



Council Moves Projects Forward in August

Norwalk City Council decisions last month gave momentum to projects designed to give added resources to the community.

At the regular meeting of August 2, a resolution was adopted allowing for the transfer of 15 acres of property located at the southeast corner of Norwalk Boulevard and Excelsior Drive from the United States Air Force to the City of Norwalk. The property, part of an area known as the Tank Farm, will be used to expand adjacent Holifield Park, providing added open recreational space for families. The transfer will allow the City to proceed with design and to seek the grant funding necessary to pay for development of the park.

On August 16, City Council joined the Air Force, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, and other dignitaries at Holifield Park to celebrate the ceremonial transfer. Officials commended the Congresswoman for legislation prompting the action, and thanked agencies and the community for collaborating for over 20 years in an effort to turn hope into reality.

Council also approved funding to move forward with the demolition of vacant homes and design of a resource center to be located at the site of the former Senior Center at San Antonio Drive and Foster Road. The facility, which will house several assistance organizations, including Cerritos College staff, Norwalk Chamber of Commerce and the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board among others, will

help residents discover and get connected to education programs, career training and job opportunities as well as provide resources and training programs for business owners, including home-based businesses. The center realizes the City's 2020Vision strategic action plan goal of growing the local economy through job creation, employment and enhancing business opportunities.



In addition to impactful projects, administrative items were also addressed. Councilmembers voted unanimously to hold a special election in March to fill the seat left vacant by the June departure of former Councilmember Marcel Rodarte. By law, City Council had to decide whether to fill the Council vacancy by making an appointment or calling a special election by August 29. The special election will coincide with the regular municipal election on March 7, and may be a minor increase of approximately \$2,000 to funds already budgeted for the regular election.



City Council honored Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe at its last regular meeting of the month. The Supervisor, who retires in December, has supported numerous programs and activities for Norwalk residents, including Summer Concerts, senior transportation and nutrition, playground equipment for parks, arts and music events, and library programs. The Supervisor also created the Safe Surrender program, allowing mothers who cannot care for their newborns to surrender them at fire stations, sheriff's stations or hospitals. Supervisor Knabe, who has been in office for 20 years, thanked the citizens of Norwalk for their support. "I have had special moments in this community, and I am forever grateful."

Unemployed? Laid Off? Need a Job? Norwalk's AJCC Can Help!

The Firestone America's Job Center of California (AJCC) in Norwalk offers a variety of NO COST services to those looking for work. Learn to write a résumé, compose a cover letter, effectively job hunt or practice for a job interview by attending one of the Center's job search workshops. Access job leads, computers, Internet, copier, printer, phones, fax, community materials and more. Meet fellow job seekers at the "Power Lunch Job Connection Club" on Mondays from noon to 2:00 p.m. Goodwill Training Programs and Services are on site daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with Nelson Staffing on site Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Partners include the Employment Development Department (EDD), Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) and more. Call (562) 402-9336 ext. 2201 and make an appointment to come in today.

The Firestone AJCC is located at 12440 East Firestone Boulevard, Suite 100, near the corner of Bloomfield and Firestone.

Pre-register by creating a personal profile on CalJOBS: www.caljobs.ca.gov.
Visit the Center's website: www.selaco.com

Events Help Job Seekers and Local Businesses in August

The City of Norwalk, in collaboration with state and local agencies, hosted two events to help connect people to jobs and successful career strategies. Hundreds attended the Business Resource Seminar, held at City Hall on August 17. Jerome Horton, Member of the State Board of Equalization, told business owners at the seminar that "Billions of dollars in resources are available to you." He encouraged merchants to innovate, collaborate and ask for help. Agencies like the Internal Revenue Service and Board of Equalization, usually seen as regulators or monitors, can actually serve as advocates, providing counseling and assistance. Horton encouraged the audience to seek out benefits and helpful information, "I want you all to be billionaires."



At the Job and Resource Expo, held at the Arts and Sports Complex, the California Employment Development Department projected that over 250 individuals found employment. Over 100 employers, from Starbucks and See's Candies to law enforcement and first responders, showed up to recruit candidates. Free haircuts, manicures and health screenings were provided to help job seekers present their best self. "My new haircut gave me the confidence to approach more employers, and I qualified for more jobs than I thought I would," one of the attendees told us. Veterans' resources were also available.

