

# Norwalk<sup>e</sup>Now

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## Only Safe and Sane Fireworks in Norwalk

Protect people and pets in your neighborhood this summer.



Every July 3, the city hosts an Independence Day Pageant offering activities, live entertainment and a professional fireworks show. For families choosing to celebrate the holiday at home, there are some important rules to know and follow.

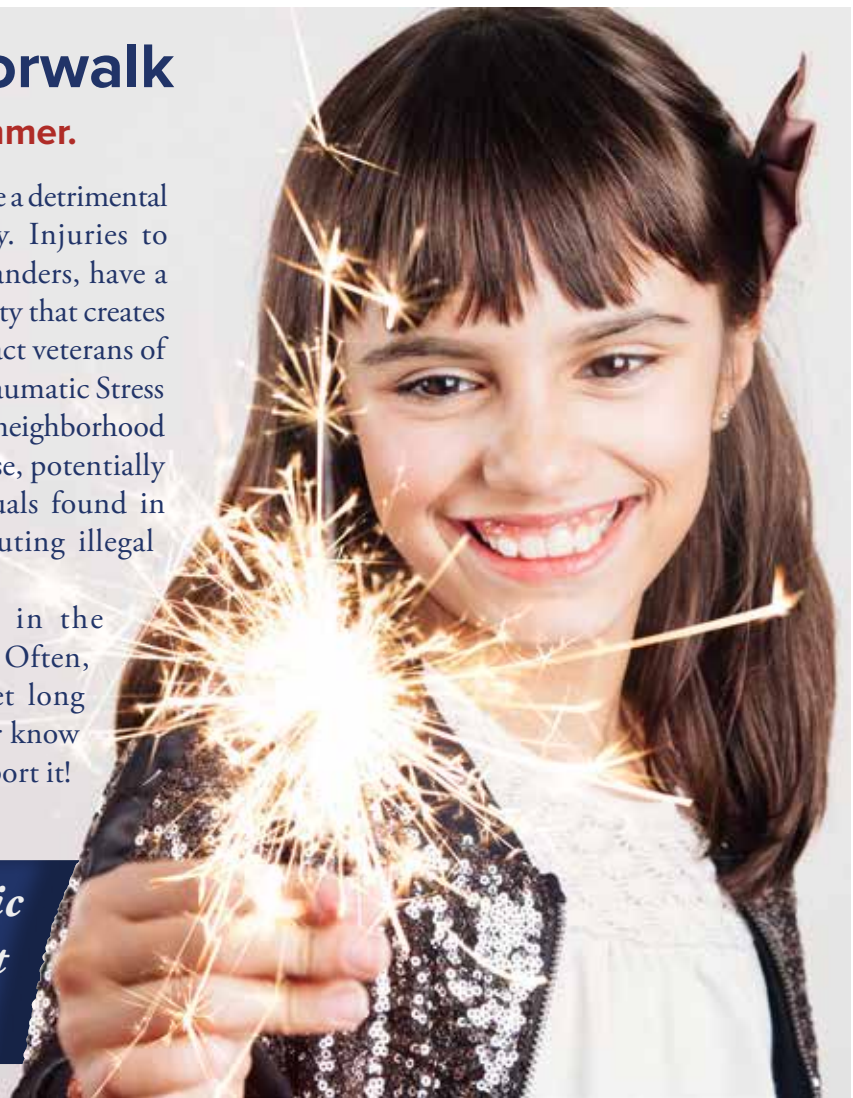
Only Safe and Sane, legally purchased fireworks are permitted in Norwalk. Fireworks that have an aerial effect or explode are NOT Safe and Sane.

Legal fireworks carry the California State Fire Marshal Safe and Sane seal.

Safe and Sane fireworks may be used Saturday, July 1 through Tuesday, July 4 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the City. Use outside of this time period is not permitted.

Illegal or misused fireworks can have a detrimental impact on people's health and safety. Injuries to handlers or even worse, innocent bystanders, have a lasting effect. Fireworks and other activity that creates loud explosions can also adversely impact veterans of the armed forces suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). They may also affect neighborhood pets, causing them to run from the noise, potentially resulting in injury or death. Individuals found in possession of, discharging or distributing illegal firework face fines and even arrest.

The City asks for your help in the prevention of illegal fireworks use. Often, illegal fireworks hit the black market long before the 4th of July. If you witness or know about illegal fireworks transactions, report it!



