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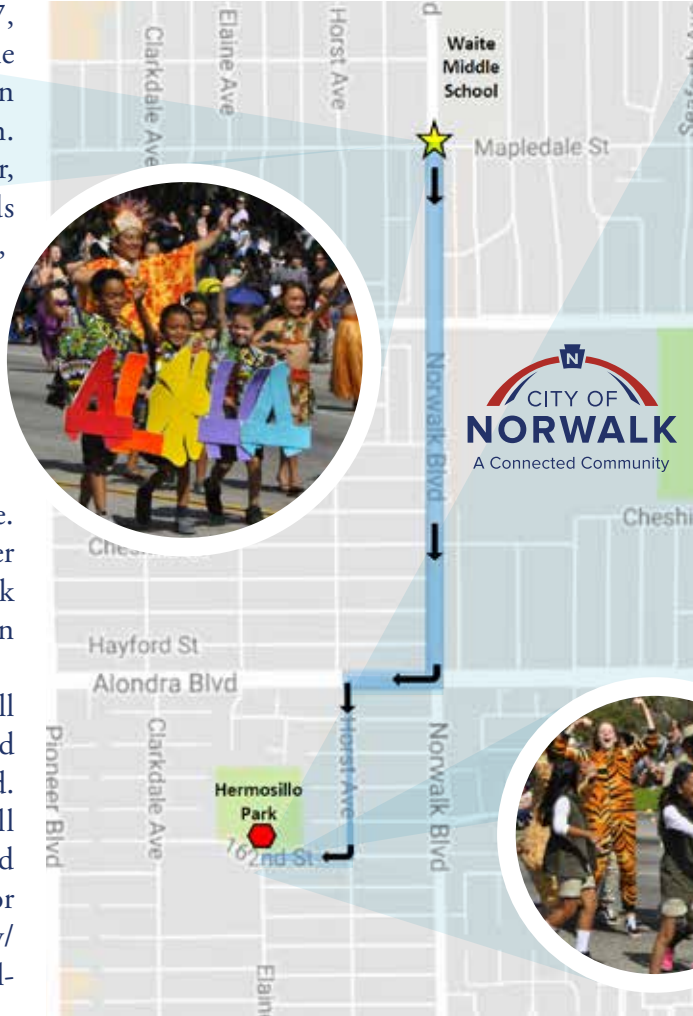
City Announces Parade Route Change



On Saturday, October 21, 2017, the City of Norwalk will host the Arturo Sanchez, Sr., Halloween Parade beginning at 11:00 a.m. The parade, now in its 34th year, will feature high school bands from all over Southern California, classic automobiles, floats, equestrian and military units, clowns, and local children in their favorite Halloween costumes.

Planning for the parade is well underway, and the City is seeking new entries for this very special event in its ****new location****. Businesses, service organizations, and clubs are encouraged to participate. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, October 6. Residents can also be part of this popular Norwalk tradition by dressing up in their favorite Halloween costume and marching in the parade.

Beginning at 9:15 a.m., a costume contest will be conducted at the corner of Norwalk Boulevard and Mapledale Street at Waite Middle School field. Preregistration is not required. The parade will begin at the intersection of Norwalk Boulevard and Mapledale Street, concluding at Hermosillo Park. For applications, please go to <http://www.norwalkca.gov/city-hall/departments/recreation-park-services/special-events> or call (562) 929-5521.



****Due to street and median improvements taking place on Pioneer Boulevard, the parade route has been moved east to Norwalk Boulevard. Residents in this area will be affected by temporary detours and "No Parking" zones during the event. As the map shows, the parade will go south on Norwalk Boulevard from Mapledale Street to Alondra Boulevard, continue west on Alondra to Horst Street, move south on Horst to 162nd, go west on 162nd and conclude at Hermosillo Park. Parking will not be allowed along the parade route area from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If the parade route prevents you from leaving your property during event hours, you are asked to leave your vehicle on an unaffected street before the barricades are set up the morning of the parade.**

Please note that the primary east-west routes during the course of the Parade will be Rosecrans Avenue and 166th Street. Bloomfield Avenue and Pioneer Boulevard will serve as the most immediate north-south routes.

If you have any questions, please contact the Recreation and Park Services Department at (562) 929-5702.

ENERGY corner

Reducing the City's Energy Consumption



New LED lighting fixtures have been installed along walkways at Sara Mendez Park, Vista Verde Park, Hermosillo Park, New River Park, Ramona Park, Zimmerman Park, Gerdes Park, and Glazier Park.

