



# CITY OF WALHALLA

## Community Development

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### August 2023 Monthly Report

1. Worked with six (6) potential new businesses (conducted 3 walk-throughs)
2. Hosted second open house and 2 focus group meeting for the Comprehensive Plan update
3. Permit administration (see totals below)
4. Fielded additional calls/emails/walk-ins regarding grants, building permits, signs, new business process, special events, land use allowances, food trucks, code violations, business licenses, Downtown Design Guidelines and variances.

### Applications/Violations Processed, August 2023

Request	Monthly Totals
Zoning Permits	11
Violations (IPMC, Sign, Zoning, etc.)	1
Variances	1
Subdivision Permits (Preliminary/Final)	0
Special Exceptions	0
Sign Permits	2
Rezoning Requests	0
Food Truck Permits	2
Fence Permits	0
Demolition Permits	0
Appeals	0

# City of Walhalla Fire Department

Home of the Mountaineer Engine Co. Est. 1871

## Fire Chiefs Monthly Report

August 2023

### FIRE-EMS

#### *Incident Response-*

We responded to 138 calls for service. 62 were fire calls and 76 were medical/rescue calls. During the month we were on multiple calls 28% of the time. We provided 15 instances of mutual aid. 55 calls were inside the City and 83 calls were either in the unincorporated area or another district. The average on scene time was 31 minutes. Both career and volunteer staff spent 203 hours on incidents.

<u>Incident Type</u>	<u># Incidents</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Fires	8	5.80%
Overpressure rupture, explosion- no fire	0	0.00%
Rescue & EMS	76	55.07%
Hazardous Conditions	16	11.59%
Service Call	24	17.39%
Good Intent Call	9	6.52%
False Alarm and False Call	5	3.62%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	0.00%
Special Incident	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

#### *Operations/Training-*

Staff, both career and volunteer, trained for a total of 339 hours during the month.

The department has 2 full time firefighter openings. These positions are posted on the City webpage and the department's Facebook page.

### COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

#### *Fire Marshal-*

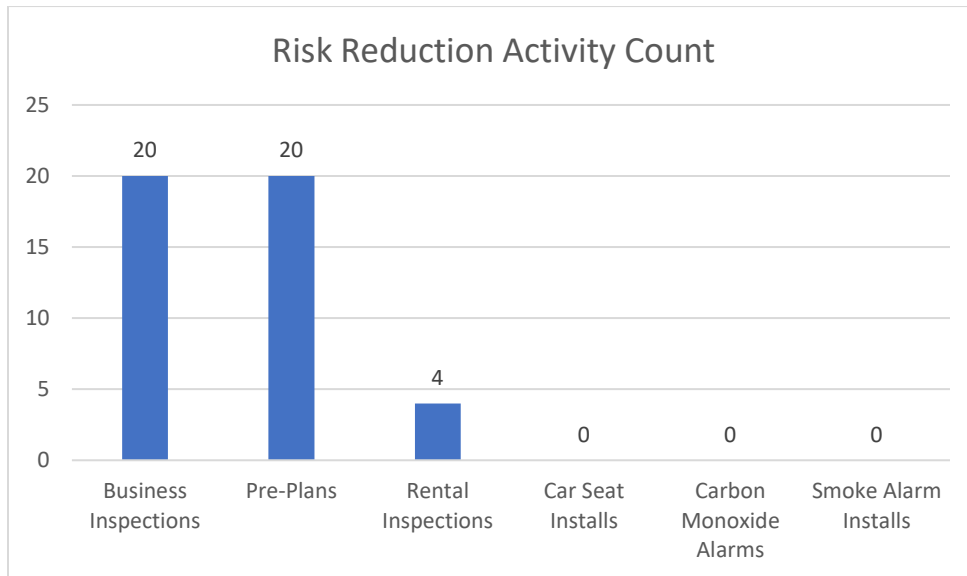
Continuing to complete pre-fire plans and business inspections. Completing re-inspections as needed.

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## Fire Prevention/Life Safety-

Staff have been scheduling fire safety education events with all the local schools and preschools to begin in the next few weeks. So far we have 8 fire safety talks planned with different venues. Planning and preparation for the upcoming events have been underway with the coordination of the other departments.



