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Halloween Festival: *Dia De Los Muertos*

Thursday, October 31 • 6 – 9 p.m.
City Hall Lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.



Don't miss the annual Halloween Festival that brings the community together for a night of music, dancing and celebration at this costume-themed event. Come celebrate at the Dia De Los Muertos - Halloween Festival! Catrinas, ghosts, goblins, witches, zombies, fairies, and scarecrows are invited to attend! All ages are welcome to participate at this **free family event**. There will be game booths, a costume contest, cake walk, music, crafts, lots of candy, an incredible inflatable village and much more. There will also be food available for purchase. The festival provides a safe alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating for children and promotes



the safe celebration of Halloween. For more information please call 562-929-5702.

Volunteers Needed (Ages 13+):

This event would not be possible without volunteers and the hundreds of individuals who give their time to make the game and craft booths a success. Volunteers will receive a goody bag and are eligible for a special raffle. If you, your community group, or school group are interested in volunteering, please contact the Recreation and Park Services Department at 562-929-5763. Volunteer applications are available at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex or online at www.norwalk.org.

Our Top Priority Is Always YOU!



Every day, Norwalk's City Council and employees work to protect and improve the quality of life for our community. We are a safe, family-oriented City that provides exceptional public safety and neighborhood services, and we work to ensure we're living up to those standards. You deserve no less!

We're proud to announce some recent survey results: Norwalk residents have a very positive view of their City, with approximately 64% believing the City is going in the right direction. Everyone with the City is pleased by these results, and we're committed to bringing that number up even more.

Through honesty, efficiency, and fiscally-responsible decisions such as service/program restructuring instead of cutting, Norwalk leaders work tirelessly to protect vital neighborhood services. These include emergency response services, traffic and pedestrian safety efforts, gang prevention and youth anti-violence programs, street and sidewalk repairs, parks and recreation programs and facilities, and homeless prevention services.

Still, there is a lot more work to be done. We've seen a reduction in state funding, while experiencing an increase in demand for high-quality City services and increasing costs of providing these services. We have miles of streets to improve and our neighborhood parks that need maintenance. To ensure a strong future for Norwalk and its residents, City leaders are continuing to evaluate solutions that will protect public safety and other essential services that makes Norwalk a special place to live and work.

Like we said, OUR TOP PRIORITY IS ALWAYS YOU!

Los residentes de Norwalk tienen una visión muy positiva de su ciudad. Aproximadamente el 64% cree que la ciudad va en la dirección correcta, y la ciudad se compromete a aumentar ese número aún más. Para garantizar un futuro sólido para Norwalk y sus residentes, el concilio de Norwalk continúa evaluando soluciones que protegerán la seguridad pública y otros servicios esenciales que hacen Norwalk un lugar especial para vivir y trabajar.

New Street Lights Coming Our Way!

Norwalk advances its street light project, assuring more illumination citywide

Making sure Norwalk's streets and sidewalks are safe is the City's number one priority. This includes creating safe spaces for kids to play even after the sun goes down.

Norwalk residents will soon notice brighter street lights throughout the City. Norwalk staff is currently working with Siemens Mobility to install more than 3,800 LED fixtures in street lights throughout the City.

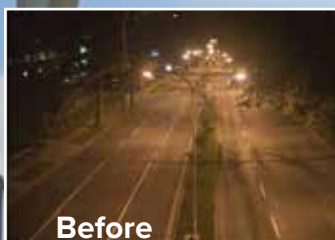
In addition, the City will also install SMAA nodes on the fixtures to allow remote communication and immediate information gathering. The fixtures will alert City officials if there are problems with the fixtures and/or when the lamps burn out, ensuring more speedy repairs and increasing public safety. The installation project is expected to begin in November 2019.

Last fall, the City also purchased approximately 3,300 street light poles from Southern California Edison (SCE), which will save money in the long run on maintenance.

This action is the latest example of Norwalk's leadership continued focus on saving money, public safety and energy efficiency within our community.

In the coming months, the increased illumination will continue to hold the City up to its exceptional neighborhood services and public safety standards.

For more information, please call Public Services at 562-929-5511.



Before



After

La Ciudad de Norwalk está avanzando en su proyecto de alumbrado público, asegurando más iluminación en toda la ciudad. La ciudad está trabajando con Siemens Mobility para instalar más de 3,800 dispositivos LED y luces de calle en toda la ciudad, aumentando la seguridad pública y servicios en el vecindario.

