

# NorwalkNow

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## City Council Approves Budget



On July 18, City Council passed a one-year budget that included a number of enhancements to current programming, adding opportunities to engage the community and more ways for the public to participate in a variety of free or low-cost activities. Among these are the addition of a case worker in Social Services, whose goal will be to address the needs of a growing senior demographic. Young residents will also be able to take a ride aboard the Norwalk "Beach Bus" for a day of swimming and splashing, beginning in August (see page 2). To expand citizen involvement, local non-profit organizations, commissioners and other community stakeholders can attend a special

Community Congress, a day-long forum geared toward addressing issues foremost on the minds of residents. In December, the City will hold a Las Posadas event celebrating cultural tradition. Council is requesting staff look into improving the reliability and convenience of our late evening weekday Dial A Ride service to allow seniors to attend events and take care of important personal business.

*"After a thorough review by City Council, we are pleased to present a prudent and balanced spending plan."*

*- Mike Egan, Norwalk City Manager*

The adopted budget, effective July 18, 2017 through June 30, 2018 can be viewed online at [norwalk.org](http://norwalk.org).

## Norwalk Boxing Coach Honored



Joey Olivo has worked as a Boxing Coach for the City of Norwalk Boxing Program since June 15, 1999. On April 29, 2017, Joey was inducted into the National Boxing Hall of Fame,

which honors outstanding boxing athletes, and was the recipient of the Howie Steindler Award for his dedication to the sport of boxing.

Joey began boxing at the age of 9. After several years of honing his craft and participating as an amateur, he turned pro in 1976 and achieved 22 straight victories! Joey also made history by being the first U.S. fighter to win the WBC World Light Flyweight Championship on February 8, 1981.

Joey is committed to sharing his love of boxing and experience with youth and adults in our community. His awards will be displayed in the Boxing Gym at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex in hopes of motivating boxers to reach their goals just as he did.

## ENERGY corner

### Energy Savings Assistance Program

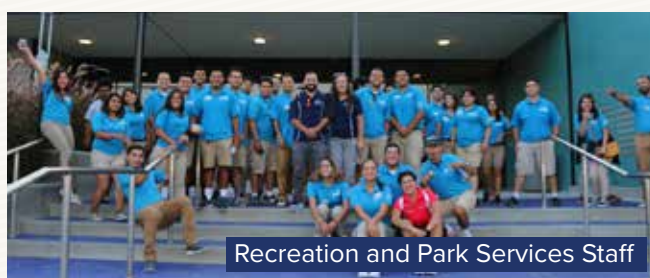
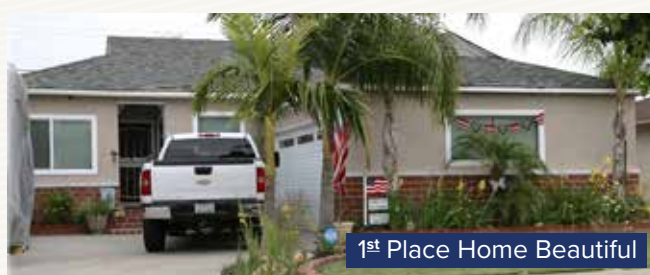
Did you know? You may qualify for energy-efficient home improvement services at no cost. Whether you own or rent your home, energy saving home improvements are a great way to improve the energy efficiency of your home. For qualified customers who meet certain income requirements,

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## Norwalk City Council Recognizes Winners and Work of Recreation and Park Services Staff

During the same July meeting, City Council commended winners of the Community Promotion Commission's 2017 Home and Business Beautification Contest, the Green Tea Week Art Contest and Essay Contests and honored the work of Recreation and Park Services staff by proclaiming July "Parks Make Life Better" Month in the city of Norwalk.

The Home and Business Beautification Contest is held annually in May to show appreciation for residents' and homeowners' commitment to maintaining their properties. This year, the following residents earned "Home Beautiful" honors: First Place: Melinda and Rene Rios; Second Place: Luis Gomez; Third Place: Maria and Miguel Rubio. In the "Home Improvement" Category, residents showed their efforts to renovate or renew the look of their home. Winners were: First Place: Gloria and Danny Tafoya; Second Place: Christine and Joey Mendoza and Third Place: Bianca Cardenas. For more contest winning photos, visit [norwalk.org](http://norwalk.org).



