



# Antique City

## Informer

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## Meet the Candidates

**Linda Booth:** More than 25 years ago my husband Vern & I restored a main street Victorian home for a B&B. Later we bought Everybody's Attic Antiques; I presided over our Merchants Association for many years, managing advertising, promotion, grant writing and tourism. I served on various committees: RAGBRAI/City logo, City brochure, Welcome signs, murals, the Splash Pad and just recently, the cemetery's little hexagon building.

I am active in Questers, the Historical Society and my church. I have attended the majority of Council meetings since my Merchants Association days and am aware of current and future issues facing the City. I am concerned and hopeful for the future possibilities of the school and Walnut.

With my business experience, committee participation, Council meeting attendance and continued community involvement I believe I can be a constructive voice for our citizens and businesses. I am conservative, usually have an opinion but am always willing to listen to others to gain a better understanding.

I look forward to serving as a Council member.

**Kim Canada:** I am running for City Council in hopes to keep Walnut a nice community for people to continue to call home. I think with the right people, planning and dedication we can turn the school building into something promising for the future. Although Walnut is a very clean and safe town, I feel there is room for improvement and as a community we can pull together to make this happen. It is a nice town to raise a family and has good potential for economic growth. I look forward to your vote on November 7th.

**Jason Erickson:** Jason Erickson is in a leadership role in several job and volunteer positions and feels he can bring his leadership and decision-making abilities forward to benefit Walnut IA. He hopes to continue and refine Walnuts plans to grow through intelligent investment. He will be actively looking for ways to enhance the community at large so that Walnut will be a safe, prosperous, and pleasant place to call home.

Currently Jason is the COO of Think Space IT, where he and his wife Jessa have built the company from the ground up since its inception in October of 2013. With their guidance ThinkSpace IT continues to grow and demonstrate its ability to develop best in class solutions for their customers. His work in IT dates back 20+ years in a wide array of technology related specialties.

His current activities include Civil Air Patrol (CAP) where he is a Major and the Commander of the Southwest Iowa Composite Squadron in Atlantic, and spending as much time as possible with Jessa and their two young children.

Jason is an Incident Commander for Civil Air Patrol where he has put his extensive leadership training and knowledge to use conducting Emergency Services training for CAP members throughout Iowa and the Midwest. He has served on wing encampment staff five times for both Nebraska and Iowa including two years as Encampment Commander. He has also served as training staff for Squadron Leadership Schools, Region Cadet Leadership Schools, and weekly cadet meetings in topics ranging from Aerospace Education and Emergency Services to Physical Fitness Training, Leadership and Character Development.

He is looking forward to serving the Walnut community

**Mike Gettler:** I have always been a person who serves, whether it be my country or my community. I was in the United States Marine Corps from 1992 until 1996. Upon returning home, I worked building a 500 head dairy operation from the ground up. Later, I went to work as a feed mill operator, and then on to my last job as a wind turbine technician. From 2002 until present, I have served the community of Walnut as a firefighter, EMT and member of the Iowa Region 4 Saw Strike Team.

In 2015 I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. With my body being less dependable than I would like, I'm limited to what I'm able to do physically on the Department. I'm able to stay involved with the Fire Department as the President and an operation officer with 15+ years of experience. I would like to use my mind to continue to give back to the community.

I served the community as a member of the splash pad committee and helped make it a reality for the City. I would like to continue to be a part of the progression. **Continued on next page.**

### From the Mayor:

1. We have a number of candidates running for City Council. We are blessed with good citizens willing to step up to help make the difficult decisions that will be coming up in the future. It is your responsibility as citizens of Walnut to become informed of what each candidate stands for and then show up on election day to vote for those candidates that represent your views.
2. Walnut had to replace our snow plow truck that broke down suddenly. We were fortunate to find a used truck that will service the community for many years into the future. We also replaced one of our City pick ups earlier this year. This new pick up has been equipped with a snow plow blade and will be able to perform snow removal. Our streets should be well maintained this winter.

Gene Larsen, Mayor

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229 Antique City Dr.  
Walnut, IA 51577  
Phone: 712-784-3443  
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www.walnutiowa.org

Water Plant  
108 Atlantic St.  
Walnut, IA 51577  
Phone: 712-784-3711

Library  
224 Antique City Dr.  
Walnut, IA 51577  
Phone: 712-784-3533  
www.walnut.lib.ia.us/  
Hours:

Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday & Friday  
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
1:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday  
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Fire Department  
500 Pearl St.  
Walnut, IA 51577  
712-784-3811

Mayor  
Gene Larsen  
712-784-3947

City Council  
Trace Frahm  
712-784-2260  
Dennis Hullinger  
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Robert Kreeger  
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712-784-3832  
Justen Tooley  
712-249-0190

**Mike Gettler continued:** As the City gears up to take possession of the school property, I'm ready to see what can be accomplished there. There are many opportunities that could happen with the property. I hope to be involved with the community and make this into a productive property.