These installations represent an energy savings of approximately 88,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) annually. In addition, the City will receive rebates of approximately \$20,000 from So Cal Edison for the project.

Future lighting projects include the replacement of fixtures at Norwalk Park and new poles and additional lights added along the new north walkway at Hermosillo Park.



Additional Parking at Norwalk Entertainment Center



The parking lot behind the Civic Center Food Court was recently expanded. There are 17 additional parking spots making it much easier for the public to grab a meal at one of the local eateries.

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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Summer Fun



Smart Gardening Workshop

Saturday, September 30
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Norwalk Library
12350 Imperial Hwy.

L.A. County Department of Public Works will host a bilingual Smart Gardening Workshop at the library. Learn about backyard composting, water-wise gardening, worm composting, and grasscycling. Compost bins will be sold at a discounted price. Attendees will receive a free garden starter kit. No reservations needed.

NORWALK STAY ALERT

The past few months have seen a proliferation of phone scams with callers posing as utility company employees. However, where previously the callers threatened to shut off service due to an overdue bill, a new scam involves the callers telling residents that their utility is going to be shut off or their street closed for repairs. The scammers hope that by notifying residents they won't have any electricity, water or even access to their street for several hours that residents may choose to stay away from their homes 'during repairs' leaving the properties vulnerable to theft.

Please be advised that City of Norwalk staff will not call residents to notify them of any utility shut offs or street closures. Depending on when the work is set to begin, notification is done via a door hanger or a notice mailed to residents in the affected area.

In order to protect yourself from falling victim to this or any other phone scam, follow these tips:

Never provide any personal information over the phone. Don't ever let callers know whether you live alone or the hours you are away from your home.

Call the appropriate utility company to verify a shut off or the City of Norwalk's Engineering Department at (562) 929-5723 to verify a street closure.

If you have any questions, please contact Norwalk Public Safety at (562) 929-5732.



Buy your tickets now for the 3rd Annual Norwalk Chamber of Commerce Oktoberfest

\$40 early bird or \$45 standard ticket price (purchased before or after September 5) includes special Oktoberfest beer tastings, appetizers, games, collector's glass and more. The fun takes place at So-Cal Pizza, located at 12253 Imperial Highway on Thursday, October 5 from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. (last call 9:30 p.m.) Groups of four or more pay the early bird pricing! Event limited to adults 21 and older, please. No tickets sold at the door. To RSVP or purchase tickets, visit www.norwalkchamber.com or call (562) 864-7785.



Sailing Camp

Graduates from the Family Intervention Academy recently participated in a four day sailing camp at the United States Sailing Center in Long Beach. Besides learning basic sailing skills and water safety, the twelve campers practiced sportsmanship and teamwork and developed an appreciation for the ocean and outdoors. The campers had so much fun on the open waters that many proclaimed a desire to continue sailing after camp.

For the fifth straight year, City staff were successful in obtaining a grant to provide at-risk youth the opportunity to attend. The Family Intervention Academy offers programs for youth to help them improve their self-esteem, develop their communication skills and empower them to deal with different social issues. The next session of the Family Intervention Academy starts on September 11. For more information, please call (562) 929-5761.





Saturday, September 16
9 to 11 a.m.
Starbucks Coffee
10716 Firestone
Boulevard



City Employment Opportunities

The City of Norwalk is accepting applications for the following full-time positions:

Building Inspector I
 \$4,663 - \$5,668 per month

Building Inspector II
 \$5,534 - \$6,726 per month

NOTE: Placement at the Building Inspector I or Building Inspector II level will be dependent on applicant's relevant qualifications and experience.

Senior Building Inspector
 \$6,365 - \$7,737 per month

The deadline to apply is Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. Visit norwalk.org/jobs or call (562) 929-5721 for more info.

Recycle Oil



& Oil Filters

Recycling used motor oil and oil filters has never been easier! Norwalk residents can call (800) 449-7587 to schedule a free curbside pick-up, or they can drop off at a certified collection center.

