

NorwalkNow

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Council and Residents Connect on City Issues

On August 22, City Council engaged with residents at Sanchez Elementary School in the second of a series of quarterly Community Forums.

These informal, town hall-style meetings were developed by City Council to provide for more community involvement and feedback outside of Council meetings at City Hall.

Approximately forty residents attended the forum sharing their thoughts and seeking resolution on issues of concern. Topics regularly brought up by residents included speeding vehicles in neighborhoods, homelessness, public infrastructure and business development. Public Safety Director Carlos Ramos encouraged residents to contact the Department to report speeding or parking violations in their neighborhoods to ensure the appropriate patrol and enforcement. In response to several residents' inquiries about potential street repairs and park improvements, City staff advised they are seeking grants and other funding opportunities to allow for much needed median

improvements, asphalt repairs and playground refurbishments.

City Council informed attending residents that their input was vital to shaping the future of the City, and encouraged them to invite their neighbors and friends to future forums.

Following the event, City staff have begun to contact attendees on specific requests and to determine their assessment of the forum.

The next Community Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14 at 6 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Moffitt Elementary School. The forums are scheduled at different locations

throughout the City to provide opportunities for as many residents as possible to attend. However, all Norwalk residents and business owners are invited to provide feedback. For more information, call Public Affairs at (562) 929-5735 or visit norwalk.org.



Hometown Heroes Banner Program



At the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 19, City Council voted to reinstate the Hometown Heroes Banner program. The program was created in 2011 to recognize the service and commitment of the brave women and men from Norwalk serving in the armed forces. The banners will be displayed along Imperial Highway and returned to the family/honoree, one year from posting date at a City Council meeting.

The Hometown Heroes Banner program is designed to honor current military personnel who reside in Norwalk, or are a family member of a Norwalk resident. The family member must be immediate (i.e. brother, sister, spouse, parent, grandchild). The honoree must be a member of any branch of the U.S. military services, currently serving on active duty or an active reservist.

Applications are available at City Hall, Room 1, or online at www.norwalk.org and will be accepted beginning Monday, October 16. For more info, please contact Public Affairs at (562) 929-5735.

Public Safety Myth-Buster: Noise Disturbances

Did you know that there is a 24-hour loud or disturbing noise ban in effect in the City of Norwalk? Contrary to popular belief, there is no "set time" during which loud music or noise disturbances are allowed in the City. It is unlawful to make any loud, unnecessary noise which disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. Additionally, the City of Norwalk is able to bill those individuals who are responsible for loud or unruly assemblages.

The Department of Public Safety would like to share with you the following information pertaining to noise disturbances:

Loud music, noise and/or loud parties violate Norwalk Municipal Code Sections 9.04.100 and 9.04.140 as they disrupt the comfort, peace, or safety of individuals;

If there is a disruption to the public peace,

health, or safety, you (if the individual is a minor, the parent/guardian is responsible) are responsible for the cost of Sheriff's personnel who have to respond to your location a second time (and any subsequent time), after you've been warned regarding loud noise;

The costs of Sheriff's personnel will be determined by how many deputies respond to your location and how long they are required to be there as a result of the disturbance. Additionally, a 25% fee will be added for administrative costs.

Remember to be a good neighbor and be considerate of those living near you. The City has "zero tolerance" for any disturbances of the peace as they relate to loud noise or unruly gatherings.

If you would like to report a loud party or noise disturbance, please call the Norwalk Sheriff's Station at (562) 863-8711.



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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Don't Let Your Pup Pollute

What's the scoop on poop? Did you know an average-sized dog dropping produces three billion fecal coliform bacteria? Rainwater can wash those packages your pooch leaves behind into streams and rivers leading to the ocean. Just like human waste, dog droppings pose a threat to both public health and water quality.

The City of Norwalk would like to remind residents who have dogs that it is their responsibility as pet owners and good neighbors to remove dog waste from all public properties, including sidewalks, lawns, and



parks. Dog waste that is disposed of improperly is a community nuisance, poses a health threat to humans and marine life, and can negatively impact soil and water quality. Plus, it's against the law! Those that do not comply will be subject to a fine.

