

September is National Preparedness Month. Is Your Family Prepared?



The City of Norwalk's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) includes a full-time staff devoted to providing resources that will allow the city to return to normalcy as quickly as possible following a major emergency. Education, training and hands-on experience help staff and the community to be prepared and have an organized response to any possible event.

Raquel Vernola, the City of Norwalk's Emergency Services Manager, says "One thing that makes Norwalk different from other cities when it comes to emergency management is that our elected officials make preparedness a priority and work to ensure that Norwalk is a strong and resilient community."



CERT and ACERT

Norwalk's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) consists of volunteers committed to serving during times of uncertainty and trained under the OEM in fire safety/suppression, disaster medical, search and rescue, and terrorism. The Advanced Community Emergency Response Team (ACERT) receives additional and specialized training to assist city emergency services personnel. ACERT members also support special events and activities.

Zombie Preparedness Academy/Teen CERT

The Norwalk Office of Emergency Management graduated its first Teen CERT class on July 31. While working under the theme of preparing for a Zombie Apocalypse, Teen CERT participants learned adult CERT program skills and received enhanced training to help them understand the process of recovery. The teens discussed leadership roles, working with school administrators, and learned make-up artistry.



Calling all Norwalk Amateur Radio Operators

Join the city's Disaster Communications Team. If you're a licensed amateur radio operator (Technician +), email oem@norwalkca.gov or call 9562) 929-5225.

Power Outages



Power outages can leave residents and businesses without electricity for hours or even days. Think ahead about the likely loss of perishable foods, roadway signals being non-operational, limited access to emergency information, potential limited gas supply to vehicles, no local banking capability and the delay of emergency response crews.

Here are ways that you can prepare:

- Have a battery operated radio at home to stay informed when signals are down. Another option is your vehicle radio. AM radio stations KFI 640 and KFWB 980 are recommended.
- Use your car cell phone charger to restore the battery life on your cell phone.
- Consider purchasing a generator.
- Besides having flashlights and batteries on hand, glow sticks also provide illumination.
- Prepare to eat your freezer food first, then your fridge items and lastly your pantry goods.

For a complete list go to www.flash.org

You Can Help us Reach our Goal



Attend one of our water conservation workshops in September to learn how you can reduce water use and be part of the solution. These events are free and open to the public.

In partnership with Central Basin Municipal Water District, the City of Norwalk will hold two sessions offering valuable information on the drought, rebate programs and conservation tips. No registration is necessary. Please call (562) 929-5964 for more info.

Tuesday, September 8 at 10:30 a.m.
Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Drive

Wednesday, September 23 at 10:30 a.m.
Social Services Center, 11929 Alondra Blvd.



Norwalk's center medians are going "gold." In compliance with State mandates, the City is no longer performing turf irrigation on public medians. Working with the Central Basin Water District, the City of Norwalk created signage explaining conservation efforts and encouraging residents to help reduce water use.

Norwalkian Turns 102



Last month, Gilbert Martinez reached a milestone many hope to attain, celebrating 102 years of life. Gilbert was born in 1913 in Phoenix, Arizona, where he met his late wife, Juanita. He fought in the Army Calvary in World War II and says, "I was able to make it out after serving six years without a scratch and I don't understand how I was so lucky." Gilbert was awarded two bronze stars for his bravery and meritorious service.

As for his life today, his family continues to grow. He has seven children, nineteen grandchildren, dozens of great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Gilbert also has a twin sister in Phoenix, Arizona who is doing very well. (Gilbert's mother lived to be 107 years old.)

Despite getting older, Gilbert hasn't stopped learning. At the age of 77 he took on several new hobbies that helped him to express his creativity, including painting and woodworking. To this day, Gilbert still makes frames for pictures he's painted.

Although he's lived in Norwalk less than a year, he's grown to love the Senior Center. Cathy Diaz, his granddaughter, began taking him there shortly after he moved in with her. He's there five days a week enjoying all the activities the center offers. Gilbert's daily fitness routine includes 40 push-ups, 40 sit-ups and leg lifts.

Cathy tells us, "My grandfather is very loved, admired, and respected at home. He has made our lives whole by coming to live with us. He is one of a kind, always joking and keeping us on our toes."

Norwalk Proudly Observes



José Feliciano
Composer, Guitarist
& Singer

Hispanic Heritage Month
September 15-October 15

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Beautification Contest Winners Recognized by City Council

Congratulations to the 2015 Home & Business Beautification Contest winners. These residents have shown commitment to keeping their homes well-maintained and aesthetically pleasing. They were recognized by City Council and the Community Promotion Commission at the August 18 Council meeting. Winners received gift cards to Lowe's Home Improvement Store as well as commemorative lawn signs to place on their property. See Council meeting photo at <https://flic.kr/p/wzyCAN>.



