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Show Off Your Hard Work and Win

Neighborhood pride reaches far beyond the property lines of a residence or business. Consistent, diligent attention to the upkeep and maintenance of a home or shop builds positive connections and connotations that affect visitors, customers, family and friends. The City of Norwalk's Community Promotion Commission is proud to open its 2018 Home and Business Beautification Contest to owners, renters and managers of residential and commercial properties. Nominate yourself or enter a deserving friend or neighbor in the following categories: Home Beautiful, Business Appeal or Most Improved. Winners will be recognized at a City Council meeting, receive a commemorative lawn sign and a little something to help keep their home or business in mint condition. Pick up an application at any City



facility or visit Norwalk.org/hbbc to enter. Deadline is May 31. Homes and businesses must comply with the Norwalk Municipal Code.



Memorial Day Tribute

City of Norwalk Invites the Community to Honor and Remember

Join American Legion Post 359, veterans, officials and members of the public on May 28 for a ceremony honoring the memory of servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice. The annual tribute, held at the Freedom Memorial art installation at the City Hall parking lot, will include a color guard, performances by the All City Band and a keynote address by Stephanie Stone, US Navy (ret.), Chief Deputy Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Ms. Stone was the first woman to serve as the Chair to Los Angeles Mayor's Military and Veteran Affairs Committee. She went on to serve as a commissioner on the Los Angeles County Veterans Advisory Commission and was elected to be the first female to hold its chairmanship.



Stephanie Stone holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern Illinois, a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from the University of San Francisco, and was a Coro Fellow in Public Affairs in Los Angeles. She presently attends the University of Southern California Doctoral in Policy Planning and Development program.

The event starts at 11 a.m. and is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Norwalk Transit System Advisory

NB Route 1 and 3 Detours Cancelled

To accommodate I-5 Freeway Expansion Project construction at Florence Avenue, Norwalk Transit System (NTS) bus Routes 1 and 3 were required to make detours for some of the northbound trips. With completion of this work, northbound Route 1 & 3 buses will now resume their regular routes. Southbound detours for Routes 1 and 3 remain in effect. Revised bus schedules will be available soon. Please contact customer service for route details (562) 929-5550 or e-mail: transportation@norwalkca.gov



Cresson Elementary Honored with Golden Bell Award

In March, the Little Lake City School District and Cresson Elementary School invited youth, families and officials to an Open House, where they not only shared students' work and programs, they celebrated the school's Golden Bell Award. This award, presented by the California School Boards Association, recognizes Cresson educators for implementing innovative strategies and programs

that make a clear difference for all students. Cresson was one of only twenty-one Pre-K through 8th grade schools in the state selected this year for this prestigious honor. Teachers at the school were given miniature replica bells to display in their classrooms. Congratulations to Cresson administrators, teachers, staff, students and families on this golden achievement!



New System Makes Registration at the Senior Center Easier

On April 25, the Norwalk Senior Center hosted a launch party to introduce its new registration program. At the launch, our community discovered how unique program features, including ID key tags, touch screen sign-in processes, online registration and a reminder call system can enhance and improve their Senior Center experience. With the system now live, seniors can self-register anytime during regular operating hours.

Norwalk City Hall Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Alternating Fridays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Unlicensed Street Vendors



Summer is just around the corner! Warm weather brings barbecues, beach days, and opportunity to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends.

Also during this time, the City of Norwalk experiences an increase in unlicensed street vendors throughout the community: individuals sell items, such as flowers or food, on or near roadways or from non-motorized vehicles (pushcart, handcart, etc.). These activities are prohibited by the Norwalk Municipal Code.

While it is tempting to purchase items being sold, such as a something icy on hot day, know that purchasing food items from a pushcart exposes you to the following health hazards:

- *No potable water for food handlers to wash hands or utensils used to handle food*
- *Food may be procured from unapproved sources and susceptible to contamination*
- *Lack of proper equipment to maintain food at required temperature to ensure safe food handling*
- *Unapproved food equipment used in food preparation*
- *No restroom available for food handlers*

These vendors are not issued business licenses in the City of Norwalk and do not have a Los Angeles County Health Permit. Please think twice before purchasing and consuming items for yourself or family. If you observe street vendors within your area, please contact the Department of Public Safety at (562) 929-5732.



