

NorwalkNow

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First Community Forum Connects City Council with Residents

On May 9, City Council travelled to New River Elementary School on the west side of Norwalk to hear from residents in the first of a quarterly series of Community Forums.

The informal, town hall-style meeting was developed as a result of City Councilmembers' desire to receive residents' input into the decision-making process and make participation easier by moving meetings from City Hall to different areas of the community.

Close to 25 residents arrived at the school's multi-purpose room to share thoughts and obtain resolution on issues of concern.

Topics included speeding vehicles in neighborhoods, parking violations, homelessness and business development.

Several residents asked why popular stores like Trader Joe's were not being allowed to come into Norwalk. Staff explained that the decision to open or relocate a business here is made by the property owners, developers and retail store owners. While the City is eager to improve the local economy by bringing in familiar stores and restaurants, each of these brands has its own particular internal requirements that must be met before relocating, including area demographics, accessibility and parking, competition and other factors impacting the long term sustainability of the business. However, councilmembers expressed that

one of their goals is to reach out and partner with property owners, developers and business owners to increase opportunities for growth, as demonstrated by the recent approval by City Council for construction of a commercial center at Bloomfield Avenue and Imperial Highway to include Chick-fil-A, Panera Bread and LA Fitness.



City Council informed attending residents that their input was not only key, it was necessary to making progress and shaping the future of the City. Staff

expressed that they would follow-up on specific requests with actions such as patrols or call-back information. In addressing homelessness, a serious issue for cities and regions throughout California, Measure H, recently approved by LA County voters, collects \$350 million per year through sales tax for additional services and programming geared to prevent and combat homelessness.

The next Community Forum is tentatively scheduled for August at Sanchez Elementary School. For more information, visit norwalk.org or any of the City's social media channels @cityofnorwalkca.

Go Rio with NTS!



Norwalk Transit System (NTS) is coordinating with Rio Hondo College to accept the "Go Rio TAP Card/U-Pass sticker" for students attending the 2017 summer session.

The "Go Rio TAP Card & U-Pass sticker" will be valid from Monday, June 5 through Friday, August 11 (weekdays only).

All full-time students in good standing are eligible for a discounted transit pass honored by several transit operators, including NTS. For more information and/or questions on eligibility for the GO RIO program, please call Rio Hondo College at (562) 463-7268 or call Norwalk Transit Customer Service at (562) 929-5550.

Make a Difference in your Community

The City of Norwalk and the Norwalk Sheriff's Station are currently seeking adults 21 years of age and older to serve in the Civilian Volunteer Program. As a volunteer committed to improving safety and quality of life in Norwalk, program participants will assist the Public Safety Department, serve in the field through the Volunteers on Patrol program, help in the operations of community events and in various assignments throughout the station patrol area.

If you'd like to be part of this effort, pick up an application at Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Room 1. For more information, contact Public Safety at (562) 929-5732.

Applicants must clear a background and Live Scan process, and once accepted are responsible for purchasing their own uniform at a cost of \$150. Civilian Volunteers must contribute a minimum of 16 hours per month to remain active in the program.



Independence Day Pageant

Monday, July 3 • 6 to 9 p.m.

Civic Center Lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Celebrate the 4th of July a day early in Norwalk! This free event features fun for the entire family. Show off your patriotism and don't miss the pageantry and entertainment that leads up to our spectacular fireworks display. Food is available for purchase beginning at 5 p.m. For more information, please call (562) 929-5702.

- 1-7 p.m. Locks of Love Hair Drive
- 6-8 p.m. Games & Face Painting
- 6-9 p.m. Live Musical Entertainment
- 9 p.m. Fireworks Display



Hair Drive

Civic Center Lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.



Donate your hair to a great cause! All hair donated will be used to make hairpieces for individuals suffering from hair loss due to any medical diagnosis. Hairstylists will be on-site cutting and styling hair. Hair should be clean and dry. For more information, please call (562) 929-5566.

See guidelines for acceptable donations:
norwalk.org/Events-HairDrive2017.pdf

Norwalk City Hall Hours of Operation

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

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Making Norwalk Greener



The City's fourth Annual Arbor Day event was held on Saturday, April 29 at D.D. Johnston Elementary School. Approximately 100 volunteers, including members of the Norwalk Lions Club, AMC employees, Young Marines, New Harvest Church, TAP participants, residents, and even Pikachu helped Public Services staff plant 55 trees around the school and surrounding neighborhood. The event also included face painting for children and West Coast Arborists set up an information booth and distributed seeds and seedlings.



