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Now

City of Norwalk Passes Measure B

Voters adopted Measure B, placed on the ballot to preserve \$2 million in local funding for local essential services.



“The adoption of Measure B ensures that the City will be able to maintain local essential services that residents care about. We take direction from our residents and in this case,

they have said locally controlled funding is necessary to maintain our afterschool programs, parks, and gang prevention efforts that preserve our quality of life and property values,” said City Manager Mike Egan.

“We thank the community for their participation and look forward to continuing the work we have started,” the City Manager added.

Measure B will close loopholes in Norwalk’s outdated 22 years old UUT ordinance so residents are treated equally, without increasing tax rates. Low-income, disabled, and blind residents will continue to be exempt from paying under Measure B. Measure B requires strict oversight, including mandatory annual independent financial audits.



INTRODUCING... NORWALK.ORG

The City of Norwalk unveiled an updated website on November 20 at a “Re-Boot” event at the Arts and Sports Complex. Created by Vision Internet Providers, the updated site has a new look, responsive design, easier to navigate pages and plenty of user-friendly options. Visitors to the new site can customize their viewing experience, post comments to social media, and receive email notifications for events, billing and meeting agendas.

The City is excited to take advantage of the latest technology to bring our residents and users more info, more interactivity, and faster, more convenient service.

2014 SNOWFEST & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Saturday, December 6, 2014 • 12:00-8:00 p.m.
Norwalk City Hall Lawn, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard

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 details, please call (562) 929-5702.

Letters to Santa (All Ages)

November 25-December 13

You are invited to send a wish list to good ol’ Saint Nick at the North Pole. He has promised to answer all the letters from every boy and girl who writes him. Letters can be deposited in the holiday mailbox at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, or mailed to the address listed below. Be sure to include a return address. For more details, please call 929-5702.

Mail to: Santa Claus
c/o City of Norwalk
Recreation and Park
Services Department
12700 Norwalk Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650



12-5 p.m. Snowslides, game booths, face painting, snow play area, arts & crafts, stage entertainment, food booths and craft fair.

5-8 p.m. Stage entertainment

6-8 p.m. Tree Lighting Ceremony



SANTA CLAUS is Coming to Town!

Santa Sleigh Stops • December 6-20



Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their favorite elves are touring Norwalk to spread holiday cheer. While in town, Santa will take requests for special Christmas wishes and pose for photographs with children. You may bring your own camera or let us take an instant photograph for a nominal fee. In the event of rain, some stops may be cancelled or rescheduled. Santa will be collecting canned goods for the less fortunate. Residents are encouraged to bring one canned food item. Please call (562) 929-5702 for details.

Santa will be at the following stops:

Saturday, December 6

Tree Lighting Ceremony 6:15 p.m.
City Hall Lawn

Monday, December 8

Cresson Elementary School 6:00 p.m.
Vista Verde Park 7:00 p.m.
Gard Avenue & Elmhurst Drive 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9

Orr Elementary School 6:00 p.m.
Studebaker Elementary School 7:00 p.m.
Lakeside Middle School 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10

Glazier Elementary School 6:00 p.m.
12641 Kalnor Avenue 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 11

Edmondson Elementary School 6:00 p.m.
Gerdes Park 7:00 p.m.
Barnwall Street & Flatbush Avenue 8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 12

Morrison Elementary School 6:00 p.m.
Mollette Street & Bechard Avenue 7:00 p.m.
New River Elementary 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 13

Spry Street & Curtis & King Road 5:00 p.m.
12122 Kenny Street 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 15

Chavez Elementary School 6:00 p.m.
D.D. Johnston Elementary School 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16

Volunteer Avenue & Crewe Street 6:00 p.m.
Paddison Elementary School 7:00 p.m.
Lakeland Elementary School 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17

Sanchez Elementary School 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 18

14729 Clarkdale Avenue 6:00 p.m.
Silverbow Avenue & Sproul Street 7:00 p.m.
Moffitt Elementary School 8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 19

Cheshire Street & Belshire Street 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 20

14513 Devlin Avenue 5:00 p.m.
14314 Crossdale Avenue 6:00 p.m.

Norwalk City Council

Mayor Marcel Rodarte Vice Mayor Leonard Shryock
Councilmember Cheri Kelley Councilmember Mike Mendez
Councilmember Luigi Vernola

City of Norwalk
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Norwalk, CA 90650

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Holiday Safety While Shopping

The Holiday season is always a special time of year, but it is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and holiday crime.

