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COVID-19 SPECIAL COVERAGE • Safer at Home •

Enjoying the Outdoors in Norwalk

The hot summer days call for activities outdoors. Although COVID-19 has altered summer recreation and programs, there are activities you can still enjoy. Share the activities you enjoy with members of your household by using our social media hashtag #ShowYourNorwalk.



(As a friendly reminder, per the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, courts and fields remain closed; green spaces remain open for families to enjoy.)



Evening Picnics: Norwalk has many parks where you can take members of your household for a picnic. With a blanket or lawn chairs and a few board games, you can ensure a fun-safe family outing.

Virtual 5k: Challenge your friends to a virtual 5k, which allows enthusiasts to run independently rather than in crowds. Organizers may identify a race date and time to compare running times. May the best runner win!

Golfing: Heads up; the Don Knabe Golf Center is open for individual play! Interested players are required to wear a face covering and must bring their own equipment. For more information, visit playknabegolf.com

Los días calorosos de verano llaman para actividades al aire libre. Aunque COVID-19 ha alterado los programas de recreación de verano, hay actividades que todavía puede disfrutar solo o con familia. Las áreas verdes de nuestros parques están abiertos; agarre una cobija y juegos para un picnic. También puedes hacer un reto con tus amigos para una carrera virtual para ver quién tiene el mejor tiempo. O si prefieres el golf, el Centro de Don Knabe está abierto para juego individual.

LA County Reopening Protocols: Youth Sport Leagues

Most recently, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health (County) has issued the reopening protocols for youth sport leagues in LA County. Per the County:

- All players, coaches, family members and visitors are required to wear appropriate face coverings.
- Youth sport activities and spaces redesigned to accommodate smaller groups and physical distancing at all times.
- High-fives, handshakes, fist bumps and other unnecessary physical contact are discouraged.
- Players are encouraged to bring their own equipment.

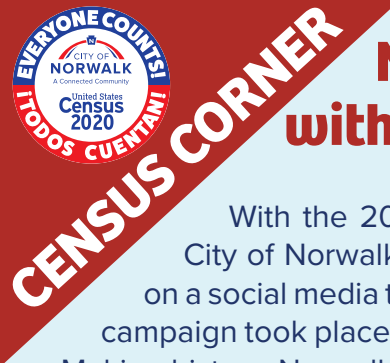
For more information on reopening protocols, visit publichealth.lacounty.gov

*Source: County of Los Angeles Public Health



Local Families Receive School Uniforms & Supplies

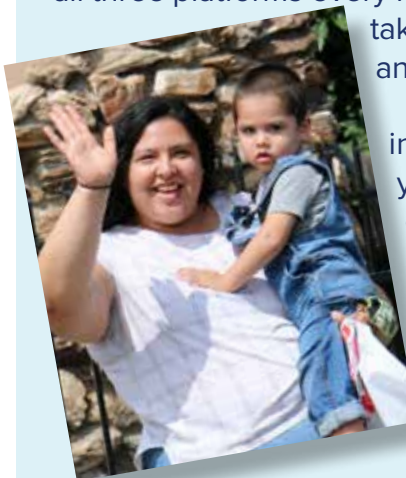
On Saturday, August 15, Public Safety and Social Services Departments collaborated with Norwalk Toyota to host the annual Back to School Headstart Project. This event took place at Norwalk Toyota and assisted over 100 Norwalk families experiencing hardship, referred by the Social Services Department. Each family received various food/restaurant gift cards, uniform clothing, socks and backpacks filled with school supplies for the children. Northgate Market generously donated backpacks and supplies. This event was possible thanks to a generous \$30,000 contribution from the Toyota Foundation and Norwalk Toyota Dealership.



Norwalk Makes History with Social Media Takeover

With the 2020 Census count concluding soon, the City of Norwalk and the U.S. Census Bureau partnered on a social media takeover. As a first of its kind, the dynamic campaign took place across Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Making history, Norwalk was the first municipality to partner with the U.S. Census Bureau on a social media campaign.

