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Christmas Eve First Responder Toy Giveaway



The Department of Public Safety organized the first ever Christmas Eve First Responder Toy giveaway which brought many happy smiles to our local youth! On Monday, December 24, 2018, Norwalk City Council and City Departments, including Public Safety, Social Services, Public Services and Transit, were joined by Norwalk Sheriff Station, Metropolitan State Hospital Police, and Fire Station 20, and together distributed over 750 toys to children. Norwalk Transit's own Stuff-A-Bus made the rounds with the donated toys helping them reach residents in various neighborhoods.

The event was made possible thanks to the generosity of many donors, and we thank them for sharing in the holiday spirit and helping to brighten the lives of children in Norwalk.



En la víspera de Navidad, el Consejo Municipal de Norwalk y varios departamentos de la Ciudad se unieron con la Estación del Sheriff de Norwalk, la Policía del Hospital Estatal Metropolitano y la Estación de Bomberos 20, para entregar más de 750 juguetes a niños de nuestra comunidad. El evento brindo el espíritu navideño y fraternidad a los residentes y fue posible gracias a la generosidad de muchos donantes.

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



The 49th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast comes to Norwalk's DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel bright and early on Wednesday, February 13 at 6:30 a.m. This special event, hosted

by the Door of Hope Youth and Family Resource Center, gathers local officials, community members, and middle and high school students for a warm meal and an uplifting message of inspiration.

This year's keynote speaker is Jason Barquero, the public address announcer for LA's newest Major League Soccer team, the Los Angeles Football Club. When he is not addressing soccer fans over a loud speaker, he spends his time helping college students achieve their career goals. For 13 years, Jason has dedicated much of his professional career to higher education career counseling and alumni engagement at colleges throughout Southern California, and currently serves as the Executive Director of Career Services at Otis College of Art & Design.

Tickets for the event are \$25 each, and table and student sponsorships are available. For more information, contact Mercedes Quintanilla at 562-972-1927 or Pastor Arthur McKibben at 310-809-7679.

The DoubleTree is located at 13111 Sycamore Drive in Norwalk.

El desayuno anual de oración del alcalde reúne a funcionarios locales, miembros de la comunidad y estudiantes para un mensaje inspirador. El orador principal es Jason Barquero, el locutor de discursos públicos para el Club de Fútbol de Los Angeles. Además de su trabajo de transmisión, el Sr. Barquero ha dedicado gran parte de su carrera profesional a la orientación profesional en educación superior en universidades de todo el sur de California.

NEW Community Service Program Kick-off

On Saturday, January 26, the Public Safety Department in partnership with the Metropolitan State Hospital Police Department and California Conservation Corps, kicked off the new Community Service program! Youth in the community are given the opportunity to work off fines owed for past juvenile offender related activity by working a designated amount of hours of community service. Under the supervision of program staff, the youth will complete work projects on various city and private properties, and may include graffiti removal, landscaping maintenance, painting, debris removal, and more. The program reinforces the consequences of adverse and criminal behavior.



The youth will complete the projects while working alongside Public Safety Officers, Metropolitan State Hospital Police Officers, and Corps members. Officers/Corps members will serve as role models and mentors to the youth participants, working to educate them on the importance of good behavior.

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact the Public Safety Office at 562-929-5732 or email publicsafety@norwalkca.gov.

El Departamento de Seguridad Pública y sus socios han lanzado un nuevo Programa de Servicio a la Comunidad, ofreciendo oportunidades para que jóvenes puedan compensar sus multas a través de la finalización de los proyectos de servicio a la comunidad, incluyendo la eliminación de graffiti y el mantenimiento del paisaje. El programa refuerza las consecuencias de la conducta adversa y conecta a los jóvenes con modelos positivos.

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

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Lower your furnace thermostat by 3-5 degrees and save up to 10% on heating cost by:

- Install or upgrade insulation in your attic and walls and save up to \$20 per year
- Install a programmable thermostat to regulate the temperature in your home
- Keep your heating system tuned up to operate at maximum efficiency
- Make sure air ducts are leak free. Leaky air ducts can cost you up to 30% in heating cost.

