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BurgerIM Now Open!

The City of Norwalk is excited to welcome BurgerIM to the Norwalk Town Square. BurgerIM is a rapidly growing burger franchise with locations across the country. The eatery offers unique and flavorful mini burgers made to order from an assortment of patties. They also offer delicious wings, fries, onion rings and tasty milkshakes. Like many of their locations that provide beer and wine, the Norwalk BurgerIM will also offer these beverages. Stay tuned; we'll share information on their official grand opening via the City's social media pages (Facebook and Instagram).



Voting Changes Ahead

Registered voters across Los Angeles County will have a new voting experience for the March 3, 2020 election. Here are the changes you should know about:

	Previous	New
Vote Centers	Voters submitted ballots at assigned neighborhood polling locations.	Voters will be able to cast their ballot at any vote center throughout Los Angeles County.
Voting in Person	Voting was limited to one day.	Voting will be available for an extended election period of up to 10 days prior to election day and on March 3 at certain locations.
Vote By Mail	Vote-by-Mail applications are available beginning February 3 through February 25. Ballots will be mailed to all Permanent Vote-By-Mail voters during this period and to those that request to vote by mail. Voted ballots may be mailed back, dropped off at an official Drop Off location, or at a Vote Center.	Vote-by-Mail remains the same, with the only addition that a prepaid return postage will now be mailed with each ballot.
Pollbooks	Registration was only available in hard copy at the polling locations.	Electronic pollbooks will be available to verify the voter registration eligibility and allow for same day registration at any vote center.
Ballot Marking Device	Votes were submitted via ink and paper ballots.	The new device is a touchscreen tablet where registered voters will make their selections. Voters will be prompted prior to printing their ballot to review their selections and officially cast their ballot.

For more information, visit [VSAP.lavote.net](https://www.vsap.lavote.net)



Los votantes registrados en todo el condado de Los Angeles tendrán una nueva experiencia de votación para las elecciones del 3 de marzo de 2020. Ahora los votantes podrán emitir su voto en cualquier centro de votación en todo el Condado. Otros cambios incluyen un período de elección extendido de 11 días y el uso de tabletas con pantalla táctil donde los votantes harán sus selecciones y emitirán oficialmente su boleta.

Norwalk Essential Services and Public Safety Measure



On March 3, 2020, Norwalk's voters will decide on Measure P, a three-quarter-cent local sales tax that, if approved, would generate approximately \$7 million annually to support essential City-services and community programs.

If passed by majority of Norwalk voters, Measure P would bring the current local sales tax rate of 9.5% to 10.25%. Any revenue raised by the measure would stay local, allowing for continued investment in public safety and neighborhood programs, while also preventing cuts to the services residents and businesses rely on every day.

The City has taken steps to ensure Measure P is responsive to community requests, recently surveying residents to better understand their needs. Overall, 64% of Norwalk residents surveyed believe the City is headed in the right direction, but 79% surveyed also perceive the City has some or great need for additional funds.

Of the different City-services surveyed, including street repairs, parks and recreation programs, and many others, public safety services and programs were perceived as the most important to Norwalk residents. Although

Measure P funds will go into the City's general fund for many services and programs, keeping public areas safe and improving public safety services are a top priority.

If passed by Norwalk voters, Measure P could increase public safety services such as neighborhood park and business patrols, Sheriff patrols, and overall traffic and pedestrian safety. The measure would also help maintain programs focused on gang prevention, youth anti-violence, and school safety – all in an effort to keep the City's schools, parks and streets safe and clean for further enjoyment and increased quality of life.

The City Council's number one priority is to ensure Norwalk's future is strong for generations to come. We will continue engaging and educating all community members about Measure P and the impacts on City services if voters approve the measure.

For additional information on Measure P and the March 3, 2020 election, please visit <https://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/measure-p> or call 562-929-5735.

The statements provided herein are solely for informational purposes. The City cannot take a position to ask voters to vote either "yes" or "no".

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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Community Minded Holiday Event Highlights

Stuff-A-Bus Collects Nearly 1,200 Toys for the Angel Tree Project!



Norwalk Transit System's (NTS) 18th Annual Stuff-A-Bus made visits to John Glenn High School, Nettie Waite Middle School, Norwalk High School, and the City of Norwalk's Snowfest and Tree Lighting event, collecting 1,166 new toys from students, faculty and Norwalk residents.

These toys, along with other donations, were distributed to approximately 1,500 children through the City's Angel Tree Project. A huge thanks to all of the wonderful organizations and individuals who donated toys to the Stuff-A-Bus this year! The City of Norwalk plans to recognize everyone who participated at the January 21st City Council meeting.