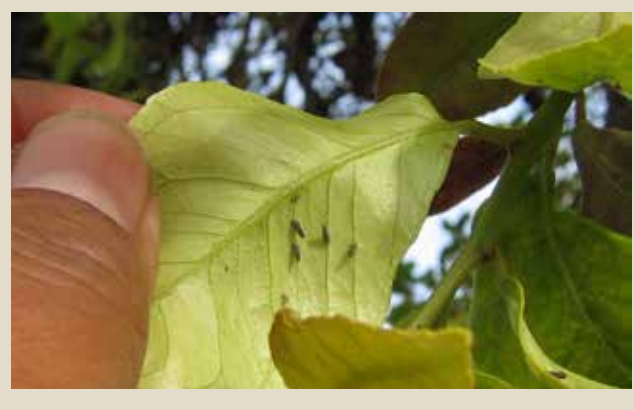
Children Golf with Law Enforcement

The popular Kids & Cops Golf Tournament returns to the Don Knabe Golf Center and Junior Academy, 13717 Shoemaker Avenue on Saturday, June 2nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Youth ages 8-17 are invited to participate in this event where they are matched up with a member of Norwalk's law enforcement team for a round of golf. The goal of the program is to introduce Norwalk youth to our Norwalk Sheriff's Deputies and Public Safety officers in a fun way to inform them that the officers are there to support and protect the Norwalk Community. In addition to golf, a BBQ luncheon, goody bag and raffle tickets will be provided to participants. The program is open to golfers of all skill levels and is only \$10. Space is limited, sign up today at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue. For more information, please call (562) 929-5566.

How to Grow Healthy Citrus Trees in Spring

Citrus trees are a beloved plant choice for home gardens in California and it's no surprise why. Citrus trees have fragrant white blossoms and colorful fruit you can juice, preserve or eat fresh.

If you're considering planting a citrus tree on your property this spring, be sure to get a plant from a licensed nursery in your area. Additionally, you'll need to plan ahead to manage pests and diseases on your tree throughout its lifetime – like Huanglongbing (HLB), an incurable citrus tree disease that has killed hundreds of residential citrus trees throughout Southern California.



Tips for growing healthy citrus trees:

- *As the weather warms, apply water at the tree's trunk. As the tree grows, water a larger area around the tree. Newly planted trees should be watered every three to seven days, and older trees can be watered every week or two.*
- *Apply fertilizer. Ask your local nursery or garden center about which fertilizer is best.*
- *Inspect trees for the Asian citrus psyllid and HLB, monthly or whenever watering, spraying or pruning trees. Pest and disease management is critical to protect not just your own tree, but also your neighbors' trees. Visit CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org to know what to look for.*

Huanglongbing affects all citrus plants, including orange, lemon, lime, mandarin, pomelo, kumquat, grapefruit and tangerine trees. It also affects some relatives of citrus, like orange jasmine and curry leaves. If you spot the Asian citrus psyllid or see symptoms of HLB in your citrus tree, call the state's pest hotline at (800) 491-1899. For more tips, visit CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org.

Holiday Trash & Street Sweeping Schedule

In observance of Memorial Day, there will be no street sweeping or trash collection on Monday, May 28. 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:

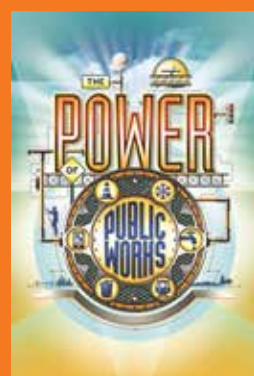
The altered schedule may cause trash collection to be on the same day as street sweeping in some areas. During these times, please place trash barrels up on the parkway (grass between sidewalk and

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

Public Works Week



National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, NPWW is observed each year during the third week of May to educate the public on the importance of public works in their daily lives and call attention to the value and importance of public works projects. This year it will be celebrated May 20 - 26, with the theme, "The Power of Public Works" which highlights the impact the many facets of public works has on the communities they serve. The City of Norwalk's Public Services Department works hard every day to remove graffiti, repair streets and sidewalks, maintain parks, medians and facilities, maintain sewers, water services and infrastructure projects that improve city services and impact the community's quality of life. This year local elementary school students will be invited to learn firsthand about the different divisions that make up the department. At the May 15, 2018 City Council meeting, the Public Services Department will receive a proclamation in recognition of National Public Works Week for the services they provide to the community on a daily basis.

