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## February 22, 2022 Proclaimed Penny Brothers' Day

At the March 15, 2022 City Council meeting, the City of Norwalk proclaimed February 22, 2022 as Penny Brothers' Day in honor of NFL players Elijahaa and Rashaad Penny.

Elijahaa attended the meeting, along with his family, to receive the proclamation and say some words to everyone in attendance and everyone watching the meeting via online.

Elijahaa (*Class of 2011*) and Rashaad (*Class of 2014*) are graduates of Norwalk High School. You might be thinking, what is the significance of the date 2/22/2022? Well, both brothers wore the jersey number twenty-two while playing football at Norwalk High School. The school retired their jersey number on February 22, 2022.



Apart from their accolades on the football field, the brothers have repeatedly given back to their hometown of Norwalk, California.

Elijahaa and Rashaad started a foundation called the Two Cents Family Foundation, which provides recreational experiences and educational resources to children in Norwalk.

Through their foundation, the brothers have offered free football camps to teach young players about sportsmanship, teamwork, and hard work, while incorporating mentorship. The foundation has also hosted a backpack giveaway in the past that was well attended and appreciated by residents.

## 2022 Community Outreach Survey

Take the 2022 Community Outreach Survey to let us know how you receive City news and how the City of Norwalk can improve communication with residents.

The survey is quick, and all survey participants will be entered into a raffle to win one of five \$25 gift cards courtesy of your City of Norwalk Leadership. The survey officially closes at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2022.

Your feedback will be greatly appreciated and allows the City to better understand how residents receive their City related news. Follow the link or scan the QR code to take the survey today: [2cm.live/NCS22](https://2cm.live/NCS22)



## City Council Approves New Speed Hump Policy

On March 15, 2022, the Norwalk City Council unanimously approved a speed hump policy for the City of Norwalk.

This policy was created with direction from the City Council to provide an approach to address neighborhood traffic safety concerns. This will help deal with neighborhood speeding and will require approval from more than a majority of the immediate neighborhood requesting the implementation of a speed hump.

Speed humps are primarily used to reduce vehicle speed on residential streets with a single travel lane in each direction. The street should also have a speed limit of 25 mph or less.

With the approval of the Speed Hump policy, a "demonstration project" for speed hump installation will move forward. The project area is located along Dollison Drive between Beaty Avenue and Hercules Street, which is primarily a residential

neighborhood near Sara Mendez Park. City staff has previously received several speeding concerns from neighborhood residents in this area and determined that this location meets the criteria for speed hump installation.

The speed hump request application process is still being refined and should be made available to residents soon. Keep an eye on the City's social media pages for updates.



## Emergency Powers

With the reduction in COVID-19 cases, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health lifted its facemask mandate last month. However, there are still instances where you are still required to wear a facemask due to federal guidelines.

Last month, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced that it extended the security directive requiring masks on public transportation conveyances and in public transportation hubs through April 18, 2022. This means that Norwalk Transit System customers will still be required to wear face masks through April 18, 2022 while on buses.

Check out the L.A. County Department of Public Health's Masking Wearing Rules and Recommendations for more info: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/masks/RulesAndRecommendations/>

### Other developments:

- Governor Gavin Newsom's "Emergency Powers" declaration, which started in March 2021, will remain in place until further notice. This allows Gov. Newsom to access federal funding and to override state laws while carrying out the state's pandemic response.
- The annex formerly known as the California Youth Authority facility will continue to be used by the Metropolitan State Hospital, as needed, on a month-to-month basis until further notice.



## Woman's History Month Proclaimed for March 2022



At the March 15, 2022 City Council meeting, the City of Norwalk proclaimed March 2022 as Women's History Month

Every year, in the month of March, generations of women are recognized and honored that were trailblazers. This month is a time to reflect on the achievements of women across the centuries and honor the pioneers who paved the way.

City of Norwalk honored City Clerk Theresa Devoy, Human Resources Director Carina Montes, Social Services Director Gabriela Regalado, and Finance Director Jana Stuard in a short video for their leadership and services to the community.

## Norwalk City Council

**Mayor** Rick Ramirez      **Vice Mayor** Ana Valencia  
**Councilmember** Tony Ayala  
**Councilmember** Jennifer Perez  
**Councilmember** Margarita L. Rios

### Norwalk City Hall Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
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# COVID-19 Assistance Program

Rental, Mortgage, and Utilities

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The City of Norwalk is providing a COVID-19 Rental, Mortgage, and Utilities 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, mortgage, and utilities assistance up to three months. Recipients of this grant will not be obligated to repay the monies.