The Stuff-A-Bus continued to service various routes throughout December and NTS accepted additional toy donations at their Customer Service Center. If you would like information about Stuff-A-Bus Program for 2020, please contact NTS Customer Service at 562-929-5550 or e-mail: transportation@norwalkca.gov.



Thanksgiving Basket Program Continues to Grow

Thanks to all donors whose monetary and/or food item donations contributed to the success of this year's Thanksgiving Basket Program. This year, we collected 215 baskets, an increase of 45 from 2018.

Majority Leader Ian C. Calderon
L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn
Diane Vogel, Family and Friends
Carol Price
Robert Danks
Wayne Smith
Soto Family
A.A. Grupo Gratiud
Al Anon
Alondra Senior Club
United Parents Club
Athens Services
Cerritos Community College Turkey Trot
First Transit #55596

Golden State Water Company
John Glenn High School Student Body
Knights of Columbus #3678
Lakeside Middle School National Junior Honor Society and PTO
Nationwide Environmental Services
Norwalk Chamber of Commerce
Norwalk Elks Lodge #2142
Norwalk Parks & Recreation Department
Norwalk Transit Department
NSCC, Inc.
Registrar Records Office
Tzu Chi Foundation

More than 200 Volunteers and 117 Sponsors Made Angel Tree Possible

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!

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| <p>Diamond
Tom and Marie Jackson</p> <p>Gold
Norwalk Senior Citizens Center, Inc.</p> <p>Silver
Golden State Water Co.
Norwalk Community Coordinating Council
Norwalk Golden Trowel
Norwalk Lions Club
United Parents Club</p> <p>Major
Alba Professional Services/H&R Block
Alondra Senior Citizen Club
Gordon & Marilee Stefenhagen
Norwalk Knights of Columbus #3678
Norwalk Transit Stuff-A-Bus
SEAHS Booster Club
Squeekers & Herb Originals</p> <p>General
AA Grupo Gratiud
Al & Luella Steele
Anthony & Celia Soto & Family
CEA – HOW
California Highway Patrol – Santa Fe Springs
Joyland Pre-School
Norm Reeves Honda Cerritos
Norwalk Chamber of Commerce
Norwalk Plumbing
Norwalk Printing
Norwalk Records
Norwalk Superior Court Employees
Rainbow Donuts
St. Linus Knights of Columbus Council #10623</p> <p>Elementary Schools
Chavez Morrison
Cresson New River
Dolland Nuffer
Edmondson William Orr
Glazier Paddison
Johnston Ramona Preschool
Lakeland Sanchez
Lampton Studebaker
Moffit</p> <p>Angel Tree Sites
Alba Professional Services/H&R Block
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #359
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</p> | <p>Margarita Perez
Northgate Gonzalez Market #24
Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District
Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
Norwalk Chamber of Commerce
Norwalk Child Development Program Providers
Norwalk Community Hospital
Norwalk City Hall
Norwalk High School
Norwalk Elks Lodge
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 Dept.
Norwalk Toyota
OFIR Orthodontics
Ordiway Family Child Care
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
United Methodist Church</p> <p>\$1 Supporter Sites
Alba Professional Services/H&R Block
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #359
Chavez Elementary
Cresson Elementary
Dolland Elementary
Douglas Burgers
Edmondson Elementary
Norwalk Elks Lodge
John Glenn High
Joyland Preschool
Lakeland Elementary
Norwalk LA Sheriff Dept.
Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex
Norwalk Community Coordinating Council
New River Elementary
Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District
Norwalk Chamber of Commerce
Norwalk High School
Nuffer Elementary
Norwalk Senior Center
Norwalk Social Services Center
Norwalk Transportation Dept.
Orr Elementary
Paddison Elementary
Salas Daycare
Sanchez Elementary
So Cal Pizza
Studebaker Elementary
Tam's Burgers #33
TNT Tacos & Tortas</p> |
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& MORE THAN 200 VOLUNTEERS!!!



Volunteer for the 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

All across Los Angeles County, every January we embark on a mission to count our homeless neighbors. The City of Norwalk is gearing up for the 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count taking place on Wednesday, January 22 at 8 p.m.

Deployment Site Location:
Social Services Center, 11929 Alondra Blvd.

Sign up to volunteer at www.theycountwillyou.org because everyone counts, no matter where they live. The City of Norwalk is located in the Service Planning Area 7.

For more information, please contact:
Mayra Garcia, Social Services Coordinator, at 562-755-4489
or mgarcia@norwalkca.gov.

