

NorwalkNow

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Metrolink & Greenline Station Surveys

The City of Norwalk's Transportation Department is seeking input from patrons of the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Metrolink Station and the Greenline Station in Norwalk. The surveys are short, taking only a few minutes to complete, and are designed to help us enhance services for commuters at these stations. Surveys can be accessed online at norwalk.org/commuter-survey. We thank you in advance for your time and participation!

Community Forums: Council & Residents Connecting on Important City Issues

The third in a series of Community Forums is scheduled on Tuesday, November 14 at 6 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Thomas B. Moffitt Elementary School, located at 13323 Goller Avenue.



These community forums, structured as town-hall style meetings, allow City Councilmembers to pursue their initiative of actively engaging the public to obtain feedback necessary to shape the future of Norwalk. With the first and second forums held in western and southern areas of the city at New River and Sanchez Elementary schools, the meeting place now moves to the eastern region to hear specific, unique concerns from residents in the neighborhoods east of the I-5 freeway. However, these meetings are open to the general public and all Norwalk residents and business owners are welcome to attend.



A Connected Community

City staff will also be in attendance so that residents have the assurance of follow-up or resolution with particular requests or questions. Registration is not required, and light refreshments will be served. Translation services will be available for residents who speak Spanish.

Additional community forums will be scheduled on a quarterly basis at different locations throughout Norwalk to give all residents an opportunity to be heard.

For more information, please call the Communications and Public Affairs Division at (562) 929-5735 or email us at publicaffairs@norwalkca.gov.

"Honoring All Who Serve"

Join Norwalk City Council and American Legion Post 359 on Saturday, November 11 as we recognize the men and women of the United States Armed Forces at the City's annual Veterans Day Tribute.

Enjoy patriotic performances by the Norwalk All City Band and a keynote address by Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez. Nationally recognized as a leading voice in Congress for working families, Congresswoman Sánchez has fought to strengthen our communities by helping small businesses create jobs, increasing access to educational opportunities, and helping hard working people get ahead. She is a strong advocate for veterans, opening her doors to assist over 3,400 residing in Norwalk.



Linda Sánchez serves as Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, the fifth-highest ranking position in House Democratic Leadership, where she focuses on strengthening the American Dream for men and women all across the country.

Linda is the first Latina elected to a leadership position in the U.S. Congress, and the highest-ranking Latino in the House of Representatives. Linda Sánchez serves on the House Committee on Ways and Means and has also served as Ranking Member on the House Ethics Committee, on the Select Committee on Benghazi, and as Chair for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. Linda Sánchez has served in the United States House of Representatives since 2003 and currently represents California's 38th Congressional District.

The free event begins at 11 a.m. at the City's Freedom Memorial, located in the City Hall parking lot at 12700 Norwalk Boulevard. For more information, contact Communications and Public Affairs at (562) 929-5735.

Norwalk Transit System Canned Food Drive

Norwalk Transit System (NTS) will be hosting its annual Canned Food Drive on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 14 and 15. Passengers will be invited to donate a canned food item in exchange for a free bus ride (transfers are additional).

All canned food items collected will be donated to the City of Norwalk Social Services Department – Emergency Food Cupboard to help feed local families in need this holiday season. See you aboard NTS during the food drive!



Save Energy & Money this Winter

As winter approaches, so does colder weather, increasing the need for heat in our homes and businesses. Heating is the number one energy expense for most households, often accounting for more than half of the gas bill. Cold weather also works water heaters harder and longer in order to provide warm or hot water. Southern California Gas Company offers these "Winter Savings Time" Tips:

- Lower your furnace thermostat by 3-5 degrees and you can save up to 10% of heating cost
- Make sure to clean or replace furnace filters
- Test air ducts for leaks and make any necessary repairs. Air duct leaks can increase your heating cost by 10-30%
- Caulk or weather strip your windows and doors to prevent leaks
- Wash clothes in cold water and save up to 10%

These five simple steps will help you conserve energy and save money. For more information go to socalgas.com

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
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Get Involved

SCORE Mentoring Comes to Norwalk Chamber of Commerce

Interested in starting a business but don't know where or how to start? The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce has partnered with SCORE, a non-profit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, to provide free business mentoring right here in our community. A certified SCORE business mentor will be available to meet with interested individuals at the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, to provide support with Business Plans, Business Structure, Financial Projections, Start Ups, Supply Chain Management and more.

To meet with a SCORE mentor, please set up an appointment at <http://bit.ly/2xLZv11>. Appointments are available on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, are one hour long, and are available in English or Spanish.

The Norwalk Chamber is located at 12040 Foster Road. For more info, please call (562) 864-7785.

Adaptive Recreation



Did you know that the City's Recreation and Park Services Department offers an Adaptive Recreation program? This year-round program is designed for children, teens, and adults with developmental, physical, and/or learning disabilities. Participants are encouraged to maximize their abilities through recreation activities with a social emphasis.