Another tree planting project took place just a few days before Arbor Day. Two fifth grade classes from Sanchez Elementary School assisted City staff with the planting of 25 trees at Hermosillo Park. The students also participated in an "I Love Trees Because..." artwork contest and submitted entries depicting the benefits provided by trees. Volunteers at the Arbor Day event had the difficult task of voting for their top three entries. The winners were recognized at the May 16th City Council meeting with a certificate, movie tickets and a tree and their winning entries will be displayed on the City's website.



REMINDER:



Holiday Trash & Street Sweeping Schedule

In observance of Independence Day, there will be no street sweeping or trash collection on Tuesday, July 4. 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, Tuesday's trash will be collected on Wednesday.

For more info, please visit www.norwalk.org/residents/community-resources/environmental-and-recycling-services/refuse-hauling

Rabies Clinics

Friday, June 9 & July 7
4 to 7 p.m.

Rabies Vaccination: \$6
Norwalk City Hall Lawn
12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers. Individual vaccines, microchipping and flea control products will also be available. Residents can also renew dog licenses. Please bring renewal letters.

For additional information, contact the City of Norwalk Dog Licensing Department at (562) 929-5711.



Coyote Sightings in Norwalk

With the warm weather upon us, there is potential for coyote sightings in and around the city. By nature, coyotes are fearful of humans and tend to follow travel paths along railroad tracks, riverbeds, and open fields.

The City works with the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) and California Department of Fish & Wildlife to address this issue.

Tips to deter coyote activity

- Never feed or attempt to "tame" a coyote
- Put trash in tightly closed containers that cannot be tipped over
- Do not leave small children or small pets unattended
- Do not leave pet food outside and bring pets in at night
- When visiting parks or other open areas, always keep your pet on a leash
- Put away bird feeders at night to avoid rodents and other coyote prey from gathering on your property
- Pick up fallen fruit and cover compost piles



What to do if encountered by a coyote

- Yell and make eye contact, but never turn away from a coyote
- Use items to make a lot of noise to scare a coyote away
- Throw nearby pebbles or pine cones in the general direction of the coyote, but do not hurt it
- Try to look as big and intimidating as possible

You can report coyote sightings to SEAACA at (562) 803-3301. Please include a description, location, date and time of sighting.

For more information, you can also contact the Department of Public Safety at (562) 929-5732 or the Norwalk Sheriff's Station at (562) 863-8711.

NCCC's Annual Awards Banquet

On Sunday, June 4, the Norwalk Community Coordinating Council will recognize outstanding individuals making a difference in the community. Citizen of the Year, Youth of the Year, and Keystone Award recipients will be honored for their contributions and achievements.



The banquet is scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Sproul Room at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex. Tickets are \$20 each and include a sit-down lunch. No tickets will be sold at the door. To purchase tickets, please contact the NCCC at (562) 400-8188 or nccc@usa.com

Join the Fight Against Crime



Residents are invited to join in the effort to reduce crime and increase awareness. Meet with City and Public Safety officials, Sheriff's personnel and fellow residents at a Neighborhood Watch Association

Meeting near you. This program provides an opportunity for you to discuss neighborhood concerns in an open forum and learn crime prevention strategies and tips.

Association #6

Thursday, June 1 • 6:30-8:30pm
Norwalk United Methodist Church
13000 San Antonio Dr.

Association #12

Saturday, June 17 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Hermosillo Park
11959 162nd St.

Association #2

Thursday, July 6 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Sara Mendez Park
11660 Dune St.

Association #7

Thursday, July 20 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Village Baptist Church
12641 E. Foster Rd.

For details contact the Department of Public Safety at (562) 929-5732, or visit norwalk.org.

Save the Date

Making a Difference



LA County HHW Round Up Event

**Cerritos College
Stadium Parking Lot C-1
11110 Alondra Boulevard
Saturday, July 15, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Dispose of household hazardous waste for free at the only round up event scheduled in Norwalk this year. 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).

**For details more information,
please call (888) CLEAN-LA
or visit
dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/hhw/**



Coffee with a Cop

The Public Safety Department is partnering with the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce to host a "Coffee with a Cop" event for business members of the community. The event will be held on Thursday, June 29 from 9 – 11 a.m. at the Norwalk Chamber, located at 12040 Foster Road.