Holiday Street Sweeping Schedule

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, there will be no street sweeping on Monday, January 20. Trash collection will take place as regularly scheduled.

Questions?

Trash Collection	Athens Services	888-336-6100
Street Sweeping	Public Services Department	562-929-5511
Parking Enforcement	Public Safety Department	562-929-5732





COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONE

Taking Christmas to the Community

Nearly 1,500 children rejoiced to see Santa in their neighborhood on Christmas Eve. As part of the second annual First Responders Toy Distribution event, over 2,500 toys were distributed in three neighborhoods. The Christmas event was made possible with the partnership of the City Council, and City Departments Public Safety, Public Services, and Transit, alongside with Norwalk Sheriff Station, Metropolitan State Hospital Police, California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles County Fire Station 20 and the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District. Residents were extremely thankful and expressed their gratitude to the City.

The City would like to send a special thanks to Joe Kaprielian, Founder and President of Joe's Organization for Youth, on his generous donation of 500 toys.



Medication Disposal Event

Expired and unwanted prescription medicines can pose a health and safety hazard to people and the environment. Their availability in bathroom cabinets can lead to misuse by children and teenagers, with potential serious consequences, including accidental overdoses. In addition, these items are considered hazardous waste and should never be disposed in trash cans or toilets as they may contaminate our waterways.

Drop off your expired medications at the Norwalk Sheriff's Station, located at 12335 Civic Center Drive, on Saturday, January 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info, please call the Public Safety Department at 562-929-5732.

Deje sus medicamentos expirados en la Estación del Sheriff de Norwalk el sábado 18 de enero de 10 a.m. a 2 p.m. para su eliminación fácil y segura.



Stay Ahead of Emergencies, Sign-up for Nixle Notifications

The City of Norwalk has partnered with Nixle to provide you a variety of emergency notification services! Users can connect with the City to receive notifications via text, voice message, email and even social media. Notifications range from emergency alerts and disaster information, to city events and traffic impacts. Text **90650 to 888777** today to begin receiving notifications. Visit www.nixle.com for more information.



Cadets' Graduation from LASD Explorer Academy



Congratulations to Public Safety Cadets Alex Velez, Miranda Sandoval and Betsy Carranza, who graduated from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Explorer Academy Class #103 at the Sheriff STAR Center on Saturday, December 7, 2019.

The Explorer Academy consisted of 13 weeks of intensive training for the recent cadet graduates. Their Saturdays began at 6:45 a.m. and continued until 3:30 p.m. at the STARS Explorer Academy in Whittier. Everything from the Introduction of Criminal Law to Physical Conditioning, Firearm Safety, Defensive Tactics, to team building, leadership skills as well as several other law enforcement topics were covered. An overall GPA of 70% must be achieved and maintained throughout the program to successfully pass. Academics are an integral component of the program and included weekly spelling and radio codes testing, notebook and current event assignments, a motivational "word of the week" assignment, and written mid-term and final exams. Aside from academics, physical training is an important element of the overall training. The cadets participated in two fitness tests that included push-ups, pull-ups, sit-ups, lunges, a sprint run, and a 1 1/2-mile run.

The Cadets' success in the Academy has led to a dramatic increase in their self-confidence, accountability, decision-making and understanding of possible outcomes from life choices.



Thursday, February 6
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Panera

12531 Imperial Highway
For more information
please call 562-929-5732





Shape our Children's Future Start with Census 2020

Young children experience new adventures each day, and little ones need all of the support they can get during these early years. Responding to the 2020 Census is an easy, safe, and important way to help provide resources for children and their communities.

Young children who are missed in the census tend to have complex living arrangements. They might live with only one parent; large, extended families; foster families; or multiple families under one roof. These children may stay in more than one home throughout the year and may not be related to the person responding to the census.


Remember:

- Count babies and children of all ages (even newborns and infants) living with you, including biological, step, and adopted children, as well as grandchildren, foster children, and children in joint custody arrangements.
- Count children in the home where they live and sleep most of the time, even if their parents don't live there.
- If a child's time is divided between more than one home, count them where they stay most often. If their time is evenly divided, count them where they are staying on Census Day—April 1, 2020.
- Count children in your home if they don't have a permanent place to live and are staying in your home on April 1, 2020, even if they are only staying with you temporarily.
- Count newborn babies at the home where they will live and sleep most of the time, even if they are still in the hospital on April 1, 2020.

