



WALKER City News

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2003 WALKER MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Walker Recreation Department is hosting the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26 at 12:00 noon. The parade will take place on Lake Michigan Drive in the Standale area. 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 Thursday, April 24. For further information, call the Recreation Department at 791-6890.

COMMUNITY AUCTION

CITY OF WALKER EDISON HISTORICAL HOUSE PROJECT

Community Auction

ANTIQUES & MORE!!!

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2003

TIME: 12:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: DELTA PLEX (TURNER & WEST RIVER DR)

FOR DONATIONS OR FURTHER

INFORMATION CONTACT: GARY CAREY 453-5851 -or- CYNDY STEK 791-9381

HISTORICAL COMMISSION BOOK PROJECT

The Historical Commission has begun a second book project, and we need your help! This book will be used as a fundraiser for the Edison House Project, and is in addition to the "Remembrances" book that will be ongoing for the next couple of years. It was decided, after a great deal of thought, that we would be compromising on rushing to get "Remembrances" published in a defined time frame. Our list of people waiting to contribute their memories, stories, and anecdotes to that book is growing each month. It was decided that, to give the community a truly lasting impression of what life used to be like in Walker, we need to reach out to far more people than we have previously.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Springtime is right around the corner. After being cooped up all winter we are all looking forward to getting back out into the great outdoors without our heavy boots and parkas. We, as well as our pets, tend to experience 'cabin fever' waiting out the long cold winter months. The Walker Police Department encourages all residents to enjoy our parks and recreational areas. Still, we would like to take a minute to remind everyone who owns a pet to remember a couple of rules that help to ensure our public areas remain pristine and enjoyable for everyone who takes advantage of the wonderful green spaces within our city. A couple of specific ordinances come to mind.

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Mayoral Message:

Dear Citizens of Walker,

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

We had the opportunity to welcome Governor Granholm and Lieutenant Governor Cherry when they were in Walker during the inaugural celebration. The Governor selected a site in Walker for the event

“Celebrating Michigan's Family.” It was a nice opportunity for our citizens to greet the new Governor. I informed the Governor that we, in Walker, share many of the priorities that she identified including: family, faith, hard work, and community. Whether we are Republicans, Democrats, or Independents, these are priorities that transcend partisanship. The Governor asked that I thank the Citizens of Walker for the warm welcome that she received.

As many of you know, the City is confronted with a number of budgetary issues. We have been seriously impacted by the revenue sharing reductions imposed by the Governor’s executive orders. These reductions, when combined with the significant reduction in income tax revenues, have forced us to examine every budget area. The City Commission has imposed a hiring freeze and adopted an early retirement program in an effort to reduce our expenses. We have asked our department heads to prepare budget proposals at levels below the current levels. It is essential that our spending be restrained to reflect the lower revenues that we are experiencing.

We have challenged the department heads to find creative ways to maintain service levels at a lower cost. We are pleased with the response to this need by the department heads. They are reviewing every line item to determine whether savings can be achieved. If the opportunity arises, please express your appreciation to these dedicated public servants.

I also wish to comment on Homeland Security. Our Police, Fire, and other departments have recently reviewed our emergency preparedness procedures and have conducted a drill to make certain that we are prepared to respond in the event of an emergency. The Michigan State Police will also be conducting an emergency training exercise in our City. Our relationships with regional, county, state, and federal officials are excellent and we believe that we are prepared to react appropriately in the event of an emergency situation.

The City Commission will be asked to appoint a Citizen Advisory Committee to provide input on the staffing, equipment, and facility levels for our Police and Fire departments. As our City continues to grow, and issues become more complex, we need to maintain the quality of life, protection, and security that we enjoy. These are difficult questions, and your Commission needs the involvement of the public in determining the direction we should take.

On behalf of the City Commission, we thank you for your continuing support. We welcome any suggestions, comments, or thoughts you may have. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

City Commission:

CITY HALL

453-6311

MAYOR

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www.ci.walker.mi.us

THINK SPRING... AT THE WALKER LIBRARY!



NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM

Lakenet, the new library catalog, will soon be available. We are changing our library catalog to better serve you and hope you enjoy the new features. As always, please feel free to ask library staff for assistance at any time with the catalog or any question regarding library services.