Special recognition went out to the Sunstone Community, part of Brandywine Homes, for being selected the most attractive multi-family dwelling in Norwalk, as well as John Alba of H&R Block for his commitment to improving conditions in the area surrounding the office's commercial space.

During Green Tea Week, held in June at the Norwalk Senior Center, two competitions were held to see who could best capture the week's theme, "Health is a State of Body. Wellness is a State of Being." In the artwork category, winners were: First Place: Frances Alba; Second Place: Carol Hackworth; and Third Place: Joanna Shaffer. In the essay segment of the contest, Kathleen Benedict came in First Place, with Daniela Kanz winning Second and Nida Ferrer's essay taking Third.

City Council also proclaimed July "Parks Make Life Better" Month in the city of Norwalk, encouraging residents to take advantage of the variety of programs, activities (see p. 2) and events offered every day by the Recreation and Park Services department.

### 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

Mayor Luigi Vernola  
Vice Mayor Leonard Shryock  
Councilmember Tony Ayala  
Councilmember Jennifer Perez  
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## Upcoming Recreation Events

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

Spend your summer evenings with us on the City Hall Lawn for our Summer Concert Series, which runs on Wednesdays from July 5 through 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, August 2 • 7 to 9 p.m.**

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

**National Night Out**

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



**Wednesday, August 9 • 7 to 9 p.m.**

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

### **Family Friday Fun Nights!**

**Norwalk Aquatic Pavilion**

**12301 Sproul Street**

**Friday evenings during Recreational Swim**

**7:45 to 9:15 p.m.**

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

**\$4 Adults (Ages 18-54)**

**\$3 Seniors (Ages 55+)**

Bring the family for fun recreational swimming with a twist! Families that come dressed in theme will have a surprise treat available for them. All Recreational Swim Attire Rules and Regulations apply to enter the water. For more information, please call (562) 929-5622.

**DATE**

**Aug 4**

**Aug 18**

**THEME**

**Pokemon Go**

**Glow in the Dark**

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

**Saturday, August 5 • 4 to 8 p.m.**

**Hermosillo Park, 11959 162nd Street**

Norwalk loves Saturday afternoons in the park! Summer Jamz is a free event bringing 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 gourmet tasty treats. Live performances will given by the hottest band around. Don't forget to bring lawn chairs and blankets, and be sure to invite family, friends and neighbors for an unforgettable afternoon! For more information, please call (562) 929-5922.

### **FREE** Family Movie Nights

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

**Norwalk Park, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue**

Enjoy a nice summer breeze, a bright starry evening and a great flick! Come on down to Norwalk Park and enjoy the "drive-in" movie atmosphere. Spend time 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.

### **Aqua Carnival – Moana Theme**

**Saturday, August 12 • 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

**Norwalk Aquatic Pavilion, 12301 Sproul Street**

**Cost: \$4 Children (Ages 6 mo.-17 years)**

**\$5 Adults (Ages 18-54)**

**\$4 Seniors (Ages 55+)**

Join our Moana swim family at the Norwalk Aquatic for in-water and out-of-water games for all ages. Enjoy water slides, a recreational swim area, crazy dive contest, food and lots of fun. 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.



### **Brush Strokes & Beverages**

**Friday, August 25 • 7 to 9:30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$25 (Ages 21 and over)**

**Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Avenue**

Brush Strokes and Beverages welcomes artists of all experience levels to an evening of socializing and step by-step painting instruction. Come with friends and family, enjoy the complimentary drinks and snacks, and leave with a personal masterpiece. Each night features a predetermined painting, simple enough for first-time painters or with suggestions and instructions for those with a higher experience level. Tackle your own creative angle with the assistance of an experienced instructor and watch your inner artist come to life on canvas! For more information, please call (562) 929-5732.



### **FREE** Family Fun Fest

**Saturday, August 19 • 12 to 4 p.m.**

**Norwalk Park, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue**

Come experience an afternoon of fun with your family and friends! Participate in art activities, games, stop by our food vendors, and much more! For more information, please call (562) 929-5922.