Norwalk City Hall Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Alternating Fridays 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sundays Closed

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ATTENTION NORWALK LANDLORDS: Free Property Management Workshop & Dinner

Thursday, September 22, 6:30 -9:00 p.m.

The Norwalk Housing Authority is hosting a free credit/tenant screening and collection training for all Norwalk landlords and property managers.

Other topics that will be covered include Section 8 landlord roles and responsibilities, homeless prevention, and rapid rehousing for Norwalk's homeless neighbors.

Dinner will be served and all in attendance will be entered into a raffle for an opportunity to win fun and exciting prizes.

For location and registration, please contact the Norwalk Housing Authority by September 14 at (562) 929-5588. Seating is limited and registration for this event is required.

Holiday Trash & Street Sweeping Schedule

In observance of Labor Day, there will be no street sweeping or trash collection on Monday, September 5. When there is no street sweeping, it will NOT be made up. Streets can only be swept on the posted day. However, trash collection WILL be made up. Trash will be collected the day after the normal collection day for the remainder of the week. For example, Monday's trash will be collected on Tuesday.

Important:

The altered schedule may cause trash collection to be on the same day as street sweeping in some areas. During these times, please place trash & recycle containers up on the parkway (grass between sidewalk and street) to allow the sweeper to properly clean the street. We appreciate your efforts in keeping the streets safe and clean by ensuring trash cans do not interfere with sweeping.



Trash Collection CR&R Waste Services (562) 944-4716 Republic Services (800) 299-4898	Questions? Street Sweeping Public Services Department (562) 929-5511	Parking Enforcement Public Safety Department (562) 929-5732
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Tire Recycling Event

In Los Angeles County, approximately ten million waste tires are generated annually. Waste tires can pose a serious threat to public health and safety, as well as to the environment, if dumped or disposed of improperly. Bring your tires to a FREE tire recycling event. Recycled tires can be given a new life and re-used for playground surfaces, as well as asphalt on public roadways.

Saturday, September 24 • 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Centre at Sycamore Plaza • 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood

Collection event is open to all LA County residents. No tires from businesses or oversized/tractor tires accepted. If you transport more than 9 tires, please obtain a tire transport one week ahead of event from Public Health Department at (626) 430-5540. Please visit www.cleanla.com or call (888) CLEAN LA for more info on this event and other household hazardous waste (hhw) collection events.



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Senator Tony Mendoza Holds Town Hall Meeting at Norwalk City Hall



Senator Mendoza's bill will address gaps in current law so that every placement agency meets some licensing and disclosure requirements to ensure that seniors are not being referred to facilities that have lost their license to operate in California, or those who are fraudulent and predatory on seniors.

"My bill establishes licensing and strengthens disclosure requirements for referral agencies in order to guarantee that seniors and their families are not victimized. This will help protect them against referral agencies that engage in unscrupulous business practices," added Senator Mendoza.

For more information on SB 648 or assistance on any other matter, contact Senator Mendoza's district office at (562) 860-3202 or at Senator.Mendoza@senate.ca.gov.



Senator Tony Mendoza recently held a successful town hall meeting at Norwalk City Hall regarding his bill, SB 648, which would establish oversight for agencies that refer clients to residential care facilities for the elderly. Local seniors and their families, along with representatives from referral agencies and other stakeholders, attended the meeting. SB 648 is currently pending in the state legislature.

Said Senator Mendoza, "The town hall was a great opportunity to hear firsthand from local seniors, their families, and other stakeholders regarding my bill, SB 648."

Referral placement agencies for senior residential care facilities are largely unregulated in California. Under current law, only certain referral agencies are required to be licensed and there are no requirements for ensuring that referrals are made solely to licensed care facilities.



Arturo Sanchez Sr.,

Halloween Parade

Planning for the 33rd Annual Arturo Sanchez, Sr., Halloween Parade is well underway, and the City is seeking new entries for this special event. Businesses, service organizations, and clubs are encouraged to participate in this free program. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, September 30.

Residents can also be a part of this Norwalk tradition by dressing up in their favorite Halloween costume and marching in the parade.

