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2020 Vision: Objectives Met



Utilize new technology to improve customer service.

The City website "Re-Booted" in November, bringing new capability and faster service to users.



Improve parks, public facilities and open space and identify opportunities to enhance community resources

The Norwalk Park Master Plan was updated in December, after a thorough site analysis and needs assessment, including resident feedback through surveys, interviews and a community workshop. Gerdes Park underwent a renovation project including new paint, landscaping and playground.



Support neighborhood and community preservation efforts

The City reinstated the Mini Mr. Sun Neighborhood clean-up program, helping residents to maintain their properties and properly dispose of hazardous materials.

Support and invest in energy efficient and environmentally friendly strategies to develop sustainable infrastructure, reduce City's carbon footprint and lower long-term costs

The City installed 282 new safety lights at all City intersections, saving nearly 336,000 kilowatt hours. In addition, utilization of alternative fuel methods eliminated 182 metric tons of emissions from the air.



2015 State of the City Address

Friday, February 20, 2015 • 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Norwalk Doubletree Hotel • 13111 Sycamore Dr.

Enjoy lunch and a special presentation on Norwalk's progress and goals by City Manager, Michael J. Egan. Tickets are \$45 per person, and are available until Thursday, February 16, 2015.

Make a difference. Be a sponsor or donor:
\$1,000 Keystone Sponsor:
Reserved Table for 8, Full Page Ad in Program

\$500 Blue & Gold Patron:
4 Tickets, Half Page Ad in Program

\$250 "On the Move" Benefactor:
2 Tickets, Business Card Ad in Program

Proceeds will go to the Oldtimers Foundation for upgrades to nutrition equipment for Norwalk seniors, to the City's Food Pantry, and Norwalk Libraries for the purchase of Kindle e-readers. Any and all donations appreciated, including silent auction items.

Tickets or sponsorship info: Norwalk Community Coordinating Council (562) 400-4188, (562) 888-1936 or ncc@usa.com. Pay online at www.ncconline.us. Checks made payable to NCCC, Post Office Box 521, Norwalk, CA 90651-0521.

All Contributions are tax deductible Norwalk Community Coordinating Council FEID#95-4651463

Stuff-a-Bus Makes a Difference

The City's 13th Annual Stuff-a-Bus Holiday Toy Drive collected over 630 toys. Norwalk Transit's decorated, holiday-themed, 40 foot bus travelled various routes throughout December, and visited other locations, including local schools, to collect unwrapped toys.



40th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on the Horizon

Join Master of Ceremonies Mayor Marcel Rodarte and Keynote Speaker Tim Lee at the 2015 Norwalk Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. This year's event will be held at the Norwalk Doubletree Hotel on February 11, 2015, from 6:30-8:30 a.m. Tickets are \$25 per person.



Tim Lee grew up a rebellious teen in southern Illinois. In 1969, he joined the Marine Corps and was deployed to Southeast Asia. Apprehended along an abandoned trail in Vietnam, a land mine explosion damaged his legs beyond repair. In a wheelchair for life, Tim Lee was to carry a message from God to a nation.

Since 1979, Mr. Lee has devoted himself to a full-time ministry of evangelism, engaging and inspiring people of all ages across the country. Tim Lee brings with him a clear, uncompromising message grounded deep in old fashioned patriotism, righteous living and biblical revival. For more information, please contact Prayer Breakfast Committee Chair, Pastor Oscar Fisher at (562) 443-0655.

Resolutions of Fellow Norwalk Residents for the New Year



"That I'm able to keep on coming to the gym all year."

- Judy Stewart



"I would like to stay well the entire year of 2015."

- John Stewart



"I would like to have another baby this year. I had my first child a few months ago, and would like another."

- Cynthia Quinones



"It's been really good this year, next year is going to be even better."

- Lorenzo Vasquez



"I wish everybody a prosperous New Year and be thankful we are here."

- Louis Lovato



"I hope the gas prices stay down. More compassion... We all have to live here on Earth, and unless we get along, Earth won't be ours."

- Lathon Holmes



"I have never gone fishing in my life. So that's what I want to do this year."

- Diego Ramirez



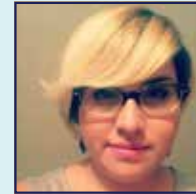
"I hope my family is together and we're healthy. Also that my husband continues with his job."

- Blanca Hernandez



"More money, not only for me and my family, but for everybody."

- Jesus Hernandez



"I am going to make sure to enjoy every day of the new year."

- Sarah Marquez

March Election Cancelled

At the December 16, 2014 meeting, City Council voted to cancel the March 3, 2015 Municipal Election, as no challengers filed to run for the three seats.

