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CAMCO will now be on site in Walden one full day per week (8AM to 4PM). Be sure to email Simone ([srobinson@camcomgmt.com](mailto:srobinson@camcomgmt.com)) for an appointment as needed, as she has other duties, including inspections and vendor meetings while on site. April dates are: 1, 7, 18 and 25.

WALDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Apr. 24, 2025

May 22, 2025

June 26, 2025

Board meetings take place at Walden Hall beginning at 6:30pm. Due to the work session preceding the meeting, no early entry will be permitted. To speak at an HOA Board meeting, email Simone at least one week prior to the meeting date requesting to be heard at that meeting. ([srobinson@camcomgmt.com](mailto:srobinson@camcomgmt.com) )

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## WALDEN NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

**Communications** – The monthly newsletter is now on the Walden Website for owner/tenant viewing.

**Crossroads** – The committee is working to develop signage to encourage parking behind retail spaces. The committee will also work on planters for the downtown area in the spring.

**Landscape** – Arbor Day celebrations will be held in Terra Park on April 26 from 10am to 2pm. Silver Spring Fire Dept will be present as well. The committee would like to focus on the muddy common area behind Tender Years. Entrances to Terra Park will be addressed with updated posts. Owners are asked to submit all landscape concerns via the portal to be addressed rather than posting on social media.

**Pool** – The pool monitor will be returning this season. A daily checklist will be developed by the pool committee for the monitor to accomplish during his shifts. ADA accessibility concerns are being addressed.

**Social Committee** – Food Trucks return in April and continue through the Summer and Fall months. Crafting events continue on a monthly basis at Walden Hall. The WNA will sponsor the ***Annual Walden Easter Egg Hunt*** on **April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm** at Terra Park. Empty eggs will be hidden throughout the park and each child under 17 years-old can hunt for 10 eggs, bring them back, and get a bag filled with 10 toy-filled eggs, candy and a craft! To help with the hunt, Contact Kerry Spangler via text @ 717-319-6822 or by email at: [crochetbydaisy@gmail.com](mailto:crochetbydaisy@gmail.com).



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## MEET ‘N TWEET: THE HOUSE FINCH

- by Taylor Burton

Today we shine a spotlight on one of the modest background characters at the bird feeder: the House Finch. They may not be the flashiest birds, but they are certainly the most abundant! In fact, they can be found all over the United States, from coast to coast.

House Finches initially lived only on the west coast until pet dealers brought them over in 1940, trying to sell them as “Hollywood Finches.” They were released in Long Island and spread from there. Eastern House Finches have actually evolved differently from their western counterparts! Our finches have longer wings more suited to migration. They even have their own “accents” based on where they live!

Female House Finches are plain brown while males sport a red crown and chest. The redder the plumage, the more attractive they are to the opposite gender. The male will also feed the female seeds in order to win her heart (because the fastest way there is through the stomach).

Finches are strict vegetarians, which is why you will often spot them at your feeders. They also drink up to 40% of their body weight in water on hot summer days. Consider putting out a birdbath to help your feathered buddies stay hydrated!

Sadly, House Finches have been dealing with an eye disease pandemic for many years. It is easily spread between birds at feeders and birdbaths. If you spot a finch with swollen eyes that appears sickly or blind, please disinfect or put away your feeders for a while, to keep the rest of the flock safe.

The House Finch’s call is a cheerful, chirpy warble that serves as a wonderful background track to Walden’s spring and summer days. You can spot them hanging out in small flocks in bushes and trees all throughout the neighborhood. If you’d like to see one up close, simply set out a bird feeder, and I guarantee you will see multiple House Finches stop by for a visit!







## SILVER SPRING TOWNSHIP NEWS

- by Jake Walter

Spring is here, and township activity is blooming like the flowers we are starting to see! First up is **Paul Walters Park** which, as you probably noticed, is still fenced in. While most of the grading work is complete, there are still the next steps of putting in the amenities, which should be happening this year. The full park fencing is scheduled to come down as soon as the existing seed takes hold, (likely mid-spring, according to the parks director), allowing access to the playground and older parts of the park near Carlisle Pike. However, individual sections of the park will be fenced off to install individual amenities such as the sports courts and wild area. This work is enabled by a Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant; the total work will be around \$1.65 million dollars. Sadly, this funding may not be enough to fund the dog park amenity that was presented in a previous newsletter.