Home Beautiful



1st Evelyn Dotson



2nd Joseph & Sharon Walker



3rd Fernando Renteria

Home Improvement



1st Terry Hosmer

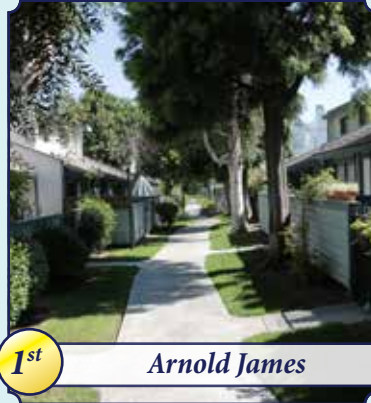


2nd Anna Wong



3rd Gary Ward & Becky Pang

Multi-Family



1st Arnold James

Section 8 Waiting List to Open Soon



The City of Norwalk Housing Authority will be accepting applications for its Section 8 Rental Assistance Program waiting list. Applications may be picked up beginning September 21, 2015 through September 24, 2015 or until 3,000 applications have been distributed.

Location: Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, Rich Rehearsal Hall
13200 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650
(This location is only for application pick-up. It is not the Housing Authority's office).

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Hours are subject to change without notice.

If 3,000 applications are distributed prior to 5:00 p.m. on September 24, 2015, then the waiting list will close early.

This is for application pick-up only. One application per household will be given out. The head of household must be at least 18 years of age or be a legally emancipated minor.

No applications will be accepted in person. All applications must be returned by mail following the mailing instructions on the application. Only fully completed applications on the original form will be accepted. Applications cannot be copied.

Preference will be given to veterans and persons living or working in the City of Norwalk. To qualify, your total household income must be below these amounts:

1 Person	\$29,050	5 Persons	\$44,850
2 Persons	\$33,200	6 Persons	\$48,150
3 Persons	\$37,350	7 Persons	\$51,500
4 Persons	\$41,500	8 Persons	\$54,800

For details, call Norwalk Housing Authority's application info line at (562) 929-5374, stop by Room 11 at City Hall, or visit norwalk.org/Section8



Public Safety Myth-buster: Noise Disturbances



Did you know there is a 24-hour loud or disturbing noise ban in effect in the City of Norwalk?

Contrary to popular belief, there is no "set time" when loud music or noise disturbances are allowed in the City. It's unlawful to make any loud, unnecessary noise which disturbs the peace and quiet of your neighborhood.

Additionally, the City of Norwalk is able to bill individuals responsible for loud or unruly assemblages. The Department of Public Safety shares the following information pertaining to noise disturbances:

Loud music, noise and/or loud parties violate Norwalk Municipal Codes 9.04.100 and 9.04.140 as they disrupt the comfort, peace, or safety of individuals.

If there is a disruption to the public peace, health, or safety, you (if the individual is a minor, the parent/guardian is accountable) are responsible for the cost of Sheriff's personnel who must respond to your location a second time (and any subsequent time) after you've been warned regarding loud noise.

The cost of Sheriff's personnel are determined by how many deputies respond to your location and how long they are required to stay as a result of the disturbance. Additionally, a 25% fee will be added for administrative costs.

Remember to be a considerate citizen and a good neighbor. The City has zero tolerance for any disturbances of the peace as they relate to loud noise or unruly gatherings.

Noise disturbances can be reported to Norwalk Sheriff's Station at (562) 863-8711.

Norwalk Public Safety Cadet at the Ready

When Bianca Martinez joined the City of Norwalk's Public Safety Cadet Program two years ago, she didn't anticipate her training to pay off so quickly. In June, the 16 year old Martinez and her father were driving along Market Street in Long Beach, approaching Dairy Avenue in the evening hours. Bianca was swift to go "heromode," after she noticed the silhouette of a toddler running into the busy intersection. She immediately jumped out of her father's car, ran and picked up the baby.

The Long Beach Police Department was called to help locate the toddler's family. Bianca's father, Paul Martinez said, "Watching my daughter Bianca put her own safety to the side in order to save a baby's life has made me extremely proud. I now see her in a whole new light." Bianca was recognized for her quick thinking and heroism at the August 4 Norwalk City Council Meeting.



Happy 60th Birthday Cerritos College!