On Wednesday, August 12, photos and video were posted on all three platforms every hour from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. with live stories taking place from the Norwalk Senior Center and Social Services Center.



The goal of the campaign was to increase engagement, especially in the younger demographic, who may be completing the survey for the first time. Residents were encouraged to like, share or comment on posts for opportunities to receive prizes. Census Bureau staff selected the lucky winners and prizes were delivered to homes. The campaign resulted in a very enthusiastic response

from residents and many expressed their thanks on the fun way to get people involved.

If you haven't done so already, please fill out the Census form online at 2020census.gov. It only takes 10 minutes but will have lasting impacts on our community for the next 10 years.

Norwalk City Hall Modified Hours

Open by appointment only.
Hotline 562-929-5760

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Helping our Businesses Thrive

As part of our efforts to assist our business community during COVID-19, the City of Norwalk has expanded its Temporary Outdoor Business Program. Initially, the program allowed restaurants to apply for permits to conduct their operations outdoors, but an updated LA County Health Department order allowed for other qualifying business, including fitness centers and personal grooming services, to apply.



Businesses must submit an application for the no cost permit with the Planning Department. Applications are available at www.norwalk.org. You may also contact staff at 562-929-5710 or 562-929-5953.



Safely Disposing of Household Hazardous Waste

Got old paint or solvents to get rid of? If you've taken on house projects during the past few months, you may have accumulated some household hazardous waste. Dispose of it all at a LA County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)/E-Waste Round Up. These events had been discontinued temporarily due to COVID-19, but resumed recently, with extra safety precautions.



Saturday, September 19 • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Artesia Park, 18750 Clarkdale Avenue



Accepted items include: televisions, computers, chemicals, pool cleaning supplies, batteries, sharps and expired medications.

COVID 19 Precautions: Wear a face covering. Place your items in your trunk; preferably in a box. Stay in your vehicle. Event staff will collect from your trunk.

These events are open to all LA County residents. Limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hhw per trip. For more info, and other dates/locations, please visit cleanla.com or call 800-238-0173.

Homeless Operation Prevention and Engagement

Despite the challenges that COVID-19 presents, Norwalk remains dedicated to combating homelessness and improving the quality of life for all. Our dedicated Homeless Operation Prevention and Engagement (HOPE) team is still actively providing services to those in need, while also working to keep our public areas safe and clean. The HOPE team coordinates with partner agencies from the State and County, along with local non-profit organizations to offer a range of housing and service options to individuals experiencing homelessness. They also address public blight and potential health hazards by keeping streets, alleys, railroads, riverbeds and parks free from encampments and debris.



Before



After

A Norwalk Living Legend

Join us in extending birthday wishes to Kathleen Halsey on her centennial! Ms. Halsey, who lived in Norwalk from 1953 to 2017, celebrates the milestone on September 5. Kay is a familiar figure having volunteered at the Nature Center and attended classes at the Senior Center.



Kathleen Mavourneen Huck was born in Atlanta, Georgia. She graduated from Georgia Tech and served in the Navy during World War II as a medical technician at Balboa Hospital in San Diego.



In 1944, she met her future husband George Halsey, and after they married, moved to La Junta, Colorado. Their first child Julia Gladys was born in 1945 but sadly passed away the next year. Kay continued her education and received a Master's Degree in Religious Drama from Denver University.

Following the birth of their second child, William, in 1947, the family moved to San Francisco where George trained at the seminary. After his graduation, he ministered in Williams in northern California. In the early 1950s, the Halseys arrived in

Norwalk to found the Norwalk First Presbyterian Church in 1953. Those were Norwalk's early days, and George and Kay walked the new neighborhoods inviting people to services, which were first held from the back of a large flatbed truck. Once the church was built, Kay played the organ and organized social activities. The family grew with the addition of Kathy, Andy, and John.

After George left the ministry, Kay decided to pursue a teaching career. She taught in grammar school in the Garden Grove School District for 30 years until her retirement.