So Cal Gas also provides weatherization and furnace repair or replacement to qualified limited income customers.

For more heating and energy saving tips visit www.socalgas.com/save-money-and-energy/energy-saving-tips-tools/tips-for-your-home

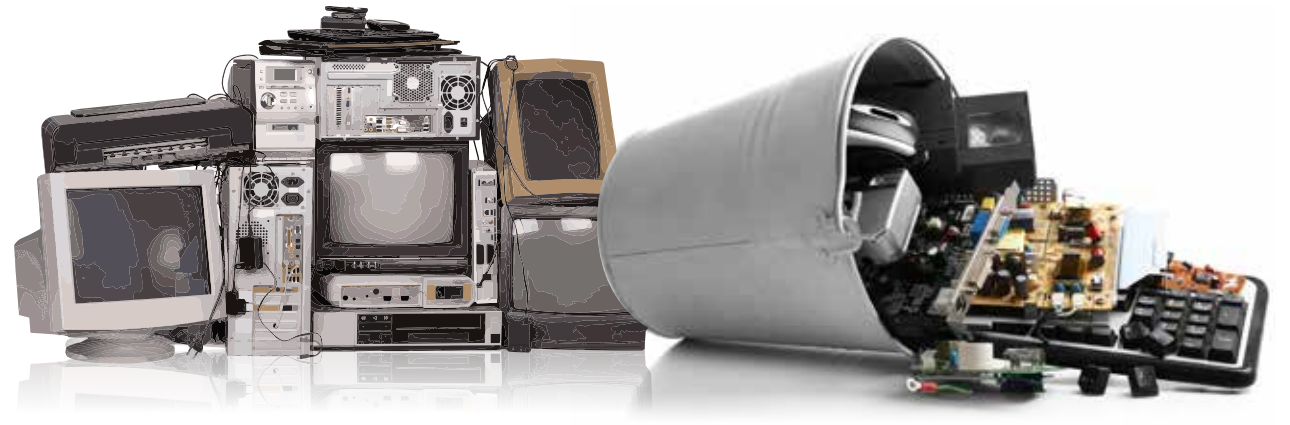
FREE! Waste Collection Event

Drop off old electronics for recycling, shred documents and dispose of unused medication for FREE during the City of Norwalk's Waste Collection Event on Saturday, February 16. Accepted items include television sets, computers, monitors, cell phones, laptops, printers, fax machines, DVD players, VCR's, video game systems, and radios. In addition, residents can bring up to five



boxes/bags of documents for secure on-site shredding. This year a new component has been added! You can also drop off unused or expired medication for safe disposal.

The event takes place at City Hall parking lot, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is on a first-come, first-served basis. Questions? Please call 562-929-5964 or email recycling@norwalkca.gov



¡Es hora de limpiar su casa y garaje! Deje los equipos electrónicos viejos para reciclar y hasta cinco cajas / bolsas de documentos para triturar el sábado 16 de febrero de 9 a.m. a 2 p.m. en el ayuntamiento. Los desechos electrónicos aceptados incluyen televisores, computadoras e impresoras. Este año, agregamos la eliminación de medicamentos al evento, así que traiga sus medicamentos no utilizados y vencidos.

DISPOSE OF YOUR UNUSED OR EXPIRED MEDICATIONS SAFELY!



ATTENTION:

Make it Routine, Clean up the Green!



We encourage all residents to pay special attention to the items they are placing in their green waste container. Most of your yard clippings like leaves, flowers, and grass clippings can be placed in the green waste container, but not all yard clippings are considered green waste. The most commonly mistaken items are dirt, succulents, palm fronds, and pet waste, which should always go in the trash container. These items cannot be processed for compost, and if mixed with the green waste material, they can contaminate the load. Do your part and "Make it Routine, Clean up the Green!"