The College marks its 60th year serving the community through quality educational programming with a day of free festivities, giveaways, food and an open house. Join students and faculty in a grand celebration on Thursday, September 17, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Falcon Square. Cerritos College alumnus and Latin jazz legend Poncho Sanchez performs live.



Holiday Street Sweeping & Trash Collection Schedule



On Labor Day, trash collection will be delayed one day. If you are scheduled for Monday pick-up, your refuse will be collected on Tuesday. If you are scheduled for Tuesday pick-up, your trash will be collected on Wednesday, and so on.



Scheduled street sweeping on Monday will be cancelled due to the holiday. However, normal street sweeping schedules for Tuesday through Friday of that week will be unaffected. For additional details please call (562) 929-5732.

An altered schedule can delay trash collection and fall on a street sweeping day. In this case, trash receptacles must be placed on the curb, out of the sweeper's path.

New City Attorney Sworn in

At the Council meeting of August 4, Roxanne Diaz of Richards Watson & Gershon was sworn in as Norwalk's new City Attorney. Ms. Diaz replaces Steven Dorsey of the same firm, who retired after 26 years with Norwalk. Ms. Diaz, who has a Bachelor of Arts from California State University Fullerton, attained her law degree from the University of California Hastings College of Law in San Francisco. She has twenty years of local government law experience, and is a member of several bar associations.

Mrs. Diaz is active both in her profession and community. A frequent speaker throughout California on ethics, the Brown Act, the Public Records Act and other topics, she is also serving her third year as official Parliamentarian at the League of California Cities' Annual Meeting. In addition Roxanne is past President of the City Attorneys Association of Los Angeles County.

Roxanne grew up in the City of Bell and



attended Pius X High School in Downey. Her parents immigrated to the United States from El Salvador, and Roxanne is the first in her family to attend college and law school. She frequently volunteers in the community, speaking at schools and organizations, advocating the importance of education.

Mrs. Diaz is involved with Communities in Schools of Los Angeles, where she mentors college-bound students, assisting them with their college essays. She has also been a speaker at Ladies First, an organization dedicated to empowering young women.

Mrs. Diaz is the proud mother of two boys, ages 11 and 13, and lives with her husband Michael in the Los Angeles region. She enjoys spending her free time at the beach with her family, reading and exercising.

Recently, her husband and sons have taken to watching the Food Network, and cooking has become a new hobby for the entire family! Welcome, Roxanne, to the Norwalk community.

Little League All Stars

Little Leaguers from Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs have set new records this season. The Metropolitan Little League Major All Stars won their District 29 All Star Tournament and the Little League Sectional Tournament. This is the first time the team has won District since 1992. They also went on to play in the Sub Division North All Star Tournament. In a nail-biter, they lost to Sherman Oaks 5-4. Despite the season ending here, the players had an amazing run and were one of six teams left in the little league playoffs in California.

Cesar Chavez, the team's manager for the past six years says, "I could see the crowds get bigger and bigger at each game as we advanced. It's something that has not been done in our area for over 20 years and our boys were enjoying every minute of it."

Congrats to the Metro boys for their accomplishments, and to their families, coaches and supporters for all of the hard work devoted to this year's successes.



32nd Annual Arturo Sanchez Sr. Halloween Parade

Saturday, October 17
11:00 a.m.

Parade begins at
Pioneer Boulevard
& Mapledale Street



The Southeast ROP Fall & Spring Schedule of Classes is now online.



Register at: www.southeastrop.org

Seniors Only Awesome Autumn Tours

The Norwalk Senior Center has some fantastic trips for you! Leave the driving to others as you travel to fun and interesting places. Tour registration must be made in person at the Norwalk Senior Center. Cash, check, or money orders are accepted. Space is limited. All tours are open until filled. Tours depart and return to Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd. For current trip information, please call 929-5580.

Laughlin Riverside Casino Luau Party

Date: Wednesday - Friday, September 16 - 18
Depart: 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 16
Return: 6:00 p.m., Friday, September 18
Cost: \$121 Double Occupancy,
\$146 Single Occupancy
Location: Laughlin, Nevada
Walking required: High
Two meals and Luau Buffet included

Oak Glen Village

Date: Thursday, November 5
Depart: 8:00 a.m.
Return: 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$25 per person
Location: Oak Glen, CA
Walking required: High
Lunch included



Pancake Breakfast FUNDRAISER

\$5 Per Person

Start your Saturday off with a hot full breakfast and support local youth sports at the same time. The Southeast Japanese School and Community Center (SEJSCC) hosts its Annual Pancake Breakfast and Holiday Boutique on Saturday, October 10 at 7:00 a.m. They'll be serving up delicious Portuguese sausage, pancakes, rice, eggs, coffee, and juice, all for only \$5, which also includes entry in the event's cash jackpot. Proceeds support Norwalk Youth Sports programs and scholarships.