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Over the course of the month and continuing into September the department and several others surrounding Walhalla have been responding to numerous structure fires, and critical calls for service that have been traumatic in nature. Please keep these responders in your prayers and continue to be patient and understanding please. Everyone is mentally, physically, and emotionally drained.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

*/s/ Will Bates*

Will Bates, Fire Chief



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## Monthly Police Report- August 2023

### **August Events and Completed Training and Updates:**

- Sgt Mark Mealy completed Security Officer Training.
- Officer Thompson attended Airworx Drone Training.
- Evidence Room (#2) renovations continue and are about 80% complete.
- 3 of the 4 2019 Dodge Chargers have been out of service, 2 are back in use.

<b>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>1314</b>
<b>TRAINING HOURS</b>	<b>155 HOURS</b>
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>24 (Adult) 0 (Juvenile)</b>
<b>Extra Patrol / Business Checks</b>	<b>339</b>

### **BREAKDOWN OF OVERTIME BY TYPE:**

Shift Coverage	41.3 Hours
Court	12 Hours
Special Event Coverage	0 Hours
<b>TOTAL OVERTIME</b>	<b>53.3 HOURS (previous month -112.6 hours)</b>

### **Upcoming Events and Training and News:**

- Oktoberfest 2023 planning is underway, draft schedules are 75% complete.
- City sponsored Halloween event planning is underway and 90% complete.
- Off Duty Officers are assisting Clemson University with athletic events.
- Department Quarterly meeting/meal is scheduled.
- Retirement Drop-In for Lieutenant Robert Bennett is at 4:30pm-5:30pm on 9/20/2023 at the police department.



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**Monthly Reference Material**

**Aug 2023 – Month End Stats**

**Total Calls for Service:** 1314

**Total Traffic Stops:** 344

**Total Traffic Collisions:** 13

**Reports Filed:**

Collision Reports: 7

Pursuit After-Action: 2

Incident Reports: 57

Response to Resistance: 1

**TOTAL: 67**

**Citations/Warnings Issued:**

Warnings: 211

Traffic Related: 87

Non-Traffic Related: 20

**TOTAL: 318**

**Arrests:**

Adults: 26

Juvenile Referrals: 0

**TOTAL: 26**

**Extra Patrols:** **TOTAL: 339**

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## Monthly Stumphouse Mountain Park Report- August 2023

### **August Events and Updates:**

- Jo Anna spent 103.5 hours conducting maintenance work in August.
- Increase in daily visitors. (1200+ cars visited Labor Day weekend.)
- Tree / limb cleanup after severe storms.
- New Bikes have been delivered and are in service for Stumphouse and in city events. These were made possible by the Walhalla Police Department Foundation.
- Chief Rice and Utilities Director Parris met with Black Diamond to check construction progress.
- Work continues at Ross Mountain Parking Lot. (80% complete)
- New safety fence added at the top of the falls trail.
- Drainage ditches in tunnel have been reworked and are near complete (90%).
- Volunteer groups have worked most weekends to assist staff with trail maintenance.
- Park staff have begun to refurbish picnic areas inside the park.
- Work is underway to remove graffiti from tunnel, bridges and park shelters.

### **Upcoming Events and Training and News:**

- Working with SC Issaqueena Scholastic Cycling to bring more practice and races to the park.
- Several local businesses have inquired about licenses for trademarked Stumphouse merchandise (city owned trademark). Planning in progress to make these available.
- Ranger Cpl. Scruggs and 1 patrol officer will be attending IPMBA Patrol Bike Certification in the upcoming weeks.
- Fencing project at Ross Mountain is underway, scheduled to be completed by October 13, 2023.



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### **Daily:**

- Check park entry, fee area, road shoulders, parking areas
- Restroom Cleaning- clean, stock, water in tanks
- Trash collection and haul to convenient center
- Back-pack blow tunnel, roadway, fall's bridges/platform, gazebo, shelter
- Clean grills
- Check inside tunnel gate and Fall's platform
- Checking Ross Mountain Parking

### **Trails:**

- Communicate with volunteers working the bike trails through email and Spond - track work sections and hours - work this month on flow trail, trail 7, trail 13, Purple Trail, Storm work
- Trim bottom of railroad trail and bridge area off fall's parking
- Locate log on spur waterfall trail and removed
- Trim and weed-eat BRRT to Middle Tunnel and cleaned up trash
- Met with a group of trail builders for trail completion status at Ross Mtn. Hiked Service Rd and found other trail group and checked trail status.
- Trim and blow path for boundary trail behind silt fencing Ross Mtn parking
- Blow pump track
- Hike in and weed-eat from Yellow Trail directional to trail 13 entry, across dam, purple trail entry lakeside and out to tunnel parking
- removed tree fall on trail 13 -
- Trail Volunteer leader wants to plan and have a trail work weekend
- Cleaned up limbs bottom of black diamond trail