I have three children all in the AHSTW school district, my children have always called Walnut home. Even though I did not grow up here, I have lived here since 2001 and consider Walnut as my home.

I would like your vote on November 7th. The City of Walnut has made a lot of progress over the last few years with some major projects. I would like to be a part of the future projects and the progression of the community.

**Dennis Hullinger:** Progress and change. Words that can often create a sense of both fear and uncertainty but also excitement! Our community is in a state of excitement about the future! I have been both proud and honored to serve our community these past four years. Our newly restored main street, new well construction, new business additions and the promise of a future community center are exciting examples of a community with a bright future. That is why I am asking the citizens of Walnut to support me for another term as their City Councilman and an opportunity to work together to continue the excitement of a promising future for our community.

**Daniel Shirley:** Hello, my name is Daniel Shirley, one of your choices for candidate for City Council. As a 28 year citizen, a 2008 WHS graduate, a homeowner of 5 years and a local business employee, I have had the opportunity to watch this community grow in many ways. As your Councilman my goals include the growth of local businesses and industry in and around the WHS school building, the improvement of roads and streets around town. As well as the continuous addition and repair of various sidewalks within the community. The school/community center may be the most important topic at this time as some may see this project a burden, I see it as a chance to keep an important piece of this community's heritage, as it is one of the oldest standing buildings of town. As a citizen who works within this community I try to think of ways to bring more business to the area such as, tax relief programs, land ownership/leasing opportunities, the Walnut Area Development Association. Missing and damaged sidewalks around as I drive down streets I see sidewalks that need addressed, as well as some homes that do not have any sidewalks where they are needed for example my property has a sidewalk that ends into a bush. Some ask "why do you want to run" my reason is simple, the start of my political career, in hopes to someday be in Washington making a difference for not just one community but hopefully the whole country. I hope you will consider my name on the ballot on the 7th in November. Thank You.

**Remember to Vote on November 7th!!**

## Library News:

**Santa will be at the Library on Saturday, November 25th from 10 am to Noon. Activities & Treats.**

Maybe you are wondering what the library has to offer besides books and movies (which we do have lots and lots). We offer organizations, such as the Quilter's Guild and the Genealogy Society, a place to host their meetings. The library's quaint atmosphere provides the perfect place for gatherings as many of our visitors tell us. Stop by and check out our new selection of books, movies and magazines. Also, you may find something interesting on our book sale.

Just a reminder that there will not be any library transactions on November 7th due to the City general election. But do stop by the library on that day to vote!

## In Honor Of Our Veterans Vietnam War Veterans Pinning Ceremony Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017 2 pm at Peace Haven

Join us in honoring those veterans who served during the Vietnam War. Everyone welcome!

## First Presbyterian Church Dinner & Bazaar

November 15, 2017

Mini Bazaar starts at 3 p.m.  
Dinner from 4:30 - 7 p.m.

Turkey, Ham, Dressing & Homemade Pie

Adult: \$10.00      Under 3: Free  
Children 3-12: \$5.00  
All Carry Outs: \$11.00

# November

- 11-2: City Council Meeting 5 pm  
TLC Food Pantry 4-6 pm
- 11-4: AHSTW Fall Play 7:00 pm
- 11-5: AHSTW Fall Play 7:00 pm
- 11-7: City Election - 7 am - 8 pm  
Walnut Library - GO VOTE!!  
Vietnam Veteran's Pinning Ceremony  
2-3 pm @ Peace Haven  
Walnut Communications Class 5 pm
- 11-9: TLC Food Pantry 4-6 pm  
Genealogy Society Monthly Mtg. 7 pm
- 11-10: City Hall Closed for Veterans Day
- 11-11: Veterans Day - Thank You Veterans!!
- 11-13: AmVet's Auxiliary Mtg. 1 pm
- 11-14: Joni Ernst's Office @ City Hall 9-10 am
- 11-15: Presbyterian Church Supper 4:30-7 pm
- 11-16: TLC Food Pantry 4-6 pm
- 11-18: Holiday Craft & Vender Show 10 am-2 pm
- 11-21: AHSTW Girls Basketball 7 am
- 11-22: AHSTW Early Out 1:30 pm
- 11-23: Happy Thanksgiving!!  
City Hall Closed  
AHSTW No School
- 11-24: Walnut Antique Christmas Walk  
City Hall Closed  
AHSTW No School
- 11-25: Walnut Antique Christmas Walk  
Santa @ the Library 10-Noon
- 11-26: Walnut Antique Christmas Walk
- 11-27: AHSTW No School  
AHSTW Girls Basketball @ CAM 7:30 pm
- 11-28: AHSTW B/G Basketball @ Treynor 7:30 pm
- 11-30: TLC Food Pantry 4-6 pm  
AHSTW Wrestling @ Exira EHK 6 pm

## Make & Order Your Personal Christmas Card

November 7, 2017 - 5 pm

Walnut Communicatins Office

City of Walnut  
PO Box 326  
Walnut, IA 51577



Postal Customer  
PO Box  
Walnut, IA 51577



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We're all a little "nuts" here!!