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CA Governor's Emergency Powers

ue to actions initiated by the State that supersede local authority, Norwalk residents have seen far reaching effects that might continue to impact them. The Norwalk City Council will ensure residents are both informed and protected from the governor's broad use of his "Emergency Powers" by continuing to take proactive approaches to these actions.

In the most recent update for Project Roomkey (PRK), a collaborative effort established in March 2020 by the State and County to temporarily house vulnerable people experiencing homelessness during this pandemic, there were a total of 204 rooms being occupied, with a total number of 226 participants in the program.

In other news, the Project Homekey (PHK) site in Norwalk, which is the state's plan to permanently house homeless residents, has been closed since March 29 due to a fire that caused damage to the building. All occupants have been relocated to other sites, with some being transferred to other Project Homekey locations.

Legal challenges to Governor Newsom's use of emergency powers continue. On April 21st, oral arguments were made by the plaintiffs at the 3rd District Court of Appeals. Updates on this litigation will be given as it develops.

The City will continue to monitor any new developments regarding these issues and inform residents accordingly.



The City of Norwalk will honor our fallen heroes via a virtual Memorial Day event. Please tune in on Monday, May 31 at 11 am on social media or our local access channel.

Reroute in the Works:

Athens & Nationwide Environmental Services

The City of Norwalk is partnering with Athens Services and Nationwide Environmental Services to update their routing schedule to provide more efficient services to Norwalk residents. The City has identified multiple areas within city limits that will have both their waste & recycling collection and their street sweeping days changed. Additional areas in the City may also note the timeframe for their street sweeping service will change. For example, rather than having a 5 hour parking restriction, some areas may see this reduced to 4 hours. The change is expected to be more convenient for residents.

Keeping the streets clean and free of debris is essential to maintaining a beautiful, safe city. To ensure the cleanliness of our neighborhoods, street sweeping must be performed after the waste & recycling collection day has occurred.

It is anticipated that these new routes will reduce both Athens and Nationwide vehicle travel miles — reducing their carbon footprint and being more convenient for residents. For more information please visit their websites. You can also visit www. norwalk.org for additional info, including a map of the new collection and sweeping schedule to take effect this summer. The City will update street signs to reflect the changes, and will continue to share updates on the reroute leading up to implementation.

https://www.athensservices.com

Nationwide Environmental Services: http://www.nes-sweeping.com

La ciudad de Norwalk en colaboración con Athens Services y Nationwide Environmental Services actualizara un cambio en la ruta de servicio de basura y barrido este verano para proporcionar servicios más eficientes para los residentes de Norwalk.

Hemos identificado varias áreas en la ciudad que tendrán cambio de día de colección de basura y barrido de calles. También habrán áreas donde el tiempo de barrido se cambiara; en vez de la restricción de 5 horas, se reducirá a 4

Se anticipa que estos cambios reducirán las millas de viaje de los camiones de servicio, reduciendo la huella de carbón, tal como ser más conveniente para los residentes. La ciudad continuara a compartir información acerca de los cambios con la comunidad.

NORWALK COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program

About the Program

The City of Norwalk is providing a COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program for its residents. The program is funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Grants are to be awarded to eligible residents of the City of Norwalk for rental assistance up to three months. Recipients of this grant will not be obligated to repay the monies back to the City.

> The City will accept applications from May 3,2021 to June 4,2021



- ✓ Must be a resident of the City of Norwalk.
- ✓ Must show inability to make rent due to the impacts of
- ✓ Must be extremely low, very low, low-to-moderate income
- ✓ Must meet income qualifications based on household size (see graph below)

2021 Los Angeles County Income Limits

Household Size	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons
Extremely Low- Income Limits	\$24,850	\$28,400	\$31,950	\$35,450	\$38,300	\$41,150	\$44,000	\$46,800
Very Low (50%) Income Limits	\$41,400	\$47,300	\$53,200	\$59,100	\$63,850	\$68,600	\$73,300	\$78,050
Low (80%) Income Limits	\$66,250	\$75,700	\$85,150	\$94,600	\$102,200	\$109,750	\$117,350	\$124,900