While you're there, find the perfect one-of-a-kind gift for that special someone at the SEJSCC's Holiday Boutique. Credit Cards are accepted.

If you arrive too late for breakfast, join the Judo group for lunch later in the day. Either way, you can't go wrong with homecooking and hard-to-believe bargains at the SEJSCC.

The Center, located at 14615 Gridley Road in Norwalk, recently celebrated its 90th anniversary. Norwalk Youth Sports programs support 40 teams and serve 400 students.

Southeast Japanese School and Community Center is a 501(c)3. Go to www.sejscc.org to find out more.



Soroptimist of Norwalk

Casino Night



Saturday, September 19 • 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall

12138 Front Street, Norwalk, CA 90650

\$30 Per Person (Includes \$100 play money & light refreshments.)

For tickets call Marilee (562) 505-0633

Proceeds support our mission to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

Free E-Waste Collection and Shredathon Event

Dispose of unwanted electronics (e-waste) and bring documents for secure shredding (up to five boxes of paper per car) to the City Hall parking lot on October 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Questions?

Call (562) 929-5964 or email recycling@norwalkca.gov



Norwalk Info at Your Fingertips

The City of Norwalk recently added a helpful resource to its website. Go to <http://www.norwalk.org/residents/community-resources/new-resident-guide> to find contact information for utilities, school districts and agencies serving Norwalk, as well as descriptions of all City departments and services provided. It's that easy!

Record-Breaking Turnout for 2015 National Night Out



On August 5, thousands gathered to listen to the music of Grammy Award-Winning Mariachi Divas at the City's National Night Out, a crime prevention and community outreach event. Attendance nearly doubled from last year's event.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe sponsored the event and representatives from many organizations provided valuable information regarding safety and environmental alternatives for residents.

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Applebee's COMMUNITY connections

Norwalk City Television Schedule for September 2015

Charter Cable Channel 3
Verizon FiOS TV Channel 32

Mondays

- 12:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
- 6:00 p.m. Artastic 2015
- 7:00 p.m. Independence Day Pageant 2015

Tuesdays

- 12:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
- 4:00 p.m. Summer Concert 2015: The Rising.
- 5:00 p.m. Summer Concert 2015: Mariachi Divas
- 6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Live every 1st & 3rd Tuesday)

Wednesdays

- 12:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Summer Concert 2015: Mariachi Divas
- 5:00 p.m. Summer Concert 2015 "The Rising"
- 7:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
- 7:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting (Live every 2nd & 4th Wednesday)

Thursdays

- 12:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. City Council meeting
- 5:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
- 6:00 p.m. Artastic 2015
- 7:00 p.m. Independence Day Pageant 2015
- 8:00 p.m. Summer Concert 2015: The Rising

Saturdays

- 11:00 a.m. Curiosity Quest
- 12:00 a.m. Curiosity Quest

Sundays

- 11:00 a.m. City Council Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Independence Day Pageant 2015
- 3:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
- 4:00 p.m. Summer Concert 2015: The Rising
- 5:00 p.m. Summer Concert 2015: Mariachi Divas

NORWALK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Oktoberfest FUNDRAISER

So-Cal Pizza 12253 Imperial Highway
Thursday, October 1 • 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.
\$40 per person
(Includes appetizers, games, music, beer tasting & commemorative glass)
RSVP at (562) 864-7785

Upcoming Events & Activities at Norwalk Regional Library

Teen Batman Day

Saturday, September 26, 2015
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Celebrate DC Comics' Batman Day at Norwalk Library. Watch episodes of "Batman: The Animated Series" and "The Batman". There will also be an after-hours Batman-themed library scavenger hunt at 5:00 p.m. The winner will be awarded a prize. For teens, grades 6 to 12. For more information, please call (562) 868-0775.



Earn an A+ with Your Library Card

The smartest decision a student can make during back to school season is signing up for a library card. With over 80 libraries in its system, the LA County Library has a plethora of resources for students of every age. Students may use online databases to search newspapers and magazines, learn a new language, get assistance from a virtual tutor, or have an essay proofread. Cardholders can also download eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines or stream movies and music via the county website. The possibilities are endless, and FREE with a library card. Sign-up now at Norwalk or Alondra Library and become a star scholar!

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City Council Meeting August 4



City Council Meeting August 18



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