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2017 State of the City Address



City Manager Mike Egan joins the Mayor and City Councilmembers, Sheriff's and Fire Departments, the Norwalk Chamber and members of the Norwalk community at a luncheon to share recent accomplishments and upcoming projects, as well as discuss potential challenges facing the City. This fundraising event, hosted by the Norwalk Community Coordinating Council, will be held on Friday, March 3 at 11:30 a.m. at the Norwalk DoubleTree Hotel, 13111 Sycamore Drive. Highlights of the event will be uploaded to the City's YouTube channel for viewing.

Doors open at 11:00 a.m. for silent auction viewing. Proceeds will be distributed to local support organizations, including Helpline Youth Counseling, Children's Dental Clinic, Our Place Housing Solutions and the City's Food Pantry. Donations of any amount are welcomed to support work of these local assistance groups.



To become a member or make a donation, please contact the Norwalk Community Coordinating Council at (562) 400-8188 or bluecamino85@yahoo.com

Toppled Trees and Debris

Recent storms caused major debris and fallen trees throughout Norwalk, and Public Services staff answered the call to restore safety and order to residents, no matter the hour or conditions.



Over the weekend of February 17 through 20, more than 150 phone calls were received from residents, Public Safety and the Sheriff's Department. Over 50 trees went down, in addition to over 100 branches and partial trees. More than 15 telephone and electrical lines went down as a result of falling trees and branches. 24 staff members worked throughout the evening on Friday to clear streets and right of ways, staying on the job until 1:30 a.m. the next day. Staff continued to work throughout the holiday weekend.

Deputy City Manager and Public Services Director Gary DiCorpo tells, "The heavy wind and rainstorm over the weekend of February

17 serves as a reminder of the importance of being prepared for inclement weather. Assess need for sandbags to prevent flooding a few days prior to the storm rather than the day of the event or while the storm is in progress. When a weather forecast indicates strong winds, all free standing items such as chairs, umbrellas, and other lightweight furniture should be placed in a secure location as these items may become airborne and cause property damage or even injury. Having flashlights or a good supply of candles or other sources of illumination, and appropriate water storage is also part of good emergency planning."

CITY OF NORWALK • RECREATION AND PARK SERVICES DEPARTMENT

FREE 6-9PM

ARTASTIC

Friday, March 17

This event highlights Norwalk's Cultural Arts Center and the wide range of programming it provides to the community. Classes in art mediums from sculpture and painting to crafting and drawing, from cooking to music and dance are offered year round. Stop by and see what we have to offer.

The event is FREE and will feature:

- Art activities & projects
- Art exhibits
- Live entertainment
- Scholastic book fair
- Community art competition
- Scholarship ceremony
- Ice sculpting
- Painting demos
- Food booths

Join us for an evening of fun and discovery. For more information, call (562) 929-5521.

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

Mayor **Mike Mendez** Vice Mayor **Cheri Kelley**

Councilmembers
Leonard Shryock **Luigi Vernola**

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Norwalk Transit System Upgrades Security

The safety of commuters, visitors and employees is the highest priority for Norwalk's Transportation Department, who recently installed a new state of the art Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) network and video surveillance system at their location on Imperial Highway. Twenty eight CCTV cameras now keep a close eye on the Transportation/Public Services Facility and Metrolink Station, and additional lighting has been put in to improve visibility. The completion of the project now means the entire west side of the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Transportation Center, including the parking lot, has the benefit of enhanced security.

For more information on the station or parking for Metrolink riders, please call Customer Service at (562) 929-5550.



Curb Addresses to be Painted in April

Every two years, the City selects an independent contractor to repaint curb address numbers citywide. Care for the Children (CFTC) has been selected to repaint curbs beginning in early April.

Residents will receive a flyer from CFTC representatives informing them of procedures prior to painting. Once curbs are painted, CFTC will be soliciting tax deductible voluntary donations. However, residents are not required to give a donation for the work. For questions, please call the Public Services Department at (562) 929-5511. More information will be available on the City's website, www.norwalk.org

Please be advised that curb painters contracted by the City must carry identification badges and a copy of their City business license when painting addresses or soliciting donations. Report any unauthorized painting activity by calling the Public Safety Department at (562) 929-5732 during the following hours: Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. After these hours, please contact the Norwalk Sheriff's Station at (562) 863-8711.