In her leisure years, she played golf two or three times a week, including at the Don Knabe Golf Center. After an injury, Kay kept busy with memoir writing classes and watercolor painting.

Kay currently lives in a nursing home in Cerritos. Family visits have been limited due to COVID-19. To brighten up her day and mark the special occasion, our Teen Alliance Program (TAP) participants sent her birthday cards.

Happy Birthday, Kay!

88 King Chinese Fast Food & Donut:

An Early Recipient of Norwalk's Economic Recovery Stimulus Program



To help our business community prosper under COVID-19, we launched the Economic Recovery Stimulus Program. One of the first recipients of a loan was 88 King Chinese Fast Food & Donut located at 16441 Pioneer Boulevard. We talked with them about their history and how Norwalk's loan program is assisting the local business.

In 2004, the Tran family opened 88 King Chinese Fast Food & Donut to serve the Norwalk community. Reflecting the story of many other small businesses, the Tran family had relied on take-out and catering, but both have drastically decreased due to COVID-19. They have found themselves having to reduce part time staff hours and dealt with the loss of a vendor who closed up. Despite these difficulties, the Tran family see themselves as part of the community and have been committed to providing their customers with quality food at the same prices.

The Tran family learned of Norwalk's Economic Recovery Stimulus Program through a flyer and immediately looked into the program.

"The application was easy and process was relatively quick. Maribel Medina [City of Norwalk employee] was helpful in explaining the process," said Mike Tran. "Altogether, it took about one month from application to notification of funding."

88 King Chinese Fast Food received \$4,022 to utilize for rent assistance.

The City of Norwalk's Economic Recovery Stimulus Program has been made possible by utilizing Community Development Block Grant funds granted through the CARES Act. Business loans are available for up to \$35,000 to help pay lease/rent, utilities or purchase supplies to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The loans are eligible to be forgiven.

To date, we have a received over 70 applications. We are proud to share that more than 15 businesses have been approved for funding with other applications in different stages of review.

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



COMMUNITY SAFETYZONE

Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today.

September is National Preparedness Month. Take this time to take steps to prepare for emergencies in your homes, businesses, schools and communities. As our nation continues to respond to COVID-19, there is no better time to be involved this September.

Week 1, September 1-5: Make A Plan

Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster. Make sure to update your plan based on the Centers for Disease Control recommendations due to the coronavirus.

Week 2, September 6-12: Build a Kit



Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home. Don't forget to consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate quickly. Update your kits and supplies based on recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control.

Week 3, September 13-19: Prepare for Disasters

Limit the impacts that disasters have on you and your family. Know the risk of disasters in your area and check your insurance coverage. Learn how to make your home stronger in the face of storms and other common hazards and act fast if you receive a local warning or alert.

Week 4, September 20-26: Teach Youth about Preparedness

Talk to your kids about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case you are separated. Reassure them by providing information about how they can get involved.

To learn more about how you can prepare for emergencies in your home and communities, visit www.ready.gov.



Has perdido a tu mascota? Visita el sitio web de SEAACA para información sobre mascotas incautadas. Los anuncios generalmente tienen una foto y la ciudad donde se recuperó el animal.

Lost Your Pup?

Remember to check on the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority website at www.seaaca.org to look for impounded pets. The listings will usually show a picture and the city the pets were recovered from. Their website search tool is a quick and easy function that may ultimately help you reunite with your beloved pet. Any questions, call SEAACA at 562-803-3301.

Don't Dump: Athens Pickups



Illegal dumping is the disposal of unwanted trash and or bulky items in places that they do not belong. We want to encourage residents to report illegal dumping to our Public Safety Department by calling 562-929-5732. Unreported illegal dumping results in more abandoned items as individuals may keep returning to the same locations to continue dumping. This causes an endless cycle of dumping, with unsightly trash, debris, and garbage bringing blight to our neighborhoods. You can also call Athens at 1-855-557-1007 to schedule pick up of any unwanted bulky items you want to dispose of or to report illegally dumped trash and garbage on your property or around your neighborhood.

