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A Message from the Director of Public Safety, Grissel Chavez



The City of Norwalk has aggressively moved forward to enhance public safety services at all levels. In addition to increasing the number of officers in the community, we have enhanced resources necessary for high visibility patrols in order to proactively address quality of life concerns and detour criminal activity. We're at work in our neighborhoods, schools, parks and shopping centers, planning behind the scenes, coordinating and building multi-agency teams so that we may continue to effectively address our residents' foremost concerns.

The collaborative efforts of our new Public Safety and Sheriff's team, school safety team,

neighborhood enhancement team, commercial code compliance team and our transient/homeless outreach and prevention teams have met with success, but the public's help and support are crucial elements for long-term effectiveness.

Our residents are one of the most important members of our safety teams. Your involvement and continued active support are critical to achieving our common goal of safe, secure neighborhoods, and we have established a number of events to enhance our networking and build strong relationships. We encourage you to watch for and participate in your Neighborhood Watch Meetings, Community Forums, Neighborhood Block Parties, "Coffee with a Cop" events and other city-sponsored activities. Contact your Department of Public Safety to learn how you can get involved in helping to keep your neighborhood and community safe.



Se han programado varios eventos para que la seguridad pública, los diputados del alguacil de Norwalk y los miembros de la comunidad se unan para construir relaciones sólidas y de apoyo.

Please join us at one or more of September's upcoming events:

- Sept. 6 – Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 15915 Elaine Ave., 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 8 – Neighborhood Block Party, Gerdes Park, 14700 Gridley Rd., 1 p.m.
- Sept. 14 – Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 12400 Cheshire St., 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 26 – Community Forum, Social Services Ctr, 11929 Alondra Blvd., 6 p.m.
- Sept. 29 – Neighborhood Block Party, Norwalk Park, 12203 Sproul St., 1 p.m.



Please feel free to call me or any member of our Public Safety Team at 929-5729 or 929-5732.

Paving Pathways to Success

Norwalk's young adults are going places! Class of 2018 graduates from John Glenn, Norwalk, Santa Fe and Southeast Academy High Schools are heading out to begin the newest chapter of their academic careers. Students have been accepted to Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Long Beach, UCLA, UC Irvine, UC Berkeley and Columbia University,

to name just a few of the campuses where you'll find last year's Eagles, Lancers, Chiefs and Bulldogs. Look for banners bearing the images of participating students and their college destinations on display throughout the city, courtesy of a new program created by the Norwalk Education Alliance. We wish all of them success!



Estudiantes de Norwalk que se gradúan de la escuela secundaria han sido aceptados en varias universidades incluyendo Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Long Beach, UCLA, UC Irvine, UC Berkeley y Columbia University.

Hermosillo Park's State of the Art Playground



Parks Make Life Better!



On August 18, City Council cut the ribbon at Hermosillo Park, opening the way for eagerly waiting children to start climbing, running, jumping and sliding on a new state of the art playground. Four

swings, five slides, separate climbing equipment for tots and youth, a Global Motion Spinner, and climbing equipment offer plenty of ways for children to have fun, socialize, learn coordination and get good old fashioned exercise.

Blue tent-shaped canopies provide shade for each structure, and the entire playground surface is covered in "pour in place" safety padding, which not only affords a soft surface, but also is easier to maintain and is ADA accessible.

Nearby seating areas are also shaded so that accompanying parents can find relief from the sun during long summer play times, giving everyone an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors.

Planning for the playground project began in the fall of 2017 when residents attending the Community Forum at Sanchez Elementary School expressed the need for new equipment. Recreation staff went to work researching options, bringing the item to City Council in February of 2018 at the mid-year budget review. Council approved the funding and plans were set in motion.

Grand opening celebration festivities included face painting, arts and crafts, games and free refreshments.

Hermosillo Park is located at 11959 162nd Street in Norwalk.



El 18 de agosto, el Concejo Municipal cortó la cinta en el Parque Hermosillo, abriendo el camino para los niños a comenzar a escalar, correr, saltar y deslizarse en un nuevo patio de recreo.

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

Connecting Over City Issues

The Community Forum is coming to the Social Services Center on Wednesday, September 26. The event starts at 6 p.m. and offers the Norwalk community an opportunity to connect with City Council and staff on issues of concern. Presentations on current and upcoming projects, as well as vital City services, will be provided, followed by an open floor discussion. Light refreshments will be served and translation services will be provided to Spanish speakers.

This is the sixth in a series of forums since May 2017, and based on the community's positive response and Council's ongoing focus on engaging with residents, additional forums will continue to be scheduled on a regular basis at locations throughout the City.

