

NorwalkNow

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Photo Contest!

#ShowYourNorwalk



Summer is in full swing in Norwalk! Our events provide opportunities for family and friends to connect and have fun! We want to see your Norwalk pride and we've launched a photo contest in conjunction with our Summer Concert Series.

Simply post a photo to Instagram with #ShowYourNorwalk. Winners will be selected at random and receive Norwalk swag and be featured on our social media pages and Norwalk Now.

For more information, please call Public Affairs at 562-929-5735.



Participe en nuestro concurso para la oportunidad de ganar un cable de cargador múltiple y para aparecer en nuestras publicaciones y pagina de Instagram.

Come to Celebrate National Night Out August 7



The City of Norwalk invites you to participate in this year's National Night Out campaign on Wednesday, August 7 from 7 to 9 p.m., in conjunction with the summer concert on the City Hall lawn. National

Night Out is an annual public awareness event held every August, and is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness and generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts. We look forward to having you participate in this worthwhile campaign while enjoying good music!

The Public Safety Department, Norwalk Sheriff's Station, California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles County Fire Department, and Metropolitan State Hospital Police will be in attendance looking for an opportunity to meet and chat with you! Please take the time to come out, say hello and ask any questions you may have.

To maintain an ongoing crime prevention measure, the City also asks for your commitment to get involved in your Neighborhood Watch program. This year-round program brings you, your neighbors, and law enforcement together to address existing issues, and help ensure a safer community! Contact Public Safety at 562-929-5732 for more information on how you can get involved in making a difference!



Fireworks Safety and Regulations



As we approach the Fourth of July festivities, the City of Norwalk wants to remind residents to respectfully enjoy the holiday by using safe and sane fireworks. The City has a zero tolerance policy for illegal fireworks and will seek maximum penalties for any and all violations.

ADDITIONALLY:

- No one shall possess fireworks at any time other than the hours of 10 a.m. July 1st through 10 p.m. July 4th
- Fireworks are prohibited from being discharged on any days other than July 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th between the hours of 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.
- No minor under the age of 18 shall possess, fire, set off, discharge, or use any fireworks unless they are physically supervised by a person over the age of 21.



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 and subject to fines of up to \$1,500 for the first violation.

REPORT ILLEGAL FIREWORK ACTIVITY ANONYMOUSLY TO 562-929-5333.

La ciudad tiene cero tolerancia para los fuego artificiales ilegales y buscará penas máximas por cualquier violación. Le recordamos a la comunidad que celebren el día festivo de manera responsable.



Everyone Counts! 2020 Census Corner

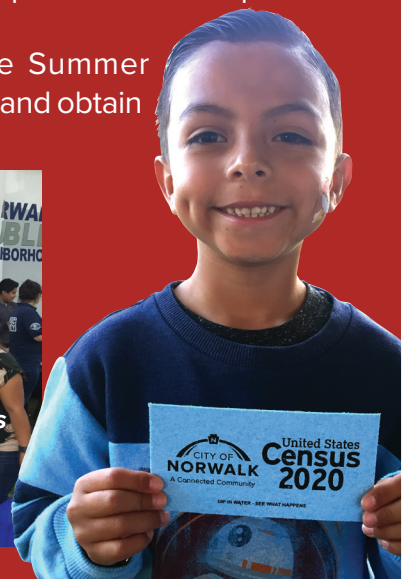
United States Census 2020

Every ten years, the U.S. Constitution requires our nation to count every resident living in our country. The data from the Census helps determine funding for communities and our voice in Congress. The City of Norwalk has launched a campaign to inform residents about the Census and encourage participation for a complete and accurate count.

Stop by our Census booth at the Summer Concerts to learn more about the Census and obtain one of our Census promotional items!



Cada diez años, nuestra nación cuenta a todos los residentes que viven en el país. Los datos ayudan a determinar el financiamiento para las comunidades. ¡Hazte contar!



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



HOMELESS OUTREACH

Los Angeles County
la-hop.org
 homeless outreach portal

With nearly 40,000 people living in the streets throughout Los Angeles County, there is a great need for outreach services. 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 for concerned citizens to request services. This tool is designed to seamlessly

route outreach requests from the public to the most appropriate team and track the completion of requests.

The portal is mobile friendly and can be translated into seven languages.

Visit www.LA-HOP.org to have an outreach team come out to connect homeless individuals to medical and mental health services, job training, and other important programs.

You are invited to NEIGHBORHOOD Block Parties!