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

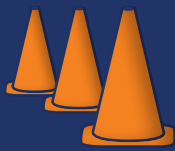
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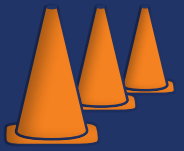
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FIXING OUR LOCAL STREETS!

Norwalk's 2020-2021 Plan will rehabilitate approximately 30 miles of local roadways



Every city needs good streets. We use them daily to get to work, school, parks, entertainment venues and home, and Norwalk City Council continues to focus on maintaining this critical infrastructure.

The City is in the process of finalizing a plan for a 30-mile street rehabilitation program. After independent road engineers recently rated almost one-third of Norwalk's streets, roads and alleys as either fair, poor, very poor or failed, City leaders knew it was time to act and drew up the essential street rehabilitation program.

The program is geared at continuing to provide exceptional public safety and neighborhood services throughout the City.

It includes fixing any street drainage issues; removing and replacing damaged sidewalks; upgrading any existing ADA ramps that do not meet current standards; installing new ADA ramps; and restoring pavements so they'll last for 20 years or more without reconstruction.

The street rehabilitation program's proposal request was released end of September 2019. The City will then work to acquire the necessary design and construction management/inspection services for this program. Norwalk residents can anticipate to see construction work starting in early 2020. Updates on the project will be provided as the program progresses.

The local roadways that will be going through the street rehabilitation project are

primarily within Pavement Management Zones 24, 27, 32 and a few miscellaneous streets within the City. Zones 3, 8, and 19 will follow shortly after. The locations for the identified roadway work areas are shown below.

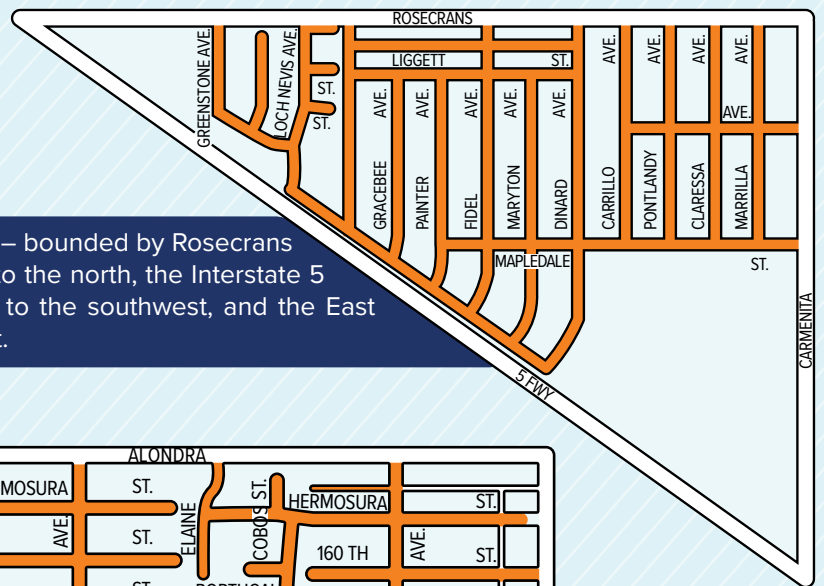
City Council are evaluating a number of financial solutions that will allow the street rehabilitation program to continue and be expanded, to ensure safe streets throughout our city.

La Ciudad de Norwalk lanzó una solicitud de propuesta a fines de septiembre para un programa de rehabilitación de calles sobre 30 millas de distancia. El programa está orientado a reparar calles locales, aceras e instalar rampas, con el objetivo de proporcionar servicios de seguridad pública y vecindarios excepcionales en la ciudad de Norwalk.

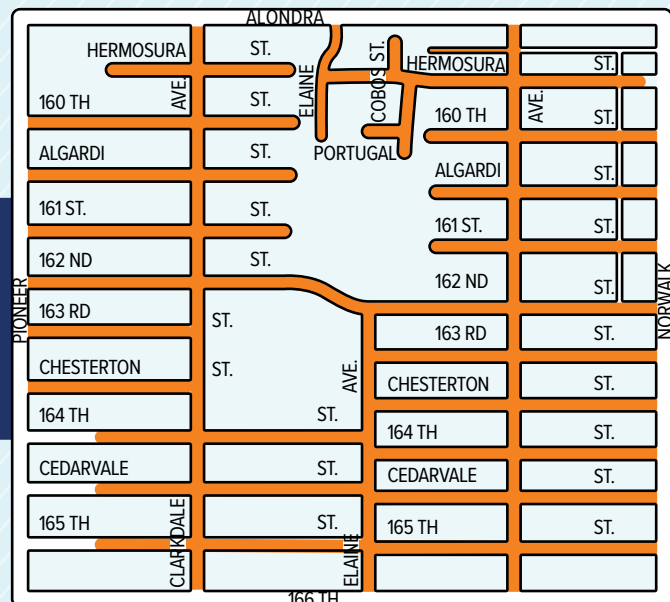
Zone 27 – bounded by Gridley Road to the west, Excelsior Drive to the north, Pioneer Boulevard to the east, and Alondra Boulevard to the south.



