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'Planting it Forward' Community Volunteer Event a Successful Step Toward a Greener Norwalk



On Saturday, October 4, approximately 50 residents and volunteers from local high schools came out to the Foster Greenbelt area at 8 a.m. ready to dig! The theme of the event was "Plant it Forward" and volunteers worked to plant dozens of

landscape and plant materials, as well as several tons of ground cover that was moved into place with wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes. A big thank you to all of the volunteers for their participation! Anyone wishing to volunteer for future events may contact the Public Services Department at (562) 929-5511.

Green Norwalk Reaches Silver Level



Southern California Edison presented the City of Norwalk with the Silver Tier Award for Energy Efficiency. The award recognizes the City's continued efforts to cut costs, protect the environment, and promote community awareness of the impacts of saving energy. The installation of 282 new safety lights at all city intersections saved nearly 336,000 kilowatt hours, enough energy to power 47 homes for one year. Choosing alternative fuel methods eliminated 182 metric tons of emissions from the air. With additional projects in the works, the City expects to reach the Gold Tier by Summer 2015.

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VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR & CEREMONY

On November 10, key decision makers, program directors and veterans' services officials, including representatives from Congresswoman Sanchez' office and the Employment Development Department, will gather at City Hall to discuss veterans' issues and collaborate on solutions. This invitation-only exchange will be followed by the City of Norwalk Veterans Resource Fair from noon to 4 p.m. The Resource Fair is free and open to all veterans seeking services, benefits and information.



On November 11, the City of Norwalk will conduct its annual Veterans Day Ceremony on the Civic Center Lawn. This year's keynote speaker, Francis Fernandez, a 23 year old veteran from Bellflower, attended

Southeast Academy Military and Law Enforcement High School in Norwalk, graduating with honors in 2009. After graduation, Fernandez enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Infantry. During his four years in the service, he deployed twice with 2nd Battalion 5th Marine Regiment 1st Marine Division. Fernandez served in the Scout Sniper Platoon, and was deployed to Afghanistan.

Fernandez transitioned to civilian life by enrolling full-time at Cerritos College. The first in his family to graduate from high school, Fernandez is also the first to join the military and the first to attend college. He also finds time to work full-time with Volunteers of America as a Job Developer for Veterans who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Fernandez has received several scholarships: the Norwalk Community Coordinating Council Scholarship, Student Veteran Resource Center Scholarship, and the Associated Students of Cerritos College Inner-Club Council Leadership Scholarship. He has also made Cerritos College's President's List and served as a senator in student government.

Fernandez is currently President of the Student Veteran's Club. He was accepted into The Warrior Scholar Project at Yale University where he completed several courses. Francis plans to transfer to the University of La Verne to major in Business Administration.

Fernandez credits his mother for supporting him through his transition from the military. In his words, "Every Veteran needs a little help remembering the skills learned from their military experience in order to get back on their feet."

The City of Norwalk Veterans Day Ceremony begins at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11th

31ST ANNUAL ARTURO SANCHEZ SR. HALLOWEEN PARADE HIGHLIGHTS

Thousands of folks lined Pioneer and Alondra Boulevards to behold the cute and creepy, patriotic and playful spectacle known as the Arturo Sanchez Sr. Halloween Parade. Here are just a few photos highlighting this spectacular event. Go to <https://flic.kr/s/aHsk4S4VCo> to view the entire batch.



Norwalk City Council

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You Can Help Contribute to Norwalk's Future

Every five years, the City prepares a Consolidated Plan. The Plan analyzes the housing, economic development and social service needs of the City and details programs to assist in meeting these needs using federal funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME programs.

In the past five years, the funds have been used for the following types of projects and programs:

- Street, gutter, and sidewalk improvements;
- Housing rehabilitation grants and loans;
- Code enforcement;
- Affordable housing development;
- Health services for low-income families;
- Domestic violence counseling and shelter;
- Youth programs;



- Substance abuse counseling;
- Mental health services;
- Legal services;
- Graffiti removal;
- Assistance with utilities and temporary shelter;
- Services for persons with disabilities; and
- Fair Housing Programs.

#Pride58 Community Recognition Program



Each Sunday throughout the year, Assemblymember Cristina Garcia will be recognizing individuals, organizations or businesses with the #Pride58 Award,

which acknowledges service and dedication to the betterment of the community. This program highlights positive contributions happening every day in the 58th Assembly District, which includes the southeast portion of Norwalk.

Nominate an inspiring person, organization or business who has served their community with distinction by visiting <http://asmdc.org/members/a58/> and clicking on the #Pride58 button on the homepage. Nominations are being accepted throughout 2014 and 2015.

