

NorwalkNow

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**MONDAY, MAY 27 • 11 A.M.
CITY HALL LAWN**

The Norwalk community is invited to join the American Legion Post 359, veterans, officials and members of the public on Monday, May 27 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 and patriotic performances by the All City Band.

City Hall is located at 12700 Norwalk Boulevard. The event begins at 11 a.m. and is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Public Affairs at 562-929-5735.

Acompañe a la Ciudad de Norwalk para un tributo al Día de los Caídos el lunes 27 de mayo a las 11 a.m. El tributo anual se llevará a cabo en la instalación de arte de Freedom Memorial en el estacionamiento de la Ciudad. Para más información, contacte al Departamento de Administración al 562-929-5735.

Norwalk Unveils 2020 Census Campaign

On April 12, 2019, the City of Norwalk made history, becoming the first City in Los Angeles County to unveil bus and vehicle wraps for the 2020 Census.

With the 2020 Census just one year away, the unveiling marked the launch of Norwalk's campaign to urge public participation. The City's campaign includes wraps on a transit bus, Social Services van, two City vehicles, and five Public Safety SUVs. Residents can also catch our campaign at major City events where we will have booths with information on the Census.

What is the Census?

As required by the U.S. Constitution, the federal government must count everyone living in the United States every ten years. The last Census count took place in 2010.

In previous Census counts, the primary form of response was through paper format. However, for the first time in Census history, the primary response will be via the Internet. Census representatives will only visit homes that do not initially respond. Census day is April 1, 2020.



Why is the Census Important?

Data gathered from the Census helps determine federal funding for states, counties and cities. The data is also used to determine Congressional seats and redistricting.

El 12 de abril de 2019, la ciudad de Norwalk hizo historia, convirtiéndose en la primera ciudad en el condado de Los Ángeles en dar a conocer un autobús y vehículos cubiertos en su totalidad de calcomanías promoviendo el Censo del año 2020. Como parte de nuestra campaña, Norwalk también tendrá puestos con información acerca del Censo en los eventos mayores de la Ciudad.



PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER: Say No To Panhandling!!!

Panhandlers are individuals that solicit for monetary donations, often while standing on street medians, freeway off-ramps or shopping centers. This activity, known as panhandling, can result in behavior that becomes aggressive, and causes concern, intimidation and negatively affects residents' and local merchants' quality of life. Panhandling is not only a nuisance, it is a disruption to local businesses and a deterrent for their customers. It is our goal to provide our community with safe places to shop and conduct business. Local laws prohibit panhandling, trespassing and posing a public nuisance. Our Public Safety Officers and Sheriff's Deputies are continuously addressing these issues to protect the safety and welfare of our residents and our business community.

We need your help. Please don't give money to panhandlers, as this will provide an incentive for them to remain in a place where their behavior is rewarded. Instead, consider contributing to local non-profit agencies whose goal is to assist individuals in need with housing, food and employment opportunities.

The City's homeless outreach team provides countless support on a daily basis to help the homeless community, by offering resources such as food and hygiene items at the Social Services Center; coordinating with housing providers/outreach agencies to get them to shelter and/or drug rehabilitation centers; and assisting them with obtaining documentation required such as ID's, birth certificates, and more.

To report panhandling, please call the Public Safety Department at 562-929-5732.

Coming to Norwalk!



Construction on Panera Bread in the Fitness Village on Imperial Highway continues! As you'll see in the image, the exterior of the building is nearly complete. The Norwalk Panera Bread will feature indoor and outdoor patio seating areas and a drive-thru. Panera Bread is expected to open this Summer!

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

Norwalk City Council

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Get Involved

Bike to Work Day!

The City of Norwalk Transportation Department would like to encourage residents to think about using a bicycle as a means of transportation to shop, run errands, attend social events, and commute to and from work. In a world concerned with climate change, pollution and congestion, the question should really be "Why not bike and/or take public transportation to work?"

There are so many benefits associated with biking to work and using public transportation, such as lowered fuel costs, especially as gas prices continue to increase annually, getting exercise to improve overall health, contributing to a more "green" and clean earth, and exploring fun, new areas in your community.