Career Expo Night



The Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District, along with City of Norwalk and Norwalk Education Alliance partners, host the second annual Career Exploration Night on Thursday, May 3. The event, which runs from 6 to 8 p.m. at City Hall is open to the public and will provide attendees the opportunity to network with representatives from various industries to learn about career pathways and strategies for job success. A variety of fields, including manufacturing, health, law enforcement, hospitality and public service will be represented at the event.

Formed in 2015, the Norwalk Education Alliance is committed to connecting residents to education and career training as a path to better jobs and higher incomes, driving greater economic activity in Norwalk. In addition to the Career Expo, the Norwalk Education Alliance also hosts a Mock Interview Program, giving local high students the experience and tools to effectively communicate with potential employers and secure a much desired internship or job.

For more details call (562) 210-4051.

The Norwalk Transit System (NTS) is committed to providing safe and quality services to the community. As the front line of our transit system, our Coach Operators are crucial to the delivery of these services. Every year, a select few are honored for exemplary work behavior and having met strict performance criteria as part of the Distinguished Coach Operator of the Year Program.

The 2017 Distinguished Coach Operators were recognized at the March 6th City Council meeting, with several of the honorees bringing family members to the special occasion.

Tony Brander is currently the longest serving transit employee with 34 years of service. He fills in as Acting Dispatcher when needed and serves as Behind the Wheel Trainer. Tony was recognized as a Coach Operator of the Year in 2006, 2014 and 2015, in addition to many quarterly operator awards.

Yvonne King joined the City of Norwalk in 2007. She is first time recipient of the Operator of the Year award; however, has been recognized as a Distinguished Operator of the Quarter seven times.

Noureena Martinez joined the NTS team in 2005, was promoted to full time in 2013, and currently serves as a Department Line Instructor. She is a first time recipient, and has been recognized as a Coach Operator of the Quarter eight times.

Kindria McLemore was hired in 2004 and promoted to full time in 2013. She serves as a Department Line Instructor, helping to train new drivers. This is Kindria's fourth time receiving the Coach Operator of the Year Award.

Carla Reeves joined NTS in 2005, became full time in 2017 and serves as a Department Line Instructor. This is Carla's first Coach Operator of the Year award; however, she has been recognized as a Coach Operator of the Quarter six times.

Mike Washington was hired as Coach Operator in 2005 and became full time in 2016. He serves as a Department Line Instructor and has been recognized as a Coach Operator of the Quarter eleven times. This is Mike's sixth award as a Coach Operator of the Year.

Chris Wilson joined NTS in 1998 and promoted to full time in 2001. This is his first Coach Operator of the Year Award and was previously recognized as Coach Operator of the Quarter eleven times. Soon Chris will be celebrating 20 years of service to the Norwalk community.

Congratulations to all the Distinguished Coach Operators!



Department of State Hospitals Jobs

On Friday, May 18, Metropolitan State Hospital hosts its annual Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at James Hall, located on campus at 11401 South Bloomfield Avenue. The State of California's Department of State Hospitals (DSH), one of Norwalk's top employers, is hiring for a wide variety of careers, from Accounting to Warehouse Worker. The State offers its employees generous benefits like retirement and savings plans, health and dental insurance, long-term disability and care insurance, and vacation and sick leave.

Applying for a job with DSH is easy and involves two simple steps: taking an exam to determine your skills and experience, and submittal of an application in the field you wish to work in.

The DSH wants you to know that "The services our employees provide are truly essential to the people of California. In public service, you will spend every day doing work that is vital to your state and your community."

For more information, contact the hospital at (562) 474-2595 or at MSH.Recruitment@dsh.ca.gov.

