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Plan Your Summer Activities with Our Virtual Recreation Classes

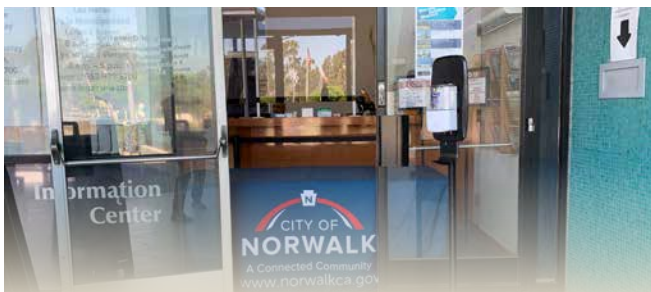
On a traditional year, our summer programming would be filled with activities for children, parents and seniors alike but 2020 is an extraordinary year.

We've adapted to virtual hangouts, social distancing and face coverings, and our recreational programming has also made changes.

We are excited to launch "Play in Place Virtual Recreation." Residents can look forward to a diverse menu of virtual activities, including: 5k walk-jog-run, water/park safety classes, kids adventure

camp, teen talks, college prep assistance, giant paper flower-making class, and an array of contract classes available via zoom.

For more information, contact the Recreation and Parks Services Department at 562-929-5702, and follow our social media pages @CityofNorwalkCA and @Recnorwalk. You can also visit norwalk.org.



Serving Our Community During the Pandemic

Aligning with County and State guidelines regarding COVID-19, all City events and programming have been cancelled through September 30.

As a reminder, City Hall is open by appointment only Monday – Thursday from 9am – 5pm, and every other Friday from 9am – 5pm. Please call the respective department to make an appointment. All guests entering City Hall/facilities must wear a face covering and will be screened for temperature and symptoms associated with COVID-19.

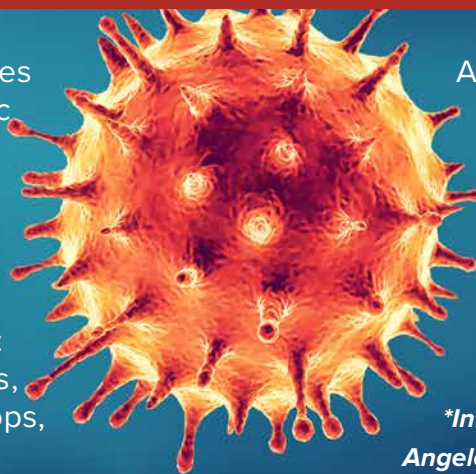
We encourage you to visit our website as many services are available online. If you have detailed questions, please call the respective department and our staff will be happy to assist you over the phone.

All City operating procedures have been implemented with you and our employees' health and safety in mind.

For more information, visit norwalk.org or call the COVID Hotline at 562-929-5760.

LA County Guidelines to Help Slow Spread of COVID-19

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health (County) has issued reopening protocols for certain business sectors to offer services outdoors. Sectors that can provide services outdoors include: personal care businesses, hair salons and barbershops, fitness centers and malls.



As a reminder, the County has also issued restrictions to prohibit in-door dining but is permitting take-out and delivery services.*

For the most up-to-date information, visit publichealth.lacounty.gov.

**Information from the County of Los Angeles is subject to change*

Stay Informed Participate in our Virtual Council Meetings

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order, City Council meetings will be conducted via teleconference.

Residents may view the meetings via livestream on the City's website or watch on



Charter Channel 3 or Frontier Fios Channel 32.

In addition, the public is encouraged to participate in our meetings and may provide input either electronically or by phone.

Anyone wishing to make a comment on an agenda item or provide oral communications may do so by:

Email

publiccomments@norwalkca.gov

Identify the specific agenda item or whether your comment is for oral communications. Keep comments to three minute limit. Emails will be read during the meeting.

Phone

Dial into the GOTO Meeting number listed on the meeting agenda. The three minute limit applies.

Meetings take place the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. Meeting agendas are posted on our website at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. For additional information, please call the City Clerk at 562-929-5720 or visit www.norwalk.org/city-hall/meeting-agendas-393

Norwalk City Hall Modified Hours

Open by appointment only.

Hotline 562-929-5760

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Coffee That's Up to Code

Great news coffee fans; there's a new shop in town! Coffee Code, located at 13250 Rosecrans Avenue, just west of Carmenita Road, recently opened their doors and they look forward to serving you a hot cup of joe, or a cold brew to beat the heat. You can enjoy one of their popular specialty drinks, such as Strawberry Latte or Spanish Latte. They also serve a variety of loose leaf teas and pastries baked in-house.