The township's **Land Preservation Review (LPR) Board** presented a report at the Board of Supervisor's meeting. The LPR Board is tasked with using the 0.1% income tax increase voted in several years ago, which is earmarked for preserving rural land throughout the Township, and is required to submit an annual report regarding progress. The LPR Board has been working to preserve land and has just surpassed 1,000 acres in land purchased for preservation.

Across the township, there are several items that may concern Walden residents. The bridge on Hempt Road just south of the high school was completed at the end of the year and is now open to traffic. There are several new businesses opening soon, including Silver Scoop Ice Cream (they have set up the old diner on Carlisle Pike in New Kingston), J. Crew next to the LL Bean in Silver Spring Square, and the Costco under construction which is expected to open in the fall.

**Community events for April and May** include a bus trip to New York City on April 19<sup>th</sup> and a variety of fitness classes. Classes include: Cardio Kickboxing, Dancercise, How to Play Pickleball & open play sessions, Lunch-Time Fitness & Pilates, Pound Fitness, Tap Dance, Total Body Strength & Tone, Volleyball and Youth Horsemanship.

These classes are offered at various times. You can sign up at: <https://silverspringrec.recdesk.com/Community/Program>. For more information, call **717-766-0178**.



## WALDEN CARES YARD SALE EVENT

- by Sue Sheehan

**Let Us Sell Your Unwanted Stuff for a Great Cause!**

***Don't want to have your own yard Sale? Are you away on Sale Day but still have lots to unload? Donate your unwanted household items to benefit a great cause!*** Walden Cares is hosting a fundraising Yard Sale during Walden Neighborhood Wide Yard Sale on **May 17<sup>th</sup> 8am-1pm**.

Walden Cares is a group of neighbors organizing charitable projects throughout the year. Hopefully you've heard of and participated in "SockTober" and "Angel Wreath Project". In October's "SockTober" event, new socks are collected for donation to local homeless shelters. In December Angel Wreaths are placed throughout the community with tags listing gifts to be purchased for families experiencing cancer treatment at Penn State Hershey Cancer Center and UPMC Cancer Treatment Center. Both projects have grown each year to meet the ever increasing need. Walden Cares Committee raises funds throughout the year to fulfill our promise of helping neighbors in need. And this year, we are using the Walden Yard Sale to raise funds. It's a WIN-WIN! You get rid of the clutter and Walden Cares volunteers will use proceeds from your donated items to help families going through cancer treatment and struggling to purchase gifts for their families during the holidays.

If you want to be part of this event, drop off donations at 645 Line Road in Walden on Saturday May 3 to Saturday May 10, between 8am and 6pm daily. Volunteers will sort and price everything, and it will be sold on Saturday May 17 from 8am to 1pm during the Walden Neighborhood Yard Sale. (Anything not sold will be donated after the sale.)

Want more information? Email [waldencares90@gmail.com](mailto:waldencares90@gmail.com) or text us at 802-733-6710.



# SAVE THE DATE – 5/17: WALDEN YARD SALE!

- by Stacey New

***Clean out and clean up \$\$\$ at the Walden Neighborhood Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 8am-1pm!***

Walden Residents are encouraged to set up and run yard and garage sales on Saturday, May 17 from 8am to 1pm. The Neighborhood Yard Sale Committee will advertise on Social Media and place several signs outside Walden in high traffic areas prior to sale day. Residents should make their own eye-catching, colorful signs directing shoppers to their location. Signs should be put out the day of the sale and removed by the end of the day.

The committee is working with Green Drop donation pick up service to have a truck on site on Sale Day to accept donations. Time and place TBA.

***Spread the word!*** It's your one chance a year to clean out the clutter and make a little money too! For more information, please contact [staceynew214@gmail.com](mailto:staceynew214@gmail.com) or call 802-733-6710.