When walking your pet, always carry a bag to pick up droppings and dispose of them in a trash can. For more information on how to prevent stormwater pollution, please visit the City of Norwalk's Environmental Programs website page at www.norwalk.org/residents/community-resources/environmental-and-recycling-services/stormwater-runoff.

ENERGY corner

CARE and FERA Can Reduce Your Monthly Bills

Everyday expenses affect some households more than others. Fortunately, there are two Income Qualified Programs that may lower your energy bills. California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) offers income-qualified households a discount of approximately 30% on their monthly electric bills. Households not qualifying for CARE may qualify for Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) available for larger families with marginally higher incomes and receive a 12% discount on their monthly electric bills.

To learn more, visit sce.com/careandfera or call 1-800-447-6620.



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Pancake Breakfast

for Cerritos College Veterans

On Saturday, October 7, enjoy a hearty breakfast at Applebee's and help raise money for veterans' scholarships. \$10 purchases a full pancake breakfast with a beverage. The event runs from 8 to 10 a.m. at the restaurant located at 12129 Imperial Highway. No tickets will be sold at the door. Call (562) 400-8188 for tickets or more information. Donations are welcomed.

Last year, the Norwalk Community Coordinating Council awarded \$5,000 to vets attending Cerritos College. They hope to be able to provide even more funding this year.

Make a Difference in your Community

The City of Norwalk's Public Safety Department is looking for dedicated community members to partner with in order to help make our community safer. Join our team and be an integral part of the City's crime prevention and community engagement programs aimed at improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods.



Paid & volunteer positions currently open:

- Public Safety Cadet
- Public Safety Volunteer
- Public Safety Officer

In addition to the sense of personal satisfaction gained making a positive contribution to your community, serving in these different capacities will provide you with many personal benefits. Individuals will be able to connect with local law enforcement and community members, experience personal growth, and learn new skills. All of these positions provide a great learning experience for those seeking future careers in law enforcement.

For more information, please call Public Safety at (562) 929-5732 or visit www.norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/public-safety/join-the-public-safety-team

LA County HHW Round Up Events

Dispose of household hazardous waste in a safe and responsible manner at a FREE Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) 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). Events are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

October 21 at Artesia Park
18750 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia

October 28 at Simms Park
Clark Avenue & Oak Street, Bellflower



Please call (888) CLEAN LA for more information.

NEOGOV is Here!



The City of Norwalk's Department of Human Resources has gone LIVE with NEOGOV! NEOGOV is the market and technology leader in on-demand human resources software for the

public sector and used by a large number of public sector agencies nationwide.

NEOGOV HR software will streamline the entire hiring process for the City. Applicants can now file applications online and receive communication from Human Resources via email! Of course, applications will still be accepted the old-fashioned way, however applicants are encouraged to create a profile with NEOGOV and file applications online.

Please visit the City's website at www.governmentjobs.com/careers/norwalkca for current job openings.

Get College Ready

The Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District is hosting their annual College Expo on Wednesday, October 18. The event was created by district counselors to help connect students with college and career readiness. Admission representatives from over 50 colleges will be on site to provide information on admission requirements, programs and campus activities. Workshops covering admissions and entrance exams, financial aid and NCAA eligibility will be offered and former NLMUSD alumni will participate in a question and answer forum on their college experience. The Expo runs from 6 to 8 p.m. at John Glenn High School, located at 13520 Shoemaker Avenue.





SOROPTIMIST
Best for Women

Fundraiser & Annual Scholarship

On Monday, October 16, enjoy pizza and bingo and help raise money for programs empowering women and girls in our community. The event runs from 6 to 8 p.m. at SoCal Pizza, located at 12253 Imperial Highway. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased online at www.sinorwalk.org. Proceeds will help provide educational scholarships and career mentoring for high school girls.