Opening a new business is always a challenge, more so during a pandemic. Support our local businesses when possible, and give Coffee Code a warm welcome to Norwalk!



Be Mindful of Mosquitos & West Nile Virus

Warm weather means more time spent outdoors, either playing in backyards or in pools or going for early evening walks. Unfortunately, one drawback of time spent outside is having to deal with mosquitos.

The most effective way to prevent infection from West Nile virus, and other diseases, is to prevent mosquito bites.

Use Insect Repellent

Use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registered insect repellent with one of the following active ingredients (DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, Oil of lemon eucalyptus and 2-undecanone).

Always follow product label instructions

Reapply insect repellent every few hours, depending on which product and strength you choose.

Do not spray repellent on the skin under clothing. If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.

Mosquito Proof your Home

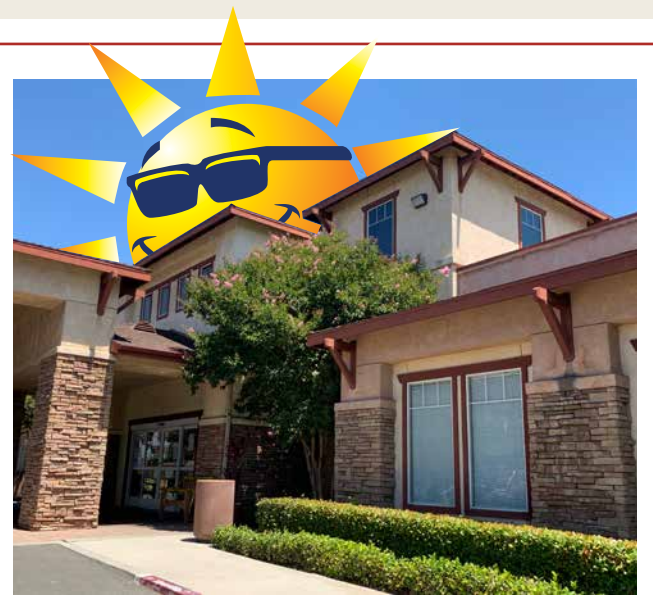
Use screens on windows and doors. Repair holes in screens to keep mosquitoes outside. Use air conditioning when available.

Keep mosquitos from laying eggs in and near standing water. Once a week, empty items that hold water, such as tires, planters, toys and flower pots. Check inside and outside your home.

Source: Centers for Disease Control

Cool Out at the Cooling Center!

As we approach the hot summer months, the City will be activating its Cooling Center. The Senior Center, located at 14040 San Antonio Drive, will serve as the City's designated Cooling Center, and is activated during heat advisories. When activated, we ask residents to wear face coverings and call in advance to make a reservation, 562-929-5580.



Local Businesses Receive Assistance from the Norwalk Loan Program



The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted many of our local and favorite businesses in Norwalk. To help our business community, we launched the Economic Recovery Stimulus Program. We're happy to share that El Taco Locco and 88 King Chinese Fast Food & Donut received loans from the Economic Recovery Stimulus Program! The funds from the

loan program can be used for business lease, rent, utility payments or supplies to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

If you are a business owner interested in the program, visit norwalk.org.

Norwalk Restaurants, Take Your Dining Outside

There's nothing like dining al fresco—fresh air, comfortable seating and relaxed environment. We're making it easier for restaurants to set up an al fresco experience through our Temporary Outdoor Dining Program.

"The program allows restaurants to set up outdoor dining on their property. This could be in the parking lot or patio area," says Community Development Director John Ramirez.

Ramirez says the process is simple. Interested business owners should obtain the property owner's approval and submit a site plan of the dining area.

For more information, visit Planning Department webpage on norwalk.org. For specific questions, contact our Planning Department representatives Monica Rodriguez at 562-929-5710 or Beth Chow at 562-929-5953.