For more information about the program, or if you have questions, (562) 929-5951 please contact:

Rosio Medina

Management Analyst Community Development Department RMEDINA@norwalkca.aov

Or visit the City's website at:

https://www.norwalk.org

La ciudad de Norwalk está brindando el Programa de Asistencia de Alquiler para sus residentes. Las fondos se otorgarán a los residentes elegibles para asistencia de alquiler hasta por 3 meses. Los recipientes de los fondos no tendrán que reembolsar a la ciudad. Las solicitudes están disponibles en el sitio web de la ciudad y actualmente se aceptan hasta el 4 de junio de 2021.

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Earthquake Preparedness It is not a matter of IF, but WHEN the next big earthquake will strike.

The reality of these words is what makes it so vital that we take the opportunity to prepare for the next big earthquake before it happens. Help us create a more disaster-resilient community by following some simple earthquake safety tips:

What to do **BEFORE** an earthquake - Prepare:

Create a Disaster Supply Kit for your home filled with at least three days of supplies: Include food, water (one gallon per person per day), a first aid kit, flashlights, a radio, and batteries.

• Make a "go-bag" filled with portable necessities in case you have to leave in a hurry: Include cash, important documents, clothes/shoes, personal hygiene items, and baby/pet/special need essentials.

• Create a Family Communication Plan: Choose a safe place for everyone to meet in case you are separated or your home must be evacuated. Maintain an emergency contact list including someone from out of town that everyone can check in with.





What to do DURING an earthquake – Protect Yourself: Drop, Cover, and Hold-On

Most injuries in earthquakes occur from falling or flying objects, so the best way to protect yourself is: <u>DROP</u> to the ground, <u>COVER</u> your head and neck, and <u>HOLD ON</u> to a sturdy table, desk or piece of furniture. Don't get in a doorway! Don't run outside!

Plan ahead: look around your home, school or office to identify safe places that you can Drop, Cover and Hold-On in the event of an earthquake. Look for any hazards or overhead items that could potentially cause injury as well.

How to REACH OUT – Community Support:

Make connections with the people around you to form a personal support network. Identify two neighbors and agree to watch out for each other. Contact your local Neighborhood Watch block captains and places of worship to help prepare and engage with others.

For more information on Earthquake Preparedness and Disaster Readiness, please visit www.ready.gov



Local Autism Awareness Advocate

Last month Norwalk City Council proclaimed April as

Autism Awareness Month. Norwalk resident, and autism advocacy figure, Jeani Crist, accepted the proclamation. Jeani Crist has been working with autistic children for over 20 years, and is a specialized one-on-one autism therapist.

Autism is a developmental disability characterized by a range of successes and challenges with socialization, communication and behavior. The symptoms of autism typically are present before age three and often are accompanied by abnormalities in cognitive functioning, learning, attention and sensory processing. Autism affects one in every 59 children in the United States, and is four times more likely to occur in boys than in girls. Autism can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity or other factors. Parents and relatives of individuals with autism are commended for their sacrifice and dedication in providing for the special needs of individuals with autism.

The need for early intervention services begins soon after a child has been diagnosed with autism because early intervention significantly improves the outcome and can reduce the level of funding and services needed to treat people with autism later in life. Jeani Crist believes the importance of training programs that are tailored to the needs of developmentally disabled persons with autism can be, and are, vital to help them become productive members of the workforce. Thank you Jeani Crist for your contributions toward making Norwalk more aware of autism.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Progress

Thank you to everyone who participated in the LHMP community hazard survey so far! One of the most important survey questions asked was regarding which hazards the Norwalk community was most concerned about. The following represent the top five hazards that are on your mind:

- 1. Earthquakes
- 2. Public Health Pandemics
- 3. Cyber Attacks
- 4. Critical Infrastructure Failures
- 5. Severe Weather (i.e. extreme heat)

It's not too late to join the process and let your opinion be known. Complete the following survey about Norwalk's risks and take an active role in keeping your City safe:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T8JVZH3 You can also attend a Steering Committee meeting to provide input. The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 21, 2021 at 3 p.m.

