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Candidates Forum

The Norwalk Community Coordinating Council invites you to meet the people running for City Council in the next municipal election. On Thursday, February 9, candidates for all three seats will discuss a variety of topics and answer questions about Norwalk's future. The event is open to the public and begins at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 12700 Norwalk Boulevard. All twelve candidates have been invited to participate. The forum will be streamed live on norwalk.org and televised on local government access channels. For more information call (562) 900-5722.



10 New Laws for Californians in 2017

With the New Year there are new laws. Nearly 900 new laws went into effect, ranging from cellphone use while driving to children's safety.

Cell Phone Usage: Drivers are no longer allowed to hold a wireless phone or electronic device while driving. It must be mounted on the windshield or the dashboard.

Driver Penalties: Transportation Network Companies (TNC), or ridesharing companies like Uber and Lyft, will now be required to perform a comprehensive criminal background check on all of their drivers.

Motorcycle Lane Splitting: The current law does not change. Lane splitting is allowed by a motorcyclist if done safely. The bill permits the CHP to develop educational guidelines focused on motorcycle safety.

Vehicle Registration Fee: Vehicle registration fees on every vehicle or trailer coach is increased from \$43 to \$53 starting on April 1, 2017

Assault Weapons: The new gun-control regulations broaden the definition of illegal assault weapons and require background checks for first time ammunition purchases.

Minimum wage: California's minimum wage increases from \$10 per hour to \$10.50 per hour for businesses with 26 or more employees.

Youth Sports Health Protocol: Schools already have strict rules in place and now youth sports organizations are required to notify parents of athletes younger than 17 years old if they suspect the student has suffered a concussion.

Child Safety Seats: Children under the age of two must ride in a rear-facing child passenger safety seat. (If a child weighs more than 40 pounds or stands at least 40 inches tall, they are exempt.)

School Bus Safety: All school buses are required to have a transportation safety plan with procedures to ensure that a child is not left unattended in a vehicle.

Hunger & Homelessness: Community colleges with shower facilities are required to make them available to homeless students. In addition, colleges should apply to take part in a state-funded program that provides meals to the homeless.



For a complete list of laws, bill information and California Legislature information go to: leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/

"Love Never Fails" 2017 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Join Norwalk Mayor Mike Mendez and start Valentine's Day off with a message of inspiration at this annual community event. Special keynote speakers are Pastors Philip and Holly Wagner, the founders of the Oasis Church in Los Angeles. Philip and Holly are authors of several books on love and marriage, focusing on the importance of communication and support in a relationship. Their heartfelt message crosses over to community, friendships, and family.

The event, hosted by the Door of Hope Youth and Family Resource Center, will be held on February 14, 2017 from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Norwalk DoubleTree Hilton Hotel located at 13111 Sycamore Dr. Tickets are available for a \$20 donation.

For tickets and information contact Pastor Arthur McKibben at (310) 809-7679.



Local Athlete Signs with LA Galaxy!

A rising soccer star is moving up in the ranks with the LA Galaxy at the age of 18.



Norwalk resident Hugo Arellano is one of 24 players named to the U.S. U-20 January camp. The training camp serves as preparation for the upcoming 2017 CONCACAF U-20 championship next month. The best teams will qualify for the U-20 World Cup!

"Hugo is a young, talented defender who we have seen develop as a member of our academy and LA Galaxy II," said LA Galaxy head coach Curt Onalfo in a statement released by the club. "In addition to his time with Los Dos, he is highly regarded at the youth international level and we look forward to seeing him continue to grow both on and off the field as a member of the Galaxy."

State of the City Address Slated for March 3

Norwalk Community Coordinating Council event showcases city accomplishments, challenges and vision for the future.

City Manager Mike Egan joins the Mayor and members of City Council at the Norwalk DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel to deliver this year's "State of the City" address. The event includes reports from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce. Doors open at 11:00 a.m., with the program beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Each year, the "State of the City" raises funds for organizations aimed at helping Norwalk families facing crisis. The Norwalk Community Coordinating Council hopes to donate \$15,000 to help stock the City's Food Pantry and provide support for programs such as Our Place Housing Solutions, Helpline Youth Counseling and the Children's Dental Clinic.

Tickets for the luncheon event and silent auction are \$45.00, with deadline for purchase February 27.