Beginning at 9:15 a.m., a costume contest will be conducted at the corner of Pioneer Boulevard and Mapledale Street. Pre-registration is not required. The parade takes place on Saturday, October 15, at 11:00 a.m. starting at the intersection of Pioneer Boulevard and Mapledale Street, and concluding at Hermosillo Park.



For applications, please go to <http://norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/recreation-park-services/special-events> or call (562) 929-5521.



September is National Preparedness Month

"Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today."

Get started at www.ready.gov/make-a-plan #NatlPrep

National Night Out Recap

On Wednesday, August 3 community and law enforcement came together to celebrate National Night Out. The annual event, designed to build relationships, was held in conjunction with the Summer Concert Series, which featured entertainment by Soto. Festivities kicked off with a special presentation by Public Safety and an appearance by Public Safety's Rocky the Raccoon and McGruff the Crime Dog. Hundreds of families gathered on the lawn to enjoy an evening of music while interacting with local law enforcement, non-profit organization representatives, military armed forces, and local public

officials. In addition, by visiting informational booths hosted by these agencies, residents had the opportunity to learn about crime prevention strategies and programs and services offered to help keep their neighborhood safe and build a stronger community. This year's participating law enforcement agencies included LA County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, Cerritos College Police Department, and Metropolitan State Hospital Police Department. Overall, National Night Out was a successful event that offered an enjoyable experience for all Norwalk residents in attendance.



Sailing Skills & Self-Confidence

It was smooth sailing for a group of boys and girls in the City of Norwalk's Family Resources and Gang Prevention Program. Middle and high school students attended the United States Sailing Center Camp.

The goal for campers was to master basic sailing skills, gain a greater appreciation for the ocean and outdoors, develop social skills, improve self-esteem, make new friends, and of course have fun!

"I feel the United States Sailing Center gave me an amazing learning opportunity. I learned how to sail and made new friends along the way. It was really fun and I had a wonderful time," said Tatiana, a sixth grader.

Karina, a high school junior, expressed her appreciation. "Thank you, City of Norwalk, for giving me this once in a lifetime opportunity! It was exciting to learn how to sail, I will forever cherish this great experience."



Coast Plaza Named a Primary Stroke Center

Coast Plaza Hospital, a facility of Avanti Hospitals, has been designated a Primary Stroke Center (PSC) by the Joint Commission in collaboration with The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association

"The Primary Stroke Center designation is vital to providing the most advanced medical and lifesaving care for individuals who suffer from a stroke in Norwalk and surrounding communities," says Michael Rembis, Corporate Chief Executive Officer of Avanti Hospitals. "Achieving this certification signifies that we have made exceptional efforts to foster better outcomes for stroke care."

The criteria for certification includes stroke education, participation in research, access to advanced imaging technology and demonstration of application and compliance with clinical practice guidelines.

In order to provide stroke care that emphasizes advancements in technology, Coast Plaza Hospital has

also partnered with USC Keck's School of Medicine and Cedars-Sinai Neurosciences Department. This program allows the hospital's doctors, nurses and patients to interact via video connection directly with the world-class physicians at USC and Cedars-Sinai.

As a Primary Stroke Center, Coast Plaza Hospital is able to provide affordable, high-quality services to its community with improved outcomes and reduced mortality. "The team at Coast Plaza is extremely proud to be the first Joint Commission Certified Primary Stroke Center in Norwalk," adds Gregory Brentano, Chief Executive Officer of Coast Plaza Hospital. "Our highly trained staff, along with doctors at USC-Keck, are able to intervene fast. That will make



Celebrating 40 Years of Housing Norwalk

In 1976, the City Council established the Norwalk Housing Authority to provide safe, sanitary and decent housing for low-income residents. This September, the Authority celebrates 40 years of helping thousands of residents afford decent rental housing through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

The Authority currently assists approximately 700 households with their monthly rent and has 180 participating landlords. All subsidized units are inspected annually to ensure safe and appropriate living conditions.

Under the Housing Authority's program, a Section 8 tenant pays about 30% of their monthly income for rent. As tenant income changes so does the rent portion. This provides vulnerable low-income households with stable housing and participating landlords with reliable rental income. The Section 8 program further benefits the community by preventing slum conditions, overcrowding and homelessness.