The Soroptimist International Norwalk is currently accepting applications for their three educational award programs to help assist women with educational or training expenses.

For eligibility criteria and applications, please visit <https://sinorwalk.org/our-programs/educational-awards-applications/> or contact sinorwalk@soroptimist.net. Application deadline is November 15.

Soroptimist International of Norwalk is a volunteer non-profit club committed to providing programs empowering women and girls through access to education and skills ensuring they have the opportunity to reach their full potential.



NEW ROUTE

34th Annual Arturo Sanchez Sr.
HALLOWEEN PARADE
Saturday, October 21 • 11am

Parade begins at the intersection of **NORWALK BLVD. & MAPLEDALE ST.** and ends at Hermosillo Park, 11959 162nd St.

For information regarding parade entries and costume contest, please call **(562) 929-5702.**

Family Fright Fest
Movie Night

Friday, October 13 • 6:30 p.m.
Glazier Park, 10810 Excelsior Dr.



Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, and enjoy a fun-filled spooky night! We will be showing an all-time Halloween favorite, "The Addams Family", on a 400 square foot screen. There will be games and activities prior to the movie start time, which will be at dusk. Food will be available for purchase with funds raised supporting the Teen Alliance Program scholarship fund. For more information, please call (562) 929-5702.

Community Scarecrow Contest

Tuesday, October 31 • 6 to 9 p.m.
Norwalk City Hall Lawn
12700 Norwalk Blvd.



The City of Norwalk invites you to participate in the 2nd Annual Scarecrow Contest to be held at the Halloween Festival! All are welcome (residents, businesses, schools, organizations) to participate by assembling a homemade scarecrow within one of the three categories: Most Traditional, Most Original, or Most Spirited. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each category. Scarecrows that are obscene, gruesome/violent, or include political statements will not be permitted. Applications are currently available through Monday, October 23 at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave or at norwalk.org. Please call (562) 929-5521 for more information and for full details, rules, and guidelines.

Halloween Festival
"A Spirited Event!"

Tuesday, October 31 • 6 to 9 p.m.
Norwalk City Hall Lawn
12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Don't miss the annual Halloween Festival that brings the community together for a night of music, dancing, and celebration at this costume-themed event. Ghosts, goblins, witches, zombies, fairies and spirits of all kinds are invited to attend our Spirited Event! All ages are welcome to participate. There will be game booths, a costume contest, a community scarecrow contest, raffles, music, crafts, lots of candy and much more. Food will be available for purchase. The festival provides a safe alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating for children and promotes the safe celebration of Halloween. For more information please call (562) 929-5702.

6 p.m. Festival Opens & Community Scarecrow Contest
7 p.m. Costume Contest
(Participants must arrive 15 minutes early)
9 p.m. Festival Closes

Volunteers Needed
for Halloween Festival
(Ages 13 & over)

This event would not be possible without community volunteers and the hundreds of individuals who give their time to make the game and craft booths a success. Volunteers will receive a goody bag and are eligible for a special raffle. If you, your community group, or school group are interested in volunteering, please contact the Recreation and Park Services Department at (562) 929-5922. Volunteer applications are available at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex or online at norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/recreation-park-services/special-events/2017-halloween-festival

Beacon Program Awards



The Institute for Local Government (ILG) administers the annual Beacon Program which recognizes policies and practices that cities implement to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions, reduce energy and natural gas consumption and have overall sustainability best practice outreach within their communities. This year, 129 cities participated in the Beacon Program.

ILG hosted an awards reception at the League of California Cities conference on September 14 for the Beacon Program. This was Norwalk's first

year of participation in the annual program and the city received a Platinum Level Spotlight Award for Sustainability Best Practices, as well as a Gold Level Beacon Award for agency energy savings. Norwalk had 13% in electricity savings for city facilities this year.

Special thanks to Public Services staff and the Civic Spark Fellow for their hard work to submit applications and provide information to be recognized by the Beacon Program. Norwalk looks forward to participation again next year!