When to Call LASD vs Public Safety

Public Safety's role in the community is to address non-life-threatening quality of life issues. We respond to your requests regarding parking enforcement, general safety concerns and provide community outreach.

The City of Norwalk contracts with the Norwalk Sheriff's Station for policing services. Sheriff Deputies respond to emergency situations and traffic collisions.



Public Safety:

Non-Urgent and Nonviolent Calls for Service

Parking Violations and Abandoned / Inoperable Vehicles

Quality of Life Issues: Transients, Panhandlers, Illegal Street Vendors, Drinking in Public, Loitering

Traffic Safety Concerns

Roadway Obstructions / Roadway Conditions Requiring Traffic Control

Smoking / Drinking in City Parks

Graffiti Follow Up / Investigation

Norwalk Municipal Code Violations

School Safety Program Activities

Special Event Safety and Security

Patrol of Parks to Ensure Safety of Youth and Families



Norwalk Sheriff's Station:

Calls Presenting an Immediate Threat to the Safety and Welfare of Others

All Crime in Progress Calls

Theft from Person or Property: Burglaries, Robberies, and Petty Theft

Traffic Accidents and Reckless Driving

Stolen Vehicle Report

Vandalism / Graffiti in Progress

Individuals or Groups who may be Intoxicated or Under the Influence of Narcotics

Indecent Exposure - All Sex Crimes

Domestic Violence

Suspicious Behavior

Loud Party / Gatherings

Fights / Altercations

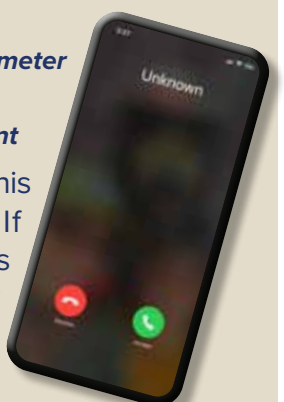
Public Safety can be reached at 562-929-5732. Phone lines are open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Norwalk Sheriff's Station can be reached at 562-863-8711, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency, call 9-1-1.

SCAM ALERT!

The City of Norwalk Public Safety Department would like to warn residents of a recent trend of scammers posing as Southern California Edison (SCE) employees. Scammers are calling residents claiming to be "collection" employees and often threatening to shut off electricity services unless an immediate payment is made. Here are some things to keep in mind if you receive a call from someone claiming to be an Edison employee:

- SCE will never demand credit card information over the phone
- SCE does not accept pre-paid visa cards as form of payment
- SCE will not remove your meter
- SCE does not have a Disconnection Department

Don't fall victim to this or any other scams. If you have any questions regarding your utility services, always contact the service provider directly.



Source: Southern California Edison



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Local Students Recognized as Scholarship Winners

Five high-school seniors from Norwalk High, John Glenn, and Santa Fe have been recognized as the 2020 Environmental Awareness Scholarship winners.



Natalie Juarez, Kathy Luna, Ubaldo Ortiz, Evelyn Paniagua, and Stephanie Raya each received \$1,000 to pay for tuition or textbooks. The students were selected based on their community service, extracurricular activities and essay. Congratulations to our winners!



Natalie Juarez of Norwalk High has been involved in both school and community. As a varsity athlete on cross country, track & field, and softball teams, Natalie has learned leadership and teamwork. In Norwalk's Teen Alliance Program, she has been active volunteering in recreational programming. Natalie is attending Cerritos College this fall and plans on pursuing a degree in business at CSUF when she transfers.



Kathy Luna of Norwalk High has been an influential and positive role model in her school through her participation in the Associated Student Body. She has helped her peers with complex math topics as a tutor for algebra, trigonometry and calculus. Kathy is attending Cal State Long Beach where she will pursue a degree in Civil Engineering.