Build Computer Skills for Job Searching

Finding potential leads online and following up proactively is key to a successful job search. The Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board (SELACO WDB) and America's Job Center (AJCC) are offering "Build Computer Skills for Job Search" classes, at NO

COST. Classes are offered at three different levels and include computer, internet and email literacy, as well as more advanced skills, such as job search strategies and personal branding, to help maximize your chances for success.

Level 1 (Beginning)	Friday	Computer Basics, Word Processing, Internet, Email, Job Search Websites, & More
Level 2 (Advanced Beginning)	Monday / Wednesday	Intro to Microsoft, Computer Job Search Strategies & More
Level 3 (Intermediate)	Tuesday / Thursday	Personal Branding for Targeted Employment, Career Tips, Resources & More

Classes take place from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at America's Job Center - Cerritos, located at 10900 E. 183rd Street, Suite 392, near the corner of Studebaker and 183rd.

Spring classes are currently in session but you can enroll at any time. To register, please call (562) 467-5098.

2017 Summer Youth Leadership Program



Attention Norwalk teenagers, the 2017 Summer Youth Leadership Program is a summer employment opportunity for Norwalk

residents. Applications will be available Saturday, April 1, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue. Applications may only be picked up by the applicant who must present a current California or School ID at time of pick up. Applicants must be at least 15 years of age as of June 3, 2016 & may not turn 19 years of age prior to August 12, 2017. Applicants will be required to obtain a work permit from their respective high school. This program also includes exciting activities and career development opportunities geared toward teens.

Ready for the Rain?

The City, in collaboration with Los Angeles County Fire Department, offers sandbags and sand for Norwalk residents. These items are free and offered on a first come first served basis. Bags can be picked up at either of two fire stations in the City. Fire Station 20 is located at 12110 Adoree Street off of Norwalk Boulevard, and Station 115 is located at 11317 Alondra Boulevard. Sand is available at these self-serve stations:

Norwalk Aquatic Pavilion
12301 Sproul Street

Gerdes Park
14700 Gridley Road

Hermosillo Park
11959 162nd Street

Bob White Park
12120 Hoxie Avenue

Holifield Park
12500 Excelsior Drive



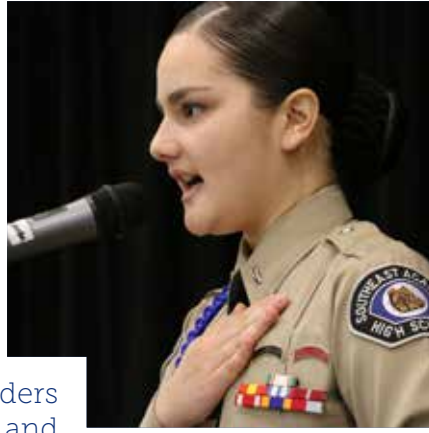
Annual Awards Tea

Soroptimist International of Norwalk (SI Norwalk) invites you to their Annual Awards Tea on Sunday, March 5 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. This year's theme, "Symphony of Service," celebrates volunteerism and exceptional contributions to the community. 2017 Educational Award recipients will be announced and outstanding service in and to SI Norwalk will be honored at the event. Members and participants wearing "Symphony of Service" inspired dress hats have the opportunity to win a Best Hat Award. Tickets to the event, which will be held at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, are \$25 and can be purchased at www.sinorwalk.org.

Soroptimist International of Norwalk is a volunteer non-profit club committed to providing programs that bring about sustainable, measurable change leading to social and economic empowerment for women and girls in our local community. The name Soroptimist means "best for women," which is the organization's mission. Soroptimists' are women at their best, working to help other women to be their best.



Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Highlights



On February 14, community leaders joined local students to reflect in song and prayer at the 47th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. The event, held at the Double Tree Hotel, was hosted by the Door of Hope Youth and Family Resource Center. Keynote speaker Pastor Philip Wagner of Oasis Church provided an uplifting message of love, honor, generosity, and the acceptance of loved one's similarities, as well as differences, highlighting the event's theme, "Love Never Fails." Pastor Wagner, along with wife Holly, founded Oasis Church in 1984. Their work in helping to provide over 750 water wells in developing countries demonstrates the couple's steadfast commitment to serving families locally and around the world.



Reducing Stormwater Pollution

New construction projects will begin under Proposition 84 Grant

Under Proposition 84, the City of Norwalk will be participating in a region-wide effort to reduce stormwater pollution. Forty-three Low Impact Development (LID) treatment systems will be installed throughout eleven cities in the Los Angeles River, San Gabriel River, and Los Cerritos Channel watersheds. LID systems emphasize the use of on-site natural features to filter stormwater in order to protect water quality going into our rivers and ultimately the ocean.

As part of this program, the City will install two tree box filter systems near the intersections of Pioneer Boulevard and Lindale Street, and Imperial Highway and Volunteer Avenue. These highly trafficked streets will see significant benefits from these stormwater treatment systems. The tree box filter captures and treats pollutants through plant and soil, then discharges clean water to the storm drain. This improves overall water quality in the San Gabriel River.

Construction of the tree box filters region-wide began in November 2016 and will be completed this month.

For more information regarding Proposition 84, please contact John L. Hunter and Associates at (562) 802 7880, Ext. 222 or email info@jlha.net.



Job Opportunities

Join the City of Norwalk team and make a difference in our community. The City is looking for friendly, motivated people for the following part time positions:

On-call Coach Operator
\$19.10-\$23.22/hour

Coach Operator Trainee
\$13.00/hour

Recreation Leader
\$10.86-\$13.20/hour

Recreation Leader II
\$12.28-\$14.93/hour

Instructor Guard
\$13.63-\$16.57/hour

Lifeguard
\$12.28-\$14.93/hour

Visit norwalk.org/job-openings for more information, or call (562) 929-5721. Deadlines are approaching, so apply now.



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 katungkulan 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

놀덱 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

Egg-normous Egg Hunt

(All Ages) Week of April 9 City Wide

This is not your average Egg Hunt, this is an Egg-normous Egg Hunt! During the week of April 9, residents of all ages are invited to comb the City looking for specially marked, Egg-normous Eggs, which will be placed randomly throughout the City. It is up to you to find them! Winners must be Norwalk residents. Only one egg may be redeemed per family (Positive I.D. will be required) at the Eggstravagant Egg Hunt event held at City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard on April 15 at 12:00 p.m. For more information, please call (562) 929-5702.



Egg-stravagant Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Norwalk Civic Center Lawn • 12700 Norwalk Boulevard
(Ages 10 & under)

Bring the whole family and enjoy an afternoon of fun. Following the exciting arrival of the Easter Bunny, four egg hunts will take place, one for each of the age groups listed below. Arrive early so your child does not

miss their designated hunt. Don't forget to have your family's photo taken with the Easter Bunny, for only \$3 each. Our free event also includes entertainment, games and crafts. For more information, please call (562) 929-5702.



Egg Hunt Schedules

Tiny Tots (Ages 1 ½-3) 12:30 p.m.

Funny Bunnies (Ages 4-5) 1:00 p.m.

Egg Heads (Ages 6-8) 1:30 p.m.

Wacky Wabbits (Ages 8-10) 2:00 p.m.



Upcoming Library Events & Activities

Youth - Alondra Library

Family Cookie Art

Saturday, March 4 • 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Design (and eat!) cookies in observation of National Oreo Cookie Day. For all ages.

Teen Tech: Digital Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, March 11 • 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Participate in a Digital Scavenger Hunt to see if you have what it takes to complete the challenge! For ages 12 to 17.

Teen Program

Thursday, March 23 • 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Enjoy engaging activities such as art and games at the library. For ages 12 to 17.

Parent-Child Workshop

Friday, March 24 & 31 • 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Nurture your child's love of play and encourage early literacy by participating in Parent-Child workshops. Learn tips and information from a resource specialist while your child has fun in the library! For ages 1 to 3.