The Public Safety Department invites the community to connect with their local law enforcement and neighbors at block party barbeques throughout the summer. Bring your appetite because they'll be providing hot dogs, burgers, chips and drinks to all attendees. There will also be games for the kids so bring the entire family!

Saturday, July 13 • 12 – 2 p.m.
Sara Mendez Park, 11660 Dune Street

Saturday, July 27 • 12 – 2 p.m.
Hermosillo Park, 11959 162nd Street

Stay tuned for additional dates planned through September. For more info, please call 562-929-5732.

ENERGY corner

Energy Savings and Better Illumination

Norwalk residents will soon see new LED street light fixtures throughout the City. During the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on June 4, the City Council approved the purchase of the fixtures. The City will install approximately 3,891 LED fixtures. The new fixtures will be energy efficient and will provide brighter illumination, as well as reduce the City's carbon footprint.

For more valuable information on LED lighting, check out this website - <https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/save-electricity-and-fuel/lighting-choices-save-you-money/led-lighting>



Join us for Dive-In Movie Night

Saturday, July 27 • 7 p.m.
Norwalk Aquatic Pavilion, 12301 Sproul Street
Aqua Man • Rated PG-13

What's better than the good ol' drive-in? A Dive-In Movie at the Norwalk Aquatic Pavilion! Gather your family and friends and jump into the pool to cool down while you watch a fun movie. Event is open to all ages. Fee is \$5 per person, or \$20 for a family of five. Admission fee will include access to the pool, film screening on a 400 square foot screen, and a snack.

Norwalk Recognized for Financial Reporting; Passes Fiscal Year 19-20 Balanced Budget

The City of Norwalk has been recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The recognition is the highest level of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

In addition, the City adopted a \$151.7 million balanced budget for Fiscal Year 19-20. The upcoming fiscal year budget places emphasis on street improvement projects, public safety, and business development.



For more information on the Fiscal Year 19-20 Adopted Budget, please visit <https://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/finance/budget>.

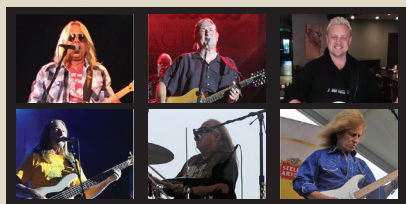
La ciudad de Norwalk aprobó un presupuesto que se concentra en los proyectos que mejoran las calles, la seguridad pública y el desarrollo económico para el año fiscal 19/20.

FREE! **Summer CONCERT Series** **7PM**

Concerts on Civic Center Lawn
Wednesdays • 12700 Norwalk Blvd

Come enjoy Norwalk's free entertainment for the entire family! Bring your blankets, chairs, picnic baskets, and be serenaded under the stars. Arrive early to guarantee a great view. Refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information, please call the Recreation and Park Services Department at 562-929-5702.

*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.



July 10 - The Boys of Summer
 Eagles Tribute Band



July 17 - Blue Breeze Band
 Motown



July 24 - Latin Nation
 Latin/Cumbias



July 31 - Moody
 Today's hits, 80's, 90's, Rock



***August 7 - Mariachi Divas**
 Mariachi/National Night Out



Instagram Photo Contest
 Prizes given out at every concert!

No se pierda nuestra serie de conciertos de verano gratis en el césped de la municipalidad todos los miércoles a las 7 p.m.!

Ride the City's Bus to the Beach

Seaside Lagoon, Redondo Beach
Thursdays July 11 & August 1 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Ages 8- 17 yrs

Time to grab your towels and sunblock and head to the beach! Norwalk youth, ages 8- 17, can sign up now for our Beach Bus Trip, headed to Seaside Lagoon, where you'll be able to play football, splash in the water, or bask in the sun.

Pre-registration is required. Fee is \$5 per person. Transportation, lunch and supervision will be provided. For more information, please call 562-929-5518.

Bus will depart from and return to:
 Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
 13000 Clarkdale Avenue
 or
 Social Services Center
 11929 Alondra Boulevard

***Registration is being accepted at all local parks and the NASC.**





Summer is here bring your children for

FREE LUNCH & SNACKS

Gerdes Park, 14700 Gridley Road
Hermosillo Park, 11959 162nd Street
Norwalk Park, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue

Join us for lunch or a snack at the park now through Friday, August 2! The City of Norwalk Recreation and Park Services Department, in conjunction with the County of Los Angeles, is offering a nutritious meal for children 18 years and younger at three of our parks Monday through Friday. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the program aims to ensure that children receive at least one nutritious and balanced meal per day when school is not in session.