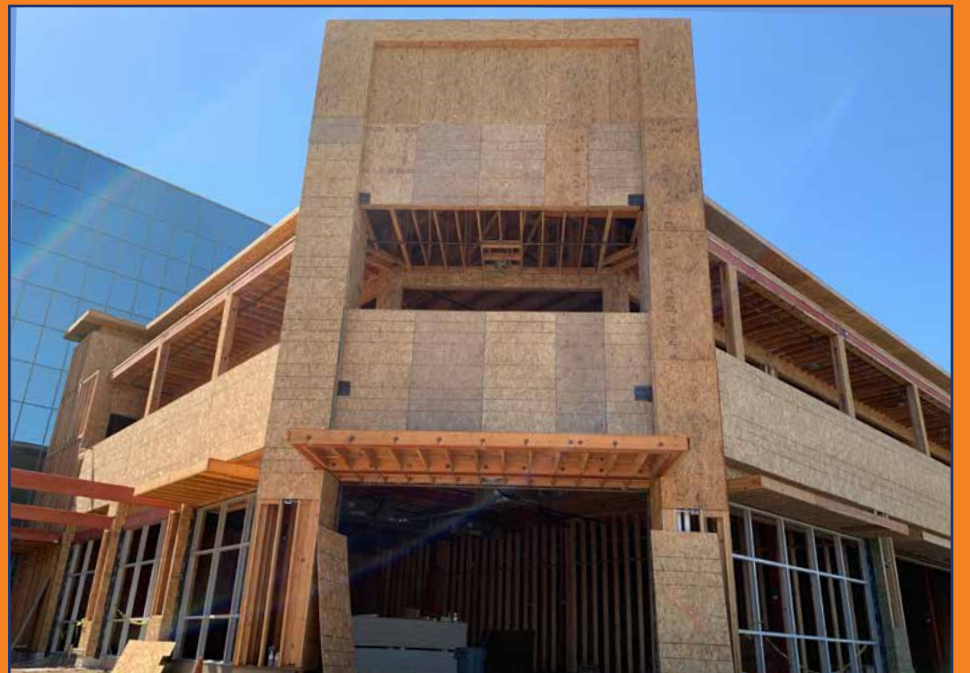
Maintaining Growth in Our Community



If you've driven along Imperial Highway, near Bloomfield Avenue, you may have noticed construction taking place at the Norwalk Fitness Village. Work is underway on a multi-tenant building that will include Pick

Up Stix and retail space. The project also includes a pedestrian promenade with an outdoor stage. This development reflects the City's commitment and increased efforts to diversify our business community and bring additional retail and dining options to residents.

Si ha conducido por Imperial, cerca de Bloomfield, es posible que haya notado la construcción. El proyecto incluirá un edificio multiinquilino, con Pick Up Stix confirmado como un próximo inquilino. También habrá un escenario al aire libre para que las familias podrán disfrutar de entretenimiento en el futuro. Este desarrollo comercial refleja nuestro compromiso y esfuerzos para diversificar nuestra comunidad empresarial y traer opciones adicionales para los residentes.





COMMUNITY SAFETYZONE

Sign-up to Receive COVID-19 Text Alerts

Stay connected and informed about the latest COVID-19 alerts by texting the number 888-777 with the keyword NWKCOVID. Text alerts will include information on State and County guidelines, as well as the City's efforts to help slow the spread of the virus.

HAND SANITIZER WARNING!

Whenever there is a health crisis, scammers quickly find ways to cheat people out of money. For example, **some hand sanitizers have been found to contain methanol (wood alcohol). Methanol can cause serious health problems such as blindness, and even death.**

If the manufacturer's name is on this list, stop using it immediately:

4E Global, SAPI de CV
AAA Cosmetica
DDI Multinacional SA de CV
Eskbiochem SA de CV
Grupo Insoma, S.A.P.I de CV
Limpo Quimicos SA de CV
Liqesa Exportacion or Liq-E-S.A. de CV
Maquiladora Miniara, SA de CV
Mystic International SA de CV

Soluciones Cosmeticas SA de CV
Tropicosmeticos SA de CV
Yara Elena De La Garza Perez Nieto
Real Clean Distribuciones SA de CV
MXL Comercial SA de CV
Broncolin SA de CV
Laboratorios Jaloma SA de CV
Leiper's Fork Distillery

For the latest information, check the FDA's Methanol Contaminated Products List. If your product is on this list, stop using it immediately.