# WALDEN LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE UPDATE

- by Mark Pedersen



## Walden’s Daffodill Blooms are Spectacular!

The daffodils are in full bloom at the entrances to Walden Way, Tavern House Hill Road, and at the entrance to Walden Hall! The wonderful Walden Downtown Beautification Committee with a volunteer force of approximately fifteen people planted eight hundred daffodil bulbs last Fall. This should provide

Walden with a forever wake up call to Spring and provide the residents with some beautiful flowers that make coming home a true pleasure. If you have other ideas to help freshen the entrances to Walden, please contact Stacey New and the Beautification Committee to volunteer or to share your ideas.

## 2025 Landscaping Issues

Beginning in 2025, homeowners will be responsible for reporting and managing their individual property landscaping issues via the CAMCO portal by preparing work requests. Ruppert Landscaping remains under contract as the landscaping contractor for the Walden Neighborhood. They do the landscaping for the townhomes, condos, common areas, and the grass and trees in the beauty-strips in front of the single-family homes. The Board is aware of several complaints about service last year, and Rupert has been made aware. If a problem exists, something does not get done quite right, or something gets missed completely, it will be the individual homeowner’s responsibility to report that issue via the Walden Neighborhood website and the CAMCO homeowner portal. Once you are in the portal, click on “New Request,” then “General Request,” followed by “Work Order Request”. You can then complete the required entries to include property address and a detailed description of the work order. This work request will be downloaded by CAMCO and passed over to Ruppert Landscaping for a quick resolution (hopefully within 1 to 2 weeks). Thus, every homeowner is encouraged to make sure they have access to the CAMCO portal and if not, contact CAMCO to get started.

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# SEWAGE, STORMWATER AND TRASH BILLS, (OH MY!)

-by Kathy Pape

When Silver Spring Township Authority issues its quarterly wastewater bills, the usual question from Walden residents is, “Didn’t I just pay that bill a few weeks ago?” This article will cover the types of bills sent by Silver Spring Township and Silver Spring Sewer Authority, the services for which the bill is rendered, and the service period covered. (This article is not intended to defend nor criticize the billing practices of the Township or the Authority; it’s just to explain them.)

Let’s start with some definitions, which sometimes are understandably confusing: **Sewage** (White Bill) is made up of solids and fluids which flow from our toilets, sinks, washing machines and bathtubs. In Walden sewage service is provided by the Silver Spring Authority and is billed quarterly in arrears (after the service is provided). The Sewage bill consists of two components. First, the base bill per quarter is \$120 and includes an allowance of up to 9,000 gallons. Second, if a customer uses more than 9,000 gallons of water per quarter, the sewage bill will also include a volumetric charge at a rate of \$8.00 per 1,000 additional gallons of water used. So, if a customer used 12,000 gallons of water in a quarter, the bill for sewage service will be \$144; the base 9,000 plus the extra 3,000 used [\$120 + \$24 (\$8.00x3=\$24)]. Because of the Sewage Bill structure, if a customer’s water use in a quarter is less than 9,000 gallons, the bill will still be \$120. Customers on private water wells are charged a flat rate of \$158.00/quarter. Sewage bills are charged quarterly in arrears because water usage must be provided by Pennsylvania American Water to the Authority before it can calculate how much to bill for sewage service. Sewage bills are issued in January, April, July and October for the prior calendar quarter.

**Stormwater** (Blue Bill) is rainwater and everything that it collects as it flows into a stream or river. In Silver Spring Township, Stormwater Service is provided by the Township and is billed quarterly in advance of service. The stormwater fee is a flat rate of \$27.00 per quarter for each residential property. In some older communities sewage and stormwater flow into the same pipes which are commonly known as a combined system. In newer systems like the system serving Walden, pipes are separated, i.e., the pipes that carry sewage carry *only* sewage and the pipes that collect and carry stormwater, carry *only* stormwater.

**Trash and Recycling** (Blue Bill): Effective January 1, 2024, our Trash and Recycling services are contracted for and billed by Silver Spring Township for all residents, including Walden. Trash and Recycling is provided by a private hauler, Penn Waste, and is billed quarterly in advance along with Stormwater Service. Effective January 1, 2025 the fee for trash/recycling services was increased to \$82.02/quarter for low volume service (small receptacle) and \$95.16/quarter for regular volume service. Trash/Recycling and Stormwater Bills are issued in March, June, September and December for service to be rendered in the next quarter. To make life a bit simpler, customers can choose electronic payment for Sewage and Trash/Stormwater by visiting [SSTWP.org](http://SSTWP.org) and clicking on the “How Do I?” tab.