¿Sabía que sus contenedores de desechos verdes se procesan para crear abono, ayudando a otras plantas crecer? Ayúdenos a continuar produciendo este material rico en nutrientes colocando solo hojas, hierba y flores en sus contenedores de desechos verdes. La suciedad, las suculentas, las hojas de palma y los desechos de mascotas deben ir en sus contenedores de basura, ya que no se pueden procesar para el abono.

"ARTASTIC"

Friday, March 15 • 6 - 9 p.m.

Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Avenue

"ARTASTIC" is a FREE special event, highlighting the Cultural Arts Center and the programs available to the community. The CAC offers dozens of different classes in varying art mediums; stop by and see what we have to offer. Artastic promises to be an enjoyable night for the entire family with feature art activities and projects for youth, multiple art exhibits, live entertainment, including the Norwalk All-City Youth Band, piano recitals, Creative Lil' Hands Performance, and Miniachis de Norwalk. There will also be food trucks, a Scholastic Book fair, a scholarship ceremony, painting demonstrations, and much more. For more information, please call 562-929-5521.

Community Art Competition & Scholarship Program

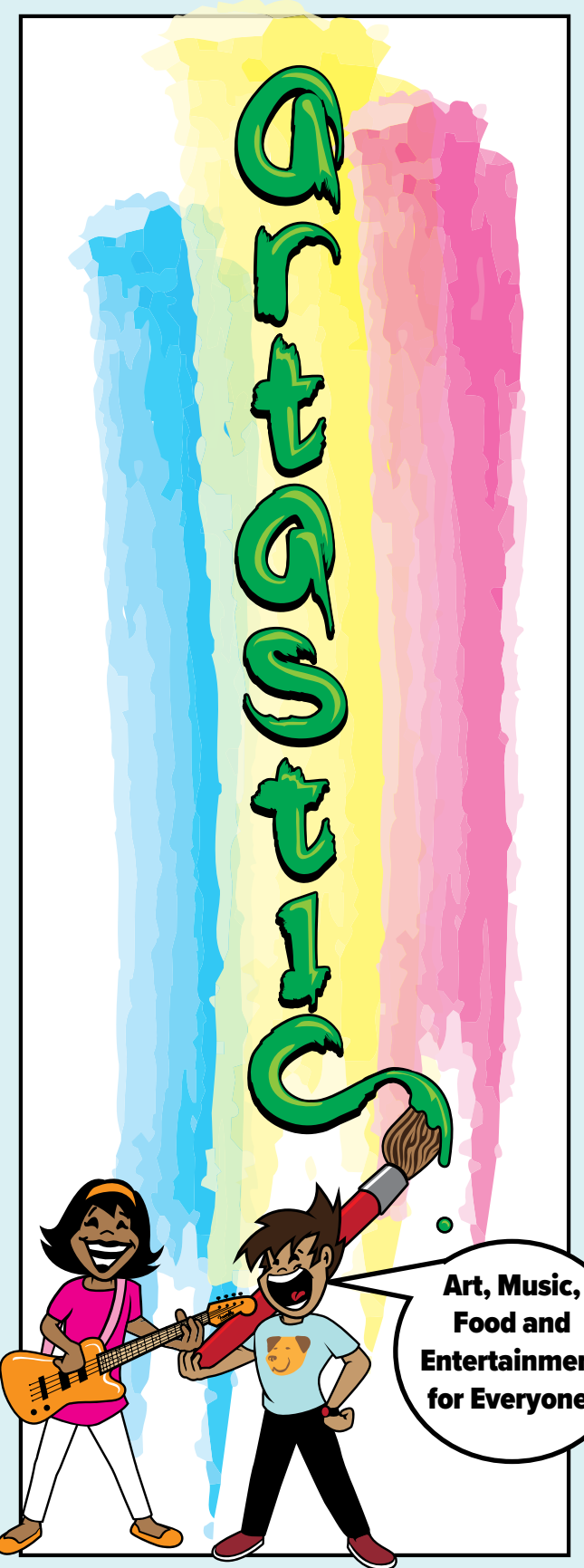
Submit Art: February 26 - March 1 • 3-7 p.m.