At the close of the nomination period on December 5, 2014, only the three incumbents (Marcel Rodarte, Leonard Shryock and Luigi Vernola) filed Nomination Papers to run for office. When the number of nominees for an election does not exceed the offices to be filled, the City Council has the option to either cancel the election and appoint the nominees, or to proceed with an election.

City Council discussed utilizing the approximately \$120,000 saved in election costs for City improvements. The incumbents will be sworn into office on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 to serve new four-year terms.

Norwalk City Council

Mayor
Marcel Rodarte

Vice Mayor
Leonard Shryock

Councilmember
Cheri Kelley

Councilmember
Mike Mendez

Councilmember
Luigi Vernola

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Giftng Ladies



The Norwalk Woman's Club is focused on making a positive impact in the community. This holiday season and decades prior, they've organized their members for the "Gifts for Giving" program at the Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk. Patients who wouldn't have the means to give a gift to a loved one are able to do so through the club. Members will buy, wrap, and ship out holiday gifts on behalf of the patients. Marie Carter, a longtime member, says the patients' families have written heartwarming letters, "One letter said thank you for giving my son the dignity to remember his family at Christmas."

In addition to the "Gifts for Giving" program, the Norwalk Woman's Club is busy throughout the year volunteering and giving back. Among the organizations they're involved with are the March of Dimes, Operation Smile, and Paul Newman's Painted Turtle Camp. The club also grants scholarships to students. The longest standing member, Alice Allen, joined in the early 1950's. At age 92 Alice says, "I love to be with the ladies, it's a friendship and at my age, you stagnate if you don't get out and do things. And I've learned a lot, from arts and crafts to government."

For more information on the Norwalk Woman's Club, you can contact their membership chair, Linda Kelly (562) 644-8411.

To see the full video of this story, go to our youtube station at www.youtube.com/norwalktelevision and click on the "Now You Know" link of this feature.



Clean Up in 2015

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County asks residents to properly dispose of waste that is "Too Toxic to Trash." Bring household hazardous waste, such as automotive fluids (oil, antifreeze, brake fluid), cleaners and pesticides, pool chemicals, expired or unused medications or sharps, household batteries, acid or lye products, fluorescent lights bulbs, and e-waste (computer monitors, keyboards, cell phones, cell phone batteries) to one of three events for FREE and safe disposal.

Saturday, January 10
Paramount Swap Meet
 7900 All America City Way
 (Off Paramount Blvd.)

John Anson Ford Park
 7800 block of Scout Ave., Bell Gardens
 (Swimming Pool Parking Lot)

Saturday, January 17
Rio Hondo College Fire Training Academy
 11400 Greenstone Ave., Santa Fe Springs

Items should be in original containers, sealed, and placed in a sturdy box.

Events run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and are open to all Los Angeles County residents. Call 1-888-CLEAN-LA for more information.



Trash & Street Sweeping

In observance of the upcoming January holidays, please note the following schedule changes for trash pick up and street sweeping.

New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1, 2015

(No street sweeping/No trash collection)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 19, 2015

(No street sweeping)

Trash collection will resume following New Year's Day, one day later than your regular scheduled date. For example, if your regular trash date is Thursday, pickup will be moved to Friday. For Friday trash pickup, trash will be collected on Saturday. Please note that street sweeping will not take place during the week if your regular sweeping date lands on a holiday. Sweeping will resume the following week as scheduled.

In some cases, the modified schedule may cause trash collection to fall on the same day as street sweeping. During these times, trash barrels MUST be placed up on the parkway so street sweeping is not disrupted. Please do your part to make sure our streets are kept clean.

Please Note: On regularly scheduled days, street sweeping will occur, even in the rain. Please make sure vehicles are moved on street sweeping days in your neighborhood, rain or shine, to allow for safe and efficient cleaning.

2014 Angel Tree Sponsors



The Giving Season

Dolores Huerta Elementary School buzzed with excitement and holiday cheer as the City of Norwalk's Social Services Department hosted over 1,350 children and their families at this year's Angel Tree celebration on Saturday, December 13, 2014. The Angel Tree Project, a Norwalk tradition for over 20 years, began as a much smaller "Gift of Clothing" project and has grown over time into a holiday themed party supported by the entire community. Through this program, children are provided with a gift of new clothing, toys and a fun holiday party. Attendees enjoyed games, face painting, arts and crafts. Entertainment at the holiday party included magicians, storytelling, and puppeteers. Of course there was a special visit by Santa. The City of Norwalk was privileged to have the talents of the John Glenn High School Jazz Band and the Norwalk All City Band, who provided musical entertainment. Special thanks go out to the donors, sponsors and volunteers that made this event a success.

