

Business Report

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Business License Renewal Reminder



The City will be mailing out business license renewal letters to businesses during the next few weeks. Business license payments are due by January 31, 2013. If you have any questions about business license-related issues, please contact the City's Business License Division at (562) 929-5713.

SALES & USE TAX RATE INCREASES JANUARY 1, 2013

Due to voter approval of Proposition 30, the statewide base sales and use tax rate will increase one quarter of one percent (0.25%) beginning January 1, 2013. Therefore, the tax rate for Norwalk will increase from 8.75% to 9.0%, and this new tax rate will be in place for four years – January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016.

For more information and a listing of new tax rates for various cities and counties, please visit the State Board of Equalization's website at www.boe.ca.gov.

H2Go Express Car Wash



1st Place H2Go Express Car Wash

H2Go Express Car Wash is a new kind of express car wash facility now conveniently located in the City of Norwalk. At their grand opening event earlier in October, co-founder and co-owner Mr. Ryan Blanchard explained that their business is focused on quality customer service, efficiency, and the environment. H2Go uses 80-90% recycled water and eco-friendly cleaning chemicals. In addition, the facility reduces water pollution by first routing used water to treatment prior to its return into the environment. H2Go is a self-service facility with attendants on-site. They are expanding to include additional locations in Orange County. They are also this year's first place winner in the City's annual Business Beautification Contest.

H2Go is located at 12616 Imperial Highway. For more information, please visit www.h2goexpress.com or call (855) 211-9757.

2012 Business Beautification Award Winners!

This contest typically occurs once a year where businesses and homes may be nominated and recognized for their outstanding curb appeal. Here are this year's business beautification winners.



2nd Place Lisa Carreon State Farm Insurance



3rd Place Fresh & Easy

STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION 411

As responsible businesses, we all need to do our part to make sure chemicals and debris do not end up in our stormdrains. Remember, all water in the stormdrains flow to the ocean. Here are some simple tips you can use to be part of the environmental solution:

1. Keep the area around trash receptacles clean.
2. Use non-toxic cleaning products. Pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers should only be used when needed.
3. Routinely check vehicles and operating equipment and repair leaks regularly.

For more information on how to prevent stormwater pollution, please call (562) 929-5964.



Norwalk City Council

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One Stop Implant & Dental



One Stop Implant & Dental had a ribbon cutting ceremony last month to formally open its doors to the Norwalk community. The facility is a state-of-the-art dental implant clinic using advanced equipment and surgical techniques to provide high quality, yet affordable dental implant surgery. Owners Dr. John Cohen and Dr. Soheil Goel first opened a clinic in Van Nuys and have been in the business for over 18 years. Both owners are excited about expanding their services to the

Norwalk area. This clinic is a PPO provider.

One Stop Implant & Dental is located at 11005 E. Firestone Blvd #106. For more information, please visit www.onestopimplants.com or call (562) 863-8888.



Circle K and 76 Gas Station



At their Grand Opening event last month, owner Jacques Labejian of the Circle K and 76 gas station located on the corner of Imperial Hwy. and Studebaker

Rd. officially announced they are open for business.

This location was previously a garage bay before undergoing major renovations to become the current Circle K store. Now, customers can fill up their gas tank and pick up refreshments at one convenient location.



State Mandated Fee for Certified Access Specialist Program



Earlier this year, the State Legislature passed, and Governor Brown signed Senate Bill (SB) 1186, which goes into effect on January 1, 2013. Passage of this bill means that the City is now required to collect a \$1 fee from each applicant for an initial or renewed "local business license or equivalent instrument or permit."

Collected funds will be used by the State to establish and maintain oversight of the Certified Access Specialist program, in which participating individuals who work as design professionals, building officials, contractors, and architects will be trained on State and Federal accessibility laws and regulations and develop the expertise to promote and facilitate accessibility compliance.

SB 1186 has several other provisions, but ultimately, the bill is anticipated to reduce Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) lawsuits and improve ADA compliance. For more information about SB 1186, please visit the California Department of General Services website at www.dgs.ca.gov.

"Going Green" Program for Businesses



Jenny Estrada, Local Business Owner

Now may be the perfect time to consider "going green" with your business! There are ongoing conservation programs available to help you. Norwalk businesses in good standing and within the program's service area are eligible to participate.

Take advantage of this program to help lower utility bills!

SoCal WaterSmart Program - www.socalwatersmart.com

Currently offers rebates on eligible devices ranging from toilets, water nozzles, and food services equipment. You can find a complete list of eligible devices posted on the website. Simply make an online reservation, purchase and install the device before the reservation expiration date, and then mail the requested documentation for processing.

Norwalk Business Community Resource Information

Chamber of Commerce.....	(562) 864-7785
State Board of Equalization.....	(562) 466-1694
LA County Department of Health Services/Environmental Health.....	(562) 345-6800
Fictitious Business Name.....	(562) 462-2177
Norwalk Business License/Special Event.....	(562) 929-5713
Building Permits.....	(562) 929-5733
Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement.....	(562) 929-5730
Public Safety.....	(562) 929-5732
LA County Sheriff's Department.....	(562) 863-8711

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