The Social Services Center is located at 11929 Alondra Blvd. For additional information, please call 562-929-5735.

You have questions.
You have concerns.



Summer Cooling Centers

Summer months bring fun, sun, and heat! Sometimes, the heat can become dangerous, especially for Seniors. The Norwalk Senior and Social Services Centers are now open on weekends as local Cooling Centers. Both centers have experienced significant participation since the Summer Cooling Center pilot program was launched after a High Heat Advisory on July 6, so both Centers will remain open on Saturdays and Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., through Sunday, September 30. The Social Services Center welcomes families and offers a children's play area.

Enjoy recreation programming that includes movies, game boards, cards, billiards, or a good book while you cool off. A light lunch is served on both days from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a reasonable price. We encourage all residents to utilize the Centers to beat the heat.

Los centros de servicios sociales y personas mayores de Norwalk están abiertos de 9 a.m. a 5 p.m. los sábados y domingos hasta finales de septiembre como centros para combatir el calor.

Homeless Outreach Portal

Community members can now be part of the homeless solution! The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, in partnership with Los Angeles County, has created a Homeless Outreach Portal that provides an easy and quick way to request

services for individuals living on the streets. Visit www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/request to have an outreach team come out to connect homeless individuals to medical and mental health services, job training, and other important programs.



NextGen Bus Study

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is currently conducting a countywide NextGen Bus Study. Metro needs your help to reimagine a bus system

that is more relevant, reflective of, and attractive to LA County residents. Check out the Study website at www.metro.net/nextgen to learn more and stay involved.

Metro is reimagining its bus system for the next generation. Tell us a little about yourself, give us your input, and help us plan better bus service.



Frequent Rider
I ride buses 3+ times per week



Occasional Rider
I ride a bus at least once per month



Infrequent Rider
I have ridden a bus in the past year



Non-Rider
I have not ridden a bus in the past y...

Pets for Troops Adoption

Norwalk resident and veteran Oscar Diaz, who served in the US Marine Corps, adopted young Luna from the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) through our Pets for Troops program. Oscar describes Luna as "very rambunctious and energetic" and thanks the City for bringing him a new best friend. Thank you for your service, Oscar!



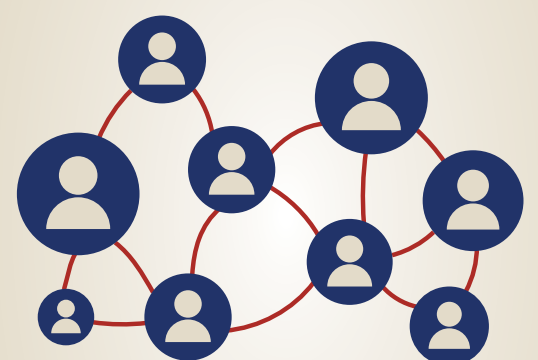
El residente de Norwalk y veterano Oscar Diaz, quien sirvió en el Cuerpo de Marines de los Estados Unidos, adoptó a la joven Luna de la Autoridad del Control de Animales del Área Sureste a través de nuestro programa Mascotas para Nuestras Tropas.



Chamber Networking & Breakfast

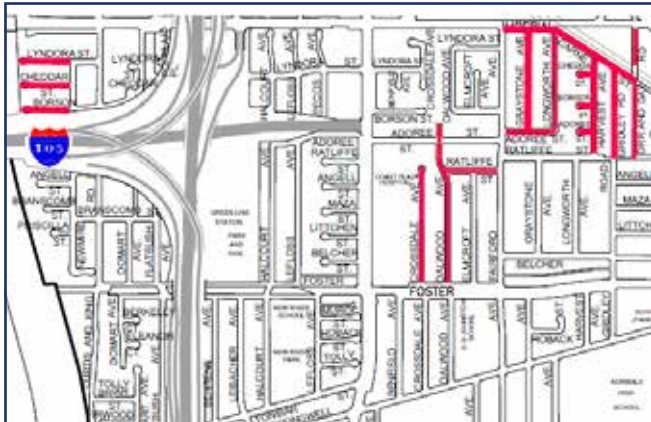
Join the Norwalk Chamber as they host special guest City Manager Jesus Gomez, who will speak on the city's Economic Development Plan. Hear about potential plans and locations being considered for future development. Q and A will follow the presentation.

Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex
13000 Clarkdale Avenue
Wednesday, September 26
7:30-8 a.m. Networking,
8-9 a.m. Breakfast and Workshop
\$20 (member discount price: \$10)
RSVP to info@norwalkchamber.com
or 562-404-0909



Street Repairs

In August, City Council awarded a contract to All American Asphalt Company to address local streets rehabilitation throughout Norwalk. This project includes the repair of twenty-two neighborhood streets, including sidewalk, ADA ramp, curb and gutter and repaving work. Construction will begin following the Labor Day holiday, with completion expected by the end of November 2018. This is just one of several street rehabilitation projects scheduled during the 2018/19 fiscal year.



Norwalk Park Expansion

Norwalk Park will expand by nearly one-acre when a former apartment complex is transferred from Caltrans ownership to the City.

El Parque Norwalk se expandirá casi un acre cuando se transfiera un previo complejo de apartamentos de la posesión de Caltrans a la Ciudad.



Norwalk Resident Wins Miss Preteen

Congratulations to Norwalk resident Morgan Johnson, recently crowned Miss Preteen! Morgan, a Los Alisos Middle School student, competed in the pageant along with 128 other contestants from throughout the state in July, earning not only the Miss Preteen title, but being selected “Miss Photogenic” as well! The Miss Teen competition seeks young ladies between the ages of 7-20 years who are foremost “beautiful on the inside,” complemented by “how she presents herself on the outside.” Morgan, who participated in two personal interviews with judges, a casual wear

and formal wear competition, tells us that the best part of her experience was “meeting new people, overcoming my stage fright and growing my self-esteem.” She will travel to Orlando, Florida in December 2019 to compete in a nationwide pageant. Good luck, Morgan!



Morgan Johnson, una estudiante de la Escuela Intermedia Los Alisos, recientemente fue nombrada Miss Preadolescente regional. Viaja a Orlando, Florida en diciembre de 2019 para competir a nivel nacional.



Residential Information for NEW Solid Waste Services

New monthly solid waste rate for single family homes is \$16.75.

Standard service includes (3) - 96 gallon carts; 1 for trash, 1 for recyclables and 1 for greenwaste.



Senior Rate is \$4.19 a month, this includes (1) - 32 gallon trash cart, as well as 1 recyclable and 1 greenwaste, any size.

Additional trash carts are \$6.75 per month. This is in addition to the \$16.75 monthly waste rate.

Residents can request additional recycling carts and 1 additional green waste cart at no extra charge.



Contact Information

1 (888) 336-6100

www.AthensServices.com

Norwalk Office

Saddleback Square

12440 Firestone Blvd., Suite 1017

Hours: Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

*Closed for lunch, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Available Cart Sizes

Gallons	Height	Width	Depth
32	39.13 in.	20.2 in.	22.98 in.
64	40.58 in.	26.7 in.	28.11 in.
96	45.13 in.	28.7 in.	33.73 in.

The cart sizes above are available upon request, at the same price of standard services.

Bulky Item Pickups

1. Residents of single family homes may pre-arrange collection of up to FIVE bulky items once a week at no additional charge.
2. Residents of multi-family dwellings may call in bulky item pickups 12 times a year at no additional charge.

To schedule a pickup, please call 1 (855) 557-1007.

PUBLIC SAFETY RESERVE OFFICER PROGRAM

The Norwalk Public Safety Department continuously seeks community members, aged 18 years and older, to become Reserve Public Safety Officers. We invite you to consider this wonderful volunteer opportunity where you can provide valuable service to make your community a better place! Whether it's serving in a field patrol capacity, as Dispatcher, or assisting with administrative tasks and special events, we have an assignment suited to your interests seven days a week!

Reserve Public Safety Officers provide valuable support to the Public Safety Department and community by enhancing our ability to provide a

proactive response to the community's needs. If you are an individual that wishes to make a positive difference in the Norwalk community, receive law enforcement and Dispatcher training, and enhance your skills and/or opportunity for a future career in law enforcement, then our Reserve program is for you!

Applicants must clear a background and Live Scan process. If you would like to be part of the Reserve program, applications are available at Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Room 15, or by calling 562-929-5732. You may also apply online at: <https://www.norwalk.org/i-want-to/volunteer-with-the-city-s-public-safety-department>



See & Do

PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

2018 BACK TO SCHOOL



SAFETY ALERT – BE SAFE DRIVING, WALKING AND CYCLING IN OUR SCHOOL ZONES!

As our children go back to school, our roads and school zones become very crowded with pedestrians, bikes and cars in the rush to get to school on time. It is important to help our children get to and from school safely. Every year, the Public Safety Department and Norwalk Sheriff Station team up to conduct a proactive education and enforcement campaign to remind both drivers/parents and students of pedestrian and road safety.