Recycle Your Used Motor Oil & Oil Filters

The City of Norwalk will be sponsoring a used motor oil filter exchange event on June 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at O'Reilly Auto Parts, located at 11559 Rosecrans Avenue. In exchange for bringing in used motor oil filters, residents will receive new motor oil filters free of charge (limit two per resident, while supplies last). Residents may also bring in used motor oil in a secure uncontaminated container. The City encourages all residents to participate in the event and to recycle their used motor oil and filters year-round. Other used oil collection centers in Norwalk can be located on the Environmental & Recycling Services page at norwalk.org. For more information, please call (562) 944-4766.

Night Out in the Park



The City of Norwalk's Public Safety Department is hosting a new program this summer called "Night out in the Parks" that offer an evening of fun for the entire family. The events will also provide residents with the opportunity to connect to the law enforcement and Public Safety officers who keep our neighborhoods safe in an informal and relaxed setting.

These events will include a variety of FREE fun activities, such as field games, kid fingerprinting, visits with Rocky the Raccoon, face-painting, a hot dog BBQ, and an ice cream social. Don't miss out on these fun-filled summer nights!

Schedule of Events & Locations

Saturday, June 10
Norwalk Park
13000 Clarkdale Avenue

Saturday, July 15
Gerdes Park
14700 Gridley Road

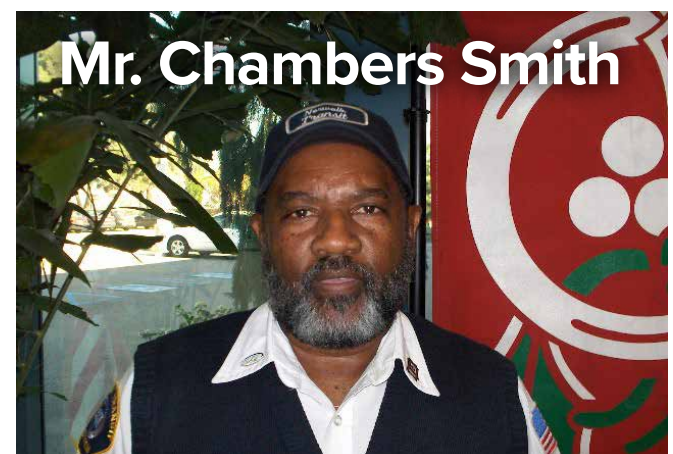
Friday, August 11
Ramona Park
13244 Mapledale Street

Friday, June 23
Hermosillo Park
11959 162nd Street

Saturday, July 29
Vista Verde Park
11459 Ratliffe Street

Saturday, September 9
Mendez Park
11660 Dune Street

For more information, please call the Public Safety Department at 562-929-5732.



Mr. Chambers Smith

In our May edition, a photo in the Norwalk Transit 2016 Distinguished Coach Operators story incorrectly identified one of the honorees, Mr. Chambers Smith. Chambers has been with NTS since 2004, and along with the five other honorees, was selected for the award after having achieved strict performance criteria and an exemplary work record. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Alondra Library Re-Opens

On May 2, Alondra Library introduced their newly renovated facility to the community. Over the past several weeks new carpet, paint and a children's space, complete with an Early

Literacy Station™ (ELS), have been added. The ELS features over 4,000 fun, localized learning activities.

Stop by and enjoy some reading or study time in the new surroundings!



Up-Coming Recreation Events

Save the Date: National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual event intended to bring communities across America together to take a stand against crime, drugs and disorder in their neighborhoods. Join the City of Norwalk, Department of Public Safety and Norwalk Sheriff's Station at this year's Summer Concert Series



featuring Mariachi Divas on Wednesday, August 2, at the City Hall Lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., as we join members of the community in affirming our conviction against crime and disorder. National Night Out takes place between 7 and 9 p.m.

Summer Concerts on the Lawn

Spend your warm summer evening with us at the City Hall Lawn for our Summer Concert Series which runs on Wednesdays from July 5 to August 9. Bring your blankets,



chairs, and pack a picnic to enjoy live, outdoor music with family or friends. Refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information, please call (562) 929-5702.

Wednesday, July 5
Uptown Funk
(Bruno Mars Tribute)

Wednesday, July 12
Soto
(Latin R&B)

Wednesday, July 19
DSB: The Next Best
Thing to Journey
(Journey Tribute)

Wednesday, July 26
The Smith Band
(Modern Country)

Friendly Reminder: Maintain Your Yards & Parkway



As we approach spring and summer, the City of Norwalk would like to remind the community to keep their property free of weeds, trash, and debris. Keeping yards and parkways tidy improves the look of homes, businesses and neighborhoods.