Art Exhibits: March 12 - 15

Artist Reception/Awards Night

Friday, March 15 • 6 - 9 p.m.

Due to the overwhelming success of ARTASTIC, we are pleased to announce we will be hosting our 10th annual Community Art Competition and Scholarship Program. This program is open to all high school and middle school students from the Norwalk/La Mirada Unified School District, who attend any school in Norwalk, or reside within the City of Norwalk. Accepted media include: photography, drawing, painting, sculpture, prints, fashion, mixed media, and computer generated art. All artwork must be original student work, mounted, matted, or framed. Only one entry per student. Applications are available at norwalk.org and at City facilities. A total of \$500 in scholarships will be awarded to top artists. For more information, please call the Cultural Arts Center at 562-929-5521.



Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, February 23 • 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Sproul Room, Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
13000 Clarkdale Avenue**



Tickets are \$5 and include pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and milk/orange juice.

Funds raised will support eye care services, scholarships and other programs.

For info, please call 562-508-0075 or 562-505-9778.

Public Safety Explorer Graduation

On Saturday, January 19, Norwalk Public Safety Cadets Cindy Ortiz and Ricardo Nava, both 14 years old, graduated from Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Explorer Class 101, which took place at Whitter High School Auditorium. Both Cindy and Ricardo attend Southeast Academy.

Additionally, based on his excellent performance, Cadet Nava was chosen to be an Explorer Intern (Drill Instructor) for the upcoming class 101. Congratulations Cadets Nava and Ortiz!!



Community News

Sidewalk Vending: Now Legal



State Senate Bill 946 (Lara) legalized sidewalk vending in California as of January 1, 2019. The City of Norwalk was required to adopt an ordinance that met specific state criteria in order to regulate sidewalk vending; otherwise, the City would be unable to apply any rules or enforcement. On December 18, 2018, Norwalk City Council passed an ordinance regulating sidewalk vending in the City, establishing a permit system for vendors subject to specific restrictions such as limitations on selling near schools, hours of vending, and health department permits.

Violations can result in administrative fines of up to \$1,000. If you have any questions or observe any vending in the City, please contact the Department of Public Safety at 562-929-5732. Officers can respond to the location to verify that the vendor has a City issued permit and is in compliance with the new rules and regulations.

Legislación estatal legalizo la venta ambulante en California a partir del 1 de enero de 2019. La Ciudad de Norwalk fue requerida a adoptar una ordenanza que cumpliera con los criterios específicos del estado para regular la venta en las aceras. En la reunión del 18 de diciembre, el Consejo Municipal de Norwalk aprobó una ordenanza que establece un sistema de permisos para vendedores sujetos a restricciones específicas, tales como limitaciones en la venta de escuelas cercanas, horas de venta y permisos del departamento de salud.

City Wide Construction Projects

EEMP Grant

In July 2015, the City applied for a grant with the California Natural Resources Agency to replace existing turf on City medians with drip irrigation systems and drought tolerant plants. The grant known as the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP), was approved in August 2016, in the amount of \$416,260. Work consisted of removal of soil and dead turf, installation of drip irrigation systems, construction of six water quality channels on Norwalk Boulevard side panels and installation of more than 6,000 plants within the medians. The work was completed on November 30, 2018 for a total cost of \$369,818.95. The City anticipates receiving more than \$410,000 in reimbursement for the grant.



Los mejoramientos en los centros de las pistas, que incluye el reemplazo del césped muerto con un paisaje tolerante a la sequía, fueron completados en noviembre. Aproximadamente 6,000 plantas fueron instaladas ayudando a embellecer a nuestra ciudad.

Foster Road Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvements

The pedestrian walkways on the Foster Road side panels between Studebaker Road and Pioneer Boulevard have been completed including the new pedestrian lighting. Landscaping will soon be installed on the panels. To complete the project the lane striping on Foster will be redone to add bicycle lanes the full length of the street and the vehicle lanes will be reduced from two lanes to one lane in each direction. New enhanced stop signage will be installed. The new traffic signal at Jersey and Foster will be activated after the lane striping is redone. The project is expected to be completed by the end of this month.