In the last two weeks, Public Safety Officers and Norwalk Sheriff's Deputies visited all of the schools in Norwalk, and distributed educational information to both students and drivers, relating to traffic laws and pedestrian safety. Please make sure you and your children practice safe driving, walking and crossing at all times throughout the school year.

Please practice being a good neighbor in and around our Norwalk school zones. Many violations observed during the school drop-off/pick up time frames are often parking related and negatively impact the residents in the immediate area. All vehicle and parking laws will be enforced. Please



contact the Public Safety Department at 562-929-5732 to report ongoing parking and traffic violations.

Illegal Dumping is a Crime!

Property owners are responsible for properly disposing of all of their waste. Leaving trash and discarded items in alleys, medians and other public spaces, not only reflects an unsightly appearance, but also creates community health and safety hazards. To report illegally dumped items, please call Athens Services at 1-888-336-6100.



Chamber Fall Festival

Support your Chamber of Commerce and local community projects while enjoying an evening of camaraderie at the Chamber's annual Fall Festival in Oktober! The event takes place on Thursday, October 18 from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at So-Cal Pizza. Cost is \$45 per person, with a group special for parties of four or more, with tickets reduced to \$40 per person. Ticket includes Oktoberfest beer tastings, appetizers, games, and a special Oktoberfest collector's glass to take home. To RSVP and purchase tickets, contact the Chamber at 562-404-0909 or visit norwalkchamber.com. The festival is open to adults 21 years of age and older. So-Cal Pizza is located at 12253 Imperial Highway in Norwalk.



Hargitt House Roof Restoration Project

The historical Hargitt House Museum will be getting a new roof! The project, which began in late August, includes removal of the existing shake shingles, installation of plywood sheeting and felt overlay, and replacing new cedar shake shingles that match the profile and pattern of the existing roof.

El histórico Museo Hargitt obtendrá un nuevo techo!



State of the Nation



On August 9, six area Chambers of Commerce joined to welcome 38th District Representative Linda Sánchez to Norwalk's Doubletree by Hilton Hotel to hear how local cities will be affected by activities at the federal level. The Congresswoman discussed the need for more

investment in infrastructure, not only to maintain and improve conditions, but to create jobs and drive the economy. She also expressed her support for Dreamers, explaining "our country was built brick-by-brick by people who came to this country in search of a better life. These young people have no criminal record, speak English, are college graduates, and were brought here at a young age and raised here. They are an injection of talent that will spur our economy."

The Congresswoman, who currently serves as Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and on the House Ways and Means Committee, discussed local projects she is focused on moving forward, such as the

Eco-Rapid Transit, a light rail system which would provide a "one-seat" ride from Cerritos, to Artesia and Bellflower and through to downtown Los Angeles. She also talked about the Del Amo bridge expansion, an alternative to the 91 connecting Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Representative Sánchez also spoke of the acquisition of 15 acres of tank farm property from the U.S. Air Force for expansion of Holifield Park, a "rare opportunity where a simple piece of legislation positively affects communities."

Congresswoman Sánchez closed the event with a question and answer session.

ENERGY corner

Norwalk is Gold

For the second year, the City has participated in the Beacon program run by the Institute for Local Government. The program recognizes an agency's approach and effort to addressing climate change. The City has reached the Gold level award for Community greenhouse reductions. The award represents a 12% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Norwalk will continue to work toward further reducing emissions through our continued commitment to increasing our tree canopy and our use of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) City buses and vehicles. To learn more about the Beacon program, please visit www.ca-ilg.org/beacon-program



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CHILDREN

Kid Zorro Bilingual Puppet Show
Tuesday, September 25 • 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Noteworthy Puppets present a bilingual puppet musical that takes you to Spanish California and sets the origin of the popular masked outlaw against the backdrop of Dia de los Muertos. Zorro must embrace his family's destiny in order to save the local Mission from a corrupt politician with a diabolical plan.

Geometric Lanterns

Tuesday, September 18 • 3:30-4:30 p.m.

In celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival, the MākMō Librarian will teach children how to fold geometric lanterns from paper and light them up from within. Amaze your friends and family with these glowing lanterns! Age range: 5 to 12.

TEENS

Teen Anime Club

Thursday, September 20 • 4-6 p.m.

Drop by to discuss your favorite anime with other teens and view some of our favorite anime episodes. Play video games and enjoy snacks. Ages 13-18 years

Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, September 27 • 4-5 p.m.

Help the library plan activities for teens and share your ideas with new friends. Join our teen advisory board and earn community service hours. Grades 9-12.

Photo Highlights: August 2018 City Council Meetings

