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There's Still Time to Help! Be the "Angel" for a Child in the Norwalk Community this Holiday



The City of Norwalk Social Services Department's Angel Tree Program provides and delivers gifts of clothing and toys to the children of families facing financial hardship during the holidays. This past year alone, more than 1,500 Norwalk elementary school children benefited from the Angel Tree Project.

Your help is needed now more than ever. Simply pick up a clothing tag from a City facility to donate a gift to be distributed during a prescheduled holiday celebration. Clothing tags are available at the following locations: Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, Norwalk Senior Center, and Norwalk Social Services Center.

Gifts must be turned in by Monday, December 5.

The Project also accepts financial donations year round. Without these contributions, the program would not be possible.

For more information, please call the Norwalk Social Services Center at (562) 929-5544 or visit <http://norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/social-services/angel-tree>.

Coming Along...

The ADA ramp and stairs have been added to our Veteran's Memorial/City Hall entry project!



2016 Annual SnowFest & Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, December 3 • 12:00-8:00 p.m.

Norwalk City Hall Lawn • 12700 Norwalk Boulevard

It's snowing in Norwalk! Don't drive far to enjoy a winter wonderland, we're bringing winter to you. The day will be filled with two giant snow slides, games, crafts, face painting and yummy food. The evening becomes magical with the lighting of our new enormous Norwalk Christmas Tree and the arrival of Santa Claus. Join the Norwalk City Council as they ring in the holiday season. For more information, please call (562) 929-5702.

12:00-5:00 p.m. Snowslides, game booths, face painting, snow play area, arts & crafts, stage entertainment, food booths.

5:00-6:00 p.m. Stage entertainment

6:00-8:00 p.m. Tree Lighting Ceremony



NEW

30 FT CHRISTMAS TREE!



SEE BACK PAGE FOR SANTA'S SLEIGH SCHEDULE!!!

Call in. Clean up.

Dumping old furniture, large debris or materials is unattractive and illegal in the City of Norwalk. Proper disposal of "bulky items" on parkways is the responsibility of property owners. Luckily, there are several ways to safely and easily get rid or recycle items that are too large for trash or recycle receptacles.

Schedule a bulky item pick-up. Contact your disposal company at least two days prior to your regular collection day and before placing items on the parkway (the area between the sidewalk and curb). Single family residences are entitled to four FREE pickups consisting of five items each. Any items over the limit are subject to charges. Place items on parkway no more than 24 hours in advance. (Apartment buildings and businesses are considered commercial accounts and will be charged a fee.)

CR&R
(562) 944-4716

Republic Services
(800) 299-4898

Donate large items that are still in good condition. Several charitable organizations offer free donation pick-ups: Goodwill requires a minimum of five or more large garbage bags or boxes. Call (562) 435-7741 for details. The Salvation Army offers collection through <https://satruck.org>. Contact Vietnam Veterans of America at donor@pickupplease.org to schedule a pickup.



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

Norwalk City Council

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Little Lake City School District Improves Play Fields



A total of four school fields have been newly dedicated, with a fifth scheduled for December 8. Thanks to a bond measure passed in 2012, school sites throughout the district have been modernized.

Within the two months of October and November alone, Cresson, Lakeland and Studebaker Elementary

Schools in Norwalk, and Jersey Elementary in Santa Fe Springs have held ribbon cutting events celebrating the newly levelled and turfed playing fields, with Lakeside Middle School next on the list. Students and parents in the district couldn't be more pleased.

Dr. Bill Crean, Superintendent, says, "Anytime we are

able to complete projects like this in the district, we are appreciative of the community's support. With their help, we are able to enhance our students' experience, outside as well as inside the classroom, and provide better places for our kids to learn and enjoy."

15th Annual Stuff-a-Bus Toy Drive

The City of Norwalk's Transit System (NTS), is very proud to host its 15th Annual Stuff-A-Bus Toy drive. During the toy drive, a specially decorated holiday bus will be traveling on NTS routes, as well as making special appearances at locations such as schools and organizations to collect new, unwrapped toys for children in need. All of the items collected are donated to the City of Norwalk's Social Services Department – Angel Tree Program.

The Social Services Angel Tree Program brings joy to more than 1,500 of the neediest children (ages 5 through 11)

and families during the holidays. Children attend a Holiday Celebration where they visit with Santa, participate in holiday crafts, and receive gifts of toys, clothing and other goodies. This year, the NTS Stuff-A-Bus will also participate in the City of Norwalk's Snowfest and Tree Lighting event on December 3 from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bring your Stuff-A-Bus donation



and receive a free Snow Slide Fast Pass (good for one ride). Our goal is to have our holiday bus "stuffed" full of gifts by the end of the toy drive. Therefore, your donations are greatly appreciated by Norwalk Transit, as well as the families and children attending the Angel Tree event on December 10, 2016.

