

**AUGUST**

**VILLAGE OF WALNUT CREEK**

**2017**

The Village Council will meet in their regular session Wednesday August 23rd @7:30PM at the Town Hall—all meetings are open to the public.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Utility payments were due August 1st. If you haven't made your payment please do before the Aug 15th cut-off date. Thank you!

August 23rd- Monthly Council Meeting 7:30 pm  
Meetings are held at the Village Town Hall at 103 Village Drive & ALL meetings are open to the public

**BOATING SAFETY:**

Please know that ANYONE under the age of 14 CANNOT operate a water craft (boat or jet ski) by themselves. Also, anyone under the age of 26 years old is REQUIRED to take the North Carolina Wildlife Boater Safety Course. For more information go to [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org)

We now have three new Doggie Waste Stations in the Village; at the boat ramp, on Walnut Creek Dr. between Mill Rd and Dogwood Trail, and the last one is at the start of the walking trails on Village Drive. Thank you for picking up after your pet.

**EMERGENCY SPILLWAY UPDATE:** Phase 1 of the project has been completed. We ask that everyone please stay out of that area as it is still dangerous. Once the design is complete for the rest of the repair, we will notify you. Thank you!

Coyote sightings are on the rise. They are out during the daylight hours as well. Please make sure you do not approach them, and do not leave small animals and young children outside unattended.



**GOLF CARTS-** The use of Golf Carts on the roads of the Village of Walnut Creek is prohibited. This includes all side streets as well as the main roads. The only exception to this is if the Golf Cart is "street legal"; meaning it is registered, has lights, windshield wipers etc. We appreciate everyone cooperation!

**WALNUT CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**From the Chief-** As you know the Police Department has been working on speed limit enforcement in the Village over the past several months. While most residents understand the need to enforce the speed limit, others have questioned the validity of such action. I have gathered some information regarding survival rates of car vs. pedestrian/bike collisions at different rates of speed:

-In a hypothetical **20 mph collision with a pedestrian, there is a 5% fatality rate. This means 1 out of 20 individuals would die**, whether at the scene or at the hospital.

-The picture changes dramatically at 30 mph; just 10 mph more. This is the typical speed limit for urban and suburban areas in many parts of the US including the Village of Walnut Creek. Keep in mind most people in 30 mph zones aren't going to be traveling at 30 mph; they're going to be traveling faster. So if a pedestrian were to be struck by a vehicle traveling 30 mph **the fatality rate jumps to 45%. A full 9 out of 20 people would die, whether at the scene or soon afterward. Another 50% would be injured, or 10 out of 20 people. And a scant 5%, or just 1 out of 20 people, could expect to walk away without injury.**

-What are the odds of a pedestrian surviving if **struck by a car at 40 mph? The death rate jumps to a near-conclusive 95%. That's 19 out of 20 people, or pretty much everyone. That's not the injury rate; it's the fatality rate.** The 20th person would be injured. That's a 5% survival rate.

I bring these facts and figures to your attention because it is our job to see the everyone is safe and we are all obeying the laws of the Village. As you can see if a vehicle traveling at 30 mph or more, odds are good we would have a fatality on our hands. We have a lot of residents that walk, jog and ride bikes in the area and would like to make sure we are not faced with such a tragedy.

*-Chief Robert Parohman*

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