> Meeting ID: 865 4158 7588 Passcode: 306643 Call In Number: 1-408-638-0968









2021 Home and Business Beautification Contest

It's that time of year when the Community Promotion Commission invites Norwalk property owners and residents to be recognized for their efforts to keep our city beautiful. The annual Home and Business Beautification Contest is open to all single and multiple family residences and businesses in Norwalk, and celebrates the efforts of our community members to keep their properties attractive and well-maintained, fostering neighborhood pride. Application deadline is May 31, 2021. Applications are available online at norwalk.org or may be picked up in the Community Information Center at City Hall.

Winners will be selected in four categories:

- Home Beautiful
- Multi-Family Dwelling
- Home Improvement (Applicant MUST provide "before" AND "after" photos.)

•Business Appeal

Participants may only enter in one category. Nominate a friend or neighbor, or enter your own property for consideration. Winners receive recognition at a City Council meeting and signage commemorating their award. Please contact Public Affairs at 562-929-5735 or publicaffairs@norwalkca.gov for more information.



Measure M & Measure R Funds at Work

Asphalt street repairs scheduled to begin May 17.







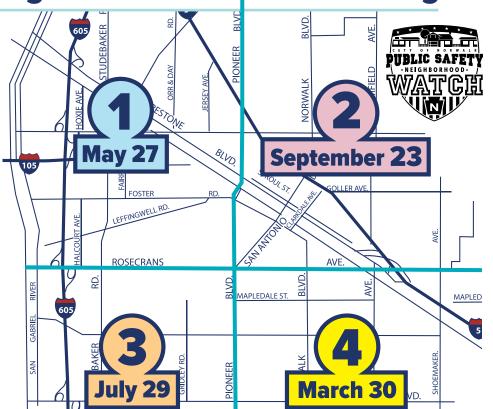


COMMUNITY *SAFETYZONE*

Virtual Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Please join us for our next installment of our Virtual Neighborhood Watch series via Zoom, on Thursday, May 27 at 6 p.m. This meeting is directed towards residents who reside in quadrant 1 of the City, but all are welcome to join! Please register by May 26 at tinyurl. com/NorwalkQ1 or scan the QR Code here.







Bike Safety



As we experience warmer California weather, the Public Safety Department would like to remind residents of bicycle safety tips that help keep everyone safe:

- Wear a properly fitted helmet
- Ride in the same direction as traffic and as far on the right-hand of the street as possible
- Obey all street signs, signals, and road markings
- Do not text, listen to music, or use any other device that may distract you



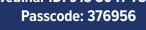


Citywide Parking Study

You are invited to attend a virtual community workshop to learn more about the study and provide feedback. This workshop is scheduled on Thursday, June 10 at 6 p.m. Below is the Zoom link for you to join the evening of the event. For additional details on the study, please call Miguel Lucero at 562-929-5732.

Webinar ID: 915 5047 7390 Passcode: 376956







Call Scams



Residents have reported receiving phone calls from unlisted phone numbers at odd times of the day. We recommend caution when calling back, especially if you don't recognize the name or telephone number. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is warning the public of the "one ring" scam.

How this scam works:

- Scammers allegedly target specific area codes in spurts and often call multiple times a day. They immediately hang up after one or two rinas.
- When you call the telephone number back, a cost is paid to the scammer. It is not just a flat fee, you can also be charged with significant charges per minute for as long as they keep you on the phone.

The victim will eventually notice the charges on their bills as "premium" charges.

How to avoid this scam:

- · Don't answer or return any calls from numbers you don't recognize.
- Check to see if the area code is international.
- If you don't make international calls, have your local telephone company block outgoing international calls on your line.
- Always be cautious, even if a number appears authentic.