*Reports can be made anonymously at any time to Public Safety at (562) 929-5732 or the Sheriff's Department at (562) 863-8711.*

## Help Keep Zika Out of Norwalk

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) has confirmed the presence of *Aedes aegypti* (yellow fever mosquito) in Norwalk. This mosquito is known for its potential to spread Zika, yellow fever and dengue fever.



Currently the species has been found in 38 other cities in the region. These mosquitoes are NOT transmitting any viruses at this time. But their presence increases the risk of a local outbreak.

The GLACVCD will continue control efforts to suppress the population where these mosquitoes are found. In addition, they will continue surveillance of any threats these mosquitoes may pose to residents.

Residents are asked to be cognizant of conditions that encourage mosquito breeding, to remove standing water, wear insect repellent and to educate family and friends. Travelers to South America, Central America, the Caribbean or Southeast Asia are asked to take precautions against mosquito bites by using repellent. For more information, visit the GLACVCD website at <https://www.glacvcd.org/>.

## FREE LUNCH for Children this Summer!

Join us for lunch in the park! The City of Norwalk Recreation and Park Services Department, in conjunction with the County of Los Angeles, will offer a nutritious meal to children 18 years and younger. The Summer Lunch Program is sponsored through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The goal of



the program is to ensure that children receive at least one nutritious and balanced meal per day when school is not in session. Adults will be allowed within the serving area only to supervise their children. For more information on the Summer Lunch Program, please call (562) 929-5702.

**Monday – Friday through August 4**

**12:30 to 1:30 p.m.**

**Gerdes Park, 14700 Gridley Rd.**

**Hermosillo Park, 11959 162<sup>nd</sup> St.**

**Norwalk Park, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.**

## Norwalk Transit System on Google Maps

Norwalk Transit is now live on Google Maps! Transit on Google Maps is a public transportation planning tool that combines the latest agency data to integrate transit stop, route, schedule, and fare information to make trip planning quick and easy for everyone.

The site provides information from many sources to help users to make intelligent travel decisions. For example, street view can help users learn about the bus station shelter and handicap accessibility and transit trip planning is multi-modal, connecting riders to services across multiple agencies in our area such as Metro, Metrolink, and more.

Please visit [www.google.com/transit](http://www.google.com/transit) to find Norwalk Transit System's schedules, route information and more. Enter your starting location and destination address for a detailed and easy-to-use itinerary.



### 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

### Norwalk City Council

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## College Bound...Making Norwalk Proud!



**To all graduates this year... Congratulations!**



## Household Hazardous Waste Round Up Event

The LA County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Round Up is coming to Norwalk! Dispose of household hazardous waste in a safe and responsible manner at a FREE HHW and E-Waste Round Up. Round Up events are open to all LA County residents. 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).

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

Call (888) CLEAN-LA for more information. Event is sponsored by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works in conjunction with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.

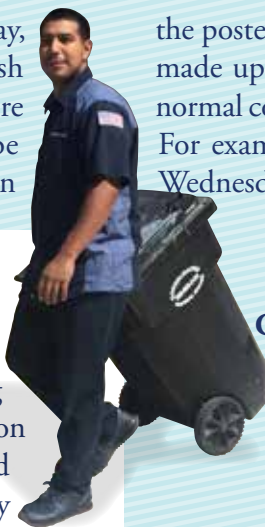
## Holiday Trash & Street Sweeping Schedule

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.

### 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 barrels up on the parkway (grass between sidewalk and street) to allow the sweeper to properly clean the street. We appreciate your efforts in keeping streets safe and clean by ensuring trash cans do not interfere with sweeping.



### Questions?

Trash Collection  
**CR&R Environmental Services**  
 (562) 944-4716  
 Republic Services  
 (800) 299-4898  
 Street Sweeping  
**Public Services Department**  
 (562) 929-5511  
 Parking Enforcement  
**Public Safety Department**  
 (562) 929-5732

## Rabies Clinic

**Friday, July 7 • 4 to 7 p.m.**  
**Norwalk City Hall Lawn**  
**12700 Norwalk Blvd.**  
**Rabies Vaccination: \$6**

Take advantage of low-cost vaccinations that keep your pet healthy and happy. This is the last of our two-part summer clinic series.

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.

## Soroptimist Awards



On May 20, 2017, Soroptimist International of Norwalk was regionally awarded two Soroptimist Club "Celebrating Success Awards", in honor of excellence in the areas of Fundraising and Public Awareness.

The Celebrating Success Awards recognize outstanding club projects that improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment or promotes Soroptimist as an organization that improves the lives of women and girls. The awards recognize the best practices in each of the four pillar areas supporting the SIA strategic plan: fundraising, membership, program and public awareness.