**Something to Remember:** If you are selling or buying a house, check to be sure at closing that both the Trash/Stormwater and Sewage charges are pro-rated correctly.



**Central Pennsylvania's premiere  
olive oil and balsamic store**

Thank you to everyone who continues to come out to support our first Saturday of the month sampling events. We appreciate you!

If you have not had a chance to check out one of our events, don't miss out!

**April Sampling event details:** – Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. April's sampling event will be a Sandwich Smorgasbord! Come sample a variety of delicious sandwiches!

**May Sampling event details:** – Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The May theme is Exotic Spices! Following our FB page for updates to this event and exciting flavors.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday sampling events are completely complimentary to come taste! The weather is getting nice so we plan to have the tent set up outside the store at 100 Walden Way, Mechanicsburg but we also could set up in the empty store next door in case the weather isn't ideal. We hope our samples provide you inspiration to be creative. We always post the recipes to our website so you can make them at home. [www.simplyflavorful.com/recipes](http://www.simplyflavorful.com/recipes). Looking forward to seeing you there!

## Flashfood



We have partnered with Flashfood App to help us reduce food waste and provide some great food at great prices!

Just like any food store, we have items that sometimes go to waste because they don't sell before the sell-by-date. Using the Flashfood App gives us the opportunity to offer these items at a discount and keep them from going to waste.

## New Items

Broad Meadow Nut Company

We have added a nut brand that offers healthy snacks and a flavor mix for everyone. Crafted unique, wood-fired, small batch nut mixes.



**Follow Simply Flavorful on FB or IG and stop by the store to sign up for emails for event details, specials and new item announcements.**

*Join The Crossroads at Walden FB page to stay updated on events happening with all the neighborhood businesses in the Crossroads.*



# MEET YOUR WALDEN NEIGHBOR

## *Meet Your Walden Neighbor, Roland Finch*

If Johnny Cash was the Troubadour of Travel inside the USA, Roland Finch can claim the title internationally. He too had been everywhere, man. Born in Alaska before it became a state, he spent the first decade of his life traveling the world with his Air Force family. His father was an engineer who set up early warning and air defense systems in Japan, Spain, England, Germany and the Netherlands. When asked about his memories of that period, Roland said, “Everywhere was different, but all in the same way”.

The Family Finch finally put down roots in Omaha, Nebraska when dad was assigned duty at the headquarters of the Strategic Air Command. Roland grew up there, attending Catholic Schools. He played fullback on the football team, became an expert on military history and found his true passion in music, playing guitar in a garage folk band, “The Prairie Men”. He dabbled in songwriting, penning several songs celebrating, in his words, “wicked winds, gloom and despair”. After earning a business degree from Minnesota State University, Roland spread his wings and flew off to New York City where he worked in an advertising firm on Madison Avenue. After a few modest successes, Roland hit it big with his famous “wonder where the yellow went” jingle. But, unhappy in the atmosphere of cutthroat competition and loose morals, he got a degree in International Relations from CCNY night school, landed a job in the Foreign Service, and began his second Odessey around the globe. His postings included Vietnam, Iran, Syria, Nicaragua, Iraq, Poland and Germany. The hotspots on his professional resume begged the question of his potential connection to any of our national security agencies. When asked, he said, “I can neither confirm nor deny that. But the day after the Berlin Wall come down, I took my family to Disney World.”

After retiring from the Foreign Service, with his children grown and his wife busy in her job as a public interest lawyer, Roland began a new career as a writer of science fiction romance novels under the nom de plume “Lorenzo Fortunato”. Critics derisively described them as stories “where Star Trek meets Jane Austen”, but the reading public became intrigued. Currently, he is in negotiations with the Hallmark Channel which has expressed interest in bringing some of his “sci-roms” to television.