The "CLASS" program, recommended for participants 6-18 years of age, is offered during the school year at Gerdes Park, Monday through Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for a nominal fee. This after-school program offers homework help, crafts, and games, all conducted in an environment tailored to fit the needs of the participants.

The "HEART" program, recommended for participants ages 13 and over, is designed for teens and adults with an emphasis on social interaction. The program meets every Thursday evening, as well as one Friday and one Saturday per month. Activities include dinner and movie nights, dances, game nights, sporting activities, potlucks, excursions and more. Program location and times vary based on planned activities.

The Adaptive Recreation program also offers Special Olympics sporting activities such as Track and Field, which is scheduled to begin in February 2018.

Most activities are held at Gerdes Park, located at 14700 Gridley Road, and program registration is accepted at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, located at 13000 Clarkdale Ave. For more information or to be added to the mailing list for monthly activity calendars, please call (562) 929-5922.

Interested in Adaptive Recreation programs but have questions? Parents are invited to attend an information meeting on Thursday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m. at Gerdes Park. Parents will be able to meet City staff, talk with other parents about their experiences, and obtain information regarding upcoming CLASS, HEART, and Special Olympics programs.

LA County Round Up Event

The County of Los Angeles Public Works holds mobile, one-day collection events every Saturday throughout the County to help residents properly dispose of household hazardous waste (hhw) and electronic waste (e-waste). These events are free and 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., rain or shine. For more info, please call (888) CLEAN-LA or visit ladpw.org/general/enotifyCalendar/Calendar.aspx.

Date: December 2

**Location: Unincorporated Whittier
Liberty Community Plaza (Formerly STAR
Training Center), 14181 Telegraph Road**



Santa Sleigh

The City of Norwalk and the Santa Sleigh Foundation will help spread joy as Santa's sleigh visits Norwalk neighborhoods during the holiday season providing children an opportunity to visit with Santa Claus. Photos are available for purchase for a nominal cost. The program is scheduled to begin at the City's Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 2 at 6 p.m. at City Hall Lawn and with various stops citywide through Saturday, December 16. Santa Sleigh stop locations and times will be included in the December Norwalk NOW and on the City's website. In the event of rain or inclement weather, some stops may need to be cancelled and/or rescheduled. For more information, please call (562) 929-5566.



FREE Snow Fest & Tree Lighting Ceremony

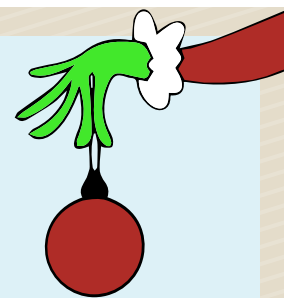
**Saturday, December 2
Norwalk City Hall Lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.**

Bring the entire family as the City of Norwalk transforms the City Hall Lawn into a Snow Fest California filled with snow slides, a snow play area, game booths, a holiday train ride, craft tents, face painting, and much more! Local entertainers will perform on stage throughout the day. Food will be available for purchase. Join the Norwalk City Council as they ring in the holiday season by lighting a 30 foot Christmas tree! For more information, please call (562) 929-5702.

Snow Slides, Snow Play Area, Game, Train Rides, 12 to 5 p.m.
Face Painting, Arts & Crafts, & Food
Stage Entertainment 12 to 6 p.m.
Tree Lighting Ceremony & Santa Claus Arrives 6 p.m.
Santa Visits & Stage Entertainment 6:15 to 8 p.m.



Holiday Window Decorating



City Hall is getting decked out for the holidays. For the third year in a row, Norwalk students have the opportunity to paint and decorate the windows at City Hall for the holidays, helping spread a festive cheer. This year's decorating theme is "Grinchmas", sure to be hit with staff and visitors alike.

The project is open to students in 5th through 12th grade. Painting will take place on Sunday, November 19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Art supplies and lunch will be provided. Don't miss out on the chance to spread some holiday cheer. Please contact Theresa Devoy, City Clerk, at tdevoy@norwalkca.gov or (562) 929-5720 by November 14 to sign up.



Holiday Fundraiser

Soroptimist International Club of Norwalk is hosting their annual award-winning holiday fundraising event, Winter Wonderland, on Saturday, December 16 from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at the La Mirada Golf Course. Cross some names off your shopping list or finish your holiday shopping with a bang with a silent auction or a fully decorated six foot Christmas tree with presents underneath.

Tickets are \$65 and include dinner, a host bar, entertainment, one ticket for the door prize drawing, along with the opportunity to participate in the silent auction and purchase tickets to win one of the decorated Christmas trees. Event tickets can be purchased at sinorwalk.org/gala

Soroptimist International is a worldwide organization that empowers women and girls to live their dreams by providing them with resources to achieve social and economic empowerment.