This dry season had a significant impact on lawns and landscape maintenance. Portions of lawns may be dormant and brown, and the January and February rainstorms may have caused a sudden growth of weeds. Remember to maintain the yard area, including the parkway. A "parkway" is the area between the curb and the sidewalk. Parkway must be kept clear to provide access for work crews to trim parkway trees or repair water meters, utility lines, curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

The City is requesting assistance from the residents and business owners to help continue to make Norwalk a great place to live, shop, and visit, and thanks everyone for their efforts to keep our neighborhoods clean so they can be enjoyed by all.

If you have any questions about drought tolerant landscaping requirements, please call Planning at (562) 929-5744. For questions about property maintenance, please call Code Compliance at (562) 929-5730.

SCAQMD Electric Lawnmower Program

As part of efforts to clean the air, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is offering an Electric Lawn Mower Rebate Program year-round to help residents switch from gas powered mowers to new earth friendly zero-emission mowers. Participants must purchase a new, cordless electric lawn mower and take their old lawn mower to a certified scrapping location for destruction and recycling of metal parts before they can submit a rebate application.

The Electric Lawn Mower Rebate Program will be implemented on a first-come, first-served basis and will provide a rebate up to \$250. For more information, visit www.aqmd.gov/lawnmower.

SCAQMD is pleased to offer a year-round program that allows consumers to purchase new cordless electric lawn mowers at any retail center or online. There are many electric lawn mower models available. Eligibility is open to residents of South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction.

- 1 Purchase your new, cordless electric lawn mower
- 2 Begin the online application, uploading your purchase receipt (www.aqmd.gov/lawnmower)
- 3 Select a certified scrapper from our list and print your certification form
- 4 Take your old working gas mower to the scrapping location and have the scrapper sign and return the certification form to you
- 5 Upload the signed certification form to your application
- 6 Sign and submit your final application electronically for processing

Senior Center Events

14040 San Antonio Drive • (562) 929-5580

CalFresh Outreach Assistance

Monday, June 12 • 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

CalFresh is the new name for Food Stamps. Under new eligibility criteria, those who are ages 65 and older can now qualify to receive CalFresh services. Sponsored by: Los Angeles Regional Food Bank

June Candlelight Dinner

Theme: Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Tuesday, June 13 • 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$6.50 (before Saturday, June 10)

\$8.00 (after Saturday, June 10)

Stop by and enjoy a hot and hearty meal and share a warm evening with friends and family. Meal service will consist of Hot Roast Beef Sandwich, Green Salad, Potato Salad, 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 open.

South Coast Botanic Garden Tour

Tuesday, June 13

Cost: \$15 per person

Depart: 9 a.m., Return: 4 p.m.

Lunch will not be provided

High Level of Walking

South Coast Botanic Garden is one the world's first botanical gardens to be developed over a sanitary landfill and has become a beautiful and restorative urban oasis among the hustle and bustle of a major mega-metropolitan area. Registration is currently open.

FREE Blood Pressure Screenings

Thursday, June 15 • 9:30 a.m.

Pioneer Medical Group provides this monthly blood pressure screening to seniors free of charge. Blood pressure is taken by a licensed/certified medical staff with the results discussed afterwards.

Electronics Workshop

Saturday, June 17 • 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Did you get a high tech device and are having trouble working it? Staff and volunteers will be available to work "one on one" with you to go over the basic skills necessary for operating your electronic devices such as cell phones, iPods, iPads, tablets, digital cameras or MP3 Players. Make sure to bring your device and any manual that comes with the device. Registration is currently open.

Green Tea Week 2017

Monday, June 19 – Friday, June 23

During the week, various free seminars, screenings and demonstrations will be taking place to help seniors learn how they can be healthier and have a better sense of well-being. This year's theme is "Health is a State of Body. Wellness is a State of Being." – J. Stanford.

"Practicing Good Self-Care" Seminar

Monday, June 19 • 10 to 11 a.m.

This seminar will help seniors effectively manage their stress response and improve their self-care. They will also explore some of the different ways that stress might be affecting them and then learn some simple stress management techniques to take control of their stress response and improve their quality of life.

Sponsored by: Telecare Inc.

Diabetes Seminar & Glucose Screening

Tuesday, June 20 • 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Seniors will explore different ways to cope with their diabetes and learn to eat healthier. Following this seminar, a free glucose screening will be offered to participating seniors.

Sponsored by: HealthCare Partners

Photo Highlights: May City Council Meetings