For ticket purchase or to make a donation, visit www.nccconline.us or contact Gordon Stefenhagen at (562) 400-8188.



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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Holiday Home Décor Contest Winners Announced!

The holiday spirit was alive and well in Norwalk this year. Eye-catching decorations and bright festive lighting adorned nearly every street in the city. Many homeowners surpassed last year's efforts, adding new LED lighting and popular characters like Belle, Snoopy and of course, Santa.

Fourteen residents entered their homes to see if they could outshine their neighbors in a friendly Holiday Home Décor Contest put on by the City of Norwalk's Community Promotion Commission. Congratulations to all winners and to all who shared their holiday joy.



1st Place: *Cliff Westerlin*



2nd Place: *Mr. and Mrs. Jose Platero*



3rd Place: *Thomas Preciado*



4th Place: *Mr. & Mrs. Marko Bojorquez*

Norwalk Senior Center is Flourishing

Even though the calendar tells us it's winter, the Norwalk Senior Center is blossoming with activity...The City, along with students from Norwalk High School and Lowes Home Improvement Store, have teamed up to create a raised vegetable, fruit, and herb garden. This community garden serves as a way to help build multi-generational relationships in the neighborhood as students work alongside seniors.

Norwalk High School teacher Ken Cook explains how culinary and automotive students from the SkillsUSA Chapter took the lead to make a positive impact in the community. "We decided on the Norwalk Senior Center as our project. We wanted to install an organic vegetable, fruit, and herb garden. It's part of our culinary program so these students will be the ones to help tend to the garden. With all of this, there are important lessons for the students to gain as they work alongside these seniors throughout the year."

The local Lowe's store provided a two thousand dollar grant to the students and helped with the build.

"Now You Know" was there for the project launch. See the video at https://youtu.be/47rloTR_Aw. You can also go to www.youtube.com/norwalktelevision and subscribe to our channel for the latest activities and events taking place in the community.



Nomination for Older American Award



The City of Norwalk is seeking a Norwalk resident to recognize as its Outstanding Older American. The nominee must be at least 65 years of age and perform outstanding volunteer services within the City of Norwalk. Volunteer services performed at locations such as a hospital, school, library, municipal program, or any non-profit organization all qualify for this honor. This is a distinct opportunity to acknowledge an older American who has enhanced the lives of others or the community at large in an exceptional way. Applications can be obtained at the following Norwalk locations or by visiting our website at www.norwalk.org:

Norwalk Senior Center
14040 San Antonio Drive

Norwalk City Hall
Community Information
12700 Norwalk Boulevard

Norwalk Social Services
11929 Alondra Boulevard

Please call (562) 929-5580 for application requests and deadline dates.

New Executive Director for Norwalk Chamber of Commerce

Caren Spilsbury came to the Norwalk Chamber in 2009 as the Membership Services Director and Administrative Assistant. Some of her accomplishments include creating the Business Visitation Program, helping to develop project and event management guidelines, streamlining the Chamber's ribbon cutting procedures, and incorporating multi-chamber events for Norwalk Chamber members.

When asked about her proudest accomplishment during her time with the Chamber, Caren says, "It would be the development of the Business Visitation Program. It allows for that one on one interaction. It's nice to get out in the community and meet current members, as well as see new businesses. I believe the face to face interaction has been significant in creating positive relationships."



As Executive Director, Caren says she will continue this program.

Recently the Chamber added social media links to member pages. Find them by visiting www.norwalkchamber.com.

Also in store is a comprehensive phone survey of all Chamber members. The information obtained will be used to help create positive changes in the business community.

In addition to her new role as Norwalk Chamber's Executive Director, Caren has held leadership positions with other nonprofit organizations, including Past President of the California Junior Chamber.

Caren is a lifelong resident of California and a Cerritos College alumni. She is married to Dan and they have a daughter, Aubrey, who is also currently attending Cerritos College.

Don't Let Your Pup Pollute

Pick Up After Your Pet to Prevent Bacteria in Our Waterways

What's the scoop on poop? Did you know an average-sized dog's dropping produces 3 billion fecal coliform bacteria? Rainwater can wash those presents your pooch leaves behind into streams and rivers leading to the ocean. Just like human waste, dog droppings pose a threat to both public health and water quality.