Important Dates for Residents

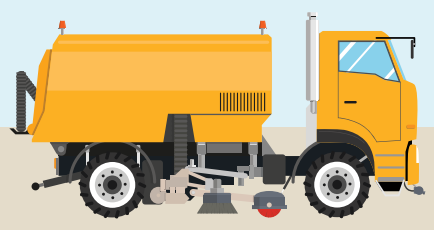
Observed Holidays	City Hall Closed	Sweeping	Trash
Veterans Day	Fri., November 10	No	Yes
Thanksgiving Day	Thurs., November 23	No	No
Day after Thanksgiving	Fri., November 24	No	Yes

Street Sweeping: When street sweeping does not occur due to a holiday, it will NOT be made up. Streets can only be swept on the posted day.

Trash Collection: When trash collection does not occur due to a holiday, it WILL be made up. Trash will be collected the day after the normal collection day for the remainder of the week. For example, Thursday's trash will be collected on Friday. Friday's trash will be collected on Saturday.

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



Recycle Used Oil & Oil Filters

Recycling used motor oil and filters is free, easy and good for our environment! Properly disposal of these items helps prevent contamination in our rivers, lakes, and streams, protects public and marine health, and conserves natural resources.

Bring in a used oil filter and receive a new replacement oil filter for free! Residents may also bring in used motor oil in a clean, uncontaminated container for recycling. Participating residents may be eligible for free recycling items. For more information: (562) 944-4766.

**Saturday, November 11 • 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
O'Reilly Auto Parts, 12233 Norwalk Blvd.**



**Event is brought to you by a CalRecycle grant.*

Community Connect!

The City of Norwalk and its staff, Southern California Edison (SCE), SoCalGas, Golden State Water and Liberty Utilities invite you to learn ways to save energy and money at COMMUNITY CONNECT! during this year's SnowFest on Saturday, Dec. 2. City of Norwalk Social Services, Property Maintenance and Public Safety staff will address residents' questions or issues. SoCalGas and SCE representatives will show you ways to lower your monthly bill through energy savings assistance and provide information on lower rate options and bill assistance. Ask about affordable solar programs for income-qualified residents, energy efficiency programs and electric vehicle rebates. Income-qualified households can also sign up to receive discounts on monthly gas and electric bills. SoCalGas will be giving away free home gas savings kits to residents with their gas bill on hand. Look for free faucet aerators, low-flow hose nozzles and water-saving tips from Golden State Water, and Liberty Utilities.

Brighten your season by participating in the 2nd annual LED Holiday Light Exchange! Norwalk residents can bring in two (2) strands of old holiday lights, a current SCE bill, and a valid form of ID to receive two new strands of LED holiday lights. Program offered to the first 200 households in attendance and limited to two strands per household.

The event runs from noon to 5 p.m. at Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard.

Shopping Cart Retrieval

Abandoned shopping carts are an eyesore and pose a safety hazard to drivers and pedestrians. To report an abandoned shopping cart in your neighborhood, please contact Nationwide Environmental Services at (562) 860-0604 or info@nes-sweeping.com, and provide the exact location, including cross streets. Carts are usually collected within 48 hours.



HOLIDAY HOME Décor CONTEST

It's time to bring out the festive lighting and decorations and spread the season's cheer and magic in our community. The City of Norwalk's Community Promotion Commission invites you to enter the Annual Holiday Home & Business Décor Contest. Winners will be recognized online, in the "Norwalk Now" and will participate in a special presentation at a City Council meeting. Entries will be available at all City facilities, as well as norwalk.org on Monday, November 13 and can be submitted beginning Monday, November 20. Commissioners will view resident and business properties in person as part of the selection process between December 18 and December 29, with winners selected in January. For more information, please call (562) 929-5735.

CCC Training Center

There's a new training center in Norwalk preparing youth for conservation work throughout our state. The California Conservation Corps (CCC) recently opened a training facility, equipped with an energy-retrofit laboratory, on the grounds of the Metropolitan State Hospital. Corps members live on site for two weeks and are taught how to replace energy-inefficient lighting fixtures with more efficient LED lighting. Following the successful completion of training, corps members will be tasked with replacing existing lighting at courthouses, libraries and other government buildings state-wide. Even better, graduating corps members leave the

program with skills and technical experience, all useful for future employment in the electrical field.

The training center accommodates up to 24 corps members at a time. Enrollment in the program is open to young people, ages 18 to 25, and veterans up to the age of 29. Corps members are paid approximately \$1,750 per month and are eligible for scholarships after their year of service.

The California Conservation Corps is a state agency that hires young men and women for one year to help protect and restore our environment and respond to disasters. Visit ccc.ca.gov for more information.



Norwalk Library

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

Adult Programs

Explore!

