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- C E L E B R A T E -
INDEPENDENCE DAY
JULY 3rd

Tuesday, July 3
6-9pm
City Hall Lawn

Locks of Love Hair Drive
12-7pm

City Council Action on Illegal Fireworks

Norwalk City Council is committed to ensuring the safety of our residents this holiday season.

At a press conference on Wednesday, June 13 at Norwalk City Hall, City Council and City Manager Jesus Gomez, joined by Public Safety and Sheriff's Department personnel, discussed the City's fireworks regulations and enforcement program following action taken at the previous night's council meeting. As part of City's zero tolerance for the use and sale of illegal fireworks, City Council passed a resolution increasing the penalties for fireworks violations. Fines for first offenses now range from \$500-1,500 and subsequent violations can reach up to \$3,000. This follows the previous amendment of the Norwalk Municipal Code to widen the sphere of responsibility for the use of illegal fireworks by holding property owners, tenants or responsible parties



El Concejo Municipal ha tomado medidas para aumentar las multas por el uso de fuegos artificiales ilegales. Informenos sobre la descarga de estos dispositivos dañinos llamándonos al 562.929.5333 o a fireworks@norwalkca.gov.

accountable for the discharge of illegal/dangerous fireworks on their properties.

Deputy City Manager Kevin Gano reiterated that only "Safe and Sane" fireworks are allowed in Norwalk between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. July 1 through July 4. He also highlighted the City and Sheriff's efforts to patrol our neighborhoods and hold responsible parties accountable for endangering life and property. He urged the community to report any use and sale of illegal fireworks to the

Fireworks Hotline at 562-929-5533 or fireworks@norwalkca.gov. For more information, please visit www.norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/public-safety/fireworks-safety.

Expect a Seamless Transition of Solid Waste and Recycling Services Providers

Starting August 1, the City of Norwalk will have a new service provider. Athens Services is already establishing connections in Norwalk and will be opening a Norwalk office at 12440 Firestone Blvd., Suite 1017 to serve you beginning July 2. Please call them at 1-800-333-0191 for information regarding the transition.



Athens Services ya está en las calles preparándose para la transición en Agosto. Llame al 1-800-333-0191 para más información o a partir del 2 de julio, visite su oficina en 12440 Firestone Blvd., Ste 1017.

ZERO TOLERANCE

DISCHARGING ILLEGAL FIREWORKS & GUNS IN NORWALK IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED!



IF YOU ARE FOUND USING OR ALLOWING ILLEGAL FIREWORKS ON YOUR PROPERTY, YOU WILL BE FINED UP TO



\$3,000



DON'T FIRE WEAPONS INTO THE AIR!

Each year, innocent people are seriously injured or killed by falling bullets fired foolishly into the sky. What goes up must come down.

ALL FIREWORKS, OTHER THAN "SAFE & SANE" FIREWORKS, ARE ILLEGAL TO POSSESS OR DISCHARGE.

Each 4th of July, lives and property are tragically lost or damaged due to the careless use of illegal fireworks. Only "Safe and Sane" fireworks may be discharged during Independence Day festivities, commencing July 1st through July 4th. Discharging any fireworks prior to or after this period is unlawful. (NMC 5.36.190 (F))
Fireworks Hotline 562-929-5333.

LOUD & DISRUPTIVE PARTIES ARE PROHIBITED.

Fines will be levied for each minute of officer time needed to address disruptions. Added to administrative costs, this total can average \$4,000. Please call the Norwalk Sheriff's Station at 562-863-8711, or the Norwalk Public Safety Department at 562-929-5732, if criminal activity is observed. Please dial 9-1-1 if there is a life threatening emergency or crime.

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

Phone 562-929-5700

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Get Involved

Help for Home Improvements?

Is your roof leaking? Are your windows drafty? Is paint starting to peel? The City of Norwalk provides financial assistance for home repairs to qualified households. Assistance is available to Norwalk property owners who have owned and lived in the property for minimum of 2 years and whose household income is within certain limits (see chart below). Homes must be owner-occupied, single family dwellings, including mobile homes and condominiums/townhomes, and tenant-occupied 1-4 unit rental properties*.

Household Size	Maximum Income
1 Person	\$54,250
2 Persons	\$62,000
3 Persons	\$69,750
4 Persons	\$77,500
5 Persons	\$83,700
6 Persons	\$89,900
7 Persons	\$96,100
8 Persons	\$102,300

*For rental properties, tenant incomes are used to establish eligibility for the program.