The City of Norwalk would like to remind all dog owners that it is their responsibility as a dog owner and good neighbor to remove dog waste from all public properties including sidewalks, lawns, and parks. Dog waste

that is disposed of improperly is a community nuisance, poses a health threat to humans and marine life, and can negatively impact soil and water quality. Plus, it's against the law! Those that do not comply will be subject to a fine. So please, don't let your pup pollute and pick up after your pet.

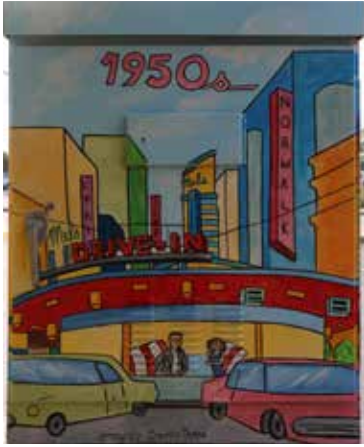


For more information on ways to prevent stormwater pollution, please visit the City of Norwalk's Environmental Programs website page at norwalk.org/residents/community-resources/environmental-and-recycling-services.

Utilitarian Art

Another utility box in Norwalk has been transformed into a work of art. Talented 8th and 11th graders from Benton Middle and Santa Fe Springs High Schools collaborated in this project as part of the City's Art in Public Places program. Ava Cervantes, Clarissa Defeo, Alexa Perez and Jenny Vu

worked through the weekend of January 7 to create a colorful sidewalk masterpiece depicting different eras in time in anime style. The utility box, located at Alondra Boulevard and Gridley Road, is the fourth in a series of similar pieces located throughout the City.



Norwalk Earns Green City Honor

The Gateway Cities Energy Leader Partnership, a collaboration of cities in southeast Los Angeles County and Southern California Edison, works to help make California more sustainable and energy efficient. Recently, the City of Norwalk was awarded the designation of Green City for its efforts to save energy and preserve valuable natural resources. In the last year, Norwalk has converted safety lighting throughout city streets to LED, has replaced over 3,000 bulbs with LED tube lighting in facilities, established a benchmarking policy and completed an energy strategic plan, among several other objectives. All of the work was completed using a \$185,000 grant from Southern California Edison.



Recycle Used Oil & Filters!

Did you know that motor oil is recyclable? This valuable natural resource can be cleaned and used again. Recycling your used motor oil and filters prevent contamination in our rivers, lakes, and streams, protects public and marine health, and conserves natural resources. If you regularly maintain your vehicle, you can take your old used oil and filters for recycling year-round to the nearest recycling center. For more information, please refer to norwalk.org/residents/community-resources/environmental-and-recycling-services.

Get a jump start by participating in our upcoming used oil filter exchange event - Bring in a used oil filter and receive a new replacement oil filter for free! Residents may also bring in used motor oil in a clean, uncontaminated container for recycling. Participating residents may be eligible for free recycling items.

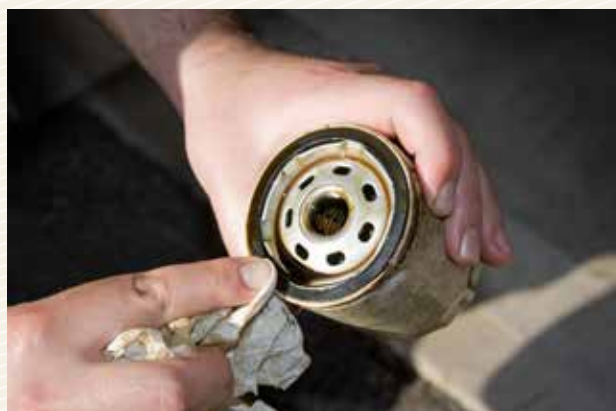
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9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

AutoZone

13927 Pioneer Blvd.

For more info: (562) 944-4766



New Dial-A-Ride Vans on Tap for 2017

Norwalk Transit System (NTS) received a grant to acquire three new Dial-A-Ride vans. The vehicles will help NTS to better serve seniors and disabled customers.

Costing slightly more than \$200,000, the federal grant picked up approximately \$160,000 with a match of local L.A. County funds of approximately \$40,000.

