men, women, and coed teams. All leagues will have an eight game schedule beginning in June. Men's leagues are offered on Tuesday or Thursday evenings, Women's leagues on Thursday evenings and Co-ed leagues on Monday or Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in joining a softball league please call 791-6890 in February for an information packet. 


2010 SENIOR CITIZEN'S BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The Walker Recreation Department is having their 19th Annual Senior Citizen's Bowling Tournament for Men and Women 55 Years of age and over. The Tournament will be held at Lincoln Country Club, 3485 Lake Michigan Drive N.W. on Thursday, January 14 and Friday, January 15, 2010. The cost will be \$13.00 for 3 games of bowling. Pre-registration is required. Entry blanks will be available at all area bowling centers. Deadline for registration is Monday, January 4, 2010. For further information call the Walker Recreation Department at 791-6890. 

2010 CO-ED SPRING YOUTH SOCCER

The Walker Recreation Department will be offering a Spring Soccer program for boys and girls 7 through 12 years of age. Practices will begin the week of April 12th. All games are played on Saturdays. Registration forms will be sent home with students at area schools and will also be available at the Recreation Department in February during registration. Please call the Recreation Department at 791-6890 for further information. 

2010 GIRL'S SOFTBALL PROGRAM

The Walker Recreation Department will be offering a Girl's Softball program for girls 7 through 12 years of age. Practices will begin the week of April 12th. All games are played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Registration forms will be sent home with students at area schools and will also be available at the Recreation Department in February during registration. Please call the Recreation Department at 791-6890 for further information. 

City of Walker Clerk's Department

ELECTION NEWS

On November 3rd, as some of you witnessed firsthand, the City of Walker had the honor of being one of the few municipalities in the State of Michigan to roll out the new Electronic Pollbook at our voting precincts. We were the only City in Kent County to participate.

The precincts have used electronic precinct lists at previous elections and we have trialed one precinct with the E-pollbook during the last election so the laptops would be familiar to the voters. With successful trials, we decided to move forward and test the new E-pollbook at the City Election. It too was a huge success!

We would like to thank our election workers for their enthusiasm and efforts to make this election successful. Keep your eyes open next election for the E-pollbook at your voting location!

Elected on November 3, 2009:

Mayor – Rob VerHeulen

Ward 2 Commissioner – Chuck Deschaine

Ward 1 Commissioner – Al Parent

Ward 3 Commissioner - Cyndy Stek

PASSPORTS

Visit the Clerk's office anytime to apply for a passport
no appointment needed.

SNOW PLOWERS

Contact your Clerk's office for a list of licensed
snow plowers in the City of Walker.



City of Walker Department of Public Works

WINTER SAFETY

We would like to remind the parents of school age children of a safety issue with the snow plow trucks. When the children are waiting for a bus by the road, please have them stay back and give the snowplow plenty of room. When the snow is coming off the plow, it may throw ice chunks and other debris that was in the road. This is the biggest concern of our operators. They watch very carefully for these children. Most of them have children too. We do not want any of the children to get hurt.

DOWNTOWN STANDALE WELCOME CIRCLE

Many of the planned improvements to the “Welcome to Standale – Downtown Walker” entrance circle are now complete. The site is located at the northeast corner of Wilson Avenue and Lake Michigan Drive in front of the new Walgreen’s store.

The Standale Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has completed the following:

- Poured new handicapped-accessible sidewalks from the street to the front door of Walgreen’s
- Installed a stamped and colored concrete circle as a focal point
- Installed two metal benches
- Poured a foundation for a new “Welcome to Downtown Standale” brick sign
- Relocated electrical lines (not poles, unfortunately) and underground irrigation controls
- Planted numerous perennials and evergreens around the circle and benches
- Reinforced the three flag poles and installed new base rings.



The DDA and city staff are now working with Valley City Sign to design and construct a brick, “Welcome to Downtown Standale” ground sign. Colors and materials have been chosen and the final budget is being created. We had hoped to install the sign in time for the holidays. That may still be possible if the winter starts out mild. If not, the sign will be installed in the spring.

These improvements are being paid for from a self-imposed streetscape assessment fund in the Standale DDA. Businesses in Standale are working together to maintain and improve the look, design and function of their business district.

ECOMOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Walker is a diverse community from an economic development standpoint and is maintaining activity, despite the very difficult economy. The following is a list of projects from the city commission, planning commission and zoning board of appeals:

• **Avastar Park** (the former Lear / GM / Fisher Auto Body plant on Alpine Avenue): Those familiar with the south end of Alpine Avenue know the importance this site holds for the entire neighborhood. A public-private partnership has enabled the ongoing redevelopment of this property, which is now called Avastar Park.

Grand Rapids Spring and Stamping and Haviland (two local businesses) have moved into the northerly parts of the structure. Two condo units remain for sale or lease. The “old building” at the south end of the site has been refurbished and looks brand new inside. A movie was shot in the building this past summer. The land owners are now using the large pile of sand (which has been onsite for a while) to install upgraded water and sewer lines to the commercial / urban mixed use frontage along Alpine Avenue. The sand is needed for backfill as the native soils are wet and mucky.

The city had approved a large brick office building at the southeast corner of Alpine Avenue and Avastar Parkway. Then the finance sector and real estate markets crashed. The city hopes to reapprove similar plans at this important corner, consistent with the new Walker Master Plan, when the economy improves.

• **Golden Corral Restaurant** at 3461 Alpine Avenue NW: This project has been approved on the former Keller Ford used car site. A Golden Corral restaurant is under construction, along with a new parking lot, stormwater management upgrades, urban landscaping and a greatly improved Route #9 public bus stop and shelter. Parking lot cross access will be installed to the Highpoint Center development to the north. This parking lot connection will allow customers and service deliveries to access the Four Mile Road and Old Orchard / North Center Drive traffic signals on Alpine Avenue.