Elementary Schools

Chavez	Johnston	Nuffer
Cresson	Lakeland	Orr
Dolland	Lampton	Paddison
Edmondson	Moffit	Sanchez
Glazier	Morrison	Studebaker
Huerta	New River	

Gold

Norwalk Community Coordinating Council

Silver

Alondra Senior Citizen Club
 Pawnmart Jewelry & Loan
 Norwalk Lions Club
 Kurt & Melissa Anderson
 United Parents Club
 Tom & Marie Jackson
 Norwalk Motorcycle Club
 Norwalk Senior Citizens Center, Inc.
 Wal-Mart #5164

Major

Assemblymember Ian Calderon
 Gordon & Marilee Stefenhagen
 Squeekers and Herb Originals
 John Glenn High School
 Metropolitan State Hospital
 Norwalk Auto Auction
 Norwalk Knights of Columbus #3678
 Talia's Coffee
 Norwalk Girls Fastpitch
 Norwalk Youth Baseball

General

AA
 Al-Anon
 Assemblymember Cristina Garcia
 Phyllis Barth
 CEA - HOW
 Costco - Norwalk
 Emerald Star Chapter #143 OES
 In-N-Out Burgers
 Ironworkers Local Union #416
 Leroy & Gladys Baca
 Mary Jane McIntosh
 Orozco Family
 Norwalk Printing
 Norwalk Records
 Norwalk Superior Court Employees
 Richards Watson & Gershon
 Al & Luella Steele
 Smart and Final
 Soto Family
 St. Linus Knights of Columbus #10623
 Tak Hamabata

Angel Tree Sites

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #359
 Applebee's
 Arise Church
 Cerritos College Bookstore
 Communication Workers of America
 Doris Hair Design
 Faith Reform Church
 L.A. County Fire Department Station #20
 L.A. County Sheriff's Department - Norwalk Station
 Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District
 Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
 Norwalk Chamber of Commerce
 City of Norwalk City Hall
 Norwalk High School
 Norwalk Presbyterian Church
 Norwalk Regional Library
 City of Norwalk Senior Center
 Norwalk Sheriff Station
 City of Norwalk Social Services Center
 Norwalk Superior Court
 Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
 Social Security Administration
 St. John of God Catholic Church
 United Methodist Church
 Verizon
 Wal-Mart #5164

\$1 Supporter Sites

American Legion Post
 Cerritos College Bookstore
 City of Norwalk City Hall
 City of Norwalk Senior Center
 City of Norwalk Social Services Center
 City of Norwalk Child Care
 City of Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
 Douglas Burgers/Tacos
 Familia Pawn
 Joyland Preschool
 Leche Café & Bookstore
 Señor Baja Restaurant
 So. Cal. Pizza
 Tam's Burgers #33
 TNT Restaurant

And More Than 200 Volunteers!!!

FREE! Christmas Tree Recycling



From December 26, 2014 through January 16, 2015, Norwalk residents can have their Christmas trees picked up. Trees will be reused as compost and landfill cover.

Curbside collection program customers:

As a safety precaution, please place your tree on the curb the day before trash pickup. Trees will be picked up on the same day as your trash collection. A separate truck will collect the trees at a different time than the rest of the refuse. If you forget to place your tree on the curb, please hold off until the following week to do so; it will be collected on your trash collection day.

Multi-family dwelling customers:

Residents of multi-family buildings can recycle their trees by placing them out next to the regular trash containers. A separate truck will pick up the trees.

Guidelines for Placing Your Tree Out:

- Decorations (ornaments, tinsel, lights, etc.) and metal stands must be removed.
- Wooden tree stands must be removed and disposed of as trash.
- Flocked trees are NOT acceptable and considered trash.
- Do not place your tree in a bag.
- Trees over eight feet need to be cut in half.

Each year, your participation enables the City to recycle Christmas trees. Recycling saves valuable landfill space and preserves our environment.

For details, please call the City of Norwalk at (562) 929-5964 or email at recycling@norwalkca.gov.



MOVERS, SHAKERS & NEWSMAKERS

H&R Block & Alba Professional Services

John Alba and his son Taylor Alba were presented with the "2014 Rookie Franchisee of the Year Award" at the H&R Block National Convention in Dallas, Texas. With more than 2,500 people in the crowd, John proudly represented the Norwalk community.