Since moving to Walden, Roland has learned to relax, puttering around the house and helping his wife with her public interest lobbying against corporate greed and climate change. He also returned to his true passion, music, by starting up a rock cover band called “Unnamed Source”. Says Roland, “We specialize in B sides and album cuts from the sixties, seventies and eighties. We don’t do disco!” If you hear them rehearsing some day at 77 Avery Way, stop by and say hello. Roland’s garage door is always open.

## WALDEN GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

*Are you looking for a way to become involved in Walden and meet some wonderful neighbors? We have many official and unofficial committees and groups that are always welcoming new faces!*

**Walden Book Club** Our book club will be meeting every other month on the second Monday at 7 pm in Walden Hall. Our next meeting is May 12<sup>th</sup> and the book we will be discussing is *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn. If you are interested in attending on May 12<sup>th</sup> or would like to be added to the book club notifications, contact Cheryl Scialpi @ [cbscialpi@gmail.com](mailto:cbscialpi@gmail.com) .

**Walden Budget Committee** presented a draft 2025-2026 budget to the Walden Neighborhood Association Board in January. The tentative budget was reviewed at the WNA Public Board Meeting on January 23. The Board adjusted the budget after further review, and the 2025-2026 budget was approved at the February 27 WNA Board meeting. A presentation of the approved budget will be conducted at the Annual Meeting on March 27 at Walden Hall. (Board Chair is Mark DiRocco.)

**Walden Cares Committee** consists of a group from Walden whose mission is to serve the needs of the surrounding community and beyond through various projects supported by the Walden residents. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Sue Sheehan at [sheehanboys@gmail.com](mailto:sheehanboys@gmail.com).

**Walden Communications Committee** is a new committee set up to improve Communications within the Walden HOA and the residents. One of the tasks was to provide a medium for residents to join and participate in the HOA Meetings online. The committee arranged a Google Meet Setup and Camera for the residents to participate from the comfort of their homes. The committee also arranged for the Walden newsletter to be posted on our Waldenneighborhood.com site home page for all residents to view. The Board Liaison is Sudhir Mishra and the Chair is Kim Distenfeld. Going forward the committee is expanding and welcoming new members and ideas. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Sudhir at [msudhir77@gmail.com](mailto:msudhir77@gmail.com)

**Walden Crossroads Committee** has been formed with immediate goals of working with Charter to fill the empty business spaces, overall aesthetics of the downtown, and support for the existing businesses. The committee organized the planting of daffodils this past Fall at both Walden entrances. The Board Liaison is Rob Shearer and the Chair is Stacey New. The Crossroads Committee, along with the Safety Committee, is developing a plan to install informational signs directing visitors to Free Public Parking locations off Bryant Street. If you are interested in joining the Walden Crossroads Committee, please contact Stacey, [staceynew214@gmail.com](mailto:staceynew214@gmail.com).

**Walden Guys** Come one, come all! Coffee and good conversation. Every Thursday at 9 a.m. on the Idea Coffee patio or inside Sophia's during bad weather. The group discusses anything and everything. The topic really doesn't matter, the point is a great group of guys who enjoy each other's friendship and enjoy a coffee over what's happening in Walden and even far beyond. Any Walden adult man who would like to make friends and connections is welcome to drop by. In addition to the weekly Thursday meetings, we also have seasonal meals we plan for the men and their Plus One. Along with Sophia's great food, it can be a time for neighborhood women to see first-hand the face of the neighbor their husband came home saying, "I can't believe what so and so said at Walden Guys Men's Thursday coffee and conversation."

The men who show up on Thursday at 9am are a cross-section of Walden Guys. You will be amazed at how BRILLIANT your guy can be when he voices more than a guess and a shrug. We hope you join us! Contact Jack at [jgp1950@comcast.net](mailto:jgp1950@comcast.net) for details, or just show up at 9.

**Walden Landscaping Committee** is a standing committee created by the Walden Association. The Board Liaison is Jeff McCombie and the chair is Sam Becker. The Committee acts as an advisory committee to the Board and a liaison between the community and the WNA. The committee generally meets once a month. An update of concerns, projects and any recommendations are forwarded to the Board for their monthly consideration. Volunteer opportunities arise frequently throughout the year for those who value our community but do not have the time to serve on the committee. Anyone interested in participating in projects should contact Simone with CAMCO at [srobinson@camcomgmt.com](mailto:srobinson@camcomgmt.com).