Los pasillos peatonales en los paneles laterales de Foster entre Studebaker y Pioneer se han completado. Próximamente se instalara vegetación, carriles para bicicletas, y señalización de parada con la esperada terminada del proyecto a fin de mes.

Pioneer Boulevard

The construction of landscaped median islands and the repaving of Pioneer Boulevard between Rosecrans Avenue and Alondra Boulevard was completed in December. The \$2.5 million project included a new traffic signal at Pioneer and Hopland and was completed within budget.



Los mejoramientos a los centros de las pistas y el pavimento en Pioneer Boulevard, incluso la instalación de una señal de tráfico en Pioneer y Hopland, se han completado.

Your Chick-fil-A is Here!

The City of Norwalk is pleased that the Grand Opening for Chick-fil-A was a phenomenal success, and our expectations have been exceeded by the tremendous amount of customer visits that the restaurant has experienced since its opening on Thursday, January 10. Panera and LA Fitness will soon be ready to open as well and City staff are working diligently with the developers to help with the development of a 4th building on site that will be a multi-tenant with office uses and additional retail uses. This property has been vacant for many years and the new life that the Norwalk Fitness Village development will breathe into the Imperial Highway corridor will be felt for years to come. Chick-fil-A is located at 12555 Imperial Highway.



City of Norwalk Angel Tree Supporters 2018



A special thanks to those involved in making the Holidays special for the many children selected to participate in the Angel Tree Project. The success of Angel Tree would not be possible without the support of each and every one of YOU!

THANK YOU for caring enough to make a difference in the lives of children and families in our community!



Diamond

Tom and Marie Jackson

Gold

Norwalk Senior Citizens Center, Inc.

Silver

Alondra Senior Citizen Club
Golden State Water Co.
Gordon & Marilee Stefenhagen
Norwalk Community Coordinating Council
Norwalk Golden Trowel
Norwalk Lions Club
Pawnmart Jewelry & Loan
United Parents Club
Wal-Mart #5164

Major

Alba Professional Services/H&R Block
Teri Bazen
Goodman Dean, Inc
International Seniors Club
Norwalk Auto Auction
Norwalk Knights of Columbus #3678
Norwalk Motorcycle Club
Norwalk Stingrays
Norwalk Transit Stuff-A-Bus
Richards, Watson and Gershon
Squeekers & Herb Originals
Studebaker Elementary School
Tony & Yvonne Weimholt

General
AA Grupo Gratiud
Al & Luella Steele
Al-Anon
CEA – HOW
California Highway Patrol – Santa Fe Springs
Metropolitan State Hospital
Neuroticos Anonimos
Norm Reeves Honda Cerritos
Norwalk Printing
Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex Senior Luncheon
Norwalk Records
Norwalk Superior Court Employees
Anthony & Celia Soto & Family
St. Linus Knights of Columbus #10623
United Methodist Church
U.S. Coast Guard Norwalk Recruiting Office

Elementary Schools

Chavez	Lakeland	William Orr
Cresson	Lampton	Paddison
Dolland	Moffitt	Ramona Preschool
Edmondson	Morrison	Sanchez
Glazier	New River	Studebaker
Johnston	Nuffer	