For more information on having the Stuff-A-Bus appear at your location, please contact our Customer Service Department at (562) 929-5550 or transportation@norwalkca.gov

Permits Help Build Quality Homes & Communities

Building permits and the inspections that follow exist for your safety and protection and help safeguard your house from poor construction practices. Your home improvement project is also an investment. If your construction project does not comply with adopted codes, the value of your home may be affected and insurance companies may not cover unpermitted work.

Do I need a permit for everything I do to my home?

No, not all items require permits. The following is a list of common projects that do and do not require a permit.



Do not need a permit

Painting

Carpeting

Minor repair or maintenance work that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.

Need a permit

Additions

(bedrooms, bathrooms, family rooms, etc.)

Residential work

(decks, garages, fences over 6 feet, fireplaces, pools, water heaters, etc.)

Renovations

(garage conversions, windows, bathroom and kitchen remodeling, reroofing, etc.)

Electrical & plumbing systems

HVAC systems

(heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning)

Changes to existing site drainage and grading.

Frequently asked questions

Who may obtain a building permit? Permits can be issued to a property owner or state-licensed contractor. Work on a non-owner occupied home requires a licensed contractor to obtain permits. Permits for homes that are intended for sale can be obtain by the homeowner but require a licensed contractor to perform the work. An owner may obtain the permit whether or not he intends to perform the work or hire a contractor. If a contract is negotiated for the work, care should be taken to assure that all necessary work is specified to meet code standards and we recommend all inspections be performed prior to payment in order to avoid costly corrections after the contractor has been paid and has left the job. The owner-builder is ultimately responsible for code compliance.

Where do I obtain a permit? Permits are issued by the Building & Safety Division, Room 12 at City Hall.

How much does a permit cost? Building permit fees for additions and remodeling are based on an assigned value for the work. Fees for improvements like water heater replacement, A/C equipment, plumbing fixtures and electrical service upgrades are unit priced. The Building & Safety staff may be contacted for fee estimates based on your proposed project.

How long does it take to get a permit? Certain projects such as additions, require a plan review, which takes 10 business days to complete. Simple projects such as reroofs and window replacements can be reviewed over the counter with a permit issued the same day.

How long are permits valid? Permits are valid for 180 calendar days after issuance or inspection.

This information is intended as a guideline only. If you have any questions, contact the Building & Safety Division at (562) 929-5733 or Planning Division at (562) 929-5744. You may also visit us in Room 12.

Gifts for Giving



Founded in 1922, Norwalk Woman's Club (NWC) has been providing volunteer service to Norwalk for 94 years. Members are currently collecting donations of new puzzles, games, slippers, toys, and books for patients at Metropolitan State Hospital. "Gifts for Giving," a favorite club project, allows patients to choose holiday gifts for family and friends. Items will be gift wrapped by NWC on December 5 and 6 at James Hall, Metropolitan State Hospital, 11401 Bloomfield Avenue, Norwalk. Volunteers are encouraged to participate in wrapping.

Norwalk Woman's Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, September to June, at 10:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 12345 Rosecrans Avenue, in Norwalk. For more information, contact President Betty Lou Larsen, at (562) 864-7167.

Attend a Scoping Meeting on Norwalk High School Stadium Project

The Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District is hosting a Scoping Meeting for a proposed project consisting of new athletic fields and a new 2,500 seat lighted stadium at Norwalk High School. They would like to hear your comments on the scope and content of the proposed Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and invite your feedback or presentation of information prior to releasing the final report.

Norwalk High School New Stadium & Athletic Fields Improvement Project Scoping Meeting

December 6 • 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Norwalk High School Auditorium
11356 Leffingwell Road

For more information about the project, visit the district's web page at nlmusd.org.

Norwalk PRIDE Keeps Neighborhoods Green

Twenty-nine volunteers and mentors from the P.R.I.D.E. program joined City staff, spending their Saturday off planting 43 trees in a residential area north of City Hall, between Norwalk Boulevard and Volunteer Avenue. P.R.I.D.E., which stands for Personal Responsibility in Developing Ethics, was created in 2008 to help grow opportunities for at-risk youth by pairing them with professional mentors. To date, over 350 have graduated the program, which



emphasizes development of self-esteem, good decision making skills and positive life choices. At the November 15 Council meeting, P.R.I.D.E was recognized for their contributions to the community during the NeighborWoods event. Sgt. Jaime Navares told the audience that "We want to thank not only City Council for their support, but the parents for their involvement and their commitment to making positive change in their children's lives."



