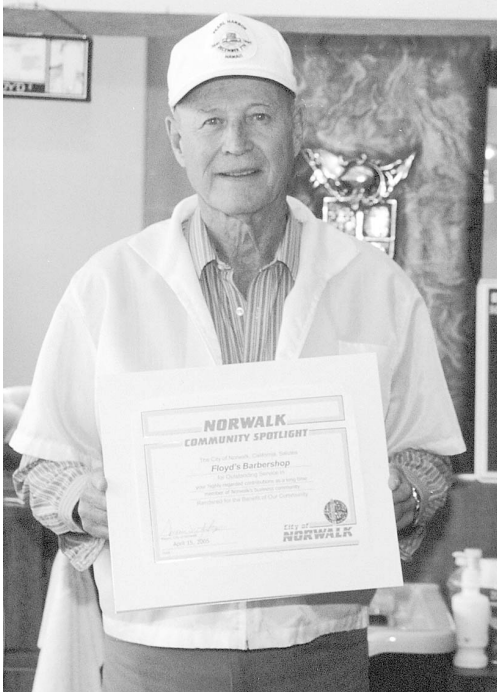




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BUSINESS REPORT

NORWALK'S OFFICIAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY UPDATE



Floyd Hogue has conducted business in Norwalk for 50 years with 35 years at the same location.

Floyd's Barbershop Celebrates 50 Years in Norwalk

Floyd Hogue has been a Norwalk barber for the past 50 years. For his longevity and commitment to Norwalk, the City presented Hogue with a Community Spotlight Award on April 15.

Hogue started his barber career at age 17 in Missouri when he learned how to use handclippers, straight razors, and the mug and brush. At the time haircuts and shaves were \$0.25 each. When he moved to Norwalk, he worked at a barbershop in the city for 15 years before purchasing his current store property from Norwalk's first mayor. He converted the building into a barbershop and opened for business on March 24, 1970, the same day as his wedding anniversary. He has been at the same location since and decorates the shop with barber memorabilia including several razors and clippers that customers bought for him.

Hogue is deeply rooted in the Norwalk community. He was the barber for all of Norwalk's male mayors and some of their children as well. He is a life member of the Norwalk American Legion, which he has been a member of for 53 years, and is a charter member of the Elks Lodge.

Times have changed since Hogue began his business. He no longer provides shaves due to barber sanitation issues and uses electric clippers on his customers' hair. He still, however, never advertises his business. He relies solely on his store location and word of mouth, and makes certain to give people what they want.

The shop is open Monday to Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed Sundays. It is located at 11964 Sycamore St.



Chamber of Commerce Welcomes New Members

Friday, June 24 - Norwalk Marriott Hotel

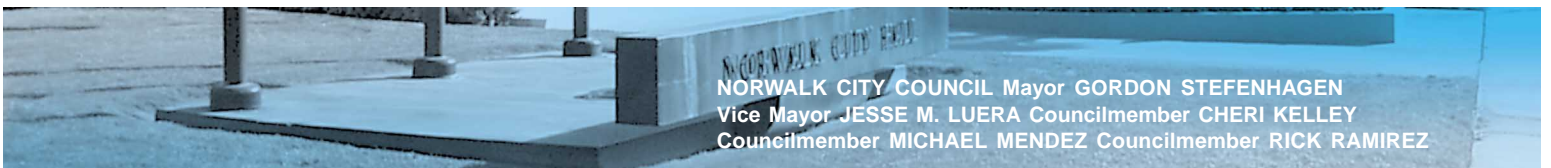
Individual Tickets \$45
Table Sponsors \$500

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Reception/Silent Auction
6:30 - 8 p.m. Dinner/Installation Program
9 - 10 p.m. Comedy Improv



Norwalk Chamber of Commerce is hosting "Laugh a Little, Cry a Little," a member installation banquet featuring a silent auction and comedy hour.

For more information or reservations, contact the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce Office at (562) 864-7785.



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One-Stop Shop for Mail Service at the 605/Firestone Center

The Mayor of Norwalk presented a Community Spotlight Award to All-In-One Mail Center owners Satish Thiagarajan and his wife Mohana Satish on April 15.

In January 2005, Thiagarajan purchased the store, which was previously a mail center for the past 14 years. A friend of Thiagarajan told him about the store and suggested he purchase it and go into the mail center business. Thiagarajan had no experience in this field but his friend, who owns his own mail center business in Norwalk, has been very helpful. Thiagarajan recently became a member of the Chamber of Commerce and plans to join other Norwalk business-related associations in the future.

Thiagarajan upgraded the specialty shipping services of his store from having only UPS to also include FedEx and DHL. He also plans to add money order service and a computer workstation equipped with in-store access to the Internet. The station will operate using a wireless network so that customers may also access the Internet from their personal laptop computer.

All-In-One offers customers a variety of mailing and shipping services. It handles notary, printing, private mailboxes, copying, faxing, packaging, shipping, and finger printing. It is also a resource for passport photos, business cards, greeting cards, rubber stamps, gift items, and keys. Customers most often use the mail center as a source for shipping, private mailboxes, notary, and faxing.

All-In-One Mail Center is located at 10929 Firestone Blvd. in the 605/Firestone Shopping Center. It is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed on Sunday. For more information, please call (562) 929-0010.



Pictured above are Satish Thiagarajan, Mohana Satish, and Paula Ammons.

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