Wednesdays, November 8 & 22

10 to 10:45 a.m. AND 2:30 to 3:15 p.m.

Adults with varying intellectual and behavioral abilities will learn, socialize, and create during this 45-minute activity session. Enjoy stories, music, art, and games in a relaxed, community atmosphere where the emphasis is on fun! There will be a morning and afternoon session on bi-weekly Wednesdays. No registration is required; however, the program will cap out at 20 participants per session. For special needs adults, ages 18 and up.

Lit Wits Book Club: The Female of the Species

Monday, November 27 • 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



In November, the Lit Wits book club will read and discuss *The Female of the Species* by Mindy McGinnis, in which a high school student seeks vengeance for her sister's murder. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the Info Desk. New members are always welcomed and refreshments will be served. For adults, ages 18 and up.

Alondra Library

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Adult Programs

"Classics I Always Said

I Was Going to Read" Book Club

Tuesday, November 14 • 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Alondra Library's classic book club will read *Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane for November. Read or listen to the book and then join the light discussion. Refreshments are served. New members are welcomed.

Make a Dreamcatcher!

Saturday, November 18 • 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month by making a dreamcatcher. All supplies will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. This program is suitable for adults, ages 18 and up.

Teen Programs

Teen/Adult Ukulele Strum Along

Wednesday, November 1 • 5 to 6 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. Also, feel free to bring your ukulele if you have one. Beginners are always welcome! Program is for ages 12 years old and up.

Teen Book Club

Wednesday, November 8 • 5 to 6 p.m.



The book selected for November is Maggie Stiefvater's *The Scorpio Races*. Copies of the book can be found at Alondra Library and other County of Los Angeles Public Libraries. Program is for ages 12 – 18 years old. Refreshments will be provided.

Children's Programs



Parent-Child Workshop

Friday, November 3 • 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

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

Native American Heritage Month Family Storytime

Thursday, November 16 • 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Enjoy books and stories about Native Americans followed by a fun art activity! Program most suitable for ages 4 years and up.

Toddler Storytime

Friday, November 17 • 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. Program is for ages 1 – 3 years old.

Children's Book Club

Tuesday, November 21 • 5 to 6 p.m.



The book selected for November is *Out of Boneville* written by Jeff Smith. Copies of the book can be found at Alondra Library and other County of Los Angeles Public Libraries. Program is for ages 8 – 12 years old. Refreshments will be served.

Senior Center Events

14040 San Antonio Drive • (562) 929-5580

HICAP

Wednesday, November 1 and 15

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 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.

Free Flu Vaccines

Thursday, November 2 • 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Flu shots are especially recommended for those who live in a nursing or other long-term care home, who have a weakened immune system or chronic health problem or who are a caregiver for kids, older adults or sick people. Seniors should call their doctor before getting vaccinated if they have a severe egg allergy or are sick the day of the clinic.

Neighborhood Watch

Community Safety

"Taking Back Your Neighborhood"

Wednesday, November 8 • 10 to 11 a.m.

Norwalk Public Safety will host a neighborhood watch meeting discussing the important steps seniors can make to take back their neighborhoods and make their community safe.

Harvest Wreath Workshop

Wednesday, November 8 • 6 to 8 p.m.

Cost: \$5

Looking for new decorating ideas for Thanksgiving? Look no further! In this workshop you will learn how to design your own harvest wreath that will make any Thanksgiving Holiday special. Space is limited.

Nutrition Program Entertainment

Thursday, November 9 • 9 to 11 a.m.

Cost: Free

Come help us celebrate the month of November with the music of "Swingin with Dean."

Karaoke

Saturday, November 11 • 1 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29 • 2 to 5 p.m.

Cost: Free

Come to our Karaoke Cabaret and enjoy an afternoon of singing, laughter, and fun. You can even bring your own Karaoke CD's to sing along to. There will be a drawing for all who sing on stage!

Movie Madness

Tuesday Movie Matinee

1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Cost: Free

(The Second Tuesday of the Month, there will only be the 1:30 p.m. movie showing)

Saturday Movie Matinee

(Every third Saturday of the month)

11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Cost: Free

Join us for a FREE movie and popcorn! Newly released movies are featured for most of our shows. Schedule is subject to change due to film availability. For updated movie schedule, please call 929-5580.

Senior Center Holiday Dance

Resident ticket sales begin:

Wednesday, November 1

Open ticket sales begin:

Wednesday, November 8

Cost: \$22 per person

A winter chill is in the air! So let's get together for a holiday affair. Event includes dinner with your choice of Prime Rib (Queen Cut) or Roast Turkey provided by Chris & Pitts. Music provided by "Sangria." Ticket sales limited, first come first serve. Event takes place on Thursday, December 21.



Photo Highlights: October City Council Meetings