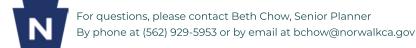
Robocalls are becoming a nuisance. Know how to ward off these types of calls and avoid being a victim of this potential scam. If you feel that you are a victim of an international phone scam, you can file a complaint with the FTC: https://reportfraud.ftc.gov



The City of Norwalk is updating the Housing Element for 2021-2029. Please join us to learn about the Housing Element, the state's requirements, update process, and a chance to provide public input.









Help Keep Our Parks Clean

When visiting our City's parks, we would like to remind residents to pick up after themselves to help keep our parks looking pristine. This includes picking up after your pets along with any trash or litter that you might bring to the park. Together we can all make a small effort to achieve a big result: to keep our parks clean and safe for everyone to enjoy!

Intersection **Takeover**

Street racing and blocking intersections to "peel out" and do "doughnuts" is illegal and inherently dangerous. If you participate in these dangerous and illegal activities, you risk the chance of seriously injuring yourself and others. You will also be arrested and your vehicle will be impounded. Do not drive recklessly and help keep everyone safe.

If you witness such activities occurring, please report them immediately to Norwalk Sheriff's Station at 562-863-8711.



Senior Center



Weekly Mental Health Support Group Every Monday • 2 to 2:45 p.m. Call-In Number: 1 (978) 990-5176 Conference ID: 695849#

This support group, led by a staff member from Telecare Corporation, will meet by phone on a weekly basis. Some of the topics that will be covered are depression, anxiety, stress management, self-care, grief and loss, mental well-being, and the aging process.

Mother's Day Virtual Concert Sunday, May 9 • 1 & 6 p.m.

Moms everywhere, for all that you have done and will continue to do, please allow us to say "Thank You" with our Mother's Day Virtual Concert. Midnight Ride will entertain you with music from the 50's up to today's hits! So get off the couch and "Cut a Rug" with us as we dance for an hour. Watch on Youtube or Norwalk Television.

Making Home Safe for a Person with Alzheimer's

Tuesday, May 11 • 1 to 2 p.m.
Call Alzheimer's Los Angeles to R.S.V.P.
(844) 435-7259

You will receive a link to the webinar or a telephone number to call in. Learn about methods to modify our home, simple hacks, and ways you can use technology to increase a person with dementia's ability to stay at home safely.

Stress Management Thursday, May 20 • 1 to 2 p.m. Call-in Number: (323) 776-6996 Access Code: 870-798-082#

Staff from the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health will be discussing stress management. This presentation defines stress and describes different forms of stress and explains the ways in which stress can impact one's life. Tips are offered to assist older adults in dealing with stress more effectively to improve their quality of life.

Quarterly Birthday Drive Thru Thursday, May 20 • 1 to 3 p.m.

Does your Birthday fall between the months of April through June? Come celebrate your birthday with us at our Luau Drive-Thru event. Registration is required and space is limited. Participants will stay in their vehicles, and mask must be worn. To reserve your spot, please call 562-929-5580.

Summer Kick-Off Celebration Friday, May 28 • 1 p.m.

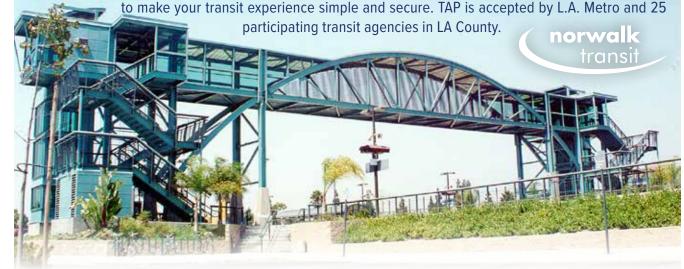
It is time to open up and let the sun shine in! Grab your best gal, or pal, your old forty-fives, and dust off your bell bottoms for a virtual party that jives! Let us recall the good times; the memories that last. Join us virtually as we dance to the sounds of "The Roaries" for a blast from the past! Watch on Youtube or Norwalk Television.