**Walden Mahjong** There is a group who play Mahjong (the American version) most Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm at Walden Hall. Both experienced players and those who would like to learn to play are welcome; the group is happy to teach you the game. This group is social and plays just for fun, by the rules but not sticklers! Contact Cheryl at [cbscialpi@gmail.com](mailto:cbscialpi@gmail.com) to join or for more information.

**Walden Mamas of Facebook:** Check out "**Walden Mamas**" on Facebook and connect with other mothers in the neighborhood. In addition to our Facebook community to socially connect, we host regular Moms' Nights Out for kids' craft events at Walden Hall. Reach out to Megan the admin for Walden Mama's Facebook Page for additional information or email [megan.schopf@comcast.net](mailto:megan.schopf@comcast.net)!

#### **Walden Neighborhood Appearance Control Board (NACB)**

CAMCO Management reviews the submitted applications for architectural changes to ensure they are complete and then provides the completed submissions to the NACB to verify that the project is consistent with the standards and appearance of Walden set forth in the Walden Guidelines for Architecturally Controlled Improvements. The NACB conducts a thorough review of the project and application. NACB members are appointed to a one-year term. Review and approval of all Architecturally Controlled Improvements shall be vested solely in the NACB. The Board has 3 members. These members do not need to be Unit owners, tenants, or residents of the Walden Community. A member may also be a member of the Walden Neighborhood Executive Board. Each calendar year, the members of the NACB are appointed for a term of 1 year for the remainder of the then current calendar year by the members of the Walden Neighborhood Executive Board. The NACB will be due to have members appointed in early 2025 and they will remain in place throughout the remainder of the year. If you are interested in being considered for this position, please contact Simone at [srobinson@camcomgmt.com](mailto:srobinson@camcomgmt.com).

**Walden Newsletter Committee** meets every month to prepare for the coming issue. Presently we have 6 regular members, and we welcome anyone who wishes to join the committee (email Judy Andidora at [ronjude22@comcast.net](mailto:ronjude22@comcast.net)). The purpose of the Newsletter is to have our neighborhood know about what is happening in each two-month period, and to offer articles of interest.

**Walden Pool Committee** Our committee consisted of 11 members last season and would love to recruit more in the spring of 2025 so that new ideas can be shared. This past season we implemented the services of a pool monitor. We would especially love to have the swimmers that use the pool on a regular basis join us! Besides proposing new ideas and concerns, the committee closes the pool at night, stack chairs, checks garbage cans, and put out trash cans for pick up on Thursday. Thankfully

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we no longer need to put up and take down umbrellas. We will be installing gazebos this season and would welcome help from the community to assemble them when they arrive. The Board Liaison is Dee Clippinger and the Chair is Jim Campbell. Contact information will be provided in the spring when the committee reorganizes for the new season.

**Walden Road Safety Committee** met on Monday evening March 10. The committee discussed the following key items and will make several recommendations to the WNA Board at the Annual Meeting on March 27: Several handicapped ramps need to be repaired in the Crossroads area on Bryant Street. Additionally, a recommendation for installing two new handicapped ramps at the corner of Line Road and Walden Way will be made along with a recommendation for the Board to conduct an ADA study for the community.

The Committee will recommend that all 18 main street speed limit signs be changed to 20 MPH, and that 8 additional speed limit signs be installed in areas of the community where signs currently do not exist.

The committee discussed sending notifications out to residents to remind them that vehicles are not permitted to park within 15 feet of any intersection, which is required by the WNA Vehicle Rules and Regulations. This is critical for first responder vehicles to navigate Walden’s narrow roads during an emergency.

Other items will be presented at the Annual Meeting. The Board Liaison is Mark DiRocco.