SPRING PROGRAMS — ADULTS

LET IT SNOW

The "Let it Snow Reading Club for Adults" runs through April. You still have time to read or listen to 10 titles and earn a mug or a notebook.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

The last discussion before the summer break will be on May 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a friendly, informal gathering. Refreshments are served and you'll find the conversation interesting. Please call the library for further information.

SPRING PROGRAMS — YOUTH

LAPTIME for WEE ONES

April 2- 23 on Wednesdays at 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Babies and toddlers and their parents are invited to join us for stories, music and rhymes. For ages 3 and under with an adult. Registration required please.

STORYTIME

April 2- 23 on Wednesdays at 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Featuring stories, songs crafts and other book-related fun. Join us for a different theme each week. Registration required.

The Walker Library is open 6 days a week with convenient new hours!

MON - THUR 9:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

FRI - SAT 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Please call the Walker Library at 647-3970 or stop by to pick up a program calendar to see what's new.

Don't forget the ongoing book sale in the lobby!

CITY ELECTIONS

Candidates wishing to run for City Office are hereby notified that petitions are available in the City Clerks office in City Hall, 4243 Remembrance Rd. NW. The filing date is Thursday, June 17, 2003, by 4:00 p.m.

There will be openings for one Commissioner in each Ward (3 Wards) for 4 years, and one Commissioner for the 2nd Ward for 2 years (Filling the 2 years vacated by Arthur Tanis), and City Clerk for 4 years.

If a Primary Election is needed, it will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2003.

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2003.

Sandra A. Wisniewski
Walker City Clerk

INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT



2002 Returns

FILING DATE: Your return must be filed by April 30, 2003

WHO MUST FILE: Every resident or part-year resident of Walker (this includes renters) who had taxable income in 2002 of \$750 or more must file a return. Married persons may file either a joint return or separate returns.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS: All residents and part-year residents are required to attach a copy of page 1 of their 2002 Federal 1040. If taking a credit for tax paid to another city, a copy of that other city(ies) return is required. See page 2 of your Resident 1040 form for a list of additional attachments that may be applicable. Refunds and processing of your return will be delayed if required attachments are missing.

2002 Forms

You can download and print 2002 City of Walker income tax forms from our web site at www.ci.walker.mi.us/incometaxforms. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader (also available from our web site) to view and print forms.

2002 Refund Checks

Due to personnel cutbacks in the Income Tax Department, we will not be mailing refund checks weekly. Refund checks will be mailed monthly on the Friday closest to the last day of the month. Please wait at least six weeks from the mailing date of your return to contact us regarding the status of your refund.

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 location 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 employees.

Estimated Payments

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 2002 return, contact the Income Tax Department at 791-6880. We will send you 2003 Quarterly Estimated payment vouchers with instructions. (If you sent in estimated payments in 2002, you will automatically be sent the vouchers for 2003.)

CLEAN UP DAYS

MAY 1, 2, & 3, 2003

Located behind City Hall, 4243 Remembrance.
There will be signs.

HOURS: MAY 1 - 8:00 a.m. TO 6:00 p.m.

MAY 2 - 8:00 a.m. TO 7:00 p.m.

MAY 3 - 7:00 a.m. TO 12:00 p.m.

VOTER REGISTRATION CARD OR TAX BILL WILL BE REQUIRED.

WE WILL ACCEPT:

APPLIANCES - Refrigerators must have the coolant removed. Certificate will be required.

WOOD - BRUSH - LEAVES

METAL

MISC.

WILL NOT ACCEPT:

PROPANE TANKS

GAS TANKS

CO₂ CYLINDERS

OIL

PAINT

GARBAGE

COMPUTERS

CAR BATTERIES, BATTERIES

Call Kent County Resource Center (616) 336-2570

EGGSTRAVAGANZA!! EASTER EGG HUNT

On Saturday, April 19, 2003, the Walker Recreation Department will be having its 13th 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

AVOID STATIC ELECTRICITY AT THE GAS PUMP

The Petroleum Equipment Institute is working on a campaign to make people aware of fires as a result of "static" (that is, static electricity) at the gas pumps. They have researched 150 cases of these fires. The results were surprising:

1. Almost all cases involved people getting back in their vehicle while the nozzle was still pumping gas. When the pump finished fueling they went back to pull the nozzle out and the fire started as a result of static.
2. Due to the fact that most men do not get back in their car while fueling, almost all of the cases involved women.
3. Most had on rubber-soled shoes.
4. There were 29 fires where the vehicle was re-entered and the nozzle was touched during refueling from a variety of makes and models of vehicles. Some resulting in extensive damage to the vehicle, the station, and to the customer.
5. Seventeen fires occurred before, during, or immediately after the gas cap was removed and before fueling began.