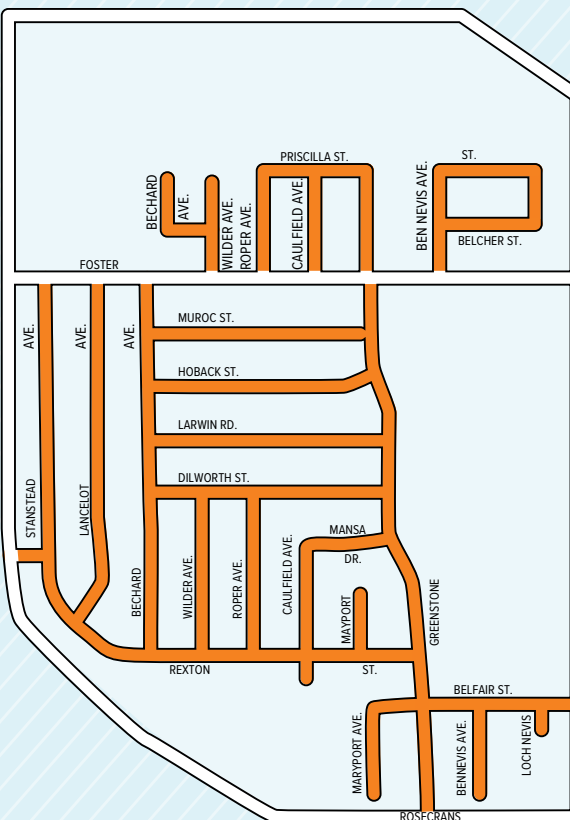
Zone 24 – bounded by Rosecrans Avenue to the north, the Interstate 5 Freeway to the southwest, and the East City Limit.



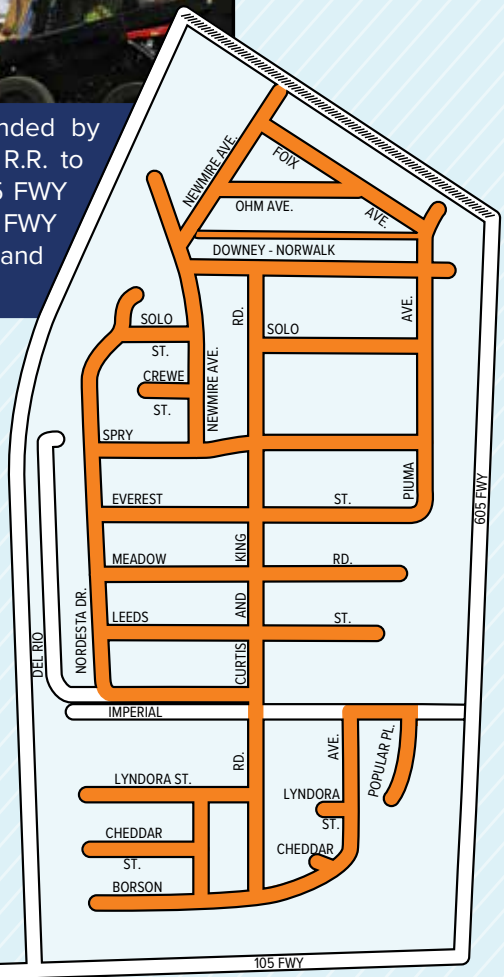
Zone 32 – bounded by Alondra Boulevard on the north, Norwalk Boulevard on the east, 166th Street and the south, and Pioneer Boulevard on the west.



Zone 19 – bounded by Priscilla Street to the north, Stanstead Avenue to the west, Rosecrans Avenue to the south, and East City limit.



Zone 8: bounded by Union Pacific R.R. to the north, 605 FWY to the east, 105 FWY to the south, and West City limit.



Zone 3: bounded by 5 FWY to the east, Imperial Highway to the south, Union Pacific R.R. to the west.





COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONE

GREAT SHAKE OUT 2019

On Thursday, October 17 at 10:17 a.m., City staff will be participating in the Great ShakeOut, the world's largest earthquake drill, practicing "Drop, Cover, and Hold On," the recommended technique to protect oneself during an earthquake. We encourage all residents and businesses to participate in this nation-wide drill at their homes and facilities.