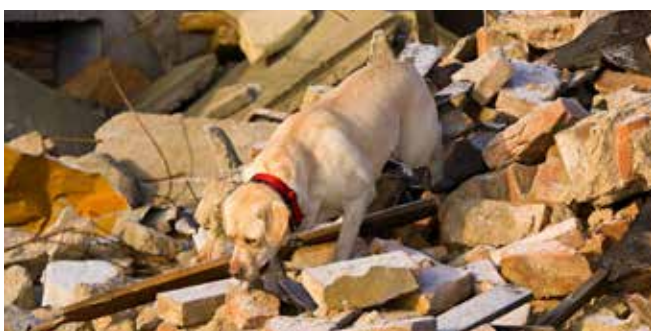
Recycling your used motor oil and filters ensures that these hazardous materials don't make it into our ground and surface water causing serious pollution. For more info, please visit www.norwalk.org/i-want-to/environmental-programs-water-conservation

Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can.

September is National Preparedness Month. Educate and empower yourself and take some simple steps to prepare for natural disasters and emergency events. One of the most important steps you can take is creating or maintaining emergency supply kits. Be sure to have enough supplies to survive three to seven days and add unique items your family needs. Consider having one full kit at home and another smaller portable kit for your workplace, vehicle or any other place you spend time.

Basic Emergency Supply Kit Items:

- Water – one gallon per person per day for drinking and sanitation
- Food – maintain a supply of non-perishable food and can opener
- Battery-powered or handcrank radio and batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities



Additional items to consider:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents – copies of insurance policies, identification, and bank account records in a waterproof portable container
- Cash and change
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Extra clothing and shoes
- Matches
- Fire extinguisher
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Paper cups, plates, plastic utensils, and paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Drought, earthquake, and heat waves are just a few of the natural hazards that can affect Norwalk. Take action and have the tools and plans in place to be prepared for when disaster strikes. For more information, go to www.ready.gov.



E-Waste Collection, Shred-A-Thon & Rain Barrel Distribution Event

The City hosts an *Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Collection* and *Shred-A-Thon* on Saturday, October 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard (enter via Avenida Manuel Salinas). E-waste contains potentially toxic substances and should never be placed in trash carts or dumped out in the street or alley. Bring old, unwanted e-waste for recycling and up to five boxes of documents for secure shredding on site.

E-Waste accepted:

- Tv's
- Computer Monitors
- Cell Phones
- DVD players
- Printers
- Fax Machines

On the same day, the City, in partnership with LA County Libraries, will sponsor a *Rain Barrel Distribution* from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Highway. Rain barrels can be used to collect and reuse rain water to irrigate landscaping while reducing the amount of potable water used. Rain barrels must be pre-purchased at www.rainbarrelsintl.com under the events tab. Only rain barrels purchased in advance are guaranteed to be available for pick up.

Rain barrels are \$65 plus tax at time of purchase; but are only \$30 after a \$35 rebate! There is a maximum of two rain barrel rebates per household, and they must be submitted in one single application.

Questions?

Please call (562) 929-5964 or email recycling@norwalkca.gov

Holiday Trash & Street Sweeping Schedule

In observance of Labor Day, there will be no street sweeping or trash collection on Monday, September 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, Monday's trash will be collected on Tuesday.



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

Questions?

Trash Collection	CR&R Waste 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

Norwalk Library Events

12350 Imperial Hwy, Norwalk, CA 90650
(562) 868-0775 colapublib.org

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays • 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Starting Wednesday, September 13 at 10:30 am, Norwalk Library will have a new Baby Storytime. Bring your baby (pre-walker) and bounce along to fun stories, songs, and rhymes. Baby & Me is a 20-minute storytime followed by a relaxed playtime where you and baby will meet new friends.

Toddler & Preschool Storytime

Thursdays • 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Starting Thursday, September 14 at 10:30 am, Norwalk Library will have a new Toddler and Preschool Storytime. Toddlers, preschoolers, and parents are invited to enjoy books, songs and nursery rhymes in a friendly, encouraging environment. Parachute game and art activity are included!

Homework Center Open House

Tuesday, September 19 • 5 to 6 p.m.

Parents, did you know that the Norwalk Library offers free homework assistance for children? Parents of K-12 students are invited, with their children, to attend an Open House where they will learn more about our Homework Center. School supplies will be given to those students who attend.



Sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn.

Live Concert: Finger Dancers

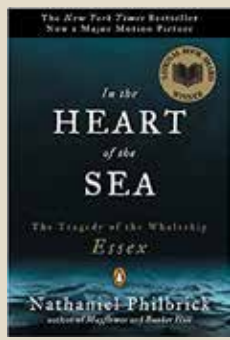
Saturday, September 9 • 2 to 3 p.m.

Norwalk Library is proud to present a live musical performance by Finger Dancers. This soulful duo is driven by the sultry vocals of Inez Woods and the electric upright bass guitar played by Gloria Estrada. They are melodic, creative, fun to watch, and will perform jazz and blues.