Source: 2020CENSUS.GOV

Todos los residentes de los Estados Unidos son requeridos completar el formulario del Censo cada diez años con información básica sobre las personas que viven o duermen en su hogar. Sin embargo, a menudo se echa de menos a los niños menores de cinco años. Los niños pequeños que se pierden en el censo suelen tener complejos arreglos de vivienda. Podrán vivir con un solo padre; familias extensas; familias de acogida; o múltiples familias bajo un mismo techo. El 1 de abril de 2020, recuerde contar todos los bebés y los niños de todas las edades que viven con usted, incluyendo los niños biológicos y adoptivos, así como los nietos, los niños de crianza y los niños en acuerdos de custodia compartida.

Make a Difference, Give the Gift of Life!

 The simple act of donating blood can make a huge impact on those facing serious medical illnesses or emergency situations. The Norwalk community is invited to participate in the annual American Red Cross Blood Drive at City Hall to help ensure an adequate blood supply. The drive will take place on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 from 12 to 6 p.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room.

Donors may schedule their appointments online at www.redcrossblood.org using the sponsor code: CityofNorwalk.

Norwalk City Hall is located at 12700 Norwalk Boulevard. For more information, please call 562-929-5720.



Apply for your Passport at City Hall

Residents can now apply to obtain a passport at City Hall, as it is now an authorized Passport Acceptance Facility. This facility is by appointment only, which can be made online 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Appointments are available Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and alternating Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information or to book your appointment today, visit <https://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/city-clerk/passport-acceptance-facility-three-column>.

New Street Lights: Project Update



The City continues to move forward with the installation of more than 3,800 LED fixtures in streetlights throughout the community. As of today, the City's contractor, Siemens has installed 1,300 LED street light fixtures,

representing 34% project completion. Siemens is currently working in the northern area of the City. The new LED streetlights will provide more illumination and promote safer streets. The project is scheduled to be completed mid-February. For additional information, please contact Public Services at 562-929-5511.

Coming Soon: Traffic Signal Improvements along Studebaker Road

Drivers and pedestrians going through Studebaker Road from Rosecrans Avenue to Alondra Boulevard will soon see traffic signal improvements. As part of the Studebaker Road Traffic Signal Improvement Project (Project), the City will be installing fiber optic interconnect, new pedestrian countdown signals, and ADA compliant curb ramps, as well as updates to the signal timing coordination. The Project is anticipated to begin this February and is expected to be completed by Fall 2020. Project will optimize traffic along Studebaker Road and enhance pedestrian safety.

Older Americans Month 2020

Every May, the Administration for Community Living leads our nation's observance of Older Americans Month. We are pleased to announce the 2020 theme:

"Make Your Mark"

This theme was selected to encourage and celebrate countless contributions that older adults make to our communities. Their time, experience, and talents that benefit family, peers, and neighbors every day. Communities, organizations and individuals of all ages are also making their marks. This year's theme highlights the difference everyone can make – in the lives of older adults, in support of caregivers, and to strengthen communities.

We invite you to celebrate Older Americans Month and make your mark in May! Leading up to the observance, www.norwalk.org will be updated with artwork, activity suggestions, and other materials to use online and at your events. Don't forget to share your #OAM2020 plans, stories and events on social media.

As part of Older Americans Month, we are seeking a Norwalk resident to nominate and recognize as the Outstanding Older American. The nominee must perform outstanding volunteer services within the Norwalk community and be at least 65 years of age.

The nominee will be invited to attend "Older Americans Recognition Day" in May,

at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion at the Los Angeles Music Center. The nominee will be honored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors along with other older persons from numerous cities in Los Angeles County.

Applications can be obtained beginning January 27 at the following locations:

Norwalk Senior Center:
14040 San Antonio Dr.

Norwalk City Hall
Community Information, Room 1:
12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Norwalk Social Services:
11929 Alondra Blvd.

Application deadline date is 5 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2020. Application must be returned to the Norwalk Senior Center.



Recycling is Free and Easy!

On Saturday, January 18, Norwalk residents who bring in a used motor oil filter to AutoZone at 12124 Studebaker Road may receive a brand new filter for FREE! Up to two filters may be exchanged at the event, which runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Used motor oil may also be recycled, as long as it is properly stored in a clean, uncontaminated container (max 5 gallons). As part of the City's used oil and filter recycling program, qualified participants also receive a free motor oil change kit, while supplies last. Never dispose of oil or filters, which are considered household hazardous waste, in the trash or down the drain. For more information, call 562-944-4766.



Los residentes pueden participar en un intercambio de filtro de aceite de motor el 18 de enero de 9 a.m. a 1 p.m. Los participantes podrán recibir hasta dos filtros nuevos a ningún costo. También se aceptará aceite de motor usado en un envase seguro para reciclaje.

Photo Highlights: December 2019 City Council Meetings