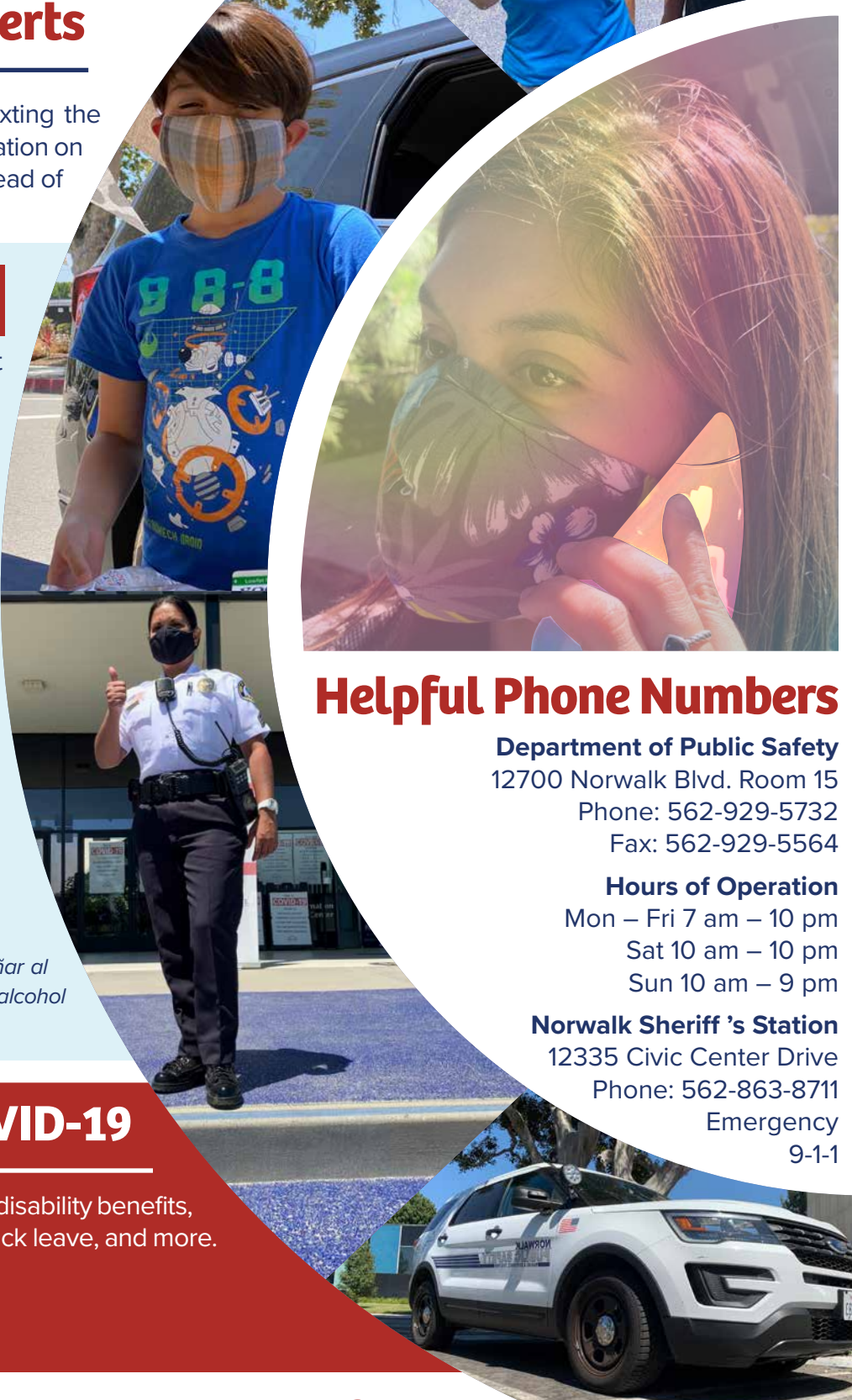
**Source: Los Angeles County Department of Public Health*

Seguido cuando hay una crisis de salud, los estafadores encuentran formas de engañar al público. Se ha encontrado que algunos desinfectantes para manos contienen metanol (alcohol de madera). Tenga precaución cuando use estos productos.

Resources for Workers Affected by COVID-19

Resources for workers impacted by COVID-19 are available, including disability benefits, paid leave benefits, pandemic unemployment assistance, California paid sick leave, and more. For more information visit: www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/

**Source: Los Angeles County Department of Public Health*



Helpful Phone Numbers

Department of Public Safety
12700 Norwalk Blvd. Room 15
Phone: 562-929-5732
Fax: 562-929-5564

Hours of Operation
Mon – Fri 7 am – 10 pm
Sat 10 am – 10 pm
Sun 10 am – 9 pm

Norwalk Sheriff's Station
12335 Civic Center Drive
Phone: 562-863-8711
Emergency 9-1-1



Bicycle Safety Tips

With great California weather upon us, the Public Safety Department would like to remind residents on the importance of bicycle safety and share the following tips:

- **Everyone under the age of 18 must wear a helmet when riding a bicycle, no exceptions. (A proper fitting helmet should get right above the eyebrows and be tightly buckled so it doesn't slip when riding)**
- **Wear bright or reflective clothing when riding your bicycle so other people (especially drivers) can see you.**
- **Pay attention to your surroundings; refrain from using audio players and do not wear headphones so you can devote your full attention to the road.**
- **When crossing the street, cross only at intersections and try to use marked crosswalks as often as possible. Remember to walk your bicycle across busy intersections.**
- **Give vehicles ample time to make a complete stop before you step into a crosswalk; do not assume drivers see you.**
- **Bicyclists must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians. Be courteous, share the street.**
- **Try not to ride at night or in bad weather but if you must, make sure a working headlamp and taillight are attached to your bicycle.**
- **If you ride your bicycle on the road, remember to ride your bicycle with traffic, and stay as close as possible to the right side of the road.**
- **When riding your bicycle alongside motorized vehicles, always use proper hand signals when turning and/or changing lanes.**
- **When traveling in groups, always ride your bicycle single file. Make sure to keep an eye out for people opening car doors.**

Say No to Dangerous Fireworks Art Contest Winners

Norwalk is home to several artists! On June 30, the Public Safety Department announced the winners of the "Say No to Dangerous Fireworks" Art Contest. One winner chosen from each category: elementary, middle, and high school. The talented winners were third grader Charlotte Montenegro, seventh grader Ryan Montenegro, and sophomore Liyah Salazar. We would like to thank everyone who participated.



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Norwalk Transit Receives CARES Act Funding

The Norwalk Transit System was recently awarded a \$3.8 million grant award by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The grant will support transit service in Norwalk and the nearby communities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs, La Habra, Whittier and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

In addition to the CARES Act funding, FTA issued a Safety Advisory that prompts



transit agencies to develop and implement policies and procedures regarding face coverings and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces, physical separation, and hand hygiene consistent with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) guidance. CARES Act funding can be used to cover 100 percent of these costs.

For more information, please call (562) 929-5550 or visit www.norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/norwalk-transit-system-nts

"Quarantigue" and How to Overcome It

What's Quarantigue?

Quarantigue or quarantine fatigue occurs when people show lower motivation to adhere with safety guidelines and practices.

How to Overcome Quarantigue

Remedy #1 – Change Your Mindset: Covering our faces, washing our hands and practicing social distancing is a rewarding experience because it allows us to get back to our lives and loved ones sooner.

Remedy #2 – De-Stress: Anxiety and stress can often reach a tipping point. Instead of trying to regain control any way we can, we simply shut down and are left feeling hopeless. Try meditation, exercise, or calling a friend or family member just to chat.

Remedy #3 – Reach Out: LA County Department of Mental Health has many resources available if you're feeling overwhelmed.

Visit dmh.lacounty.gov.

*Source: County of Los Angeles



You've heard us talk about the Census for over a year now. Why is it such a big deal? How does it impact YOU and YOUR family?

Hundreds of billions of dollars in funding for vital programs that ensure your quality of life for the next 10 YEARS is at stake. Some of these programs include: Medicare, Highway Planning and Construction, Federal Pell Grant Program, National School Lunch Program and Head Start, along with numerous other education, housing, public health and emergency response services. You and your family's journey will change significantly throughout the next 10 years; take one simple step NOW to ensure that the services you need will be adequately funded when you need them.

How do you participate? Simple - Respond online at my2020census.gov/, by phone 1-844-330-2020 or by mail. Count every single member of your household, regardless of citizenship, age, etc. Everyone Counts!

Norwalk	California	United States
66.8%	64.2%	62.9%

Virtual Programming Offered by Our Libraries

Though the Norwalk and Alondra libraries are closed, they are still committed to bringing you programs online!

Check out their schedule - Activities offered will be a mix for all ages and interests.

Maker Monday

Make something new by following along with these DIY, STEAM, and tech-focused programs.

Transformation Tuesday

Learn life hacks, build new skills, and get tips for how to bounce back during these challenging times.

Well-being Wednesday

Treat yourself! We'll cover all the facets of health and mindfulness to help you thrive.

Arts & Culture Thursday

Embrace your inner film critic, DJ, dancer, diva, or art aficionado.

Fun Friday

You never know what will be next, but you know we'll be serving up something fun!

Stories & More Saturday

Calling all book lovers! We've got you covered with Storytime and reading-themed programs.

LACOUNTY LIBRARY Visit lacountylibrary.org/virtual-programming/ for weekly fun and learning opportunities.

Senior Nutrition Program Expands



Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Senior Center has seen an increase in seniors that are in need of meals. In partnership with the Los Angeles County's Workforce Development Aging and Community Services, the City received additional funding to address the Nutrition Program waiting list.

The program is now servicing an additional 225 seniors, and in July, served 12,500 meals to 627 residents. Meals are distributed through deliveries on Mondays and Wednesdays and newly implemented curbside pickup on Wednesdays. All social distancing practices are observed during operations.

The Senior Center is committed to ensuring that our senior population has access to healthy meals. For more info, please call 562-929-5580.