• **Standale Retail Center** at 4482 Lake Michigan Drive NW: This project is now complete. This well-designed strip mall is between 5th 3rd Bank and the “old” Walgreen’s on Lake Michigan Drive. A Chow Hound anchors the building. Other tenants include Rx Optical, Jet’s Pizza and Jimmy Johns.

• **Goodwill** at 4696 Lake Michigan Drive NW: This project is finally under construction. Sanitary sewer and drainage/wetland permit challenges slowed the process. In addition, the bad economy made certain “green” plan components less affordable, triggering some plan amendments. The site is located across from Uccello’s in Standale, just east of Rosedale Cemetery. You will notice a service drive being constructed to the east. This drive will eventually connect to the Meijer parking lot and the traffic signal at Ferndale and Lake Michigan Drive. Future driveways along this stretch will be limited, with left turns routed to the traffic light.

WEBSITE UPDATE

We have updated the Walker Community Development Department website to improve navigation and access to information. From the Walker homepage at www.ci.walker.mi.us, hold your mouse over “Departments” and drop down to “Community Development.” To the side you will see three options...building, zoning and community planning. If you hold your mouse over one of these options, another menu appears. Here you can find permit applications, links to ordinances and master plans plus feedback opportunities. Let us know how we can continue to improve the look and usefulness of the website.



City of Walker 59TH District Court & DPW


PAINTING PARTNERSHIP

(59th District Court & DPW) saves Walker \$20,000

Since 2006 the 59th District Court has been partnering with the City of Walker Department of Public works to perform various community service and work crew projects. Judge Versluis orders certain misdemeanor offenders to complete community service or work crew hours for the City of Walker. Some of these projects have included restoring and helping to clean up a grave yard, cleaning the Walker Ice Arena, assisting in cleaning up after the Walker Festival, Memorial Day Parade route and part of the Fifth Third River Bank run route which runs through part of the City of Walker. Other projects have included assisting in the City's clean up days, performing general maintenance and janitorial work by cleaning up the City grounds, sports complex, various City buildings and assisting the DPW in a variety of other tasks. However, if you visited City Hall or the library this summer, you probably noticed the brick pillars of the covered walkway covered in saran wrap and asked yourself a question. What is this about? Glad you asked. It was the repainting of the wooden part of the covered walkway which is the largest work crew project completed to date!

Under the supervision of Debra Sobieray, 59th District Court probation officer, and Mark Koning, Director of Public Works, the project was started. Fred Host and Dan Huizinga of DPW were assigned to help with providing the needed supplies for the project. One of the benefits of work crew projects like this is that offenders have an opportunity to learn new work skills and give back to the community. Most of the crew needed instruction and encouragement at one time or another.

The project took six and a half days, 88 workers and roughly 700 man hours to complete. Overall the project was very successful and saved money. The painting covered approximately 34,000 square feet (2 coats). Eighty-five gallons of solid stain were used to complete the project for a total monetary savings in labor expenses for the City in the approximate amount of \$20,000!

The 59th District Court and Walker DPW are pleased to have been able to start and continue to develop work crew programs which help beautify various facilities within the City of Walker. This type of collaborative work is expected to continue and grow over the years. 

Income Tax Department

ESTIMATED PAYMENTS

The fourth quarter estimated payment for 2009 Walker Income Tax is due February 1, 2010 (January 31 is a Sunday). 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 2009 return, you must make quarterly estimated payments. The 2009 Quarterly Estimated payment vouchers with instructions can be found:

- In the 2008 Resident Forms and Instructions booklet
- On our website at www.ci.walker.mi.us/incometaxforms
- By mail--call us at 616-791-6880

You must pay in at least 70% of your current or prior year liability (whichever is lower) through estimates, credits or withholding to avoid receiving a bill for penalty and interest for underpayment of estimated tax.

Please note that paying all four quarterly estimates with the fourth quarter voucher may result in a bill for penalty and interest for failure to pay timely estimates.

FORMS

Individual resident and non-resident tax form booklets will be mailed during the last week in December to taxpayers that filed a hand-written return for tax year 2008. We will no longer be mailing forms to taxpayers that filed computer-generated returns. If you need forms, they are available:

- On our website at www.ci.walker.mi.us/incometaxforms
- At local public libraries

We are able to waive penalties on late or unfiled returns under very limited circumstances. Taxpayers that do not file or file late because they did not receive a form in the mail will not be eligible for a penalty waiver. If you need forms, it is your responsibility to obtain them from one of the sources listed above.

CITY OF WALKER
4243 Remembrance Road NW
Walker, MI 49534

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Happy Holidays!



City of Walker Board Appointments

The City of Walker is looking for citizens interested in volunteering their time by serving on various boards and commissions. Most groups meet only once per month in the evening. If you would like to be considered for an appointed position on one of the boards, please stop by the City Clerk's office to fill out an application or you may find an application on our web site, www.ci.walker.mi.us.

Newsletter Comments

Direct comments, questions, or suggestions regarding this newsletter to: Attn: Newsletter, City of Walker, 4243 Remembrance Road N.W., Walker, MI 49534.

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www.ci.walker.mi.us

Meeting Dates & 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.

Walker City Hall/Commission Chambers

Planning Commission

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

Walker City Hall/Commission Chambers

Phone 791-6865 for more information on the following committees: Traffic, Historical, Community Relations / Volunteer, International Relations, Festival, & Mineral Mining Review Board