President Elect, Deborah Hayes, was also honored at the event with the 2016-2017 Distinguished Soroptimist Award.



### Energy Assistance Fund

*Did you know?* Southern California Edison is committed to helping residents whenever possible. Working together with the United Way, SCE offers financial relief through the Energy Assistance Fund to customers struggling to pay their electricity bills. The fund provides an opportunity for qualified households to receive up to a \$100 payment to be applied toward their SCE energy bill.

To learn more, visit [sce.com/eaf](http://sce.com/eaf) or call 1-800-205-8596.

# Upcoming Recreation Events

## **FREE Summer Snack Program**

Monday – Saturday through August 4  
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**Gerdes Park, 14700 Gridley Rd.**  
**Glazier Park, 10810 Excelsior Dr.**  
**Hermosillo Park, 11959 162nd St.**  
**Holifield Park, 12500 Excelsior Dr.**  
**New River Park, 13432 Halcourt Ave.**  
**Ramona Park, 13244 Mapledale St.**  
**Sara Mendez Park, 11660 Dune St.**  
**Vista Verde Park, 11459 Ratliffe St.**

Join us for an afternoon snack at the park! The City, in conjunction with the Little Helpers organization, offers a nutritious snack to children 18 years and younger. The goal of the program is to ensure that children receive at least one nutritious and balanced snack every day when school is not in session. Adults will be allowed within the serving area only to supervise their children. For more information on the Summer Snack Program, please call (562) 929-5702.



## **FREE Spray Pools**

Monday – Saturday  
through August 12  
2 to 5 p.m.

**Gerdes Park, 14700 Gridley Rd.**  
**Hermosillo Park, 11959 162nd St.**  
**Ramona Park, 13244 Mapledale St.**  
**Sara Mendez Park, 11660 Dune St.**  
**Vista Verde Park, 11459 Ratliffe St.**

It's summer time and the weather is HOT! Stay cool with a little water fun at one of our local spray pools. For more information, please call (562) 929-5702

## **Recreation Swim**

Norwalk Aquatic Pavilion, 12301 Sproul St.

Monday – Friday through September 29

1:30 to 3:15 p.m. & 7:45 to 9:15 p.m.

Saturdays & Sundays through October 1

1:30 to 3:15 p.m. & 3:45 to 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$3 Children (Ages 6mo-17)

\$24 (10-visit Swim Pass)

\$4 Adults (Ages 18-54)

\$32 (10-visit Swim Pass)

\$3 Seniors (Ages 55+)

\$24 (10-visit Swim Pass)

Recreational swimmers of all ages are invited to cool off and have fun at the Aquatic Pavilion! Entry fee applies to every person entering the facility. For your safety, children eight years and younger or under 48 inches tall must be accompanied by an adult 18 years and over at all times (one adult per child is required). All Recreational Swim Attire Rules and Regulations apply to enter the water. For more information, please call (562) 929-5622.

## **Swim Lessons**

Norwalk Aquatic Pavilion, 12301 Sproul St.

The Learn to Swim Program is designed to help residents of all ages develop water safety and swimming skills, regardless of their ability. For class descriptions, please contact (562) 929-5622 or visit <http://www.norwalkca.gov/home/showdocument?id=16335>.

**Registration Dates**    **Session / Dates**

June 24-26                      **Session 2 / June 26-July 7**

July 8-10                        **Session 3 / July 10-21**

July 22-24                      **Session 4 / July 24-August 4**

August 5-7                     **Session 5 / August 7-18**

## **FREE 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 to 7 p.m. - Locks of Love Hair Drive

5 to 8 p.m. - Games & Face Painting

6 to 9 p.m. - Live Musical Entertainment

9 p.m. - Fireworks Display

## **Independence Day Recreation Swim**

Norwalk Aquatic Pavilion, 12301 Sproul St.

Tuesday, July 4 • 1 to 4 p.m.

Cost: \$3 Children (Ages 6 mo-17)

\$4 Adults (Ages 18-54)

\$3 Seniors (Ages 55+)

Looking for a family activity for the Holiday? Join us as the Aquatic Pavilion for fun games and activities for all ages. All Recreational Swim Attire Rules and Regulations apply to enter the water. For more information, please call (562) 929-5622.