Homebound Senior COVID-19 Vaccination

On Tuesday, April 6, the Norwalk Senior Center joined forces with Coast Plaza Hospital to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to homebound seniors in our community. Our homebound community members are the most vulnerable as they do not have the mobility nor the transportation to get to a designated vaccination site. Senior Center Staff identified the homebound seniors and assisted in logistics. The seniors and their families were grateful that the city provided this opportunity for their loved ones.

New! TVM at Metrolink Station

Effective Wednesday, April 14, 2021; R.J. & J. Construction, Inc. will start construction activities for a Transit Access Pass (TAP) Vending Machine on the westside section of the Norwalk Metrolink Station parking lot. The TAP Vending Machine (TVM) will offer commuters the ability to purchase TAP Card fare media on site, at our location anytime (Monday thru Sunday, 24 hours a day). TAP is a program that allows you to ride seamlessly across Los Angeles County and is a durable plastic card with a smart chip designed



Due to the construction activity, six (6) commuter parking spaces will be temporarily inaccessible. As a reminder, additional parking spaces are available on the 2nd level of the parking structure - on the westside of the Metrolink Station in Norwalk.

We apologize for any inconvenience and should you experience any difficulty locating available commuter parking spaces, please contact:

Norwalk Transit System (NTS) Customer Service 562-929-5550

Email: transportation@norwalkca.gov

Holiday Trash & Street Sweeping Schedule

In observance of Memorial Day, there will be no street sweeping or trash collection on Monday, May 31. 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 barrels 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.

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 for Public Safety at 562-929-5732.

LENERGY COTHET **₹**ENERGY SAVINGS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Save energy and money through professional home improvements at no cost to you. If you have experienced a change in your income, you may now qualify for no cost home improvements. To apply, please fill out the form on the following website

and a representative will contact you: https://www.socalgas.com/save-money-and-energy/assistance-programs/energy-savings-assistance-program To complete the form by phone, please call 1-800-331-7593.

AND PARK SERVICES DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

NGOING PROGRAMS-

The Norwalk Recreation and Park Services Department offers a variety of virtual, ongoing programming for youth, teens and adults. Register now: tiny.cc/norwalkrec.



Creative Li'l Tots

We invite your little ones to join us for an exciting 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 a variety of learning activities, crafts, games and more through daily Zoom classes. With each registration, your child will receive an at-home Creative Li'l Tots kit that contains the necessary items for you and your child to participate in all activities.



Join TAP and learn valuable working skills, develop social skills, interpersonal skills, and gain a sense of accomplishment, all while giving back to your community. You will have opportunities to volunteer virtually with the City of Norwalk. This is a great way to earn volunteer hours for school or church. The Teen Alliance Program General Membership meetings are

each TAP member receives volunteer hours.

held on the first Wednesday of each month via Zoom. Meetings are MANDATORY and

Teen Alliance Program TAP

DAY	DATES	TIME	AGE	FEE
W	May 5	5p	13-18	Free

ZOOM meeting information will be posted on BAND and our social media platforms. (Instagram @norwalkteencenter)

DAY	DATES	TIME	AGE	FEE
M-Th	May 3-27	10-10:45a	3 yr	\$40
M-Th	May 3-27	11-11:45a	4-5 yr	\$40
M-Th	May 3-27	12-12:45p	4-5 yr	\$40
*Once registered, Zoom and supplies pickup				

after school via Zoom for a variety of games and activities, including games, science, art and exercise. Supplies and materials will be provided.



May 5-26 6-12 yr \$50 M-Th 4-5p *Once registered, Zoom and supplies pickup information will be provided via email.

HEART Club

Recreation Adapted for Teens & Adults with Disabilities! This program aims to maximize participants abilities through recreation activities with a social emphasis. Each week they will get to see friends through a weekly Zoom and follow along with weekly themed activities including game nights, arts and crafts, and much more! A box of supplies will also be provided for the entire session.