For more info on our energy efficiency efforts, please visit www.norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/public-services/energy-efficiency

Electronic Waste Collection, Shred-A-Thon & Rain Barrel Event



Saturday, October 7
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Norwalk City Hall
12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Dispose of unwanted electronics (e-waste) and shred important documents for FREE!
(Shredding is limited to 5 boxes per vehicle.)

- Television Sets
- Computer Sets
- Cell Phones
- Laptops
- Fax Machines
- Printers
- VCR & DVD Players
- Stereo Equipment
- Gaming Systems
- Cables & Cords
- Radios

Rain barrel distribution is at the Norwalk Library Parking lot at 12350 Imperial Hwy., from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Rain Barrels can be purchased in advance at rainbarrelsintl.com under the EVENTS tab.



Rain barrels are only \$30 plus tax **after a \$35 rebate.** You have 60 days after purchase to submit reimbursement application at socialwatersmart.com

For more information, please call (562) 929-5964, or email recycling@norwalkca.gov
(This service is on a first come, first served basis.)

Santa Sleigh Volunteer Meeting

Wednesday, October 25 • 7 p.m.
Norwalk Transportation Center
12650 E. Imperial Hwy.

The City of Norwalk and the Santa Sleigh Foundation will help spread joy as Santa Claus visits Norwalk neighborhoods during the holiday season. To make this possible, volunteers 15 years of age and older are needed to assist as line monitors, elves, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and with other general duties. If you would like to volunteer for this meaningful program, please attend the volunteer meeting! For more information, please call (562) 929-5956.



Events at Norwalk Library

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

Baby and Me Storytime

Every Wednesday • 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Norwalk Library just started 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. For ages 0 – 1.

Preschool and Toddler Storytime

Every Thursday • 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Toddlers, preschoolers, and parents are invited to enjoy books, songs and nursery rhymes in a friendly, encouraging environment. Parachute games and art activities are included.

Spooky Slime Time

Saturday, October 7 • 12 to 1 p.m.

Teens, come make some spooktacular holiday-themed slime! Try different seasonal slime recipes and get in a festive mood for Halloween. For ages 13-18.

Design a Bookmark

"What's Your Story?"

Tuesday, October 10 • 4 to 5 p.m.

Do you love books, reading, and drawing? The 38th Annual Bookmark Contest is here! This year's theme is "What's Your Story? / ¿Cuál es tu historia?" Draw your story on a giant bookmark and submit your design to the Bookmark Contest. For ages 5 - 18.

Book Sale

Saturday, October 28 • 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Teen Read Week: Emoji Reads

Wednesday, October 11 • 4 to 5 p.m.

Celebrate Teen Read Week (October 8-14) at the library by reviewing or summarizing a book... entirely using emojis! Head for the display in the Teen Area for more info. Everyone who participates receives a prize, while supplies last. Create emoji pillows on Wednesday, October 11. This is a fun, easy, and expressive no sew art activity. For ages 13 – 18.

Otaku Club

Wednesday, October 15 • 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Fans of Japanese pop culture, manga, anime, or gaming are invited to join Teen Otaku Club. Talk about your favorite series, play trivia for prizes, watch anime, play video games, and checkout new titles from our collection. For ages 13 – 18.

Halloween Magic Show & Fall Costume Parade

Monday, October 30 • 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a spooky Halloween show featuring Magic Castle Magician, Bruce Perovich. Bruce's Halloween Magic Show will delight, excite and yes, even FRIGHT! The program is followed by the library's annual costume parade. Children are encouraged to dress up in their favorite costume and trick-or-treat throughout the library.

Lit Wits Book Club: The Untold

Monday, October 30 • 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

In October, Norwalk Library's book club will read and discuss The Untold by Courtney Collins. Set in the Australian outback, it is a fictionalized account of real life female outlaw Jessie Hickman. Copies available at the Info Desk. New members always welcome and refreshments will be served.