The City is currently developing the Consolidated Plan for 2015-2020 and is seeking your input on the needs within your neighborhood. Your input is very important and will help the City determine the best use of the federal funding that the City anticipates to receive over the next five years. We invite you to go on-line and complete two surveys. To make sure your comments are considered, the surveys must be completed by **December 31, 2014**. The surveys are located on the web at:

— Consolidated Plan Online Survey —
surveymonkey.com/s/Norwalk_Ca_Conplan_Surveys
es.surveymonkey.com/s/Norwalk_Ca_ConPlan_Spanish

— Barriers to Housing Online Survey —
www.surveymonkey.com/s/Norwalk_Ca_AI_Surveys
es.surveymonkey.com/s/Norwalk_Ca_AI_Spanish

If you have any questions or would like to complete a paper survey, please feel free to contact the City of Norwalk's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Division, at (562) 929-5951.

Metropolitan Hospital Donor Events

Power in the Blood

You can put the power of faith into action and help save a life.

Blood Drive

Thursday, November 13
 10:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
 James Hall

3 ways to get sign up:

1. Online at redcrossblood.org (Sponsor Code: MetroHospital)
2. Email Bin.Plume@msh.dsh.ca.gov
3. Call (562) 651-5461 for an appointment.

All participants receive 2 complimentary tickets to The Laugh Factory & the GRAMMY Museum at LA LIVE!



The cure for blood cancer looks just like you.

Join the Be The Match Registry

Patients with diseases like leukemia or lymphoma need more marrow donors. Patients are most likely to match someone who shares their ancestry.

Marrow Donor Registry Drive

Thursday, November 13
 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Next to Blood Drive

No appointment needed.
 Contact Raquel Amezcua:
 (626) 251-6258

To be a donor, you must be:

1. Between the ages of 18 and 44.
2. Willing to help any patient in need.
3. In general good health



Cerritos College Veterans Honored

On Thursday, October 23, twelve veterans attending Cerritos College received scholarships recognizing their contributions in service as well as their commitment to education. The Norwalk Community Coordinating Council, together with Soroptimist International of Norwalk, provided over \$5,000 for books, tuition and other costs to students who have served in the military. \$4,750 was raised for 11 of the scholarships by the Coordinating Council, with a scholarship in the amount of \$500 being awarded by Soroptimists. The awards were presented at the Veteran's Scholarship Dinner held at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex.

- Zena Anikulapo
 Gabriel Gallegos Gomez
 David Gonzales
 Jae Lee
 Paul Paolino
 Alfred Velapatino

- Francis Fernandez
 Hope Garcia
 Sopo Harrington
 Michael Medina
 Veronica Silva
 Claudia Washington

The Norwalk Community Coordinating Council and Soroptimists International of Norwalk are non-profit organizations serving the local area. For more information on the Veterans Scholarship or other charitable causes, please visit www.nccconline.us or <http://sinorwalk.org>.



2014 Appreciation Luncheon Recap



"They Put Our Safety First"



Thanksgiving Food Basket Program

The Thanksgiving Holiday Season is quickly approaching, a time of sharing with those who are less fortunate. The Norwalk Social Services Department is preparing for the annual Thanksgiving Food Basket Program, which depends greatly on sponsor contributions in order to meet the needs that exist in our community.

We hope you will consider joining us in our efforts to assist Norwalk families.

Call (562) 929-5544 or visit the City's webpage at www.norwalkca.gov and click Social Services Department to download the 2014 Thanksgiving program form.



ELECTION NEWS

Municipal Election March 3, 2015

NOTICE OF ELECTION

POR LA PRESENTE, SE NOTIFICA

선거 공지

PAUNAWA NG HALALAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Norwalk on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, for the following Officers:

que el martes 3 de marzo de 2015 se llevará a cabo una Elección Municipal General en la Ciudad de Norwalk para los siguientes funcionarios:

늘워 시는 다음과 같은 공직자를 선출하기 위해 2015년 3월 3일, 화요일에 시 총선거를 실시할 것임을 이에 공지하는 바입니다.

ANG PAUNAWA AY IBINIBIGAY SA PAMAMAGITAN NITO na ang isang Halalang Munisipal ay gaganapin sa Lunsod ng Norwalk sa Martes, Marso 3, 2015, para sa mga sumusunod na Opisyal:

For three Members of the City Council

Para tres miembros del Concejo Municipal

시의원 3명

Para sa Tatlong Miyembro ng Konseho ng Lunsod

Full term of four years

Período completo de cuatro años

4년 전체 임기

Buong panahon ng panunungkulan na apat na taon

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by §10229, Elections Code of the State of California.

Si no se nombra a nadie o se nombra a sólo una persona para el cargo electivo, el nombramiento para el cargo electivo puede hacerse según lo dispuesto por §10229, Código de Elecciones del Estado de California.

선출직에 아무도 추천되지 않거나 단 한 명만 추천될 경우 캘리포니아주 선거법 제 10229 조에 명시된 대로 선출직에 대한 임명이 이루어지게 됩니다.