The following types of assistance are available depending upon income and other qualifications:

Grants **Deferred Loans****
Rebates **0% Interest Loans****

** Only owner-occupied, single family dwellings are eligible for loans.

Eligible Improvements include:

- | | |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Electrical | Carpentry |
| Plumbing | Windows & Doors |
| Roofing | Fumigation |
| Heating | Garages & Carports |
| Painting | Addition of |
| Masonry | Bedrooms & Baths |
| | <i>(under limited conditions)</i> |

For more details, attend our upcoming workshop:
Thursday, August 9 at 6 p.m.
Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, Sproul Rm
13000 Clarkdale Ave., Norwalk
562-929-5951
www.norwalk.org/HIPSe Habla Español



Únase con oficiales del sberiff de Norwalk y oficiales de seguridad pública para conversar y tomar café gratis.

Thursday, July 12 • 9-11 a.m.
Norwalk Senior Center
14040 San Antonio Dr.



RABIES CLINIC

Thursday, July 12 • 4-7 p.m.
Norwalk City Hall Lawn
12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Rabies Vaccination: \$6

Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers. Individual Vaccines, microchipping and flea control products will also be available.

Residents can also renew dog licenses. Please bring renewal letters.

For additional information, contact the Dog Licensing Dept at 562-929-5711.

ENERGY corner

Water Conservation

In 2016, the City applied for and received a Proposition 84 grant through the Central Basin Municipal Water District for water conservation retrofits at various City locations. Social Services Center and the Alondra Library had high-efficiency toilets, urinals, restroom faucets, landscape sprinkler heads, and Calsense “smart” irrigation controllers installed. It is estimated that water usage at these facilities will be reduced by 200,000 gallons which equates to approximately \$1,500 savings a year. City Hall, Senior Center, Arts and Sports Complex, and the Cultural Arts Center were also recently retrofitted with the same high- efficiency restroom fixtures. Holifield Park, Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, Aquatic Center, Sproul Barn, Teen Center, Senior Center, and City Hall parking structure also had installed over 2,200 high-efficiency landscape sprinkler heads and Calsense “smart” irrigation controllers. These upgrades will help the City reduce water usage by up to 30% annually.

For ways you can save water please visit
www.bewaterwise.com



Las modernizaciones de conservación de agua financiadas por una subvención aborarán a la Ciudad alrededor de \$ 1,500 y 200,000 galones al año.

CITY OF NORWALK RECREATION & PARK SERVICES DEPARTMENT

FREE!

SUMMER Concert Series

Wednesdays, June 13 - August 8 • 7-9 p.m. • City Hall Lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.
 For details, please call 562-929-5702.



July 11
 Raise Your Glass & Prismatic
 (Pink/Katy Perry Tribute)



July 18
 Knyght Ryder
 (Flashback '80s)



July 25
 *The Hodads
 ('70s Disco)



August 1
 L.A.vation
 (U2 Tribute)



August 8
 **Soto
 (Latin R&B)
 (National Night Out)

Parks Make Life Better!

*Concert sponsored by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission
 **Norwalk Chamber of Commerce Business Expo & Health Fair - featuring local businesses and their products as well as health and wellness services available to the community

Disfrute de un concierto de verano gratis en el césped de la municipalidad todos los miércoles a las 7 p.m.



Beach Bus DATE UPDATED



The Norwalk Recreation and Park Services Department will be providing youth ages 8 - 17 another low-cost Summer Beach Bus Trip on Thursday, August 2! If you enjoy going to the beach, we invite you to join us as we head out to Seaside Lagoon in Redondo Beach to play football, build sand castles, and soak up the sun! The buses will depart from the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex (13000 Clarkdale Ave.) and Norwalk Social Services Center (11929 Alondra Blvd.) at 9 a.m. and will return at approximately 4 p.m. Pre-registration and payment of \$5 is required. Lunch is included. All participants must bring their own towel and sunblock. For more information please call 562-929-5518.



¡Todos a bordo del autobús para la playa! \$ 5 incluye transporte, almuerzo y actividades en Seaside Lagoon en la ciudad de Redondo Beach.