Cesar Chavez Storytime

Tuesday, March 28 • 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate Cesar Chavez with storytime and a cool art activity. For all ages.

MākMō

Wednesday, March 29 • 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

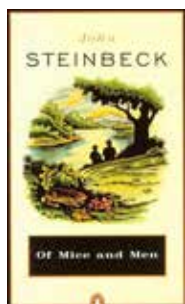
Learn about the new Maker Mobile (MākMō) and have a hands on experience with fun activities. There will be construction Keva Planks, introduction to electricity with Snap Circuits, building with Makedos, and coding with Ozobots. For ages 5 to 18.

For questions regarding Youth Programs, contact Kascia Samel, Children's and Teen Services Librarian at KSamel@library.lacounty.gov. The Alondra Library is located at 11949 Alondra Boulevard in Norwalk. Reach library staff at (562) 868-7771.

Adult - Alondra Library

"Classics I Always Said I Was Going to Read" Book Club - Of Mice and Men

Tuesday, March 14 • 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



The title for March is Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck. Copies of the book are available at Alondra Library and many other branches of the County Library System. New members are always welcomed and light refreshments are served. Program is for adults.

For more information, contact Sue Kane, Community Library Manager at SKane@library.lacounty.gov.

Youth - Norwalk Library

Art Bots

Wednesday, March 8 • 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.



What if a robot could create art? Kids will build an Art Bot with markers for legs that draws as it moves across paper. Pre-registration is required. For ages 7 to 15.

Make a Hand, Lend a Hand Art Project

Tuesday, March 21 • 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

In celebration of Cesar Chavez Day, children are invited to create handprint art to help others in need. The Bezos Family Foundation will make donations to "Save the Children," which focuses on the empowerment of children through education. Handprints will be displayed in the library.

For more information, contact Amy Dang, Children's Librarian at ADang@library.lacounty.gov. The Norwalk Library is located at 12350 Imperial Highway in Norwalk. Reach library staff at (562) 868-0775.

Senior Center Events

14040 San Antonio Drive • (562) 929-5580

HICAP

Wednesdays, March 1 & 15

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

HICAP stands for Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program and is provided by trained/certified counselors through the Center For Health Care Rights. A HICAP Counselor from the Center will be at the Senior Center providing seniors with free education, counseling and advocacy regarding their Medicare and related health insurance issues.

IHSS Help Desk

Friday, March 3 • 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Cost: Free

A Representative from Personal Assistance Services Council of Los Angeles will be on hand to provide seniors with information and to answer their questions about In Home Supportive Services (IHSS). IHSS is a program that helps pay for services provided to Medi-Cal recipients who are 65 years or older, or legally blind, or disabled adults so they can remain safely in their home.

"Fall Prevention, Strength and Resistance Training"

Tuesday, March 7 • 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Cost: Free

A Physician from HealthCare Partners will be at the Senior Center to conduct a seminar on fall prevention and how strength and resistance training can play an important role in preventing falls. Other fall prevention measures will also be discussed to help seniors remain safe.

Neighborhood Watch "Is Your Home a Jungle?"

Wednesday, March 8 • 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Cost: Free

Norwalk Public Safety will be at the Senior Center to help seniors determine how safe the inside of their home is. Seniors will learn how to make their home more organized in order to eliminate any fire or trip hazards as well as how they can make their home more earthquake safe.

CalFresh Outreach Assistance

Monday, March 13 • 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

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

March Candlelight Dinner

Theme: Pot of Gold

Tuesday, March 14 • 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$6.50 (before Saturday, March 11)
\$8.00 (after Saturday, March 11)

Stop by and enjoy a hot and hearty meal and share an evening of warmth with friends and family. Meal service will consist of Corn Beef and Cabbage, Baked Potato, 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. Registration is currently being taken.

St. Patrick's Mixer

Wednesday, March 15 • 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$3 per person

Come and enjoy an afternoon of music and dancing with friends. St. Patrick's Day refreshments and cookies will be served. Musical entertainment provided by Jerry Benton "The One Man Band". Registration is currently being taken.

Photo Highlights: February City Council Meetings