Angel Tree Sites

Alba Professional Services/H&R Block
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #359
Applebee's
Arise International Church
Communication Workers of America
Corral Family Daycare
Doris Hair Design
Edna Baldovinos
Faith Reform Church
John Glenn High School
Joyland Preschool
L.A. Financial Credit Union
L.A. County Fire Department Station #20
L.A. County Sheriff's Department – Norwalk Station
Margarita Perez
Northgate Gonzalez Market #24
Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District
Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
Norwalk Chamber of Commerce
Norwalk Child Development Program
Norwalk Community Hospital
Norwalk City Hall
Norwalk High School
Norwalk Presbyterian Church
Norwalk Presbyterian Shin El Korean Church
Norwalk Regional Library
Norwalk Relay for Life Committee
Norwalk Senior Center
Norwalk Social Services Center
Norwalk Superior Court
Norwalk Transportation Department
Ordiway Family Child Care
Pioneer Medical Group – Corporate
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Ruiz Family Daycare
Salas Family Daycare
Social Security Administration
St. John of God Catholic Church
Sunny Day Learning Center
TJ Maxx
TLC Learning Center
United Methodist Church

\$1 Supporter Sites

Cerritos College Bookstore
Douglas Burgers
John Glenn High School
Norwalk Elks Lodge
Norwalk Chamber of Commerce
Salas Daycare
So. Cal. Pizza
Tam's Burgers #33
TNT Tacos & Tortas
AND MORE THAN 200 VOLUNTEERS!!!

Senior Center

14040 San Antonio Drive
562-929-5580

See & Do

“Understanding Medicare & Medi-Cal Benefits” Seminar Tuesday, February 5 • 10 – 11 a.m.

For those seniors who have both Medicare and Medi-Cal benefits, it can be difficult knowing how the two work together. A staff member from the Center for Healthcare Rights will be at the Senior Center to explain how the two can be used concurrently and about the different programs and options that are available to Medicare/Medi-Cal recipients.

Sponsored by: Center for Healthcare Rights

Paint Palate

Wednesday, February 6 • 6 – 8 p.m.
Cost: \$12.00

Take a break from your typical night and release your stress with the stroke of your brush. Bring a family member or a friend and reconnect face to face, as you enjoy an evening of painting. Our instructor will have a predetermined painting that all levels of painters can follow, so come find the artist in you! Light refreshments and snacks will be served. Space is limited so sign up now.

Lunar New Year Dance & Food Drive

Thursday, February 7 • 6 – 8 p.m.
Cost: Free with Canned Goods

Come and enjoy an evening of music and dancing as we celebrate the New Year. Snacks will be available for purchase. Bring non-perishable canned goods for free admission into the dance. Food collected will support the Norwalk Emergency Food Cupboard for distribution to individuals in need in our community.

Brown Bag Medication Review

Tuesday, February 12 • 9 – 11 a.m.

A pharmacist from PIH Health Pharmacy will provide seniors with one-on-one information and assistance with their prescription medications. Seniors must sign up in advance for this event. Seniors will need to bring in a list of medications or actual bottles of the medication they have questions and/or concerns about. This event is on a first come, first served basis.

Sponsored by: PIH Health Pharmacy

February Candlelight Dinner

Theme: “That’s Amore”

Tuesday, February 12 • 5:45 – 6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$7.00 (before Saturday, February 9)
\$8.50 (after Saturday, February 9)

Stop by and enjoy a hot and hearty meal and share an evening of warmth with friends and family. Meal service will consist of Spaghetti and Italian Sausage, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Beverage. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. and meal service ends at 6 p.m. The event is dine-in only and tickets must be purchased in advance.



Painting & Pancakes

Brunch Date for Adults & Children (Ages 6 & up)
Saturday, February 16 • 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
13000 Clarkdale Avenue
\$15 per couple, \$7.50 each additional person

Create artwork with your favorite painter while enjoying a tasty pancake breakfast. The event will include step-by-step painting instruction so you can create a beautiful masterpiece on canvas that you can take home. All family members and any adult/child combination are welcome. For more information please call 562-929-5521.

Holiday Trash & Street Sweeping Schedule

In observance of Presidents' Day on February 18, Monday's street sweeping will not take place. Sweeping will not be made up as streets can only be swept on the posted day. Trash collection will occur as scheduled.

For questions about trash, contact Athens Services at 888-336-6100. For street sweeping questions, call Public Services at 562-929-5511, with parking enforcement inquiries for Public Safety at 562-929-5732.



Photo Highlights: January 2019 City Council Meeting