The following are some helpful safety tips when driving during the holidays:

- Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. If you have a car alarm, always set it.
- If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area.
- Avoid parking next to vans trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows.
- Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. This creates temptation for thieves.
- Be sure to locate your keys prior to going to your car.
- Keep a secure hold on your purse, handbag and parcels. Do not put them down or on top of your car in order to open the door.
- When approaching and leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area.
- And if in doubt, ask mall or store security for an escort before leaving your shopping location.

Cal Fire Tree Planting in Norwalk

As part of the Cal Fire Green Trees for the Golden State program grant, the Public Services Department coordinated a tree planting event at Zimmerman Park on Saturday, November 8, 2014. Approximately 25 volunteers from various organizations helped beautify Zimmerman Park and increase the City's urban forest by planting 60 trees. The Green Trees for the Golden State grant provides funds for tree planting projects in urban areas to promote clean air and energy conservation.

The Public Services Department Tree Maintenance Section plants parkway trees throughout the community from November to May. If you would like to have a Cal

Fire tree planted in your parkway, please contact the Public Services Department at (562) 929-5511 or publicservices@norwalkca.gov for a list of trees being planted through the Cal Fire grant.



Community Safety Partnership Team

The Department of Public Safety's Community Safety Partnership Team is waiting for you at the park. Beginning in the summer of 2014, the Team has been frequenting City parks, in addition to visiting schools and attending special events.



The Team stresses the importance of neighborhood, park and bicycle safety, and can be found patrolling parks on bicycles and in vehicles. They also enjoy interacting with Norwalk residents of all ages – and rumor has it that they even carry small giveaways for kids who visit

City parks and stop by to say hello. The Community Safety Partnership Team hopes to see you soon!



Did You Know:

- A tree can absorb as much as 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per year, and can sequester one ton of carbon dioxide by the time it reaches 40 years old.
- One large tree can provide a supply of oxygen for two people.

americanforests.org/discover-forests/tree-facts/



Veterans Day Ceremony Highlights

"Celebrating Their Service. Saluting Their Sacrifice."



Veterans Day occurs on November 11 each year. Here in Norwalk, Civic Center Lawn was the site for this year's Veterans Day Ceremony. An American flag stood tall in the backdrop as the Norwalk All-City Band kicked off the event. The ceremony allowed for pause and reflection from all those in attendance. Active and retired military men and women from the U.S. Marines, Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard turned out.

Norwalk Mayor Marcel Rodarte, a veteran himself, opened the ceremony and expressed Council's gratitude to all those who served.

Twenty-three year old Francis Fernandez, a United States Marine Corps veteran, was the keynote speaker. "It meant a lot to me to speak at this year's Norwalk Veterans Day Ceremony. I don't really look at myself as a person who should get appreciated for this, but every young vet, every older vet should be getting appreciated. It's everyone's story and everyone's struggle." During his deployment, Fernandez served in Afghanistan.

Veterans Day serves as a reminder to say thank you to those who have fought and those fighting for our freedom.



Veterans Resource Fair Recap

As the nation celebrated Veterans Day on November 11, the City of Norwalk started a day early. The Veterans Resource Fair was a first for the City, with more than a dozen booths providing information and staff to answer questions. During the four hour event, servicemen and women met with representatives from federal, county, and local agencies. Those agencies included the Social Security Administration, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez' office and the City of Norwalk's Human Resources Department. Employers also turned out, along with health care providers offering free blood pressure screenings and flu shots, and veterans home loan specialists.



For more on this event, check out our "Now You Know" feature on the Veterans Resource Fair www.youtube.com/norwalktelevision

Visit www.thelegionserves.org

Become active at the local level by joining your post. The American Legion helps veterans and their families through scholarships, programs and referrals.