On Bike to Work Day, Thursday, May 16, 2019, leave your car at home and try commuting by bike. Even better, bring your bike or bike helmet to the Norwalk Transit System (NTS) and ride the bus for free on Bike to Work Day.

For trip planning assistance and more information on NTS services, please contact Customer Service at 562-929-5550 or e-mail to: transportation@norwalkca.gov



ENERGY corner Ways to Save

Southern California Gas wants to help you save energy and money. Their new savings tool "Ways to Save" helps you manage your energy use and offers ways to reduce it. Taking a short survey will give you an energy use analysis and make custom recommendations on ways to save, including information on rebates and incentives you qualify for. You can also compare your usage to similar households and calculate your carbon footprint, track and update your progress and see how your actions help you save energy and money. Visit us at the following website for more information www.socalgas.com/save-money-and-energy/energy-saving-tips-tools/ways-to-save and start saving.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

4th of July Regulations - Celebrate Responsibly!



Not unique to the City of Norwalk, during the 4th of July holiday, discharging of illegal fireworks and disregard for the safety and welfare of others has impacted neighborhoods throughout our community. Each year, it is more and more difficult to understand why residents with such pride and commitment to safe neighborhoods find it acceptable to disregard the law and endanger the safety of their families and neighbors by discharging illegal and unsafe fireworks during their holiday celebrations.

Each year, your City Council extends more and more efforts and resources to protect the safety and welfare of our citizens during the 4th of July holiday. Because of the lack of respect for others and a disregard for their safety and the safety of others, control becomes increasingly challenging. Think about it...what message are they sending to their children?

The Department of Public Safety wants you to enjoy your 4th of July holiday responsibly. In order to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all Norwalk residents and visitors during Independence Day celebrations, we are asking you to please adhere to the City's fireworks rules and regulations.

Ordinance No. 18-1702, went into effect on May 31, 2018, amending the fireworks section of the Norwalk Municipal Code. Individuals will be held accountable for the discharge, possession, storage, and sales of dangerous (illegal) fireworks on property they own, rent, lease, or are in immediate control of. This means that if



illegal fireworks are found upon or used at your residence or property you have control of, you will be considered in violation and subject to fines of up to \$1,500 for the first violation.

Additional fireworks regulations:

Possession of fireworks are only permitted from 10 a.m., Monday, July 1st through Thursday, July 4th 10 p.m.

Fireworks are prohibited from being discharged on any days other than July 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Only Safe and Sane fireworks can be discharged in the City of Norwalk

Fireworks can only be sold from Monday,

July 1st to Thursday, July 4th, between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.

You must be 18 years of age or older to purchase fireworks. Those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible person 21 years of age or older.

Minors under the age of 18 shall not possess, fire, set off, discharge, or use any fireworks unless they are physically supervised by a person over the age of 21.

Minors under the age of 18 who are in possession of fireworks and not directly supervised by someone 21 years of age or older can have those fireworks confiscated by any law enforcement officer, Fire Department employee or any adult. The confiscated fireworks must be delivered to the Fire Department within one hour after confiscation.

No one shall possess or discharge fireworks on City property, including City parks, streets, and sidewalks, unless a permit has been issued.

Fines for first offenses will range from \$500 to \$1,500, and subsequent violations can be up to \$3,000. The Department of Public Safety is committed to ensuring the safety of everyone during the 4th of July holiday, and will take a "zero tolerance" approach to any and all violations.

Contact Public Safety at 562-929-5732 for more information.

Holiday Trash & Street Sweeping Schedule

In observance of Memorial Day, street sweeping and trash collection will not take place on Monday, May 27. When street sweeping does not take place it will **NOT** be made up. Streets can only be swept on the posted day. However, trash collection **WILL** take place the day after the normal collection day for the remainder of the week. For example, Monday's trash will be collected on Tuesday.

For questions about trash collection, 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.



En conmemoración del Día de los Caídos, el barrido de calles y la recolección de basura no se llevarán a cabo el lunes 27 de mayo. La recolección de basura se llevará a cabo el día después de la normal recolección.

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.

Get Help with Home Repair Costs

Is your roof leaking? Are your windows drafty? The City of Norwalk can help qualified households make necessary home repairs. 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. Homes must be owner-occupied, single family dwellings, including mobile homes and condominiums/townhomes, and tenant-occupied 1-4 unit rental properties.