SELACO - WIB Scores a \$150,000 Grant from Microsoft

SELACO - WIB serves the Norwalk community with employment development and support for those looking for work. In addition to offering workshops and career counseling, they also provide computers, phones and office equipment to the public. Their Norwalk EDD/SELACO WIB Career Center is located at 12715 Pioneer Ave. (562) 929-9112

Let's Go, Eagles, Let's Go!

Two cheerleaders from John Glenn High School, Jasmine Jackson and Krysta Diaz cheered in front of millions at the 88th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York. They performed alongside the iconic band KISS! Having the chance to be a part of this parade is a memory neither will soon forget. Woohoo!!!



Computer Re-Boot Reminder



The City of Norwalk just launched a brand new website! It's faster, more efficient, and graphically enhanced. The biggest difference is the responsive design. Now the layout will adjust and resize depending on the type of device you're viewing it on. There are plenty of other functions the new site offers, including paying some of your bills online. To learn more about the new website, go to:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxYLMm4y_FQ

Talented Norwalk Teen Receives High Honors



Steve Rodriguez, a Junior at Santa Fe High School, was recently presented with the Gold Medal of Achievement from the Royal Rangers youth organization at New Harvest Church. Upon achieving his goal of seven years, Steve says, "It was one of the greatest moments of my life!" Along with the medal, he was presented a "Book of Honors," which included letters from President Barack Obama, United States Senator Dianne Feinstein, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez and Mayor Marcel Rodarte. Steve also plays guitar for his band, The Breakroom Band, who put out their first album on iTunes earlier this year!

Public Services Department Announcement

SANDBAG INFORMATION

With WINTER and rain here, be prepared!



Sandbags are available at the local Fire Stations. (Limited supply)

Fire Station 20 - 863-0214
12110 Adoree St., c/s Norwalk Blvd.

Fire Station 115 - 868-5212
11317 Alondra Blvd.

Sand is available in the parking lots of the following five locations within Norwalk.

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| Aquatic Pavilion
12301 Sproul St. | Gerdes Park
14700 Gridley Rd. |
| Hermosillo Park
11959 162nd St. | Bob White Park
12120 Hoxie Ave. |
| Holifield Park
12500 Excelsior Dr. | |

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

FREE Emergency Preparedness Workshop for Home Child Care Providers/Directors/Owners

Saturday, February 21 at 9 a.m. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex

Learn more about emergency preparedness and how best to support your clients' unique needs when there's an emergency. Call or email to register: (562) 929-5335 or rvernola@norwalkca.gov before January 31.

2015

SIGN-UPS

AT SO CAL PIZZA
12253 Imperial Highway
City of Norwalk

EARLY BIRD
SAT. DECEMBER 13
11AM-2PM

REGULAR
SAT. JANUARY 10
11AM-2PM

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE:

WWW.NORWALKGIRLSFASTPITCH.COM

REGISTRATION FEES

FULL PAYMENT DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

EARLY BIRD IN DECEMBER - ONLY \$80
REGULAR IN JANUARY - \$100 (AGES 7-16) TEE BALL \$75 (AGES 4-6)
ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE!!!

EVERY PLAYER THAT REGISTERS ONLINE WILL RECEIVE A FREE GIFT!

COACHES WANTED FOR ALL DIVISIONS! PLEASE EMAIL IF INTERESTED.



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Asistencia en español disponible en el lugar de reunion.

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TOP 10 WINNERS

2015 CITY OF NORWALK
USED OIL ARTWORK CONTEST
"A Clean Environment is Up to You! Recycle Used Motor Oil and Filters Today!"

TOP 10 WINNERS



Classes & Activities at the Senior Center Seniors

Neighborhood Watch Meeting: "Government 2.0"

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Seniors can learn about new innovations the City of Norwalk has developed and is implementing communitywide.

Sponsored by: Norwalk Public Safety

FREE Senior Seminar: "Health, Wellness and Wholeness."

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

10 – 11 a.m.

Discover how staying emotionally and physically fit can keep you healthy and give you a positive attitude.

Sponsored by: Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

FREE Karaoke Cabaret for Seniors

Join us to sing along on two dates:

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

2 – 6 p.m.

Saturday, January 17, 2015

1 – 4 p.m.

AARP Smart Driver Safety Course

Tuesday, January 20

Wednesday, January 21

12:30 – 5 p.m.

Cost: \$15 for AARP members

\$20 for Non-members

Sponsored by AARP

FREE Electronics Workshop for Seniors

Saturday, January 24, 2015

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Seniors will have the opportunity to bring in electronic devices such as cell phones, cameras, iPods, iPads and MP3 players (to name a few) and learn the basic skills necessary to operate the device. Workshop will be held at the Norwalk Senior Center. Seniors will receive personal one on one assistance from Teen Alliance Program (TAP) participants.