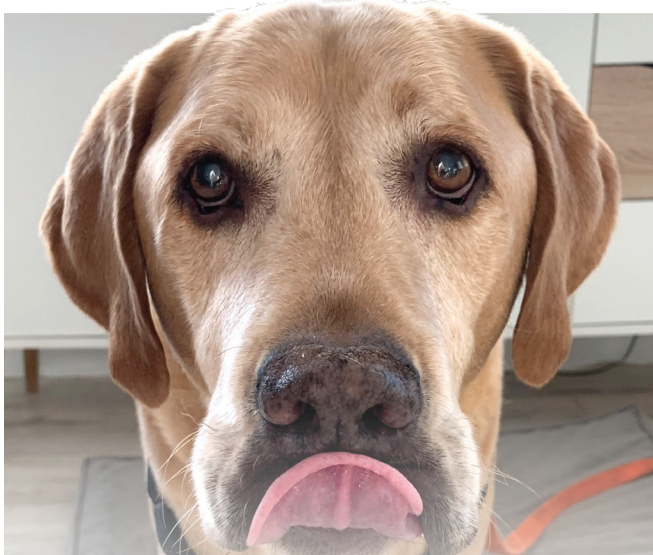
Lunch takes place from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. with snacks from 3 to 4 p.m. (Lunch will not be available on Thursday, July 4).

Please note that adults will be only allowed within the serving area to supervise their children. For more information, please call 562-929-5763.

El Departamento de Recreación ofrece un programa de almuerzo gratuito para los jóvenes este verano de lunes a viernes entre las 12:30 a 1:30 p.m. en los parques Gerdes, Hermosillo y Norwalk.



Community News



RABIES CLINIC

Thursday, July 11 • 4 - 7 pm

Norwalk City Hall Lawn • 12700 Norwalk Blvd

Rabies Vaccination: \$8

Individual vaccines, microchipping and flea control products will be available. Residents will also be able to renew dog licenses and should bring in renewal notices.

Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers. For additional information, please contact the Dog Licensing Division at 562-929-5711.

Business Spotlight – Sushi Joint in Norwalk

A new sushi restaurant is almost ready to open its doors! Located at 11957 Firestone Boulevard, just east of Paddison Avenue, Sushi Joint has chosen Norwalk for its third restaurant location and revamped the former Agave Junction Cantina. Sushi Joint offers a welcoming atmosphere for

residents to enjoy casual sushi dining with sake, beer and wine options, and also offer noodle and rice bowls for those who aren't ready to take the sushi or sashimi plunge! Stay tuned for additional information on the City's social media pages (Facebook and Instagram) on the restaurant's official opening.



Holiday Schedule: Street Sweeping & Trash Pick Up

In observance of Independence Day, street sweeping or trash collection will not take place on Thursday, July 4. When there is no street sweeping, it will NOT be made up; 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, Thursday's trash will be collected on Friday.

Parking enforcement will continue through the week (with the exception of the listed holiday).

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.

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 directed at Public Safety at 562-929-5732.

En observancia del Día de la Independencia, no habrá barrido de calles o colección de basura el jueves, 4 de julio. La colección de basura tomara lugar un día después del día normal de colección.

New Bicycle Lockers at Metrolink Station

New and improved bike lockers have been installed and are available to rent at the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Metrolink Station. There are a total of eight lockers on the east and west side of the station.

The bicycle lockers were purchased with Federal Transit Administration funds and are highly durable, and feature plenty of room to store gear such as lights, gloves, reflective vests and helmets. Moreover, unlike the former lockers made of solid material, the new lockers feature perforated walls and doors you can see through, to discourage usage for personal storage. Please note units

shall be able to house only one bicycle per locker.

Fees for bike locker rentals are \$24 for a minimum of six months plus a \$20 refundable security lock deposit. Interested commuters may contact Transit Customer Service staff at 562-929-5550 to confirm availability and request a Bicycle Locker Agreement for completion. Additionally, information is available at www.norwalk.org/norwalktransit.



Come and Experience Program Enhancements at the Senior Center



During the June 18 City Council meeting, the Norwalk City Council approved program enhancements at the Senior Center to safeguard the health and safety of Norwalk's senior population.

Since 1984, the Los Angeles County Workforce Development, Aging Community Services (WDACS) has provided funding for a home delivery program, also known as the Senior Nutrition Program, which includes daily meal service at the Social Services and Senior Centers, as well as delivery to homebound residents. Meal

services had been contracted to outside agencies but following Council direction, Senior Center staff reviewed the program to identify service and quality alternatives. To enhance services and ensure the program best meet the needs of our seniors, an agreement was approved establishing the Senior Center's direct oversight of the program and day to day operations.