NTS Director Jim Parker said the new vehicles will replace older vans that have met their useful life. Typically, vans have a useful life of seven (7) years. The new vehicles join the rest of Norwalk Transit's Dial-A-Ride fleet; a total of ten (10) vehicles.

The new vans will come in handy given the number of rides taken by residents each year. During the 2015/2016 fiscal year, NTS provided over 22,000 Dial-A-Ride trips.

The NTS Dial-A-Ride program is offered to Norwalk residents age 60 and older and residents with a disability. For more information on Dial-A-Ride, call NTS Customer Service at (562) 929-5550 or e-mail: transportation@norwalkca.gov



Design Concept for one of NTS's new vans, the MV-1

Notice of Nominees for Public Office

Making a Difference

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Norwalk on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

For Member of the City Council Four-Year Term

Vote for no more than two

Esperanza "Espie" Free
Marcel A. Mercado
Debbie Martinez
Candy Martinez
Jamie E. Armenta
Enrique Aranda
Tony Ayala
Harvey Cardenas
Jennifer Perez

For Member of the City Council Two-Year Term

Vote for no more than one

Alberto "Xzevious" Uribe
Ken Menchaca
Margarita Rios

CIUDAD DE NORWALK

NOTIFICACIÓN DE CANDIDATOS A CARGOS PÚBLICOS

POR MEDIO DE LA PRESENTE SE COMUNICA que se han nombrado las siguientes personas como candidatos a los cargos que se ocuparán en las Elecciones Municipales Generales que se celebrarán en la ciudad de Norwalk el martes 7 de marzo de 2017.

Para Miembro del Concejo Municipal Período de cuatro años

Vote solo por dos candidatos

Esperanza "Espie" Free
Marcel A. Mercado
Debbie Martinez
Candy Martinez
Jamie E. Armenta
Enrique Aranda
Tony Ayala
Harvey Cardenas
Jennifer Perez

Para Miembro del Concejo Municipal Período de dos años

Vote solo por un candidato

Alberto "Xzevious" Uribe
Ken Menchaca
Margarita Rios

LUNSOD NG NORWALK

PAUNAWA SA MGA IMINUNGKAHI PARA SA PAMPUBLIKONG KATUNGKULAN

ANG PAUNAWA AY IBINIBIGAY SA PAMAMAGITAN NITO na ang mga sumusunod na tao ay iminungkahi para sa mga katungkulang itinakdang punuan sa Pangkalahatang Halalang Munisipal na gaganapin sa Lunsod ng Norwalk sa Martes, Ika-7 ng Marso, 2017.

Para Miyembro ng Konseho ng Lunsod Apat-na-Taong Termino

Bumoto ng hindi hihigit sa dalawa

Esperanza "Espie" Free
Marcel A. Mercado
Debbie Martinez
Candy Martinez
Jamie E. Armenta
Enrique Aranda
Tony Ayala
Harvey Cardenas
Jennifer Perez

Para Miyembro ng Konseho ng Lunsod Dalawang-Taong Termino

Bumoto ng hindi hihigit sa isa

Alberto "Xzevious" Uribe
Ken Menchaca
Margarita Rios

놀찍 시

공직을 위한 지명자 공지

2017년 3월 7일 화요일 노르워크시에서 시행될 지역자치 총선거를 통해 채워질 공직을 위해 다음과 같은 후보자가 지명되었음을 이에 공지합니다.

시의회 임원을 위해

4년 임기

2명까지만 투표하십시오

에스페란자 "에스피" 프리 (Esperanza "Espie" Free)
마르셀 A. 메르카도 (Marcel A. Mercado)
데비 마르티네즈 (Debbie Martinez)
캔디 마르티네즈 (Candy Martinez)
제이미 E. 아르멘타 (Jamie E. Armenta)
엔리케 아란다 (Enrique Aranda)
토니 아얄라 (Tony Ayala)
하르비 카르데나스 (Harvey Cardenas)
제니퍼 페레스 (Jennifer Perez)

시의회 임원을 위해

2년 임기

한명까지만 투표하십시오

알베르토 "제비우스" 우리베 ("Alberto "Xzevious" Uribe)
켄 멘차카 (Ken Menchaca)
마가리타 리오스 (Margarita Rios)
2017년 1월 12일

January City Council Meeting Highlights