This is a very dangerous condition that can be avoided with some very simple and practical measures taken when using gas pumps at the local gas station. It is the vapors that come out of the gas that cause the fire, when connected with static charges.

Steps to take when fueling:

1. Never get back into your car while filling it with gas. If you absolutely have to get in your vehicle while gas is pumping, make sure you get out, close the door, touching the metal, before you ever pull the nozzle out. This will discharge any static from your body.
2. Make sure you turn your car off when fueling.
3. Never use a cell phone while fueling.
4. If you are fueling a gas can, make sure you remove it from your vehicle or the back of your pick-up and place it on the ground before filling with gas.

These simple steps will help to minimize the dangers of filling your vehicle or gas can at the pumps.

If you have any questions about these issues or any other fire safety issues feel free to call the Walker Fire Department at 791-6840.



TRY before you buy!

The BEST fitness facility in the area and we want to prove it!
NO hidden costs. Nothing to pay, just bring in THIS coupon with your work-out clothes!

***QUALIFICATIONS:**

- No previous applications within 1 years time
- Limit of 2 trial memberships per household
- Grand Rapids area resident
- 21 years of age or older
- Show a valid Michigan I.D.

RECREATION OPENINGS

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

ADULT SOFTBALL UMPIRES

Adults needed to umpire for the Walker Adult Softball Leagues. The softball season begins the week of June 9, 2003. Leagues are offered for men, women, and co-ed teams on Monday through Thursday evenings. Umpiring classes are required. Pay range is \$16.00 - \$18.00 per game.

GIRL'S SOFTBALL UMPIRES

Individuals needed to umpire for the Girl's Softball Program. The program is offered for girls ages 7 through 12. The season will begin the week of April 28, 2003. 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. Pay range is \$10.00 - \$14.00 per game.

TENNIS INSTRUCTORS

Accepting applications for tennis instructors. Tennis lessons will be offered to youth 7-15 years of age and adults 16 years of age and older. Lessons will be offered week nights in May and June. Pay range is \$16.00 - \$18.00 per lesson.

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

3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Walker Recreation Department is hosting its 9th Annual **3-on-3 Basketball Tournament** on Saturday, June 7, 2003. 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.

SOCCKER CAMP

The Walker Recreation Department will be offering 2 soccer camps this summer for youths 7 - 12 years of age. Learn the fundamentals of soccer and develop your soccer skills while having a great time!! The 1st session will be June 23 through June 27. The 2nd session will be July 14 through July 18. The cost for each camp is \$30.00 per player. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact the Walker Recreation Department at 791-6890.

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 5 or Friday evenings beginning May 9 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 four 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 28, 2003.**

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

For further information call 791-6890.

TENNIS LESSONS

The Walker Recreation Department will be offering tennis lessons for youth 7 to 15 years of age, and adults 16 years and older, beginning the week of May 19, 2003. The following lessons will be held at City Central Park:

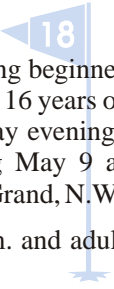
Monday:	
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	7-10 years of age
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	11-15 years of age
Tuesday:	
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	7-10 years of age
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	11-15 years of age
Wednesday:	
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Adults Beginners
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Adults Intermediate
Thursday:	
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Adults Beginners
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Adults Intermediate

The cost for six 1-hour lessons will be \$45.00.

For information on additional classes, please call the Walker Recreation Department at 791-6890. **The deadline for registration is April 25, 2003.**

To register send your name, address, business and home phone numbers, day, time and class preference along with your check or money order payable to:

WALKER RECREATION DEPARTMENT
4243 Remembrance Rd., N.W.
Walker, Michigan 49544.