Ubaldo Ortiz of John Glenn High has helped his classmates build solidarity through music, theater and school spirit. He has heavily been involved in the Drama Club, Color Guard, Cheer and CSULB Upward Bound Trio Program. Ubaldo has also shown his talent in the Arturo Sanchez Halloween Parade. Ubaldo will be attending CSULB to pursue a degree in sociology.



Evelyn Paniagua of Santa Fe High has had a diverse involvement in both her school and community, from a member of the Advancement Via Individual Determination Board and Spanish Honor Society to a teacher assistant at St. Pius Church and volunteer at Kaiser Permanente. Evelyn will be attending USC to obtain pursue a degree in Health and Human Sciences.



Stephanie Raya of Santa Fe High has regularly given back to her community through her involvement in the Advancement Via Individual Determination Board and as an leader/educator in the St. Pius communion and confirmation classes. Stephanie will be attending UC Santa Barbara, where she plans to pursue a degree in Psychological and Brain Sciences.

Holiday Trash & Street Sweeping Schedule



In observance of Labor Day, there will be no street sweeping or trash collection on Monday, September 7. When there is no street sweeping, it will NOT be made up. Streets can only be swept on the posted day. 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, Monday's trash will be collected on Tuesday.

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 & recycle containers 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.

Questions?

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

For the 2020 Holiday Trash & Street Sweeping Schedule, please go to www.norwalk.org/residents/community-resources/environmental-and-recycling-services



Make the Most of Your Virtual Library



This year, students of all ages are preparing to engage with curriculum, classmates, and teachers in new ways. No matter where your classroom is this year, rest assured, LA County Library is here to help! There are many digital school materials and online resources that can help students succeed and thrive.

Have a homework question? Need free on-demand access to live online tutoring in math, science, reading and writing, social studies, PSAT/SAT, ACT, AP, state standardized tests, and more? Assigned a research project that needs encyclopedias, newspapers, archives, reference collections, and learning resources? Visit lacountylibrary.org/back-to-school-digital-resources for Back-to-School Digital Resources. Digital Library Cards are available for LA County residents.

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



Play in Place Virtual Recreation!



Creative Li'l Tots

A new virtual session of our Creative Li'l Tots program starts soon! We invite your little ones to join us for an at-home learning experience. Prepare your child for kindergarten and help them learn necessary skills in a fun and interactive environment. Your child will participate in learning activities, crafts, games and more through daily Zoom classes. Activities are selected to enhance the learning of shapes, colors, and the ABC's. With each registration your child will receive a Creative Li'l Tots kit that will include all the necessary items for you and your child to participate in all activities.

DAY	DATES	TIME	AGE	FEE
M-TH	Oct 5-Oct 29	10-10:45 am	3 yrs	\$30
M-TH	Oct 5-Oct 29	11-11:45 am	4-5 yrs	\$30

For details, please call the Cultural Arts Center at 562-929-5521.

Save the Date:

Norwalk Nights at the Drive-In

Celebrate Halloween with us at the Drive-In all month long! One movie will be shown every week on a 500 square foot movie screen. Movie sound will be transmitted through a local FM radio station. Local food trucks and restaurants will be on site to whip up delicious food options for you. Fee is \$20 per vehicle and only one person per car must register in advance to secure a parking space. No registration will be accepted day-of.

MOVIE	DAY	DATES
The Addams Family (PG – 2019)	Fri	Oct 2
Hocus Pocus (PG – 1993)	Fri	Oct 9
The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG – 1993)	Fri	Oct 16
Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark (PG-13 – 2019)	Fri	Oct 23

For details, please call Recreation at 562-929-5702, or register at www.norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/recreation-park-services

¡Nuestra programación virtual está en pleno apogeo! Esto incluye una nueva sesión de nuestro programa, Niños Creativos, enfocado en la enseñanza de las habilidades necesarias para el kínder. Los participantes de 3 a 5 años participaran en actividades y juegos divertidos de lunes a jueves.

También le recomendamos marcar la fechas para nuestra serie de películas estilo drive-in este octubre. Habrá camiones de comida locales y restaurantes participantes para que puedas disfrutar de alimentos deliciosos.