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**Social Media:**

1. Share city posts
2. Storms and trail conditions
3. Post trail work needs for rider safety
4. Youth Team practice ride 8/5
5. Work to BRRT
6. Website material update

**Grounds Maintenance:**

1. Shovel/rake silt - fall's trail and tunnel area - heavy rains/storms
2. Keeping water flow area clear coming out of tunnel
3. Tree debris/limb clean-up from storms - road shoulders and grounds
4. Weed-eat highway entrance to fee area
5. Backpack blowing - tunnel to fall's platform, shelter, gazebo
6. Backpack blow roads
7. Weed-eat tunnel parking, top of tunnel area, tunnel road shoulder, lower parking, gazebo
8. Chainsaw - cut root picnic area
9. Trimmed - Red Gate Ross Mtn
10. Pull down vines hanging over road
11. Chainsaw - cut and clean up rotted tree trunk fall fall's parking exit side
12. Cut overhang and vines road shoulder
13. Mow behind shelter
14. Clean around flow pipe - pond
15. Mow and weed-eat deep area behind shelter and pond
17. Weed-eat tunnel area, road shoulder, fall's parking, top of fall's, fall's trail, lower parking
18. Weed-eat remaining road shoulder in park, fee area, main entrance
19. Drive through check park after heavy storm
20. Storm clean-up - blowing, limbs, shoveling silt
21. Mow lower picnic area and shelter - blow and clean shelter, grill and mower
22. Clean grills



## Recreation

August 2023

Rec Fall Sports are still practicing. Football has started games.

3 Football, 3 Cheerleading, 22 Soccer, Fall Softball 2, Fall Baseball 2, Volleyball 7

Total sports teams= 39

- Homecoming for football will be September 30<sup>th</sup> @ memorial field. 8u-10am, 10u-12pm, 12u-2pm
- Soccer Super Saturday is October 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>
- Some soccer games are during fall break to make up for the week we miss due to Oktoberfest

We are looking for sponsors for our upcoming basketball season. Those need to be turned in no later than November 1st

Basketball Registrations: October 16<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>



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*Main Street to the Mountains*

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## WALHALLA PUBLIC WORKS The Public Works Department August Report 2023

Danny Edwards  
Mayor August 1 thru 31, 2023 the City of Walhalla picked up:

265 -ton of residential garbage

Danny Woodward  
Mayor Pro Tem 118 -ton of commercial garbage

38 -ton of recyclable brush

Grant Keehn  
Councilman 18-ton C&D Waste

28 -ton yard waste

Sarai Melendez  
Councilwoman 5 -ton mattresses

Keith Pace  
Councilman Roll Carts for August

Delivered 25

David Underwood  
Councilman Picked up 6

Repair/Replace 12

Vacant  
Council Seat

During the month of August our department continued picking up brush, leaves, trash, cleaning storm drains, trimming trees, cutting grass and other routine maintenance tasks. Cleaned up trees and debris from 8-7-23 storms.

Michael Kozlarek  
City Attorney

Celia Boyd Myers  
City Administrator

The Crane Carrier front load trash truck was down (at S&P Truck Center for repairs); and we used the knuckle boom to get dumpsters. Thanks to the City of Seneca and Westminster, helping us one to two days a week with dumpsters; which has helped us keep up.

The new 2023 front load truck arrived 8-29-23 (image below). The rear load truck has the body but no chassis from Ford yet.





## UTILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT AUGUST 2023

### MONTHLY REPORT:

#### AUGUST 2023

#### **New Water Taps – 0 – Waiting for materials**

New Sewer Taps - 0

New water contracts - 32

Emergency Locates – 5

Meter box change outs - 8

#### **Meter change outs – 22**

Water Service Work Orders – 38

Sewer Work Orders - 5

#### **New development service inquiries – 1**

- We continue to wait for delivery of materials for new water taps, expected shipment date has again pushed back to the end of September. We do have several, approximately 25, waiting currently.
- The Ross Mountain Parking Lot grading and gravel is complete. Next up is fencing and access gates for the site.
- The Stumphouse Mountain Bike Trails project is progressing well.
- The Greenway project should begin within the next several days. The contractor, HDH Construction, has been working to coordinate work with his concrete supplier, so that the project does not sit dormant after the initial startup.
- The Hwy 11 water project is currently in the permitting phase. The project will greatly improve pressures in northwestern portion of the system, and set the groundwork for a future water storage tank in that portion of the system.
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