HISTORICAL COMMISSION HAPPENINGS

Many people traveling down Three Mile Road, between Walker and Bristol, are probably wondering who is moving into that big, white farmhouse. It actually is going to be the new Walker Historical Museum. It will be known as the Edison House, named after the family who originally developed the plat in the late 1830's. The family was gracious enough to donate the house, which was built in 1890, to the City for use as a Historical Museum. The grounds around the house will be developed into a new City Park, which will be known as "Spring Hill Park" (which is the original Edison Farm name). The grounds will feature walking trails, flower and vegetable gardens, an original Edison Farm woodshed and public gathering place that will hold several hundred people. Our thanks go to the Parks and Recreation Committee for placing their strong support behind this Walker treasure.

Renovations are in progress. The Historical Commission is restoring the house back to its original condition at the turn of the century. A lot of the work has been undoing the recent modernization of the house. Additionally, the house needed to be completely rewired in order to

provide a safe and lasting environment for the community to enjoy. Three local companies: Allied Electric, Contract Electric, and Swartz Electric have all graciously agreed to donate time and the people necessary to complete this phase of the project. To have all three companies step forward and give back to the community truly fulfills the City's motto of "From solid roots... strong branches." Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to these icons of the Walker community.

We are very excited about the event and our thanks go out to the Community Relations Committee for generating interest and excitement around this event. The park project will be funded through a series of historical preservation grants. In addition, private donations and fund raising by the Community Relations Committee are helping to cover the short-term financial goals. The committee is currently focusing on the community auction to be held on May 17th.

Edison House and Spring Hill Park updates can be found on-line at:

<http://www.ci.walker.mi.us/Community/History/EdisonHouse.htm>

HISTORICAL COMMISSION BOOK PROJECT

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Our title for the new book has yet to be decided, however, we expect to see something that will compare two eras. The main focus of the book is to provide a past and present picture of either a Walker landmark, school, or area that our community can enjoy viewing and reminiscing. A few of the "Mystery History" pictures that were such a hit in the Walker Advance will be showcased again, but most of the pictures will be from our archives or photos that we have not yet collected. This is where we need your help. We still have plenty of room to showcase old photographs. We really need your help to make this book a success, so please contact us if you have anything to share. We all have

photographs in drawers and boxes just collecting dust, but the outpouring of support for the pictures that ran in the Advance has told us that the Walker community really does care about its past. Any pictures that you would like to share can either be picked up by a Historical Commission member, or dropped off in the City Clerk's office during the week. All photos will be returned within a week unless you designate otherwise. If you have any questions on this or any other Historical Commission matters, please call Gary Carey at 453-5851.

CORNWELL'S DINNER THEATRE BUS TRIP

The Walker Recreation Department is offering a bus trip to Cornwell's Dinner Theatre in Turkeyville, Michigan for the musical, "Oklahoma." Set in a Western Indian Territory, the spirited rivalry between farmers and cowboys provides a colorful background for Curley and Laurey to fall in love.

The trip will be on Friday, September 19, 2003. The bus will leave from Walker City Hall at 9:00 a.m. The total cost for the bus trip is \$55.00. This includes bus ride, theatre ticket, and buffet turkey dinner.

After visiting the buffet, complete with roast turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, fresh baked rolls, a second turkey entrée, and vegetables, you will have the choice of three desserts. Come join us for a wonderful day of music and fun.

Seating is limited and reservations will be taken on a first come first served basis. To register for the trip, send your name, address, business and home phone numbers, along with your check or money order made payable to:

WALKER RECREATION DEPARTMENT
4243 REMEMBRANCE RD., N.W.
WALKER, MICHIGAN 49544

The deadline for registration is Tuesday, September 2, 2003. For further information please call 791-6890.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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Pet Leash Law

The first is Ordinance 14-1. The ordinance requires persons, outside of their property, to control their pets with a leash or suitable restraint to prevent those pets from running loose. We all like to believe that our pets would never disregard our voice commands or harm another animal or person. Unfortunately, absent an adequate restraint, no one can guarantee that his or her pet will always remain under control. Therefore, please remember that violating the City's 'leash law' can result in a citation and a civil fine of \$100.00 for the first offense.