For more information on the program

eligibility, join us for an **upcoming workshop** on Thursday, May 16 at 6 p.m. at the Council Chambers in Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard. You may also call the CDBG program at 562-929-5951.

La ciudad de Norwalk cuenta con fondos para ayudar a hogares, que califican, a realizar reparaciones que son necesarias. Acompáñenos para un taller el jueves 16 de mayo a las 6 p.m. en City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard. También puede llamar al programa CDBG al 562-929-5951.



RABIES CLINICS

Thursday, June 13
Thursday, July 11
4 – 7 p.m.

Norwalk City Hall Lawn
12700 Norwalk Boulevard

Individual vaccines, microchipping and flea control products will be available. Rabies vaccinations are \$8. Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers. Residents can also renew dog licenses and should bring renewal letters.

For additional information, contact the City of Norwalk Dog Licensing Department at 562-929-5711.

COFFEE WITH A COP



Mark your calendars to meet your local enforcement for a cup of coffee and conversation! The Coffee with a Cop program provides opportunities for residents and businesses members to meet with the men and women who patrol our streets in an informal setting to help build partnerships that enhance safety and improve quality of life.

Thursday, May 9
Sanchez Elementary School
11960 162nd Street

Thursday, June 6
McDonald's
11053 Rosecrans Avenue

Both events take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Public Safety at 562-929-5732.



Comparta una taza de café con nuestra policía local y proporcione comentarios sobre las formas en que podemos trabajar juntos para mejorar la calidad de vida para usted y su familia.

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Junior Park Ranger Registration



Calling all Norwalk kids ages 7 to 12! Join us for the summer session of the Public Safety Junior Park Ranger. Learn life skills and values that will teach you to be a role model, stay drug and gang-free, do well in school, all while meeting new friends, doing arts and crafts, playing games, and having fun!

The free program starts Monday, June 17 and runs through Thursday, August 8 and will take place at Norwalk Park and Hermosillo Park.

Norwalk Park • 13000 Clarkdale Avenue
Monday & Wednesday • 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Hermosillo Park • 11959 162nd Street
Tuesday & Thursday • 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Sign up now as only a limited number of spots are available! Contact the Public Safety Department at 562-929-5732 for more information.

Kids & Cops Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 1 • 10 a.m.

Don Knabe Golf Center & Junior Academy, 13717 Shoemaker Ave



Sign up to play with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies and Public Safety Officers during the City of Norwalk's Annual Kids & Cops Golf Tournament. The tournament is a fun way to introduce Norwalk youth to their local law enforcement team and aims to build lasting trust and positive relationships between young people and the men and women who patrol our neighborhoods.

The tournament is open to youth ages 8-17. Cost is \$10 per player and includes golf, t-shirt, lunch and raffles. Deadline to register is Monday, May 20, 2019.

To register or for more information, please visit the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue or call 562-929-5566.



Free Vision Screening & Free Recycled Eyeglasses

The Norwalk Lions Club will be offering free vision screening and free recycled eyeglasses on Saturday, May 11 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Norwalk High School Gymnasium located at 11356 Leffingwell Road. For more information contact the Club President (562) 505-9778 or Eyesight Chairman (562) 565-0937.

Metrolink Commuter Shuttle Service

Commuters arriving and departing from the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Metrolink Station will now have access to additional parking spaces. The City of Norwalk Transportation Department will be implementing a pilot shuttle service between the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Metrolink Station and the Civic Center Parking Structure located next door to Norwalk City Hall (12700 Norwalk Boulevard).

This pilot shuttle service will be effective for six months and will begin on Monday, May 6, 2019. The shuttle will operate Monday to Friday, at the times listed below, taking commuters to and from the Civic Center Parking Structure and Metrolink Station.

4:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
2:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

For more details and information on the Metrolink Commuter Shuttle, please contact Norwalk Transit Customer Service at 562-929-5550 or e-mail transportation@norwalkca.gov

Senior Center

14040 San Antonio Drive • 562-929-5580

Bereavement Support Group 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.