Events at Alondra Library

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

Harvest Moon Festival Storytime

Tuesday, October 3 • 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy stories about Korean culture and the Korean Harvest Moon Festival, Chuseok. Afterwards, make beautiful paper fruit decorations. For all ages.

Teen/Adult Ukulele Strum Along

Wednesday, October 4 • 5 to 6 p.m.

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

Parent-Child Workshop

Fridays, October 6 - November 3
10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Nurture your child's love of play and encourage early literacy by participating in our free parent-child workshops. Learn tips and information from a resource specialist while your child has fun in the library. Pre-registration required. For ages 1 – 3 years old and their caregiver.

Book Club

"Classics I Always Said I Was Going to Read"

Tuesday, October 10 • 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For October, the book club will read Frankenstein by Mary Shelley. Read or listen to the book, then join the light discussion. If all you remember is that Frankenstein is the doctor and not the monster, it's time to read, or reread, the book! Refreshments are served. New members are welcomed.

Teen Book Club

Wednesday, October 11 • 5 to 6 p.m.

The book selected for October is Oliva Gardner's Letters to a Bullied Girl. Copies can be found at Alondra Library and other County of Los Angeles Public Libraries. For ages 12 – 18 years old.

Family Game Day

Saturday, October 14 • 1 to 2 p.m.

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

Children's Book Club

Tuesday, October 17 • 5 to 6 p.m.

The book selected for October is Titanic Sinks! by Barry Denenberg. Copies of the book can be found at Alondra Library and other County of Los Angeles Public Libraries. For ages 8 – 12 years old.

MāK Mō: Building with K'Nex

Wednesday, October 18 • 5 to 6 p.m.

Join us for an evening of building! Work together to build models of simple machines and find out how they keep our modern world moving. Apply what you have learned and see what else you can build! For ages 8 to 12 years old.

Family Storytime

Thursday, October 19 • 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

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

Adult 101: Financial Savvy

Wednesday, October 25 • 5 to 6 p.m.

Teens, learn to manage your money and budget with a representative from Modern Woodman Fraternal Financial. For ages 12 – 18 years old.

Senior Center Events

14040 San Antonio Drive • (562) 929-5580

Physical Therapy Month Series:

"Fall Prevention" Seminar

Tuesday, October 3 • 10 to 11 a.m.

Among seniors, falls among seniors are one of the top five reasons for visits to the ER. This seminar will help seniors develop strategies for preventing falls in their homes and in the community.

Sponsored by: *HealthCare Partners Medical Group*

HICAP

Wednesday, October 4 & 18

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 provide seniors with free education, counseling and advocacy regarding their Medicare and related health insurance issues. An Appointment is required.

IHSS Help Desk

Friday, October 6 • 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 answer 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.

CalFresh Outreach Assistance

Monday, October 9 • 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*

"Understanding the Safe Use of Pain Medications" Seminar

Tuesday, October 10 • 10 to 11 a.m.

As we age, the chance of developing a painful condition increases. Pain medications are commonly used, but there are many concerns about their safety. Please join us to discover the safe use of pain medications.

Sponsored by: *Independence at Home*

October Candlelight Dinner

Theme: Autumn Evening

Tuesday, October 10 • 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$6.50 (before Saturday, October 7)

\$8.00 (after Saturday, October 7)

Stop by and enjoy a hot and hearty meal and share an evening of warmth with friends and family. Meal service will consist of Pot Roast, Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Salad, 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 on the day of the dinner.

La Brea Tar Pits Tour in LA

Wednesday, October 11

9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10 (Does not include lunch)

High Level of Walking

Watch science in action in the Fossil Lab as museum scientists study fossils have to tell us about Ice Age L.A. and the environmental changes that are still having an impact on us today. On display are mammoths, saber-toothed cats, dire wolves, giant sloths, and more, found right at the La Brea Tar Pits. After touring the Pits, it's off to lunch! With over 37 restaurants in the LA Farmers Market, you can choose a variety of foods from all over the world. You'll even have time to do some shopping. Registration is currently being taken.

Photo Highlights: September City Council Meetings