The Section 8 program is federally funded, so the Authority's budget is subject to annual Congressional appropriations. Due to stagnant funding and the lack of new Section 8 vouchers, the need for housing assistance in the community far exceeds the Housing Authority's resources. The Housing Authority currently has 5,600 applicants on a waiting list which has been closed to new applications since last year.

Despite these challenges, the efficient and well trained staff continue to provide quality service that has made the Authority a high performing agency for the past ten years.

EXCELSIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '76 40TH REUNION



**WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016
6 PM 'TIL MIDNIGHT**
**WHERE: KNOTT'S BERRY FARM HOTEL
7673 CRESCENT AVENUE
BUENA PARK, CA 90620**
COST: \$70 PER PERSON

EVENT INFORMATION
COCKTAIL ATTIRE. DINNER SERVED AT 7 PM. CASH BAR, DANCING & PRIZES.
A limited number of hotel rooms are available at a discounted rate of \$119.
Call Knott's Hotel for details.

To establish firm headcount, fee must be paid in full by September 3, 2016.
Fee includes dinner and parking. Tickets will not be sold at the door.
Vegetarian dinner available upon request. If interested, make request with payment.
Questions? Email JoAnn (Ortega) Till at joanntill3@gmail.com



See & Do



"Sie sind herzlich eingeladen.."

You are cordially invited...

to join the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce at its 2nd Annual Oktoberfest! Enjoy games, music, beer tasting and appetizers at So-Cal Pizza on Thursday, October 6 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person and include a special collector's Oktoberfest glass. Call the Chamber at (562) 864-7785 or email them at info@norwalkchamber.com for tickets and details. So-Cal Pizza is located at 12253 Imperial Highway.



Seniors Only

"What You Need to Know About GERD" Seminar

Thursday, September 8, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Medical staff from HealthCare Partners Medical Group will be at the Senior Center to talk about GERD (Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease) a common problem among seniors. The Physician from HealthCare Partners will talk about the causes of GERD and how seniors can work with their own physician/healthcare professional to manage their symptoms.

FREE Blood Pressure Screenings

Monday, September 12, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 20, 9:30 a.m.

AppleCare Medical Group and Pioneer Medical Group provide this monthly blood pressure screening to seniors free of charge. Blood pressure is taken by a licensed/certified medical staff and the results are discussed with senior participants afterward.

"Long-Term Care Coverage" Seminar

Tuesday, September 13, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

As seniors, many will face the dilemmas posed by long-term care issues. Staff from Bankers Life, a financial management agency, will be at the Center to talk about how this challenge can be met and managed.

September Candlelight Dinner

Theme: Destination Unknown

Tuesday, September 13, 5:45 – 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$6.50, or \$8.00 (after Saturday, September 10)

Stop by and enjoy a hot and hearty meal and share an evening of warmth with friends and family. Meal service will consist of Pot roast, Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Dinner Roll, Dessert and Beverage. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. and meal service ends at 6:00 p.m. Prizes awarded. Dine-in only. Tickets will not be sold on the day of the dinner.

CalFresh Outreach Assistance

Wednesday, September 14, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

CalFresh is the new name for Food Stamps. Under new eligibility criteria, those who are age 65 and older can now qualify to receive CalFresh services.

Sponsored by: Los Angeles Regional Food Bank.

Neighborhood Watch

"Phone and Internet Scams"

Wednesday, September 14, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Come to the Senior Center to hear Public Safety talk about a very important topic for seniors. Now a days, it seems there are so many different scams occurring that it is hard to know which offers are a scam and which offers are legitimate. Our Public Safety Officer will be talking about how to identify when it is a scam and how these scams can be reported to the right authorities.

"Building Your Emergency Fund" Seminar

Thursday, September 15, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Many seniors face financial emergencies that are unexpected and can take a toll on their finances. Staff from Heartland Institute of Financial Education will be talking about how seniors can set up an emergency fund and try to be ready for these emergencies that arise in their life.