Kung walang ninomina o isang tao lamang ang ninomina para sa isang inihalal na katungkulan, ang paghirang sa inihalal na katungkulan ay maaaring gawin gaya ng nakasaad sa §10299, Kodigo sa mga Halalan ng Estado ng California.

The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Las casillas electorales estarán abiertas entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m.

투표소는 오전 7시부터 오후 7시까지 개장합니다.

Ang mga lugar ng botohan ay mananatiling bukas mula ika-7 ng umaga hanggang ika-7 ng gabi.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk

Fechada este día 31 de octubre de 2014.

테레사 드보이 (Theresa Devoy),
CMC
시 서기관

Pinetsahan ngayong ika-31 ng Oktubre 2014.

Dated this 31st day of October 2014.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
Secretaria Municipal

2014년 10월31일

Theresa Devoy, CMC
Klerk ng Lunsod

Work In Town

The City of Norwalk is recruiting for:
RECREATION LEADER III
\$19.23 - \$23.38 Per Hour
(Senior Services Center)
At-Will/Part-Time/Hourly

This recruitment is open to the public. A completed employment application and supplemental questionnaire is required.

Download an application at:
norwalkca.gov/employmentservices.asp

Deadline: Friday, November 14th at 5 p.m.

Job Hotline
(562) 929-5771

SEAACA SUPER SATURDAY



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29
10 AM - 5 PM

ALL DOGS AND CATS 1 YEAR OR OLDER WILL HAVE THEIR ADOPTION FEE REDUCED BY 50 PERCENT. ADOPTIONS INCLUDE, SPAY/NEUTER, MICRO-CHIP, FIRST SET OF VACCINATIONS, AND FLEA TREATMENT. FOR MORE INFO, CALL (562) 803-3301

Dine Out Norwalk: November 16-22

Visit participating Norwalk Chamber member restaurants between Sunday, November 16 and Saturday, November 22. Bring your receipt to the Norwalk Chamber Office, 12040 Foster Road, Norwalk, and enter the drawing for a prize package worth over \$300! Receipts must be turned in no later than Monday, December 8th. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Chamber Holiday Mixer, Thursday, December 11th. There is no limit to the number of receipts you can turn in. Winner need not be present. Call (562) 864-7785 or visit norwalkchamber.com for details.

Participating Restaurants:

Agave Junction Cantina
11957 Firestone Blvd. Norwalk, CA
American Legion Post #359 (lunch only)
11986 Front Street Norwalk, CA
Applebee's
12129 Imperial Hwy., Norwalk, CA
Bruce's Prime Ribs
12623 E. Imperial Hwy., Santa Fe Springs, CA
Burger Basket
12155 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA
Café n' Stuff
9306 E. Firestone Blvd., Downey, CA
China Bowl/LL Hawaiian BBQ
11031 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA
Costco Food Court
12324 Hoxie Ave., Norwalk, CA
Denny's Restaurant #1300
12616 Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk, CA
Diana's
16330 Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk, CA
Doubletree Hotel
13111 Sycamore Dr., Norwalk, CA
El Taco Locco
12341 Imperial Hwy., Norwalk, CA
Frantone's
10808 Alondra Blvd., Cerritos, CA
Golf n' Stuff Snack Shack
10555 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA

Juan Great Fiesta
11116 Washington Blvd., Whittier, CA
Leche Café & Bookstore
11723 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA
McDonalds of Norwalk
12602 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA
Medieval Times
7662 Beach Blvd., Buena Park, CA
Outback
12850 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA
Pirate's Dinner Theater
7600 Beach Blvd., Buena Park, CA
Sanchez Mexican Restaurant
12061 162nd St., Norwalk, CA
Shakey's Pizza
11403 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA
So-Cal Pizza
12253 Imperial Hwy., Norwalk, CA
Starbucks Coffee
11790 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA
Starbucks Coffee
10716 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA
Starbucks Coffee
11031 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA
Tam's Super Burgers
11700 Rosecrans Ave., Norwalk, CA
TNT Tortas & Tacos
11042 Rosecrans Ave., Norwalk, CA

2014 SNOWFEST & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY



Saturday, December 6
12:00-8:00 p.m.
Norwalk City Hall Lawn
12700 Norwalk Blvd.
Cost: FREE

It's snowing in Norwalk! Don't drive far to enjoy a Winter Wonderland, we're bringing Winter to you. The day will be filled with two giant snow slides, games, crafts, face painting and yummy food. The evening becomes magical with the arrival of Santa Claus and the lighting of the Norwalk Christmas Tree. Join the Norwalk City Council as they ring in the holiday season. For more information, please call (562) 929-5702.

12-5 p.m.

Snowslides, game booths, face painting, snow play area, arts & crafts, entertainment, food booths and craft fair.