• During an earthquake, you may only have seconds to protect yourself before strong shaking knocks you down -- or drops something on you. Most earthquake-related injuries are caused by falling and flying objects, so once the shaking starts, it is extremely important that you move as little as possible, reach a safe place as quickly as possible, and take cover wherever and however you can.

• Look around you now to identify safe places to take cover, such as under a sturdy piece of furniture in your home, office or school, so that when an earthquake happens, you can respond quickly. Also, keep an eye out for hazards like objects hanging from walls or heavy, unsecured items like bookcases and file cabinets.

• On the day of the drill or during an actual earthquake, if you are inside a building: DROP to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!), take COVER by getting under a sturdy desk or table, and HOLD ON to it until the shaking stops.

• Stay indoors until the shaking stops and you are sure it is safe to exit. In most buildings in California, you are safer if you stay where you are until the earthquake is over.

• If you are outdoors when the shaking starts, you should find a clear spot away from buildings, trees, streetlights and power lines, then DROP to the ground and COVER your head and neck with your arms. Stay there until the shaking stops.

• If you are driving, pull over to a clear location, stop and stay there with your seatbelt fastened until the shaking stops. Once the shaking stops, proceed with caution and avoid bridges or ramps that might have been damaged.

For details on the Great ShakeOut and additional earthquake safety tips, please visit www.shakeout.org/california/

Additionally, Public Safety has begun recruiting for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers. Volunteers receive training on how to manage utilities, put out small fires, practice basic disaster medical aid, and conduct victim search and rescue. Please contact Eric Wosick at 562-929-5732 for more information on upcoming CERT training.

Youth Curfew: Nothing Good Happens After 10 p.m.

Did you know that the City of Norwalk has daytime and nighttime curfew regulations for minors? Public Safety and the Norwalk Sheriff's Station enforce these curfew regulations within the City. If your children are out when they should be in school and/or at home during curfew hours, they will be detained and transported to the Norwalk Sheriff's Station. The minor and guardian are each issued a citation to appear in court regarding the curfew violation.

Following are the curfew regulations within the City of Norwalk. Minors are exempt from these regulations if they are in the presence of a custodial guardian, have a school-issued permit, going to or from a school-approved activity, or emancipated.

Daytime Curfew, 9.20.020 NMC: Minors who are out on any public/private street, alley, public park or recreation area, business establishments, etc., between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. when school is in session.

Nighttime Curfew, 9.20.010 NMC: Minors who are out on any public/private street, alley, public park or recreation area, business establishments, etc., between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and sunrise of the following day.

If you have any questions regarding the rules and regulations concerning curfew within the City of Norwalk, please contact the Public Safety Department at 562-929-5732 or the Norwalk Sheriff Station at 562-863-8711. Let's keep our Norwalk youth safe!



Safety Tips for Trick or Treating

Halloween is right around the corner! The Norwalk Public Safety Department wants to help your kids have a safe Halloween with a few safety tips:

- ☺ **Avoid trick-or-treating alone.**
- ☺ **Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.**
- ☺ **Plan a trick-or-treating route in familiar neighborhoods with well-lit streets.**
- ☺ **Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.**
- ☺ **Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.**
- ☺ **Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks.**
- ☺ **Never cross between parked cars or out of driveways.**
- ☺ **Choose bright costumes, and have children carry flashlights or glow sticks so they are easily visible. (Treat: Try adding reflective tape to costumes and candy bags)**
- ☺ **Always walk younger children to the door to receive treats.**
- ☺ **Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.**
- ☺ **DOUBLE CHECK your child's candy. Make sure your child's candy has not been tampered with. Throw out all unwrapped candy.**

OCTOBER 30 5:30PM-7:30PM

HOLIFIELD PARK
12500 Excelsior Dr, Norwalk, CA 90650

PAINT PUMPKINS & COFFEE

Join your public safety team of **Public Safety Officers, Norwalk Sheriff Deputies & School Safety Officers** to chat over a cup of coffee or hot chocolate! Bring your children too; they can paint a pumpkin alongside our Officers!

Call Public Safety Office at 562-929-5732 for more information.

CITY TO HONOR ALL WHO SERVE



Join Norwalk City Council and American Legion Post 359 on Monday, November 11 as we recognize the men and women of the United States Armed Forces at the City's annual Veterans Day Tribute.

The free event begins at 11 a.m. at the City's Freedom Memorial, located in the City Hall parking lot at 12700 Norwalk Boulevard and will include patriotic performances by the Norwalk All City Band. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Public Affairs at 562-929-5735.