CALL TO SERVICE



Become a Public Safety cadet for the City of Norwalk and get involved. Cadets gain hands-on experience assisting with community events, receive physical fitness training, participate in field training ride-a-longs with Public Safety Officers, develop leadership skills, earn community service hours and much more. Candidates are 13 to 18 years old and serve on a volunteer basis. Meetings are held each Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex. For more information, please call (562) 929-5732.

Veteran's Day Recap

On Veterans Day, men and women who have devoted themselves to serving in the United States Armed Forces were honored in a special ceremony.

The Mayor, along with City Councilmembers, military veterans and dignitaries made presentations as hundreds gathered at City Hall Patriot's Concourse.



Keynote Speaker, Sheriff Jim McDonnell of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department delivered a speech about service to our nation. "It's because of your service and dedication that the citizens of this country can sleep soundly at night. We value the freedoms we're granted and understand our freedoms came at a very high price. Thank you for what you do to protect these freedoms every single day."



Sergeant Frankie DeGuzman, a decorated United States Air Force veteran and member of Norwalk's American Legion Post 359 also spoke about her service and what it means to fight for our country. "We do not put ourselves first because we are trained to help those in need and to get our battle buddies home to their families, even if it means we remain behind. These men and women present today and those who have passed, have served this country gallantly, putting God and country before self."

One of the highlights of the event, the oldest member of Norwalk's American Legion Post 359, 92 year old United States Navy Veteran Richard Foltz, was given a standing ovation during the ceremony.



Your Opinion Counts

Making a Difference

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), in coordination with LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and the Cities of Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs, is conducting a planning study to identify and evaluate alternatives for extending the Metro Greenline east from the Norwalk Station to connect to the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Metrolink Station. SCAG invites the public to attend one of two community open house events to learn about the potential project and provide input. Families and children are welcome, and Spanish interpretation will be available. Refreshments will be provided.

Community Open House #1
Saturday, January 7, 2017 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Community Open House #2
Wednesday, January 11, 2017 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Open House Location: Sproul Reception Center,
12239 Sproul Street, Norwalk

For more information:
Visit: www.scag.ca.gov/norwalkgreenlinestudy
Call (213) 236-1897
Email norwalkgreenline@scag.ca.gov



See & Do

City of Norwalk Recreation and Park Services Department

Santa Sleigh Schedule

Saturday, December 3

Tree Lighting Ceremony 6:00 p.m.

Monday, December 5

Cresson Elementary School 6:00 p.m.
Vista Verde Park 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6

Orr Elementary School 6:00 p.m.
Stuebaker Elementary School 7:00 p.m.
Lakeside Middle School 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7

Glazier Elementary School 6:00 p.m.
1264 Kainor Ave. 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

Edmondson Elementary School 6:00 p.m.
Gerdes Park 7:00 p.m.
Barnwall St. & Flatbush Ave. 8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 9

Spry & Curtis and King Rd. 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 10

New River Elementary School 6:00 p.m.
Morrison Elementary School 7:00 p.m.
12122 Kenney St. 8:00 p.m.

Monday, December 12

Cesar Chavez Elementary School 6:00 p.m.
Molette St. & Bechard Ave. 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13

Volunteer & Crewe St. 6:00 p.m.
Paddison Elementary School 7:00 p.m.
Lakeland Elementary School 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14

Sanchez Elementary School 6:00 p.m.
1143 McLaren St. 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 15

14729 Clarkdale Ave. 6:00 p.m.
Silverbow & Sproul St. 7:00 p.m.
Moffitt Elementary School 8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 16

Cheshire & Belshire St. 6:00 p.m.
11243 Lakeland Rd. 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 17

14515 Devlin Ave. 5:00 p.m.
14314 Crossdale Ave. 6:00 p.m.

Photos with Santa

\$2.00 each

2016

Please Note: In the event of rain or inclement weather, some stops may be cancelled or rescheduled.

This year Santa will be collecting canned goods to distribute to those who are less fortunate. If you would like to contribute, please bring canned goods to your visit with Santa. Each can must have its original label attached.

The City of Norwalk is a non-profit organization not affiliated with the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District or Little Lake City School District.