5-6 p.m.

Stage Entertainment



6-8 p.m.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Stuff-A-Bus 2014

The City of Norwalk's Transportation Department is happy to announce the 13th Annual Stuff-A-Bus Holiday Toy Drive scheduled between November 26 and December 12, 2014.



During this time period, Norwalk Transit's decorated, holiday-themed, 40' bus will be traveling on various routes, as well as visiting other locations; including local schools to collect unwrapped toys for children who are in need. Items collected will be donated to the City of Norwalk's Social Services Department - Angel Tree Program - for distribution to families in our community.

Our goal is to have this holiday bus "stuffed" full of gifts by the end of the event. For more details or to find out about having the Stuff-A-Bus appear at your location, please contact Customer Service at (562) 929-5550 or e-mail: transportation@norwalkca.gov

Canned Food Drive 2014



Norwalk Transit's Annual Canned Food Drive will be held on Wednesday, December 3. Passengers will be given a free ride in exchange for one canned food item. In previous years, the drive has been a great success and resulted in a large supply of various canned goods. The Transportation Department will provide these canned goods to

the City of Norwalk's Social Services Department Community Emergency Food Cupboard for distribution to families who are in need within our community.

Our hope is that all donated items will help contribute to the overall success of the City's food programs. For more information on the Norwalk Transit Canned Food Drive, please call Customer Service at (562) 929-5550 or e-mail: transportation@norwalkca.gov



Dispose of Used Tires & Household Hazardous Waste the Safe and Green Way



Saturday, November 8 • 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
La Mirada Community Gym parking lot
15105 Alicante Rd., La Mirada
Details: (562) 944-4766

Drop off used tires at a free Community Clean Up Event. Residents can transport up to nine passenger or light truck tires per trip for recycling and reuse. **Semi truck, trailer and tires from businesses will not be accepted. Tires must be removed from rims.** Brought to you by the Cities of Cerritos, Downey, La Mirada, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs and Pico Rivera, funded by a grant from CalRecycle.



Saturday, November 8 • 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Simms Park, 16614 Clark Ave., Bellflower,
(On the corner of Clark Ave. & Oak St.)
Details: (888) CLEAN-LA

Drop off items that are "Too Toxic to Trash" at the household hazardous waste and e-waste roundup. Bring paint, brake fluid, anti-freeze, pool chemicals, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, expired medications, home-generated sharps (such as hypodermic needles, pen needles, syringes, lancets), pesticides, and any household electronic waste such as computers, TV's, keyboards, and printers, cell phones for free and safe disposal.

Brought to you by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works and the Sanitation Districts of LA County.



Saturday, November 15 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
O'Reilly Auto Parts
12233 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk
Details: (562) 944-4766

Join us for a Used Oil Filter Exchange. Bring in a used motor oil filter and receive a new replacement filter for free. Residents may also bring in used motor oil in a properly stored, clean uncontaminated container for recycling. Free items are available for eligible, participating residents. This event is brought to you by a grant from CalRecycle.

Holiday Programs at Alondra & Norwalk Library

Holiday Sing-Along "Bet you're gonna leave happy!"

Monday, December 1 • 6 p.m.
Norwalk Library • 12350 Imperial Hwy.
Details: (562) 868-0775 or colapublib.org



Nothing lifts the spirit as easily as singing a happy tune. Join other like-minded song lovers, young and old, for a holiday sing-along. No singing experience necessary. Songs will be familiar and fun,

with the sing-along a group effort, with no one person in the spotlight! Holiday refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Norwalk Libraries.

Bag-of-Books Sale

Friday, November 14 • 4-6 p.m.
Saturday, November 15 • 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Norwalk Library • 12350 Imperial Hwy.
Details: (562) 868-0775 or colapublib.org



The Friends of the Norwalk Libraries semi-annual book sale will be held at Norwalk Library. \$5 buys as many items as you can get into a bag (without tearing it) supplied by the library. Thousands of items are up for sale, including books,

movies, and music. Special discount of \$2 per bag applies for members of the Friends of the Norwalk Libraries.

You can join the Friends at the sale or anytime before the sale at either Norwalk Library or Alondra Library. Cash, and for the first time, credit cards will be accepted.

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, November 18 • 4-5 p.m.
Norwalk Library • 12350 Imperial Hwy.
Details: (562) 868-0775 or colapublib.org



Teens, we want your ideas! Get involved in your community by shaping the programs and resources for teenagers at Norwalk Library. Get together with other students to brainstorm ideas for the Library, make new friends, and have fun! Eat snacks, play games, and earn COMMUNITY SERVICE hours for participating! TAG meets once a month.



We can also be reached on Twitter at: twitter.com/NorwalkLibrary



or on Facebook at: facebook.com/NorwalkLibrary

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