Lit Wits Book Club:

In the Heart of the Sea

Monday, September 25 • 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



In September, Norwalk Library's book club will read and discuss *In the Heart of the Sea* by Nathaniel Philbrick. This historical page turner tells the incredible story of the wreck of the whaleship Essex, which inspired the unforgettable climax in *Moby Dick*.

Copies of the book are available at the Info Desk. New members always welcome and refreshments will be served. Program is suitable for adults.

Family Place Parent Child Workshop

Tuesdays, October 3-31 • 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Family Place Parent Child Workshop is a free five-week program for families and children 3 years old and younger. It is an opportunity for parents/caregivers and their children to play and learn together. Age-appropriate toys and art activities are provided.

(A different community resource specialist will be available each week to answer questions in their area of expertise. Pre-registration begins Friday, September 1.)

Alondra Library Events

11949 Alondra Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650
(562) 868-7771 colapublib.org

Toddler Storytime

Friday, September 1 • 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Bring your toddlers for stories, songs, and fingerplays. They'll be introduced to early literacy in a fun environment and will be able to socialize with new friends at storytime! Program is for ages 1 – 3 years old.

Teen/Adult Ukulele Strum Along

Thursday, September 7 • 4 to 5 p.m.

Teens and adults, come rock out and learn a few simple songs. Ukuleles will be made available during the program on a first come, first played basis. Or feel free to bring your ukulele if you have one. Beginners are always welcome! Program is for ages 12 years old and up.

"Classics I Always Said I Was Going to Read" Book Club

Tuesday, September 12 • 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Let's examine the novel *Lord of the Flies* for the September discussion. Written in 1954 by Nobel-prize winning author William Golding, the story focuses on a group of British boys stranded on an uninhabited island and their disastrous attempt to govern themselves.

Pick up a copy of the book at Alondra Library and join the discussion. Refreshments will be served, and new members are always welcomed.

Teen Book Club

Wednesday, September 13 • 5 to 6 p.m.

The book selected for September is Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian*. Copies of the book can be found at County of Los Angeles Public Libraries. Program is for ages 12 – 18 years old.

Family Game Day

Saturday, September 16 • 1 to 2 p.m.

Fun activities and board games will be provided for a friendly rivalry with your family and friends. Program is for ages 4 years old and up.

Children's Book Club

Tuesday, September 19 • 5 to 6 p.m.

The book selected for September is *Brown Girl Dreaming* written by Jacqueline Woodson. Copies of the book can be found at County of Los Angeles Public Libraries. Program is for ages 8 – 12 years old.

Family Storytime

Thursday, September 21 • 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.

Mexican Bark Painting

Saturday, September 23 • 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at Alondra Library! Create Mexican Bark Paintings using stencils and paper. Mexican bark painting, known as Amate painting, is inspired by the natural beauty of the region called the Mezcala. The paintings usually depict flowers, animals, and every day stories from the community. All supplies provided. All ages welcome.

Senior Center Events

14040 San Antonio Drive • (562) 929-5580

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 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.

Low Vision Series: "Staying Connected"

Tuesday, September 5

10 to 11 a.m.

As part of their Low Vision Series, the Braille Institute will present a seminar on "Staying Connected." Seniors will learn about specialized technology and mainstream devices to assist them in staying connected to friends and family.

HICAP

Wednesday, September 6 & 20

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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. An Appointment is required.

Food Baskets for Seniors

"Servicing Those That Are Young at Heart"

Tuesday, September 5 – Social Services
(11929 Alondra Boulevard)

Wednesday, September 6 – Senior Center
(14040 San Antonio Drive)

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Care for the Children Organization will be providing an informational presentation on "Food Baskets for Seniors". The program provides seniors with monthly food baskets that contain canned fruit, vegetables, meat, rice, juice, milk, cereal and more! Interested seniors please bring your picture I.D. This program is offered to seniors 60 and older and food basket distribution is based on food availability.

"Financial Elder Abuse" Seminar

Thursday, September 7

10 to 11 a.m.

The California Department of Insurance will be presenting this informative seminar to seniors on how to protect themselves from financial elder abuse. This problem is more common than seniors know. Seniors will learn how to spot a financial scam, how they can file a consumer complaint and learn about other scams and deceptive practices.

Sponsored by: California Department of Insurance

CalFresh Outreach Assistance

Monday, September 11

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

Photo Highlights: August City Council Meetings