Urban Art Hits the Streets of Norwalk

On Sunday, November 16, Norwalk's first urban art piece was completed as part of the City's Art in Public Places Utility Box Artwork Program. Three top winners of Norwalk's 2014 "Artastic" art competition were selected to create a theme and design for a utility box located at the corner of Firestone Boulevard and San Antonio Drive, near the Cultural Arts Center. Norwalk residents and local students Amanda Lira, Cynthia Helm, and Angie Vasquez chose Asian art as their focus. The three young ladies, under the supervision of artist Candace Galvan, traced their designs onto the

panels of the utility box then painted the artwork using acrylic paints. The project, which took place over two days, caused onlookers to pause, take cell phone photos, and call out "Beautiful!" and "Way to go, Norwalk!" while passing by on foot or by car. Families stopped to study the work, and one very young artist even took the time to sketch her version of a design.

The project is slated to continue near John Glenn and Norwalk High Schools. The talents of each school's art students are utilized for the beautification of the community, and provide a forum for discussion regarding the City's diversity, culture, history, and future.



Angie Vasquez



Cynthia Helm



Amanda Lira



Candace Galvan

SAVE THE DATE!

City of Norwalk

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Friday, February 20, 2015

11:30 a.m. Luncheon



Doubletree Hotel
13111 Sycamore Dr.
Norwalk, CA 90650



Call (562) 400-8188 for more information.

LET'S TALK TRASH

Help keep Norwalk clean by storing trash cans, green waste cans, recycling bins and privately owned cans out of public view.

On regularly-scheduled trash collection days, trash cans may be placed at the curb for disposal up to 24 hours before the day of collection and must be removed and properly stored by 6 a.m. following the designated day of collection.

Large, bulky items may not be placed out for collection without first contacting your designated trash collector and arranging for pick up. Here are their numbers:

Consolidated Disposal (562) 347-2100 or CR&R (562) 944-4716

The haulers pick up any items, except car parts, at no additional charge. In order to receive this service, residents must call a minimum of 24 hours prior to their collection day. No bulky items will be picked up without a request.

Reminder: Please utilize your recycling bin to reduce the impact on our landfills.

Holiday Street Sweeping & Trash Collection Schedule

On Christmas Day, trash collection will be delayed one day. If you are scheduled for Thursday pick-up, your refuse will be collected on Friday. If you are scheduled for Friday pick-up, your trash will be collected on Saturday. All other days of the week remain the same.

Scheduled street sweeping on Thursday will be cancelled due to the holiday. However, normal street sweeping schedules for Monday through Wednesday, and Friday of that week will be unaffected.

In some cases, this altered schedule may mean that a delayed trash collection day falls on street sweeping day. In these cases, trash receptacles must be placed on the curb in order for the sweeper to properly clean your street. Keep your neighborhood clean and safe by ensuring that trash cans do not interfere with the street sweeper. Contact (562) 929-5732 if you have any questions.

ANGEL TREE

YOU CAN HELP BRIGHTEN THE LIFE OF A CHILD!

The City of Norwalk Angel Tree Project: "A Gift of Clothing" is an annual project that benefits less fortunate children (Grades K-5) in our community. We invite you to make a difference in a child's life by becoming an Angel Tree contributor this coming holiday season. Simply select an Angel Tree Tag, purchase an article of clothing, and return the wrapped gift with the Angel Tree Tag to the Norwalk



Social Services Center, Norwalk Senior Center, Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, or City Hall by Monday, December 8. Your gift, toys, and other goodies will be given to these children at a holiday celebration in December. You can also help by providing a monetary donation that directly benefits children. Please call the Norwalk Social Services Center at (562) 929-5544 for more information.

City of Norwalk Public Services Department

SANDBAG INFORMATION

With WINTER and rain coming, be prepared! Sand is available in the parking lots of the following five locations within Norwalk.

Aquatic Pavilion
12301 Sproul St.

Gerdes Park
14700 Gridley Rd.

Hermosillo Park
11959 162nd St.

Bob White Park
12120 Hoxie Ave.

Holifield Park
12500 Excelsior Dr.

Sand and bags are on a first come, first serve basis. If you need more information, please call the Public Services office at (562) 929-5511.



SELACO WIB is Now Hiring

Career Development Specialist - Disability Resource Coordinator. Position works with the Career Development Team and is assigned specifically to the California Disability Employment Initiative. Has experience working with persons with a disability providing case management, job readiness, and placement assistance; educating staff and employers on securing employment for the disabled population; Requires 4-year degree in a related field and strong written and verbal communication skills.