## **FREE Summer Concerts on the Lawn**

Spend your warm summer evenings with us at the City Hall Lawn for our Summer Concert Series, running every Wednesday at 7 p.m. from July 5 to August 9. Bring your blankets, chairs, pack a picnic and 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*)

*Norwalk Chamber of Commerce Business Expo & Health Fair - featuring local businesses and their products as well as health and wellness services available to the community*

**Wednesday, August 2**

**Mariachi Divas** (*Mariachi Music*)\*

**National Night Out**

*\*This Concert is sponsored by Los Angeles County Arts Commission*

**Wednesday, August 9**

**Upstream** (*Caribbean/Reggae*)

## **FREE National Night Out**

Wednesday, August 2 • 7-9 p.m.

City Hall Lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

National Night Out is an annual event that brings communities across America together to take a stand against crime, drugs and disorder in their neighborhoods. Join the City of Norwalk's Public Safety Department and Norwalk Sheriff's Station at this year's Summer Concert, featuring Mariachi Divas, as members of the community join together in affirming our partnership against crime.

## **FREE Summer Jamz at the Park**

Saturday, July 8 • 4 to 8 p.m.

Gerdes Park, 14700 Gridley Ave.

Norwalk loves Saturday afternoons in the park. Summer Jamz is a free event that brings the community together to enjoy music, dance, and a time of celebration. The City will provide free hot dogs and dessert trucks will be onsite selling some gourmet tasty treats. Great music will be provided by the hottest band around. Don't forget to bring lawn chairs and blankets and be sure to invite your family, friends, and neighbors for a fun time! For more information, please call (562) 929-5922.

## **FREE Family Movie Nights**

Norwalk Park, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

Spend an evening with friends and family while enjoying a movie projected on a 400 square foot screen! Don't forget to bring a blanket or lawn chair! Refreshments will be sold for your convenience. For more information, please call (562) 929-5922. Remember to tag us at #NorwalkFamilyFlicks. Movies begin at dusk.

**Friday, July 14: Sing** (PG)

**Friday, July 21: Moana** (PG)

**Friday, July 28: Secret Life of Pets** (PG)

**Friday, August 4: Power Rangers** (PG-13)

## **FREE Family Fun Fest**

Saturday, July 22 • 12 to 4 p.m.

Ramona Park, 13244 Mapledale St.

Come experience an afternoon of fun with family and friends! There will be various art activities, games, food vendors, and much more! For more information, please call (562) 929-5922.

## **Dive-In Movie Night**

**Finding Dory** (Rated G)

Norwalk Aquatic Pavilion, 12301 Sproul St.

Saturday, July 22 • 7 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per person / \$20 for a family of 5

What's better than a good ol' drive-in movie? A Dive-In Movie at the Norwalk Aquatic Pavilion! Gather your family and friends and jump into the pool to watch a great movie on a 400 square foot screen. Admission fee includes access to the pool and a snack. All Recreational Swim Attire Rules and Regulations apply to enter the water. For more information, please call (562) 929-5622.

## **Brush Strokes & Beverages**

Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

Friday, July 28 • 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25 (Ages 21 and over)



Artists of all experience levels are welcomed to an evening of socializing and step-by-step painting. Come with friends and family, enjoy the complimentary drinks and snacks, and leave with a masterpiece. The event will feature a predetermined painting, simple enough for first-time painters or those with a higher experience level. Watch your inner artist come to life on canvas! For more information, please call (562) 929-5521.

## Help Make a Difference in Your Community.



Resident involvement is key to improving quality of life and building safe neighborhoods. The City's Public Safety Department is currently seeking residents who want to make a difference to serve in the Civilian Volunteer Program. Participants will assist in a variety of assignments, including special events, providing field support, assisting at the Norwalk Courthouse, and other tasks throughout the city.

Applicants must be 21 years and older and must clear background and Live Scan checks. Once accepted, participants are responsible for purchasing their own uniform. Civilian volunteers must contribute a minimum of 16 hours per month to remain active in the program.

The benefits of volunteering include learning new skills, connecting to other like-minded community members, gaining a sense of personal satisfaction in making a positive contribution to the community and getting a behind the scenes look at how our local law enforcement keeps our City safe.

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

## Night Out in the Park



Spend a "Night Out in the Park" on Saturday, July 15 (Gerdes Park) or Saturday, July 29 (Vista Verde Park) and connect with the men and women who patrol your neighborhood.

This free event runs from 6 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Public Safety at (562) 929-5732.

### Activities include:

- Field Games
- Kid Fingerprinting
- Visits with Rocky the Raccoon
- Face Painting
- Hot Dog BBQ
- Ice Cream Social

## Business Expo 2017

The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce Annual Business Expo and Health Fair will be held on Wednesday, July 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. on the Norwalk City Hall Lawn. Local businesses and nonprofit organizations will provide helpful information.