Flower Arrangement Night Wednesday, May 8 • 6:30 – 8 p.m. Cost: \$15 per person

Join us for an entertaining and fun evening of flower arranging, socializing, and enjoyable music. Our flower arranging design instructor will guide you step-by-step through the project and if you're feeling creative, you can change the design as you go. Come join us and be creative! You will take home a lovely flower arrangement that you can proudly display in your home or even better, give it as a gift. Light refreshments and snacks will be served.

High Blood Pressure Awareness Seminar Thursday, May 9 • 10 – 11 a.m.

Although high blood pressure among seniors is fairly common, nonetheless it can be a signal or symptom of a bigger health problem. This seminar will educate seniors about health conditions that can cause high blood pressure. They will also learn about the importance of getting their blood pressure checked on a regular basis.

Sponsored by: Regal Medical Group



See & Do



Egg-Stravagant Egg Hunt Celebration

Children of all ages ecstatically charged across the City Hall lawn, with baskets in hand, ready to find the best-looking eggs during Norwalk's Egg-Stravagant Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20. Over 5,000 community members joined the City for a day filled with activities for the entire family.

The egg-citing event began with a welcome by City Council and Majority Leader Ian Calderon. The City Council introduced the first event of the day, Egg-Normous Egg Hunt. During the week of April 14, Norwalk residents searched citywide to find giant eggs that had been strategically hidden throughout Norwalk. Those lucky enough to find the eggs had an opportunity to turn them in for a prize!

The highlight of the event took place with the arrival of the Easter Bunny, who is known for arriving in style. This year, the Easter Bunny made his grand entrance in an LA County Sheriff's Department helicopter!

Following the arrival of the Easter Bunny, residents enjoyed egg hunts, games, crafts, entertainment and of course, photos with the Easter Bunny.

Visit our Facebook page @CityofNorwalkCA for photos!



2019 Home & Business Beautification Contest



It's that time of year when the Community Promotion Commission invites Norwalk property owners and residents to be recognized for their efforts to keep our city beautiful. The annual Home and Business Beautification Contest is open to all single and multiple family residences and businesses in Norwalk. The contest celebrates the efforts of our community members to keep their properties attractive and well-maintained, while fostering neighborhood pride.

Application deadline is Friday, May 31, 2019. Applications are available online at norwalk.org or may be picked up at any of our City facilities.



Winners will be selected in four categories:
Home Beautiful
Multi-Family Dwelling
Home Improvement
Business Appeal

(Applicant MUST provide "before" and "after" photos.)

Participants may only enter in one category. Nominate a friend or neighbor, or enter your own property for consideration. Winners receive recognition at a City Council meeting and signage commemorating their award. Please contact the Community and Public Affairs Office at 562-929-5735 for more information.

Ring Camera pop-up event - Coming soon!

This Summer, the City is partnering with Ring to bring Norwalk residents a \$100 rebate off eligible Ring camera products. The event will be held at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue. The rebates will only be available to the first 200 residents on a first come, first served basis. Proof of residency will be required.

More information to follow! If you have any questions, please contact Public Safety at 562-929-5732.



VOTING SOLUTIONS FOR ALL PEOPLE

LEARN ABOUT LA COUNTY'S VOTE CENTERS AND THE NEW VOTING EXPERIENCE!

ATTEND A COMMUNITY MEETING!

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

6:00pm - 8:00pm

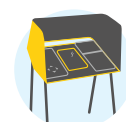
**Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex
13000 Clarkdale Avenue
Norwalk, CA 90650**

Can't attend this meeting?
Visit VSAP.lavote.net for a full meeting schedule.

FOCUS AREAS:

Cities: Cerritos, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, Pico Rivera, Whittier
Unincorporated LA County: East La Mirada, East Whittier, Hacienda Heights, Los Nietos, Rowland Heights, South Whittier, West Whittier

HOW WILL VOTING CHANGE IN 2020?



INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY
New accessible voting equipment designed by LA County voters to meet all of their needs.



CONVENIENT VOTE CENTERS
LA County voters can vote at any vote center throughout the County over an 11-day voting period.

Los Angeles County seeks to make these meetings accessible to those who wish to participate. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting or an alternative format for the meeting materials, please contact Julia Keh at jkeh@rcc.lacounty.gov at least 5 working days before the meeting.

Photo Highlights: April 2019 City Council Meetings