**Walden Social Committee**  
Are you passionate about living in Walden and making a positive impact on our community? Do you enjoy planning and organizing events for Walden? The newly created/reestablished Social Events Committee would play an important role in organizing a variety of events, such as movie nights, pool parties, community gatherings and more. No prior experience is necessary, just a willingness to get involved! The Board Liaison is Megan Crompton and the Chair is Gwen Dando. If you are interested in joining Walden’s Social Events Committee, please email Megan at [Waldenboardmember@gmail.com](mailto:Waldenboardmember@gmail.com)

**Do you have a committee or group that is not listed and you want to be included going forward? Contact Kim at: [kjdistenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:kjdistenfeld@gmail.com).**

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WALDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD ROLES & TERMS

**Walden Neighborhood Association Executive Board** is responsible for maintaining, replacing and repairing when required all of the Common Facilities and for maintaining the Controlled Facilities The WNA Executive Board is made up of 9 members representing 4 classifications of Units in Walden: (2) Detached Dwelling (Single Family),(3) Interior Space (residents above Crossroads), (2) Attached Dwelling (Townhomes) and (2) Tract Units (commercial spaces). Each term is 3 years and members are elected by the homeowners of Walden in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association. The Tract Units automatically renew with Charter. The Executive Board will be constituted and organized and will operate in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association. There were 3 open positions in March at the annual meeting, however, only the Treasurer, Mark Di Ricco was elected to serve a new term. The Board is seeking 2 additional candidates.

Executive Board Roles and Terms

- President: Jeff McCombie** (Term expires 2026)  
(Detached Dwelling Solely Residential Unit)
- Vice President: Office Open as of 3/28** (Term expires in 2028)  
(Interior Space Unit)
- Secretary: Office Open as of 3/28** (Term expires in 2028)  
(Interior Space Unit)
- Treasurer: Mark Di Ricco** (Term expires in 2028)  
(Detached Dwelling Solely Residential Unit)



## Board Members:

**Sudhir Mishra:** *(Term expires 2027)*

(Attached Dwelling Solely Residential Dwelling Unit)

**Dee Clippinger:** *(Term expires in 2026)*

(Attached Dwelling Solely Residential Unit)

**Greg Hodecker:** *(Term expires in 2025 & is renewed automatically)*

(Tract Unit)

**Bob Shearer:** *(Term expires in 2025 & is renewed automatically)*

(Tract Unit)

**Rich Tysarczyk:** *(Term expires 2026)*

(Interior Space Unit)



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## **Sophia's** *at Walden*

Sophia's will host a special ***Easter Brunch*** from 9-2 on April 20<sup>th</sup>.



***Mother's Day Brunch*** is on May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-2.

*Reservations suggested for both events!!!*

Starting May 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have ***live music on our patio from 6-8pm*** on Thursdays & Fridays through September (*weather permitting*). Check the events page on our website for more information

### ***Sophia's Hours:***

Sunday: Brunch served at 9am – last seating at 2pm

Monday: Closed

Tuesday & Wednesday: Lunch served from 11am to 3pm

Thursday & Friday: Lunch 11am to 3pm; Dinner 4pm to 8pm

Saturday: Lunch served from 11am to 3pm

Reservations are highly recommended for dinner and Sunday brunch, especially our special occasion brunches, and can be made on our website: [sophias@walden.com](mailto:sophias@walden.com) or by calling 717-791-0100.