### **FREE** Friday Flicks on the Lawn

**August 25 - Beauty & the Beast (PG)**

**City Hall Lawn, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard**

Remember the good ol' days? Being outside in the fresh air, under a night sky, watching a great flick? Bring the whole family along for this free event and don't forget your blankets and lawn chairs. A variety of food trucks will have yummy food for sale! For more information, please call (562) 929-5922. Remember to tag us at #NorwalkFamilyFlicks. Movies begin at dusk.

## Night Out in the Parks

**Friday, August 11**

**Ramona Park**

**13244 Mapledale Street**

For more information, call Public Safety at (562) 929-5732.



# Seaside Lagoon Redondo Beach Trip



**Wednesday, August 9, 2017**

**9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Ages 8-17**

**Fee \$5**

**Lunch will be provided.**

**Bus will pick up at two locations:**

Location #1: **Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue**

Location #2: **Social Services Center, 11929 Alondra Boulevard**

**Come enjoy a fun day at the beach! You will be able to play some fun activities, build a sand castle, and soak in the sun and water.**

**Please register with your local park or at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex. Registration deadline: August 2**

**Recreation and Park Services Department  
For more information, please call (562) 929-5702.**



## Congresswoman to Give “State of the Nation” Address

On Tuesday, August 8, join the Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs and La Mirada Chambers of Commerce as they host the “State of the Nation” Address, with guest speaker Representative Linda Sánchez of California’s 38th Congressional District.

The Congresswoman, who currently serves as the Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and as a member of the Ways and Means Committee, is the highest ranking Latino in the United States House of Representatives. She has served in the House for 14 years, representing fifteen cities and areas in southeast Los Angeles



County, including Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, La Mirada, Montebello and Norwalk.

The Congresswoman’s address will highlight accomplishments of the past year as well as the outlook for the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress.

The event, which includes a catered luncheon, takes place at the Doubletree by Hilton in Norwalk, starting at 12 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each for members and \$35 for non-Chamber members. Reservation deadline is Friday, August 4. No tickets will be sold at the door. Contact (562) 864-7785 or email [info@norwalkchamber.com](mailto:info@norwalkchamber.com).

## Norwalk 8U Girls Triumph

Norwalk Girls in Cleats Fast Pitch 8u defeated Bell Garden Poison 16-7 in the Championship game held during the First Annual Mother's Day Tournament in Norwalk. The girls went 5-1 in the tournament, with Katlyn Moreno pitching 6 innings and gaining an incredible 15 strike outs to put Bell Garden away. Great job by all the young lady athletes of Norwalk Girls in Cleats.



## Norwalk City Television

Programming for August 2017

Charter Spectrum TV Channel 3, Frontier FiOS TV channel 32

### Mondays

- 3:00 p.m. *Now You Know*
- 5:00 p.m. City at Your Service: Public Safety
- 6:30 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Concert 2017
- 8:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting Re-Broadcast

### Tuesdays

- 3:00 p.m. City at Your Service: Parks and Recreation
- 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

- 3:00 p.m. City at Your Service: Public Services
- 4:00 p.m. CAC’s Open Mic Night
- 7:00 p.m. Now You Know
- 7:30p.m. Planning Commission Meeting (Live 2nd and 4th Wednesdays)

### Thursdays

- 3:00 p.m. Independence Day Pageant 2017
- 5:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
- 6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Re-broadcast)

### Sundays

- 11:00 a.m. City Council Meeting (Re-Broadcast)

## Don Knabe Golf Center Opens!

Dignitaries, golf enthusiasts and the community came together to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Don Knabe Golf Center and Junior Academy on Monday, July 17. LA County Department of Parks and Recreation Director John Wicker welcomed the crowd, thanking 4th District Supervisor Janice Hahn, Norwalk City Council, and facility namesake former Supervisor Don Knabe, among other partners and supporters.

The state of the art facility, which features a double decker driving range, redesigned nine-hole course, practice putting green and a clubhouse with a community/homework room, is open to the public seven days a week, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Affordable fees mean more of the community can enjoy, learn and play the game: Adults play for \$6.75 during the week and just \$9 on the weekends, with juniors only \$1.74 during the week and \$2.25 on the weekends. Play golf!



## Back to School Safety

The new school year is here, which means it’s time for motorists to take extra care. With more students walking, riding bikes, and crossing streets, the City’s Public Safety department and the Norwalk Sheriff’s Department will implement a special Back to School Traffic Safety Campaign and monitor crosswalks, school zones, and school drop-off areas.