Pet Pooper-Scooper Law

A second ordinance pertaining to our pets is Ordinance 50-44. This ordinance requires us to "immediately collect all fecal matter" that our pets deposit on public property, including sidewalks and the road right-of-way. This definition includes all of our City Parks. This ordinance has a penalty of \$50.00 for the first offense. There is nothing worse than having the kids run through the house after playing in the park with dog feces on their shoes or slipping on it while playing in the park. Carrying a few plastic bags with you when you take your pet for a stroll makes collection clean and easy! "Mutt Mitts" are also available in our parks for your convenience.

2003 Derby Race

The Walker Downhill 2003 Derby Race Event, sponsored by the Walker Police Department will follow the Memorial Day Parade, approximately 2 p.m. at Walker Community Park (Corner of Westgrand and Cummings N.W.)

Enter your own derby car for a chance at a Trophy! (Fastest Time and Most Original Design) There will be free prize drawings throughout the event and a concessions booth will be available... Fun for the whole family!!! Race Car Driver Entry Deadline is May 21st.

See the Walker Website for upcoming information, or call Officer Shannon @ 616-791-6826... See you there!!!



Bike safety

Spring is a good time to perform a quick "safety check" on your bicycle before riding it. Take the time to inspect it in the following areas:

- Both your front and back brakes should be in good working order.
- Wheels should not wobble and tires should have enough air. See if wheel bearings need oiling.
- Have a bright enough light on the front of your bike for use when you are riding at dusk or at night.
- Handlebars and seat height should be checked for comfort. They should be tightened, if loose. Make sure the handle grips are firmly in place. (Note: this is especially important to check on children's bicycles, since they may have grown substantially since last year.)
- The fork bearings where the handlebars connect to the frame should be lubricated regularly.
- The chain should fit snugly without any damage links.

Remember, anyone riding a bicycle in the street is considered a "driver" by law. That means you are subject to the same rules of traffic signs and signals that car motorists are. You should be alert to traffic signs and know the rules of the road. Bicyclists should therefore be aware of what traffic signs mean. We also encourage bicyclists of all ages to wear a helmet whenever they ride a bike. If you are going to be purchasing a helmet, be sure to look for one that bears an ANSI, Snell or ASTM safety sticker inside it.

We, at the Walker Police Department want to thank you for your thoughtful consideration on these issues. If you have any questions or concerns on these matters, please feel free to contact us at 453-5441.

"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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WALKER DAY WITH THE WEST MICHIGAN WHITECAPS

The Walker Recreation Department is currently selling tickets for Walker Day at the Whitecaps, on Tuesday, July 22, 2003. Tickets are \$7.00 each for reserved seats that usually sell for \$7.50. With the first 100 tickets purchased you will receive a special souvenir from the Whitecaps and the City of Walker. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please call the Recreation Department at 791-6890.

Final deadline for purchasing tickets is July 7th. So hurry and place your order!! Remember: only people purchasing the first 100 tickets get a special souvenir!!

WALKER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Your Paper Donations help many!

The paper trailer at Ace Hardware is maintained by the Walker Firefighters Association and generates funds that benefit a number of charities.

The following are the charities that have received donations:

- The Great Lakes Burn Camp**
- The Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors**
- MDA**
- Make-A-Wish**
- The Pediatric Oncology Resource Team**
- The Youth Commonwealth of Grand Rapids**
- Toys for Tots**
- The Michigan Firemen's Memorial**

Thank you for donating your papers. Please do not drop off papers if the trailer door is closed or if the trailer is gone.

We try to have the trailer back within several days of being emptied. Your help by not leaving papers on the platform will reduce the risk of papers being blown away.

We would like to thank Ace Hardware for allowing us to use their parking lot and to Van's Logistics for providing the trailer and a driver for taking the trailer to be emptied and bringing it back.

Meeting Dates and Times

City Commission Meetings
8:00 pm: 2nd & 4th Monday of each month.
Walker City Hall/Commission Chambers

Board of Zoning Appeals
7:00 pm: 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month to hear appeals on the city's zoning regulations.
City Commission Chambers

Planning Commission
7:00 pm: 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 pm: 2nd Wednesday of the month to discuss Sister City school exchange program with Colac, Australia.

Mineral Mining Review Board
Meetings as needed. Reviews applications for mineral extraction in the City.

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