Norwalk City Television

Program Schedule for December 2016
Charter Spectrum TV Channel 3,
Frontier FIOS TV channel 32

Mondays

12:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Re-Broadcast)
3:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting (Re-Broadcast)
5:00 p.m. Now You Know (New)
6:00 p.m. The City at Your Service: Public Safety
7:00 p.m. Halloween Parade & Band Awards 2016

Tuesdays

12:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Re-Broadcast)
3:00 p.m. The City at Your Service: Community Development
4:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
5:00 p.m. Veteran's Day Tribute 2016
6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Live 1st and 3rd Tuesdays)

Wednesdays

12:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting (Re-Broadcast)
3:00 p.m. The City at Your Service: Public Services
4:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
7:00 p.m. Open Mic Night at the Cultural Arts Center
7:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting (Live 2nd and 4th Wednesdays)

Thursdays

12:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting (Re-Broadcast)
3:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Re-Broadcast)
5:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
6:00 p.m. The City at Your Service: Recreation & Park Services
7:00 p.m. Halloween Parade and Band Awards 2016
8:30 p.m. Open Mic Night at the Cultural Arts Center

Saturdays

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

Sundays

11:00 a.m. City Council Meeting (Re-Broadcast)
2:00 p.m. Veteran's Day Tribute 2016
3:00 p.m. Open Mic Night at the Cultural Arts Center

Holiday Home & Business Décor Contest

Do you spend days decorating outside your home during the holidays? Do people stop to enjoy your yard display? Have you seen home or business lighting or decoration that inspires a holiday feeling of warmth and happiness?

Enter your own property or nominate another in the 2016 Holiday Home and Business Décor Contest. New this year: We've added the "Business" category. Now, retail, office and commercial properties can enter, as well as residences. In addition, the "Best Group Entry" category recognizes neighborhood connection. Any group of three or more homes or business spaces decorated in a common

theme are eligible to win!

Deadline for entry is Friday, December 16. Visit any City facility for an application to enter, or click on norwalk.org for more information.



Christmas Tree Recycling

Don't forget to put out your trees for recycling on your trash day! From December 27, 2016 through January 13, 2017, Norwalk residents can have their Christmas trees picked up and recycled. Trees will be reused as compost and landfill cover.



Single-family residential customers:

Trees will be picked up on the same day as your trash collection. Please place trees out by the curb the night before your trash collection. A separate truck will collect the Christmas trees at a different time than the rest of the trash. If you forget to place your tree on the curb on your regular collection day, please hold off until the following week to do so; trees will only be collected on your trash collection day.

Multi-family dwelling (apartment) customers:

Residents of multi-family buildings can recycle their trees by placing them out next to regular trash containers. A separate truck will pick them up.

Guidelines for placing your tree out:

Remove decorations: ornaments, tinsel & lights
Remove metal and plastic stands.
Remove wooden tree stands
Flocked trees are NOT acceptable.
Do not place your tree in a bag.
Trees over eight feet need to be cut in half.

Each year, your participation enables the City to recycle Christmas trees. Recycling saves valuable landfill space and helps preserve our environment.

For details, please call your local trash hauler:

CR&R (562) 944-4716
Republic Services (800) 299-4898
You may also contact the City at: (562) 929-5964 or recycling@norwalkca.gov

Los Angeles County Household Hazardous Waste Round Up Event

Dispose of household hazardous waste in a safe and responsible manner at a FREE Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Round Up. Accepted items include: automotive fluid, cleaners and pesticides, pool chemicals, expired and unwanted medications or sharps, household batteries, and e-waste (computer monitors, keyboards, microwaves, televisions, and cell phones).

January 7, 2017
Paramount Swap Meet
7900 All American City Way
(off Paramount Blvd.)
Paramount, CA 90723



Events run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and are open to all Los Angeles County residents. Call (888) CLEAN-LA for more information or other events. Events are sponsored by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works in conjunction with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.

Holiday Trash & Street Sweeping Schedule

Observed Holidays	City Hall Closed	Sweeping	Trash
Christmas Day	Monday, December 26, 2016	No	No
New Year's Day	Monday, January 2, 2017	No	No



Street Sweeping:

When street sweeping does not occur due to a holiday, it will NOT be made up. Streets can only be swept on the posted day.

Trash Collection:

When trash collection does not occur due to a holiday, it 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. Tuesday's trash will be collected on Wednesday.

Trash Collection Questions?

CR&R Waste Services (562) 944-4716
Republic Services (800) 299-4898

Street Sweeping Questions?

Public Services Department (562) 929-5511

Parking Enforcement Questions?

Public Safety Department (562) 929-5732

SEACA
"Happy Pawlidays"
Reduced Pet Adoption Fees
December 6, 2016 - January 7, 2017
All dogs & cats 1 year and older
Adoption Fees Reduced by 50%

Puppies \$135.00
Kittens \$85.00

Adoption Fee Includes:
*Spay/Neuter *1" Set of Vaccinations *Micro-Chip *Deworming * Flea Treatment
**An additional spay/neuter deposit may be required if animal leaves unaltered. **
Excludes Boutique Buddies

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NOVEMBER 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