Grandparents Day Celebration

Saturday, September 17, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$3 per person

It's time we show our appreciation and celebrate everything Grandparents do. So come and enjoy an afternoon of music, table games, raffles and dancing. Entertainment will be provided by the band "Revolution Road." Ice cream sundaes will be served. Norwalk registration is currently being taken. Open registration begins Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Participate.

Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular City Council meetings take place in the Council Chambers at Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard. Call (562) 929-5700 for details.



At Norwalk & Alondra Libraries

colapublib.org



Norwalk Library

12350 Imperial Highway (562) 868-0775

Register for Free Family Place Workshop

The Norwalk Library is currently accepting registration for a five week Family Place Parent Child Workshop series for parents with children ages 1 to 3 years of age. The free workshop series will be held on October 5, October 12, October 19, October 26, and November 2 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. The program features local children's professionals who serve as resources for parents. They will answer questions regarding topics like child development, nutrition, and literacy. Developmental toys and books will also be available.

Curiosity Day Storytime

Every child is a curious child. Come help turn that curiosity into a lifelong love of books at the library! Saturday, September 17th is Curiosity Day at the Norwalk Library. Celebrate everyone's favorite mischievous monkey with stories, activities and giveaways from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

For additional information or to register for the workshop series, call (562) 868-0775 or visit us at colapublib.org.



Alondra Library

11949 Alondra Boulevard (562) 868-7771

Toddler Storytime

Fridays, September 2 and 16 • 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Bring your toddlers for stories, songs, and fingerplays. They'll be introduced to early literacy in a fun environment and will be able to socialize with new friends at storytime! Program is for ages 0 to 3 years old.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays starting September 13 • 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and art activities with the whole family. All ages welcome.

Teen Programming

Thursdays, September 15 and 29 • 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Teens, come enjoy engaging activities such as art and games at the library. Program is for ages 12 – 18 years old.

Reading Buddies

Tuesdays starting September 20 • 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

This free program pairs beginning readers in kindergarten through second grade with teenage volunteers. Your child will have the opportunity to read aloud to a teenage buddy and increase their reading skills. For ages 5 to 8 years old.

Norwalk City Television

Program Schedule for September 2016

Charter Spectrum TV Ch 3 & Frontier FiOS TV Ch 32

Mondays

- 12:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Encore)
- 3:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting (Encore)
- 5:00 p.m. Now You Know
- 6:00 p.m. The City at Your Service: Public Safety
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Concert 2016

Tuesdays

- 12:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Encore)
- 3:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
- 4:00 p.m. Artastic 2016
- 5:00 p.m. Summer Concert 2016
- 6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Live 1st & 3rd Tuesdays)

Wednesdays

- 12:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting (Encore)
- 3:00 p.m. The City at Your Service: Public Services
- 4:00 p.m. Artastic 2016
- 5:00 p.m. Summer Concert 2016
- 7:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
- 7:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting (Live 2nd & 4th Wednesdays)

Thursdays

- 12:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting (Encore)
- 3:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Encore)
- 5:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
- 6:00 p.m. The City at Your Service: Recreation & Parks
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Concert 2016
- 8:00 p.m. Artastic 2016

Saturdays

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

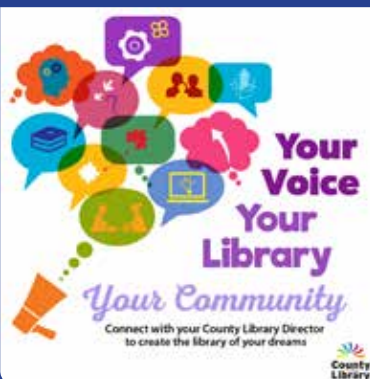
Sundays

- 11:00 a.m. City Council Meeting (Encore)
- 2:00 p.m. Independence Day Pageant 2016

What's your vision for the ideal local library?

Share your thoughts with County of Los Angeles Library Director Skye Patrick at a town-hall style community meeting on Saturday, September 10 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Norwalk Library. Participation is open to the public, and everyone is welcomed and encouraged to join the discussion. Refreshments will be served, and a door prize will be awarded.

Questions or comments for Ms. Patrick can be submitted online at: <http://www.colapublib.org/chatwithskye/>. #ChatWithSkye



AUGUST 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