In addition, an agreement was approved with WDACS and the County of Los Angeles Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for funding of the Supportive Services Program (SSP). The program is designed to help Norwalk seniors live independently and avoid premature institutionalization. In-home services, including homemaking, personal care, and case management are provided to frail, elderly individuals, 60 and older living in Norwalk. The program provides assistance to approximately 50-55 seniors per fiscal year.

For additional information, please call the Senior Center at 562-929-5580.



See & Do

Saturday, July 20 • 1 – 4 p.m.
Hargitt House Museum
12426 Mapledale Street

Enjoy a sundae or root beer float and take a trip down memory lane at our nationally registered landmark! Built in 1891 by the D.D. Johnston family, the Hargitt House Museum was once part of a 200-acre ranch where grapes, avocados and so much more was grown. Docent led tours of the home will be provided during the event.

For details, please call 562-929-5521.

Social Services Center Earns Prestigious Recognition

Congresswoman Linda Sánchez recently awarded the Social Services Center with the 2019 Congressional Recognition of Excellence Award. This prestigious honor highlights the CDBG funded Emergency Assistance Program, which provides aid to Norwalk families by providing one-time utility payments and short-term rental assistance to prevent utility shut-offs and evictions for low to moderate-income individuals and families facing financial hardship.

The program also provides lodging vouchers to individuals and families, who are temporarily displaced and in need of emergency lodging. Preventing homelessness is the key feature of this program.

For more information about services provided at the Social Services Center, please call 562-929-5544.



Our Own Receives Older American Award



Marie Olson is recognized as Older Americans Month throughout our nation to highlight the countless contributions that seniors make to society. This year's theme was "Connect, Create, Contribute," which emphasized that seniors have a real and important role in our communities and celebrated the many ways in which older adults make a difference.

As part of the festivities, the Senior Center solicited nominations from the community for individuals dedicated to community service. Marie Olson was nominated as the 2019 Older American and represented Norwalk at the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults (LACCOA) 54th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards at the

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles. Ms. Olson was honored by the Board of Supervisors and the Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) with a special tribute and commendation for her outstanding volunteer service.

Marie has been a Norwalk resident for 65 years, where she and her husband raised eight children. Marie has been blessed with 27 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. She began volunteering at the Senior Center, back when it was located at Foster and San Antonio, helping serve lunch. She has also been very involved in her parish, St. John of God, serving in the Mother's Club and Women's Council. She is currently a Eucharistic Minister and works with the Living Health Center.

Marie Olson was also recognized at the June 4th City Council meeting. Congratulations Marie!



SENIOR CENTER Happenings

14040 San Antonio Drive
 562-929-5580



Bereavement Support Group
 English – Meets every Friday
 Spanish – Meets every Thursday
 10 – 11 a.m.

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

Senior Safety Program
 (Formerly Neighborhood Watch)
 "Active Shooter – Be Informed, Make a Plan, What to Do"
 Tuesday, July 9 • 10 – 11 a.m.

A Norwalk Public Safety Officer will inform Seniors how to remain safe if they become involved in an "active shooter" incident.

July Candlelight Dinner
 Theme: Route 66
 Tuesday, July 9 • 5 - 6:30 p.m.
 Cost: \$7.00 (before Saturday, July 6)
 \$8.50 (after Saturday, July 6)

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 and Butter, dessert and Beverage. Doors open at 5 p.m. and meal service ends at 6 p.m. Prizes awarded. Event is dine-in only and tickets must be purchased in advance.

CalFresh Outreach Assistance
 Monday, July 15 • 9 a.m. to 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

SCAM Stopper
 Tuesday, July 16 • 9 – 11a.m.
 Today seniors can become the victim of scam artists without being aware until it is too late. Learn about the different scams that target seniors and how you can prevent it from happening to you.
 Sponsored by: Assembly Majority Leader Ian Calderon

LA Found Program Seminar
 Thursday, July 25 • 10 – 11 a.m.
 LA Found is a groundbreaking new County-wide initiative which aims to quickly locate individuals who have been diagnosed with Autism, Dementia, Alzheimer's or any other form of cognitive impairment when they wander and go missing. Learn more about this program and how it can impact seniors in our community.
 Sponsored by: L.A. Workforce Development, Community and Aging Services.