Career Development Specialist - Workshop Facilitator. Position works with Skills Development Team responsible America's Job Center (AJC) job search and readiness workshops. Has experience leading educational workshops, developing workshop material including PowerPoint presentations, and is comfortable with social media tools. Requires a 4-year degree in a related field and strong written and verbal communication skills, ability to case manage and connect effectively with business.

Send resume to HR Dept., SELACO WIB, 10900 E. 183rd St, Ste. 350, Cerritos, CA 90703
email selaco@selaco.com or fax to (562) 860-4457. Please specify position.
Closing date to apply: open until filled. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE. EOE/AA



MOVERS, SHAKERS & NEWSMAKERS

Girl Scout Wins Silver Award

Norwalk resident and Girl Scout, 14 year old Analyse Marie Garcia is focused on creating a better environment. Her troop worked on implementing an ecology program at their school. This involved composting by recycling lunch food trash. Money raised by the Girl Scouts from cookie sales went towards buying plants and flower beds. Students will literally enjoy the fruits of their labor.



Veterans Day Event Airing

The November 11 Veterans Day Ceremony in the City of Norwalk was a memorable day for the community. See highlights from the event on "Now You Know" www.youtube.com/norwalktelevision and Channels 32 (Charter) and 2 (Verizon FiOS)



Mayor's Cup

The Norwalk High School Lancer Football Team has a brand new trophy to add to their collection. Norwalk High celebrated their 59-0 win over John Glenn on October 30, 2014. Mayor Marcel Rodarte presented the Mayor's Trophy to the team.



Photo Credit: Armando Vargas

Phone Home Winners

Halloween night was a lucky one for three kids in Norwalk. As part of the City's Annual Halloween Festival, the city awarded brand



new bicycles and safety helmets. Youngsters ages 6 to 17 took part in the phone home contest.

The grand prize winners are:

Emma Ochoa - Ages 6-9 yrs.

Carla Diaz - Ages 10-12 yrs.

Irma Herrera - Ages 13-17 yrs.

Holiday Food Basket

Many families in Norwalk could use your kindness and support during this busy holiday season. The Norwalk Social Services Center provides food for families in need. If you want to donate food items or money, they could use your help. And it's not just during this season, it's throughout the year. To help stock their pantry call (562) 929-5544.

Nomination for Older American Award

The City of Norwalk is seeking a Norwalk resident to nominate and recognize as its Outstanding Older American. The nominee must be at least 65 years of age and perform outstanding volunteer services within the City of Norwalk. Volunteer services performed at such locations as a hospital, school, library, municipal program, or any non-profit organization all qualify for this honor. This is a distinct opportunity to acknowledge an older American who has enhanced the lives of others or the community at large in an exceptional way.

Applications can be obtained at the following Norwalk locations or by visiting our website at www.norwalkca.org:

Norwalk Senior Center
14040 San Antonio Dr.

Norwalk City Hall • Community Information
12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Norwalk Social Services
11929 Alondra Blvd.

Applications will be available in January, 2015. Please call (562) 929-5580 for application requests and deadline dates.

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(562) 803-3301

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Activities at Norwalk Library

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

Holiday Candy Trees

Children will create their own holiday tree using yummy holiday candy, sugar cones and frosting. A fun and messy holiday activity for children of all ages. All materials will be provided. Tuesday, December 9 at 4:00 PM.



Pacific Bell Handbell Ensemble Holiday Concert



The Pacific Bell Handbell Ensemble, which has played at events like the Hollywood Bowl Easter Sunrise Services and with groups such as the Los Angeles Master Chorale, will perform holiday classics on handbells on Monday, December 15 at 6:30 PM. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Norwalk Libraries.

Holiday Sing-Along "Bet You're Gonna Leave Happy!"

Nothing lifts the spirit like 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. Monday, December 1 at 6 p.m.



Activities at Alondra Library

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

Holiday Magic Show

Master Magician Tony Daniels will delight you with his holiday magic show. Have you ever seen a library snow? Tony Daniels will do it! The young and young-at-heart will love this show. Wednesday, December 3 at 4:00 PM.