Library Bookmark Contest



Nayeli Sanchez

Jayson Pascual

Ashley Han



Saulo Hernandez

Ashley Hernandez

Ami Patel



Jessica Fung

Assemblymember Garcia's 2nd "There Ought to Be a Law" Contest



Assemblymember Cristina Garcia will be launching her second "There Ought to Be a Law" contest for residents of the 58th Assembly District. Constituents from the cities of Montebello, Pico Rivera, Commerce, Bell Gardens, Downey, Norwalk, Bellflower, Cerritos and Artesia are invited to submit ideas or proposals for a new state law.

Entries can cover a wide range of issues that can be addressed by legislation, with the intent of improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods throughout the state of California. The contest is open to people

of all ages and school aged children and college students are especially encouraged to participate. "I want my constituents to be my partners in setting my legislative agenda," Garcia said. "I encourage my constituents to share with me their bill ideas, inspired by their daily experiences - ideas that will make all of California better." Last year's proposal submitted by Sally and Ron Hoyt from Bell Gardens was introduced as Assembly Bill 1596. The bill required all vote-by-mail applications, when completed, to be mailed directly to the county registrar's office and not to middlemen or political campaign organizations. This measure was passed through the legislature, signed by the Governor and will become law on January 1, 2015.

Assemblymember Garcia will choose at least one winner from the contest. The winner will have the opportunity to travel to Sacramento, testify before an Assembly Committee on the merits of the bill, and have lunch with Assemblymember Garcia.

Remember, the deadline for entries is Friday, JANUARY 16, 2015. Submissions will be accepted by mail, e-mail, or fax. Applications can be submitted online at: <http://asmcd.org/members/a58/other-resources/there-ought-to-be-a-law-form>, faxed to (562) 861-5158 or mailed to: Office of Assemblymember Garcia, 8255 Firestone Blvd. Suite 203, Downey, CA 90241

If you have any questions, please see Assemblymember Garcia's website or call her district office at (562) 861-5803.

PC Classes for Beginners at Norwalk Library

Saturday, January 10, 2015 • 9 – 10 a.m.

The second Saturday of the month offers opportunities to learn the basics of using a PC, including writing a simple document, creating your own email account, and attaching documents to emails.

- January 10 – Create a document in Word
- February 14 – Get Your Own Email Account
- March 14 – Attaching Documents to Emails

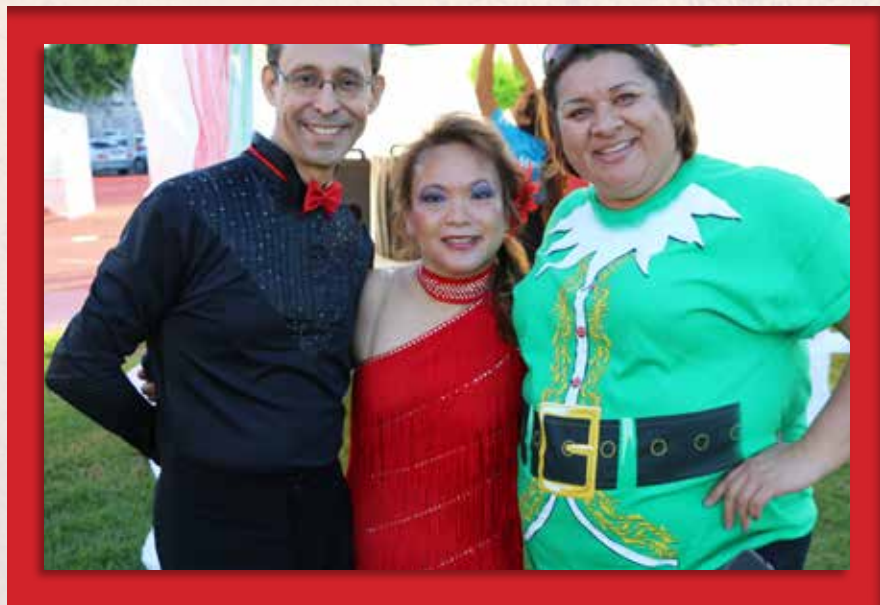
Registration is required as space is limited. For more details call Norwalk Library at (562) 868-0775.

Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.,
www.colapublib.org





**SNOWFEST & TREE LIGHTING
DECEMBER 6, 2014**





 *If you don't see your photo? Go to the City of Norwalk's official Flickr page and browse through for your photo: <https://flic.kr/s/aHsk39REA2>*