***We are a B.Y.O.B. establishment.***





## WALDEN HOMEOWNERS' SPRING CHECKLIST

***Spring is in the air! Here are some tips from Mark Pedersen for making your Walden home ready for the season:***

- ✓ Pick up sticks, grass, clippings, and yard debris from winter storms.
- ✓ Weed and mulch flower and vegetable garden beds (black-dyed mulch is the only approved one for the development).
- ✓ Trim perennials, plants, and bushes to allow for spring growth.
- ✓ Remove winter covers from hose bibs. Fix any leaking hose bibs and then hook up hoses & nozzles.
- ✓ Replace all burnt-out bulbs on your front porch lights, lamppost light, and twin garage lights; fix or replace any inoperable auto eye light sensors.
- ✓ Identify sidewalk gaps or unevenness on your sidewalks so that they can be repaired. Each homeowner is responsible for your sidewalk repairs. HOA is responsible for fixing the common area sidewalks.
- ✓ Place all trash cans in the garage. It is against HOA rules for trash cans to be stored in the yard, on porches, or on the driveway.
- ✓ Put all empty planters or containers in the garage.
- ✓ Make sure dog-poop containers are in the garage.
- ✓ Put all bicycles, skateboards, trikes, big wheels, battery operated kid cars, scooters, balls, and sports equipment in the garage every day after use.
- ✓ Remove unauthorized flags – no country flags other than the U.S. Flag, and no state flags are allowed. Small decorative, non-political yard flags are allowed.
- ✓ Paint or touch-up subgrade foundation.
- ✓ Wash and clean vinyl fencing to remove black marks, mildew, and bird droppings.
- ✓ Sealcoat your asphalt driveway if needed.
- ✓ Power wash dirt & mildew on siding, windows, gutters, and shutters.
- ✓ Repair any broken or missing Hardie Board siding.
- ✓ Wash, paint, or stain your front door(s), front porch columns, and front porch furniture.
- ✓ Repair or replace any broken, dented, or inoperable garage doors.
- ✓ Report on the CAMCO portal things that need attention or need to be fixed located in the common areas.
- ✓ Report homeowner issues with the landscaping services provided by Ruppert Landscaping through the CAMCO website portal.
- ✓ Fill out your request for 2025 hardscapes & project approvals such as solar panels, gazebos, doors, windows, hot tubs, roofs, fences, patios, permanent outdoor lighting, or architectural changes on the exterior of the home. Form is available on the CAMCO portal.
- ✓ Volunteer for one of the HOA board positions or be on a community committee.
- ✓ Bring all HOA monthly fees current to ensure access and use of Walden Hall, Walden Gym, or the Walden Pool in 2025.
- ✓ Homeowners who have renters or lessees, please update all renter contact information with CAMCO Management to ensure they are receiving information and newsletters.
- ✓ Help your neighbors who need assistance. Share ideas, tools, sweat equity, and plantings.

***Thanks to everyone for helping make Walden beautiful and a fun place to live!***



April



2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 MAHJONG 6:30-8:30pm	2 Walden Guys* 9-11am	4	5 Simply Flavorful Sampling 10:30-3:30
6	7 Food Truck 4:00-8:00 PM	8	9 MAHJONG 6:30-8:30pm	10 Walden Guys* 9-11am	11	12 
13	14 Food Truck 4:00-8:00 PM	15	16 MAHJONG 6:30-8:30pm	17 Walden Guys* 9-11am  High Road Event 4:00-8:00 PM	18	19
22 Sophia's Easter Brunch 	21 Food Truck 4:00-8:00 PM	22	23 MAHJONG 6:30-8:30pm	24 Walden Guys* 9-11am  HOA Meeting	25	26
27	28 Food Truck 4:00-8:00 PM	29	30 MAHJONG 6:30-8:30pm			

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[\\*Walden Guys meet outside Idea Coffee Shop or inside Sophia's](#)

High Road Taproom  
Food Truck Monday's

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APRIL

2025

MON 7	EXTRA RICE INC. AUDREY'S CUP OF SUNSHINE
MON 14	PERRY PIZZA SARAH'S CREAMERY
MON 21	COUSINS MAINE LOBSTER ALSIES ICE CREAM
MON 28	J&D'S CHEESESTEAKS MADELINE'S SWEETS & SAVORIES

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May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Walden Guys* 9-11am	2	3  Simply Flavorful Sampling 10:30-3:30
4	5  Food Truck 4:00-8:00 PM	6	7  MAHJONG 6:30-8:30pm	8  Walden Guys* 9-11am  Music @ Sophia's 6:00-8:00pm	9  Music @ Sophia's 6:00-8:00pm	10
11  Sophia's Mothers' Day Brunch  Happy Mothers' Day!	12  Food Truck 4:00-8:00 PM  Book Club 7pm	13	14  MAHJONG 6:30-8:30pm	15  Walden Guys* 9-11am  Music @ Sophia's 6:00-8:00pm	16  Music @ Sophia's 6:00-8:00pm	17
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MAY

2025

MON 5	WALK-O TACO AUNTIE ANNE'S PRETZELS
MON 12	BALA SAAHAS SWEET O'HEARTS CONFECTIONERY
MON 19	POTATO COOP ALSIES ICE CREAM
MON 26	MOMO'S BBQ MOO-SHAKES MILKSHAKES

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