### Traffic Tips & Tip-offs:

- 25 mp speed limit in school zones.
- Do not double park.
- No parking in red zones, wear your seat belt.
- Don't park or block bus loading & unloading zones.
- Watch for children crossing in front of or behind vehicles.
- Yield to children while they cross the street.
- Use crosswalks when crossing children.
- Do not unload passengers in the street; always park legally.



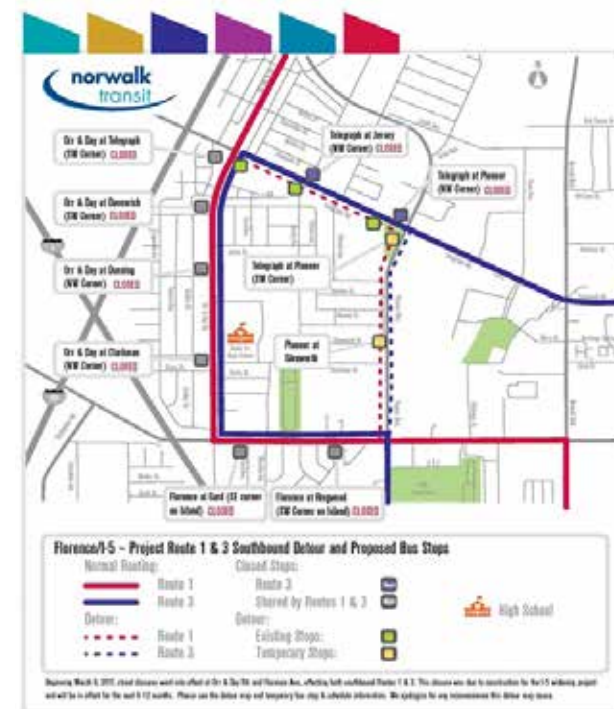
**REMINDER to parents: Students must be in school or under the direct supervision of a parent/legal guardian between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Need more information? Contact the Department of Public Safety at (562) 929-5732.**

## Route 1 & 3 Detour

Service Advisory: Due to street closures relating to the I-5 widening project, there is a detour at the intersection of Orr & Day Road and Florence Avenue and both southbound Routes 1 & 3 has been closed off to left turns. This detour will be in effect for approximately nine to twelve months.

The detour maps and temporary bus stop and schedule information can be found on the NTS website [www.norwalk.org/norwalktransit](http://www.norwalk.org/norwalktransit), under the “What’s New” tab.

We apologize for any inconvenience this detour may cause. Please contact Norwalk Transit Customer Service at (562) 929-5550 if you have questions or need further information. Thank you.



## Connect with City Council

Norwalk City Councilmembers invite the public to the second of four quarterly meetings taking place in venues outside of City Hall. The next Community Forum is scheduled on Tuesday, August 22 at Sanchez Elementary School's Multi-Purpose Room located at 11960 162nd Street. The town hall style meeting begins at 6 p.m.

The Forums provide residents with an opportunity to voice their concerns, raise questions and discuss items of importance in a location that is convenient and less



formal than the City Council Chambers, where regular Council meetings are held. At the first meeting, held at New River Elementary School in May, residents spoke out on several topics, including traffic issues like speeding and illegal parking, homelessness and their wish to have new retail in Norwalk.

Meetings will last approximately one hour and light refreshments will be served. Spanish translation services will also be available on-site. For more information, please contact us at (562) 929-5735.

## Public Safety Hosts “National Night Out” Making a Difference, Together

The Department of Public Safety will host its annual “National Night Out” event on Wednesday, August 2 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the Civic Center Lawn. The event will take place in conjunction with the City’s Summer Concert Series. “National Night Out” was launched by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) to encourage neighborhood fellowship and enrich the relationship between residents and law enforcement. Each August, neighborhoods



nationwide come together to meet under positive circumstances and reinforce community partnerships to improve quality of life.

“McGruff” the crime fighting dog and Public Safety’s “Rocky the Raccoon” will be making a special appearance at the event, and parents will be able to have their children fingerprinted

by our Public Safety Cadets.

For more information, contact Public Safety at (562) 929-5732.

## Alondra Library Events

### The Design of Music with Craig Newton

Tuesday, August 1 • 4 to 5 p.m.