Bus Rodeo Results

The Norwalk Transit System is committed to providing the community with safe and quality transportation. Reflecting our transit system's emphasis on customer service, one of our own was recognized on a national stage as the winner of a challenge highlighting best customer service practices.

John Ybarra, a coach operator with NTS, won first place in the Customer Service Challenge at the International Bus Rodeo at Tampa, Florida in May. The Rodeo, an annual bus driving and bus maintenance competition hosted by the American Public Transportation Association, strives to encourage and highlight the highest degree of professionalism among coach operators and mechanics. The Customer Service Challenge was

incorporated into the Rodeo ten years ago and presents participants with a variety of customer interface scenarios in front of a live audience.

This year, a total of 38 coach operators signed up for the Customer Service Challenge, and after an initial screening interview, this was reduced to five operators.

John, a 12 year veteran with NTS, has previously been recognized by the Transit Department for safe driving and excellent service through department recognition programs. We thank John for representing Norwalk so well and for continually providing exemplary services to Norwalk residents and NTS patrons in surrounding communities.



El Departamento de Transportación de la Ciudad de Norwalk gana el primer lugar en el "Rodeo" Internacional de Autobuses

Holiday Trash & Street Sweeping Schedule

In observance of Independence Day, there will be no street sweeping or trash collection on Wednesday, July 4. 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, Wednesday's trash will be collected on Thursday.

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

LA County HHW Round Up Event

July 21 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Cerritos College, Stadium Parking Lot C-1
11110 Alondra Blvd.**

The LA County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Round Up is coming to Norwalk! Dispose of household hazardous waste in a safe and responsible manner at a FREE HHW and E-Waste 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).

Call 888-CLEAN-LA for more information. Event is sponsored by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works in conjunction with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.



Deseche de manera segura los desechos domésticos peligrosos el 21 de julio en el evento del Colegio universitario de Cerritos

SINK HOLE FIXED

Firestone Boulevard between Imperial Highway and Studebaker Road was temporarily closed from Sunday, June 3 through Thursday, June 7 due to an irrigation system leak caused by the theft of a water system back flow valve. The valves are made of bronze, which makes them prime targets for thieves who sell the metal illegally for pennies on the dollar.

The leak created a sizeable void beneath Firestone, requiring the removal of asphalt and dirt to assess the safety and stability of street travel. Doty Brothers performed the emergency excavation, with Engineering and Public Services personnel present during the process to determine

the extent of necessary street and sidewalk removal and remediation.

The street was closed to traffic to ensure public safety and reduce risk of further damage. Vibrations from vehicles, including truck traffic, may have potentially increased the affected area. Once the 30 foot section of the street was opened up, shoring was provided to secure the sides of the void, dirt was added to level the area, and five truckloads of slurry seal mix, equivalent to 55 yards of material, was brought in to fill the void. After Engineering's careful evaluation of the roadway's stability, lanes were reopened.

PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

IMPORTANT NOTICE CONTRACTOR FRAUD



Public Safety advises you to exercise extreme caution regarding construction companies going door-to-door in order to solicit business. These unknown

businesses oftentimes try to take advantage of trusting residents who think they are getting a good deal, only to be swindled out of thousands of dollars.

Beware the following:

Door-to-door Solicitations, High Pressure Sales/Scare Tactics, Verbal Agreements, Demanding a Cash Payment or Requiring Large Down Payments

Here are things to remember when choosing a contractor, in order to avoid fraud:

- Obtain at least three bids before you sign a contract
- Look for reputable and established contractors
- Hire only licensed contractors; all contractors must have a City of Norwalk Business License to conduct business in the City. Ask to see a copy of the business license.
- Never pay cash, and only pay a small deposit in advance (no more than \$1,000 or 10% of project, whichever is less)

City permits are required for the following:

Window replacement, water heater replacement, patio construction, electrical work, rooftop solar energy system, additional parking spaces, new construction and modifications, reroofing your home



If you are unsure and/or have any questions, please call our Public Safety Team at 562-929-5730.

Norwalk Chamber of Commerce Business Expo & Health Fair

Support the efforts of the Chamber to grow local business opportunities by participating in the Business Expo and Health Fair on Wednesday, August 8 on the City Hall Lawn. The event is being held in conjunction with the City's "National Night Out," which brings communities together with law enforcement to build awareness and camaraderie. The Chamber seeks vendors at the table and sponsorship level.