Census Corner



Did you know that the Census consistently undercounts children under the age of five? In the 2010 Census, nearly one million children were not counted. According to the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, nearly 400,000 of the children undercounted were Latino, and more than 140,000 were African American.

YOU can help change this statistic! On Census Day, April 1, 2020, ensure that all children in your household are counted, and share this with your family and friends.

Data from the Census will help our families keep resources and services such as the Children's Health Insurance Program, Head Start and the Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program.

Usted sabía que en el Censo 2010, aproximadamente un millón de niños no fueron contados. Usted puede cambiar esta estadística! Asegure que todos los niños en su hogar sean contados el 1 de abril de 2020. Los datos del censo ayudaran a nuestras familias mantener recursos y servicios como Head Start.

36th Annual Arturo Sanchez Sr., Halloween Parade & Costume Contest

See & Do



Saturday, October 19

Parade: 11 a.m.

Costume Contest: 9:15 a.m.

Parade will start at the corner of Norwalk Blvd and Mapledale St.

Art Gallery Show: "Dia de Los Muertos: A Celebration of Life"

October 8 – 26

Tuesday – Friday: 3 – 7 p.m.;

Saturday: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Mary Paxon Art Gallery,
Norwalk Cultural Arts Center,
13200 Clarkdale Ave.**

An artist reception will be held on Saturday, October 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public. For more information call 562-929-5521.

Save the Date:

**Daddy Daughter Hollywood
Glamour Dance**

Saturday, November 16

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Fee: \$20/couple

\$7 per additional child

Celebrate a glamorous night in Hollywood at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex. Dads and daughters will enjoy a magical evening of memories. The evening will consist of a light dinner, crafts, game activities and dancing. For more information, please call 562-929-5516.



Get College & Career-Ready!



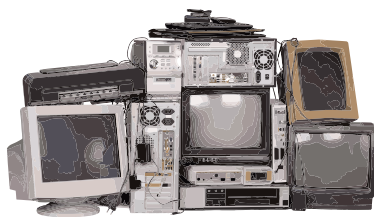
High school students, especially those in upper grades, have a lot of important decisions ahead of them, including what and where to study after graduation. To help them, the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District is hosting their annual College and Career Expo on Thursday, October 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. at John Glenn High School, located at 13520 Shoemaker Avenue. The mission behind the event is to get students career

and college ready and to expose them to a variety of pathways for their success. Representatives from over 50 colleges and universities will be on site to provide information on admission requirements, programs and campus activities. In addition, students will have the opportunity to network with over 25 businesses and learn about available opportunities. For more information, please call 562-210-4051.

Waste Collection Event

Mark your calendars as our popular bi-annual Waste Collection Event is coming soon! Norwalk residents may dispose of unwanted items, including electronics and expired medications, at our Waste Collection and Shred-A-Thon on Saturday, October 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the City Hall parking lot located at 12700 Norwalk Blvd; please enter via Ave Manuel Salinas. (Event ends at 2 p.m. or when trucks are at capacity.)

Electronics, or e-waste, may contain lead, copper, and other heavy metals or potentially toxic substances and should never be placed in trash carts or dumped out in the street or alley. Likewise, prescription medications should not be dumped down drains as they may contaminate our water systems. Residents may also bring up to five boxes of documents for secure shredding on site. Questions? Please call 562-929-5964 or email recycling@norwalkca.gov



Acceptable E-Waste Items:

- Tv's
- Computer Monitors
- Cell Phones
- Printers
- Fax Machines
- DVD players



"Healthy Snacking" Seminar

Tuesday, October 8 • 10 – 11 a.m.

Fall is often the season that begins a cycle of snacking due to the holidays of Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Find out how you can make not only healthy snacks, but ones that fit in with the season. Snacking doesn't have to be unhealthy to taste good!

Sponsored by: Regal Medical Group

SENIOR CENTER Happenings

**14040 San Antonio Drive
562-929-5580**

FREE Hearing Aid Check

Thursday, October 17 • 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Here is your opportunity to come and have your hearing aid checked for no charge! Miracle Ear is providing this free service to seniors to make sure their hearing aid is in good working order.

Sponsored by: Miracle Ear



"Medicare 101" Seminar

Thursday, October 17 • 10 – 11 a.m.

Many seniors who are looking to make changes to their Medicare coverage have questions on what program is the most beneficial to them. This seminar will educate seniors about the different options available to them in the Medicare Program.

Sponsored by: AppleCare Medical Group

Photo Highlights: September 2019 City Council Meeting