Letter Carriers' Food Drive

SAT., MAY 12, 2018

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Coordinating Council Looking for Outstanding Citizen



Each year, the Norwalk Community Coordinating Council (NCCC) recognizes an outstanding individual whose contributions to our community have lasting positive impacts. The NCCC Citizen of the Year exemplifies service and selflessness, asking nothing in return. Past recipients have included Frank Napolitano, Ofelia and Arturo Sanchez, Jr. and Bob Arthur. The NCCC is currently seeking nominations for Norwalk residents who have made a difference in the lives of others. Obtain a nomination form by contacting NCCC President Gordon Stefenhagen at (562) 400-8188. Nomination deadline is May 11.

The selected honoree will be announced at the NCCC's Annual Awards Luncheon on June 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Sproul Room. This year's event theme is "Fiesta!" NCCC scholarship winners and Keystone Awards will also be presented at the event. Tickets are onsale now for \$20 and can be purchased by going online at nccconline.us.

Waite Panthers Crush It in Earth Day Efforts

Recently, a months-long effort by schools in the greater Los Angeles area to divert food waste from landfills came to a close. As participants in the Grades of Green Trash Free Lunch Challenge, 20 participating schools collectively diverted over 46,300 bags of trash (that's 463 tons) from local landfills. Waite Middle School was recently recognized as the "Most Determined" by the Grades of Green program. Robyn Murphy, who served as Waite's advisor, says "I was fortunate to work with two incredible teachers at the school, Stefanie Barone and Angela Uyehara, who led an awesome group of motivated student leaders. These leaders developed sorting stations (trash and recycle paired together) to be placed around their lunch area so students could recycle their lunch waste. They promoted the program through educational announcements, posters, class presentations and by being present at the sorting stations during lunch to answer questions. Through their hard work and efforts, Waite was able to cut their lunchtime landfill



waste in half, going from 16 bags of trash a day to only eight."

"Waite Middle School was selected as "Most Determined" because the campus Green Team never gave up on their waste reduction goals," Murphy goes on to say. "Implementing a program like this in a middle school has its challenges, but staff and students were persistent in getting the message out and promoting the program. Eventually they were able to create a sustainable waste reduction program that will reduce waste at Waite Middle School for years to come."

GRADES OF GREEN is an environmental education nonprofit dedicated to providing parents, students and educators with free, fun and hands-on Grades of Green Activities to inspire and empower students to care for the environment.

Alondra Library

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Parent Child Workshops

Fridays, May 4 – June 1 • 10 to 11:15 a.m.

Parents and caregivers of children ages 0-3 are invited to take part in a five-week series of special Parent/Child Workshops. A community resource specialist will be available to answer questions while children and caregivers play and read together. Specialists will discuss topics like literacy skills, preschool readiness, and oral health. Sign-ups are recommended; call or visit the library to register.

Teen Events

Social Etiquette for Teens

Saturday, May 12 • 2 to 3 p.m.

Ever wonder why there are so many pieces of silverware at your table? Learn some new skills on social dining with us. Teens will learn the ins and outs of social etiquette with Jules Hirst. For ages 13 – 18.

Adult Events

“Classics I Always Said I Was Going to Read”

Book Club

Tuesday, May 8 • 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

May's classic book club selection is the memoir Farewell to Manzanar, which describes the experiences of Jeanne Wakatsuki and her family before, during, and after their imprisonment at a Japanese American internment camp during World War II. Read or listen to the book, then join the light discussion.

CORRECTION:



The Norwalk Woman's Club has provided volunteer service to the Norwalk community for 96 years. Each year, the organization awards scholarships to deserving high school students, as well as a re-entry student at Cerritos College. Their recent event, Spring Time in Paris Tea and Fashion Show on Saturday, April 21, served to raise funds for this year's scholarships.

Please note that we erroneously reported the organization's meeting date/time in our April NOW. The Norwalk Woman's Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, September to June, at 10:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, at 12345 Rosecrans Avenue.

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Children's Events

Ballet Folklorico

Wednesday, May 2 • 4 to 5 p.m.

Celebrate Dia de Los Niños with a fantastic performance of the Ballet Folklorico Show by The Blanca Tierra Arts Center. Enjoy an art activity after the show. Fun for the whole family!

PAWS to Read Program

Wednesday, May 9 • 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Practice reading aloud with a friendly therapy dog. Reading to a dog can help improve children's reading skills and boost their confidence in reading. Children may read aloud in 20-minute sessions. Please arrive early to guarantee a time slot. For ages 4-12 years.