*\* Applications will be processed on a first come first served basis until funding is exhausted.*

## ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a resident of the City of Norwalk
- Must show inability to make rent, mortgage, or utility payments due to the impacts of COVID-19
- Must be extremely low, very low, low-to-moderate income
- Must meet income qualifications based on household size



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

For more information please contact  
Community Development Department  
(562) 929-5951

## Environmental Awareness Scholarship



The City of Norwalk, Athens Services, and the Norwalk Education Alliance are proud to announce the 2022 Environmental Awareness Scholarship.

Five scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 to high school seniors who are active in their community and show interest in environmental issues. Completed applications must be received by Friday, April 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Applications will be accepted via email only to [recycling@norwalkca.gov](mailto:recycling@norwalkca.gov)

For more info, eligibility, and to apply visit <https://tinyurl.com/2022EAS>

## Updated Operating Days for Vaccine Clinic

at Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex

The vaccine site operated by the L.A. County Department of Public Health at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex has changed its operating days to Wednesday through Sunday. The operating hours will remain from 11:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This site offers Pfizer vaccines (available for ages 5-11); Pfizer vaccines (available for ages 12+); Johnson & Johnson (available for ages 18+). Booster shots also available.

The site has also moved locations from the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex's gymnasium to the Hargitt Room.



# Local Streets Rehabilitation Program Update

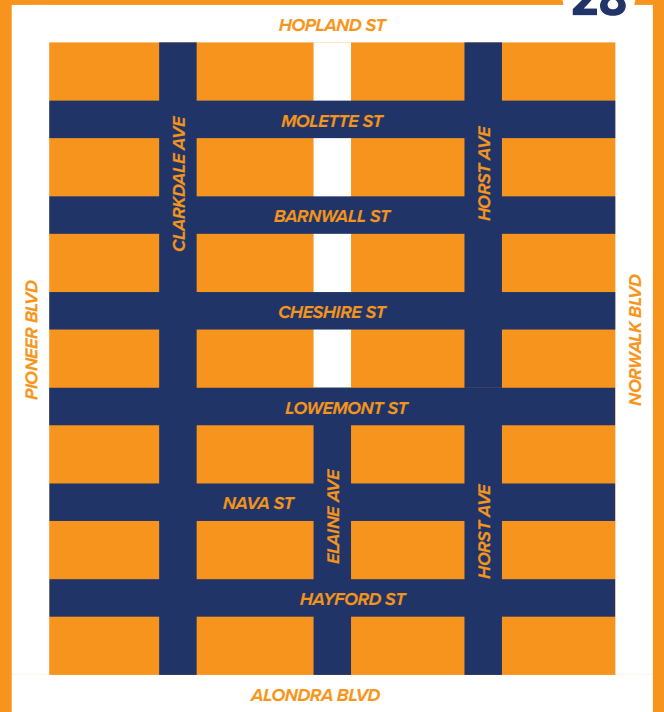
Zone 28

Work officially started in Zone 28 for the Local Streets Rehabilitation Project in late February/ early March. The funding for this project is coming from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and includes funding from the Road Maintenance Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) and Transportation Development Act Article 3.

The majority of the concrete work has been completed in this zone. The concrete work for this zone includes the slotted cross gutters on Clarkdale Avenue being replaced and several corner access curb ramps being improved to meet current standards. Also, the replacement of various sidewalks, curbs, and gutters within the project limits.

The asphalt replacement process has already begun in this zone. The entire project in Zone 28 is scheduled to be completed by the end of this month.

The work on Zones 3, 8, and 19 are still expected to begin around summer of 2022.



Blue = Streets being worked on



NORWALK BLVD AND LOWEMONT ST



LOWEMONT ST AND CLARKDALE AVE



CHESHIRE ST AND NORWALK BLVD



## Meet the Mayor

Upcoming Dates and Locations

Save the date! The next Meet the Mayor event will take place this month on Wednesday, April 13 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the food courtyard (12200 Civic Center Dr.) located right next to the AMC Norwalk 20.

There will also be another Meet the Mayor event next month on Wednesday, May 11 starting at 3:00 p.m. at Southland Care Center & Assisted Living (11701 Studebaker Rd.).