Free mammograms for women 40 and over will be provided by the "Every Woman Counts Program." To be eligible, you must meet certain income requirements and have either no health insurance or have health insurance but are unable to pay any out of pocket expenses. You must pre-register for the mammograms by calling (877) 426-3926 to schedule your appointment. Other free health screenings will be offered, but do not require pre registration.

The Expo will be held in conjunction with the City of Norwalk Summer Concert Series, so come early for the Expo and stay for the Concert. For more info, please call the Chamber at (562) 864-7785.

## Senior Center Events

14040 San Antonio Drive • (562) 929-5580

### HICAP

Wednesday, July 5 - 19  
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program provides trained/certified counselors through the Center For Health Care Rights. A HICAP Counselor will offer seniors free education, counseling and advocacy regarding their Medicare and related health insurance issues. An appointment is required.

### Laughlin Riverside Casino Tour

Wednesday - Friday, July 5-7

Depart: 8 a.m., Wednesday, July 5

Return: 6 p.m., Friday, July 7

Cost: \$120 / person, double occupancy

\$142 / person, single occupancy

Location: Laughlin, NV

Four meals included

High Level of Walking

You're invited to the annual Laughlin Summer Luau at the Riverside Casino and Resort. Spend three fun-filled days and two nights enjoying a variety of restaurants, entertainment, and a full action casino. Price includes admission to the Luau party in the Starview Room with live entertainment and buffet. Registration is currently being taken.

### "America the Beautiful" Dance & BBQ

Thursday, July 6 • 5 to 9 p.m.

Cost: \$6 per person

Join us for an evening of great music and great times. Dinner will consist of either a hamburger or cheeseburger with all the fixings, potato salad, chili beans, ice cream cup and a drink. Registration is currently being taken.

### IHSS Help Desk

Friday, July 7 • 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

A Representative from Personal Assistance Services Council of Los Angeles will provide information and answer questions about In Home Supportive Services (IHSS). IHSS 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.

### Neighborhood Watch "Protect Yourself from Violent Crime"

Wednesday, July 12 • 10 to 11 a.m.

Norwalk Public Safety will help seniors learn important skills they can use to protect themselves from violent crime, including how to be more aware of surroundings and what danger signs to pay attention to in any given situation.

### CalFresh Outreach Assistance

Monday, July 10 • 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Under new eligibility criteria, those age 65 and older can now qualify to receive CalFresh services, which help to put healthy food on the table each month.

Sponsored by: Los Angeles Regional Food Bank

### Low Vision Services - Seminar

Tuesday, July 11 • 10 to 11 a.m.

The Braille Institute of Orange County will present a seminar on the various services they offer seniors in the community. This seminar is for any senior who has visual impairments or challenges and is looking for services and resources that can assist them to be independent in the community.

## Jump Start for John Glenn High Schoolers

Four John Glenn High School students will get the full college experience a few years early. Due to their hard work and dedication, Oliver Mendoza, Liliana Barajas Paez, Heegyeong Byun, and Carolina Munoz received a full scholarship to attend the UC Santa Barbara Early Start Program this summer.

Each scholarship is worth \$9,000 and covers the cost of tuition for two UCSB summer courses,



housing, food, and other related expenses.

Monica Zavala, College and Career Counselor at JGHS says, "What makes this impressive is that out of all the schools who submitted scholarship entries, John Glenn High School had the most students selected!"

Pictured above, from left to right, Oliver Mendoza, Liliana Barajas Paez, Heegyeong Byun Carolina Munoz.

## What's Goin' On at the Libraries?

### FREE Lunch at the Library

Norwalk Library

Monday - Friday until August 4\*

12 to 1 p.m.

This summer, youth up to 18 years of age are invited to enjoy a free lunch at Norwalk Library! Meals will be served every weekday from 12 to 1 p.m. until August 4\*. There are no eligibility requirements to fulfill or paperwork to turn in.

Children can simply come to the library to receive a free, nutritious meal.



\*Lunches will not be served on July 3, July 4, or August 3.

### The Great Read Away

Norwalk Library

Alondra Library

Ongoing program (No end date)

Get a clean slate and a fresh start by reading away fines! LA County Library cardholders age 21 and under can reduce or eliminate library fines by reading. For every hour spent reading in the library, \$5 in fines will be removed from the account. To participate in the program, children, teens and young adults up to age 21 can register at Norwalk or Alondra Library. Sign in and out with staff to track time spent reading. Corresponding fees will then be waived at sign-out. For details visit: <http://www.colapublib.org/readaway/>

# Photo Highlights: June City Council Meetings