Musician Craig Newton demonstrates how music is created using his skill with multiple instruments.

### Toddler Storytime

Fridays, August 4, 11, 18 & 25  
10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Bring your toddlers for stories, songs, and finger plays. They’ll be introduced to early literacy in a fun environment and can socialize with new friends. Program is for ages 1 to 3 years old.

### Buster Balloon

Tuesday, August 8 • 4 to 5 p.m.

Watch Buster Balloon weave wacky and funny stories as he constructs unique and lively creations.

### Family Storytime

Thursday, August 17 • 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and art activities with the whole family. Program is for ages 4 and up.

### Teen Fuse Beads Program

Wednesday, August 23 • 5 to 6 p.m.

Follow a template or create a bead design and have it fused together. Program is for ages 12 – 17 years old.

### Family MākMō

Saturday, August 26 • 1 to 2 p.m.

Learn about our new Maker Mobile (MākMō) and get hands on experience with our fun activities involving science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM). Program is for ages 5 years old and up.

Alondra Library  
11949 Alondra Boulevard  
Norwalk, CA 90650  
(562) 868-7771

## Norwalk Library Events

### August Lit Wits Book Discussion:

The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper  
Monday, August 28 • 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

This month’s selection is *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick. An English widower goes on a journey to discover the story behind each ornament on his wife’s charm bracelet. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the Info Desk. Share your thoughts on the novel at our discussion meeting. New members always welcome and light refreshments will be served.

Contact: Katrina Lacerna, Government Documents Librarian at [KLacerna@library.lacounty.gov](mailto:KLacerna@library.lacounty.gov)

### Law Librarian Help Desk

Tuesdays, August 1 and 15 •  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In partnership with LA Law Library, the Norwalk Library offers free Law Librarian support every first and third Tuesday of the month. Each Help Desk visit includes personal assistance locating information and resources concerning legal issues and court procedures. On August 1 at 1:15 p.m., the Law Librarian will present a workshop on how to use the LA Law Library eBranch located in the Norwalk Courthouse.

Contact: Sue Kane, Community Library Manager at [SKane@library.lacounty.gov](mailto:SKane@library.lacounty.gov)

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12350 Imperial Highway  
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(562) 868-0775

## Senior Center Events

14040 San Antonio Drive • (562) 929-5580

### FREE HICAP

Wednesdays, August 2 and 16  
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program is provided by trained/certified counselors through the Center for Health Care Rights. A HICAP Counselor from the Center will help seniors find free education, counseling and advocacy regarding their Medicare and related health insurance issues. An Appointment is required.

### FREE IHSS Help Desk

The first Friday of each month  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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

### FREE “Working With Your Pharmacist” Seminar

Tuesday, August 8 • 10 to 11 a.m.

If you’re a senior who takes more than 3 medications daily, it’s important to stay connected with your pharmacist. This seminar gives seniors an opportunity to learn important facts and information they need to share with their pharmacist concerning medications and the reason they are taking them.

### August Candlelight Dinner

Theme: Keeping it Cool

Tuesday, August 8 • 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$6.50 (before Saturday, August 5),  
\$8.00 (after Saturday, August 5)

Enjoy a hot, hearty meal and share an evening of warmth with friends and family. Meal service consists of BBQ combo platter: chicken and pork ribs, 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 the day of the dinner.

### FREE CalFresh

### Outreach Assistance

Monday, August 14 • 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

Sponsored by: Los Angeles Regional Food Bank

### Summer Fiesta

Saturday, August 19 • 12 to 4 p.m.  
Cost: \$6 per person

Wrap up the summer season with us, Fiesta style! Join us for an afternoon of music, games and fun. Entertainment will be provided by the band “The Roaries.” Lunch will included: 2 soft tacos (choice of carne asada, chicken, or carnitas), rice, beans, salsa, beverage, and a churro. For more information please call (562) 929-5580.

### FREE “Using the Metro” – Seminar

Tuesday, August 15 • 10 to 11 a.m.

Thought about using the Metro buses and trains but don’t know where to start? A representative from Los Angeles Metro will provide the 411 so you can start using these great transit options. You’ll also learn how to obtain the Senior TAP card and the great savings it offers.

# Photo Highlights: July City Council Meetings