Teen Events

Bento Box Workshop

Wednesday, May 16 • 4 to 5 p.m.

Food lovers, Chef Yoko Isaji will be demonstrating a Bento Box preparation to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Join us to learn about Japanese cuisine and to sample* delicious food! For ages 13-18. *Food limited to participating audience.

Let's Make Comics!

Thursday, May 24 • 4 to 5 p.m.

Curious about creating comics? Artist Javier Hernandez will share all the basics to get you started. Learn to create your own characters and story structures like the ones in your favorite comics. For ages 13 -18.

Adult Events

Adults Create: Straw Painting

Thursday, May 10 • 2 to 3 p.m.

Discover the Mexican folk art of "straw painting" known as Popotillo Art. Participants will be make their very own painting to take home. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Call or visit the library to sign up.

Lit Wits Book Club: Unravelling Oliver

Monday, May 21 • 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

May's selection is Unravelling Oliver by Liz Nugent. In this psychological thriller a seemingly mild-mannered, upstanding man commits a violent, heinous act. Why did he do it? Copies available for checkout at the Info Desk.

FOR SENIORS ONLY!

Norwalk Senior Center
14040 San Antonio Drive • (562) 929-5580

HICAP

Wednesday, May 2 & 16 • 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.

IHSS Help Desk

Friday, May 4 • 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, disabled adults or legally blind individuals so they can remain safely in their home.

Sponsored by: Personal Assistance Services Council of Los Angeles (PASCLA)

Bone Density Screening

Thursday, May 3 • 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This free screening offered by HealthCare Partners will help seniors find out the basic condition and health of their bones. A Health Care Professional will be available to briefly discuss the results with each of the seniors getting the screening. Space limited to the first 50 seniors to sign-up the day of the event.

Sponsored by: HealthCare Partners

May Candlelight Dinner

Theme: A-May-Zing Nights

Tuesday, May 8 • 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$6.50 (before Saturday, May 5)

\$8.00 (after Saturday, May 5)

Stop by and enjoy a hot and hearty meal and share an evening of warmth with friends and family. Meal service will consist of Chile Verde, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Tortillas, 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.

Neighborhood Watch:

"Vacation Security"

Wednesday, May 9 • 10 to 11 a.m.

A Norwalk Public Safety Officer will discuss with seniors what they need to know in order to be safe while on vacation. They will also talk about what they must do to keep their home safe while they are away.

Sponsored by: Norwalk Public Safety

"Heart Health" Seminar

Thursday, May 10 • 10 to 11 a.m.

As seniors age, heart health is very important. Staff from Regal Medical Group will be talking to seniors about how they can keep their heart healthy and the importance of regular exercise and good, balanced nutrition. They will also talk about symptoms seniors need to watch for that signal possible heart problems.

Sponsored by: Regal Medical Group

CalFresh Outreach Assistance

Monday, May 14 • 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 may now qualify to receive CalFresh services.

Sponsored by: Los Angeles Regional Food Bank

Body Mass Screening

Tuesday, May 15 • 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

This free screening offered by Regal Medical Group will help seniors determine if they are overweight. The senior's results will be discussed with them and they will be presented with ways they can reduce their weight and stay in their healthy weight range.

Sponsored by: Regal Medical Group

ENERGY corner

Energy Efficient Lights



Did you know you can light your home using the same amount of light for less money? It's simple: replace your light bulbs with models that have the ENERGY STAR. This easy step can save you \$75 a year. Traditional incandescent bulbs can be replaced with halogen incandescent bulbs that meet the minimum energy efficient standards or you can choose more efficient bulbs like compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs). An ENERGY STAR qualified CFL uses about 1/4 the energy and last 10 times longer than a traditional incandescent. You can also choose light emitting diodes (LED) bulbs. LED bulbs use about 20-25% of the energy and last 25 times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs. Although the purchase price is higher, today's energy efficient bulbs cost less to operate and last longer than traditional bulbs, saving you money in the long run! For other light saving tips visit www.sce.com/wps/portal/home/residential/home-energy-guide/Lighting-and-Electronics.

Photo Highlights: April 2018 City Council Meetings