DAY	DATES	TIME	AGE	FEE		
Wed	May 5, 12, 19, 2	26 5-6p	13+	\$25		
*Once registered, Zoom and supplies pickup information will be provided via email.						

Teen Talks

Get away from schoolwork and the fact that we are all stuck at home by joining your friends and staff for our virtual Teen Talks through Zoom. We discuss a number of topics including mental wellness, cooking recipes, health and fitness, sports and more. We are open to new topic ideas!

DAY	DATES	TIME	AGE	FEE
T/Th	May 11, 13, 25, 27	5p	13-18	FREE



Registration Deadline: Registration is ongoing and accepted via BAND.

ZOOM meeting information will be posted on BAND and our social media platforms.

- MAY PROGRAMS -

Join the Norwalk Recreation and Park Services Department for unique, one-time activities in the month of May. Register now: tiny.cc/norwalkrec.



May is for Mermaids

May 3-31 \$20 per kit

Join us virtually throughout the month of May in fun, interactive activities with a mermaid! Participants will receive pre-recorded videos twice weekly that show the mermaid demonstrating crafts, games, stories and more. All supplies needed for participants to complete the activities will be provided in advance

in a mermaid activity kit. Complete the activities as the videos are released or at your own pace!

Mother's Day Brushes and Brunch



Treat your mom to a beautiful painting experience, as she enjoys a morning of relaxation. Together you will create a work of art as unique and special as her. Registration includes virtual painting instruction and an activity kit with painting supplies, snacks, and games. For more information, please call (562) 929-5521. Register at tiny.cc/MDBB

18+ Sa May 8 10a-12pm \$30/2 adults

*Once registered, Zoom and supplies pickup information will be provided via email.



Follow us on **Social Media!**

Instagram: @recnorwalk

Facebook: @NorwalkSportsComplex



SAVE THE DATE

for future programming during the month of June.
Register now: tiny.cc/norwalkrec.

Surprise Gardening

June 1-30 • \$5 per kit

Register to receive a pot, soil, gardening instructions and a surprise vegetable seed. Each participant will guess which vegetable they received at the beginning, and those that grow their guessed veggie will win a prize! You will also have access to a private social media app to connect with other Norwalk farmers to share your vegetable's progress. Recipes will also be posted on the app at the end, and participants are encouraged to share photos of their "farm to table" meals.

*Once registered, supplies pickup information will be provided via email.

Father's Day Grams

\$20 per gram

Special deliveries for the special men in your life! Grams will include a personalized yard sign, balloons and a gift. All recipients must be Norwalk residents. For more information, please call (562) 929-5521.









-The Parent Project -

Parenting for Parents with Teens

Are you having a hard time reaching your teen? Do you miss the days when you and your teen were able to sit and talk? Are his/her grades slipping? Do you find yourself arguing more with your teen? You are not alone. The Parent Project parenting program is for parents raising difficult or out-of-control adolescent children. It is the largest court mandated diversion program in the country and is taught here in Norwalk to help you and your families overcome life's challenges. All parents in need of assistance are welcomed.

Various Topics Include:

Learning How to Never Argue with Your Child Again Prevent or Intervene in Alcohol or Drug Use Improve School Attendance and Performance Finding Resources to Help Your Family

Cost: \$30 For more details, please call (562) 929-5765.

Instructor: Anthony Garcia

WINGS Program

Youth Intervention Program

This is a twelve week intervention program where youth receive Life Skills in a group counseling setting. Youth and families that are struggling and in need of assistance as well as agency referrals are welcomed.

Various Topics Include:

Depression, Mental & Physical Health
Decision Making Skills
Social Media Addiction
Truancy & Academic Success
Drug, Alcohol, Vaping Prevention/Education

Instructor: David Plaza Cost: \$10

(Free to youth with parents registered in The Parent Project).

For more details, please call (562) 929-5927.