Silver Level Sponsorship

\$300 includes preferred exhibit space, table and chairs for the booth, table sign, cover and easy up, banner recognition, social media promotion, logo on the Chamber website for one month and recognition in the Chamber newsletter.

Gold Level Sponsorship

\$500 also includes prime exhibit space, logo on the website for three months and business listing on all Expo Media.

Platinum Level Sponsorship

\$1,000 includes premium exhibit space, two tables and chairs, individual sponsor sign and logo on the website for six months.

Vendors may also reserve space without sponsorship at \$50 for Chamber members with home-based businesses, \$75 for members and \$100 for non members. Don't miss your chance to promote your business and share information with the community.



Did you Know...



Primeras oficinas del municipio de la ciudad de Norwalk en Firestone Blvd. en 1957.

Norwalk's first City Hall, a leased three room office on Firestone Boulevard just east of San Antonio Drive, opened to the public in September of 1957 with a staff of five employees handling requests for street maintenance, weed abatement, law enforcement and animal control, among other service needs. Find out about our current City Hall in the next issue.



Senior Center Events

14040 San Antonio Drive • 562-929-5580

Bereavement Support Group

Location: Norwalk Senior Center
Meets every Friday • 10 – 11 a.m.

The Bereavement Support Group is a group that offers support to participants who have gone through a loss of a spouse, family member or friend and want to share their experience in a safe and supportive environment. The group is led by a trained mental health professional from Telecare Corporation in Norwalk.

Sponsored by: Telecare Inc.

CalFresh Outreach Assistance

Location: Norwalk Senior Center
Monday, July 9 • 9 a.m. – 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

All About the DEEP Program

Location: Norwalk Senior Center
Tuesday, July 10 • 10 - 11 a.m.

A Physician from Regal Medical Group will be at the Center to explain the DEEP (Diabetes Empowerment Education Program) Program. This program is designed to educate seniors about the many aspects that tie in to Diabetes Management such as understanding the human body, knowing diabetes risk factors and complications, healthy eating, working with your doctors, losing weight, managing medications, being physically active, and finding community resources.

Sponsored by Regal Medical Group.

July Candlelight Dinner

Theme: Destination USA

Tuesday, July 10 • 5:45 - 6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$6.50 (before Saturday, July 7)
\$8.00 (after Saturday, July 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 Top Sirloin Steak, Baked Potato, Vegetables, Salad, Dinner Roll, Dessert and Beverage. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. and meal service ends at 6 p.m. Prizes awarded. Dine-in only. Tickets will not be sold on the day of the dinner. Registration is currently being taken.

Community Garden Workshop

Tuesday, July 10 • 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Cost: Free

Do you work in your garden daily? Do you have questions about gardening? Then come down to our Community Center Garden Workshop. Staff will be discussing how to create your own fresh organic garden. What, how, and when to plant, and how often to add compost or water. We will also be discussing our very own garden. Registration is currently being taken.

Social Services Center Events

11929 Alondra Blvd • 562-929-5544

Free Mammograms

Thursday, July 12
Appointment Required

In partnership with Watts Health Care Corporation, the Social Services Center will be hosting its annual free mammograms event. This service has been provided to Norwalk community residents for over 11 years.

Participants must be:

40 years or older, Low Income, Medi-Cal, Uninsured
Anyone interested can call the Social Services Center at 562-929-5544 for appointments and details.



FREE! Lunch & Snacks for Children this Summer!



Monday-Friday Open until August 3

Lunch at Parks - 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Snacks at Parks - 3-4 p.m.

Lunch at Norwalk Library - 12-1 p.m.

**Lunches will not be served on July 3 or 4.*

Gerdes Park, 14700 Gridley Rd, 562-868-5817

Hermosillo Park, 11959 162nd St, 562-929-5613

Norwalk Park, 13000 Clarkdale Ave, 562-929-5702

Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy, 562-868-0775

Join us for lunch in the park! The City of Norwalk Recreation and Park Services Department, in conjunction with the County of Los Angeles, will offer a nutritious meal for children 18 years and younger. The Summer Lunch Program is sponsored through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The goal of the program is to ensure that children receive at least one nutritious and balanced meal per day when school is not in session. Adults will be allowed within the serving area only to supervise their children. For more information, please call 562-929-5763.

Photo Highlights: June 2018 City Council Meetings