Come out to meet Mayor Rick Ramirez in an informal setting and chat with him.



## Artastic Was a Blast!

After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Artastic returned last month with great cheer from attendees. This was the eleventh Artastic event in Norwalk.

There were a lot of attendees at the event that enjoyed the performances, artwork, games, and the food vendors.

Local and visiting artist displayed their artwork, which included artwork from local students and artwork from professional artists.

This well attended event highlights the importance of encouraging the youth to express their creativity. We hope to see more people at next year's Artastic event!

## Hybrid Community Forum 2022

The first Community Forum of 2022 was a great success. There were three short presentations on the topics of public safety, infrastructure, and SB 1383 (organics/food waste). The following things were discussed at the event: traffic enforcement, homelessness, the second HOPE team, the Streets Rehabilitation Program, and SB 1383's organics/food waste requirements.

The event was held at Paddison Elementary School on March 31, 2022 and it was a hybrid event so that residents had an alternative way to attend the event virtually. Residents were able to ask questions and get responses from City leadership and staff.

Be sure to check out the City's social media pages for the next upcoming Community Forum event.





# COMMUNITY SAFETYZONE

## Upcoming Vehicle Theft Prevention Event

The Southern California region has seen an increase in auto-thefts this past year. In particular, thieves have been targeting GMC trucks, Kia sedans, and Hyundai sedans. In an effort to prevent Norwalk residents' vehicles from being stolen, the Public Safety Department will be hosting a steering wheel lock giveaway at the Farmer's Market on April 9, 2022 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at Norwalk City Hall. Supplies are limited and residents will receive one steering wheel lock per Norwalk registered vehicle on a first come first serve basis. Residents will be asked to show a DMV registration with a Norwalk address.

Remember, there is no guarantee that your car will not be stolen, but taking precautionary measures can minimize your chances of becoming the victim of auto theft. As always, if you see anything suspicious or unusual in your neighborhood call the Norwalk Sheriff's Station to report the activity at (562) 863-8711.



## Did You Know?



Overall crime (assaults, robbery, burglary, auto-theft, etc.) have decreased by 29% compared to last year. This reduction in crime is a reflection of the hard work of our law enforcement teams and the partnership between the community, Sheriff's Station and Public Safety Department. We must continue to work together to lower crime and help keep everyone safe; if you see something, say something! Please continue to call the Norwalk Sheriff's Station, (562) 863-8711, when you observe any crime occurring. For quality of life issues/concerns, please call the Public Safety Department at (562) 929-5732.



## Reminder for Emergency Vehicles

We would like to remind residents that emergency vehicles have the right of way during an emergency. Per the California Vehicle Code, drivers must yield the right of way to any police vehicle, fire engine, ambulance, or other emergency vehicle using a siren and red lights. Here are some guidelines to keep in mind when traveling on the road.

- Pull your vehicle to the right and stop, as a general rule in all cases. When you are in the right lane, pull onto the right shoulder if there is room to stop, or slow down if you are on an open high-speed road.
- When you are in the left lane and traffic in the right lane is moving onto the shoulder, move right into their lane.
- If you cannot go right because of an obstacle, such as a car in the right lane when you are in the left lane, the next best thing to do is to stop. The driver of an emergency vehicle can then anticipate where to move their vehicle. If you are moving, you are at risk of collision.
- When you are at an intersection with a stop sign or red light and a response vehicle is coming up behind you, stay where you are if you cannot pull right.
- If you are on a one-way street, pulling to the right is still the best option, but sometimes, due to traffic, you may pull to the left curb and yield the middle lane. This is one exception to the "pull right" rule.

Source: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department



## Traffic Awareness Art Contest



Public Safety is launching its Traffic Awareness Campaign in the month of May. As part of the campaign, all Norwalk youth are eligible to enter the 2022 Traffic Awareness Art Contest! This contest will highlight local youth's artistic skills as they display

why it is important to drive safely and always abide by traffic laws. It is simple and easy to enter! All you need is a blank 8 1/2" by 11" plain piece of paper and your creativity!

1. Write your message: Why is it important to drive safely and abide all traffic laws?
2. Use your creativity! : Draw, paint, or color artwork that delivers your message

Entry forms must include the following:

- Artist's name, home phone number, address
- Name of the school they attend



**Participants must be residents of Norwalk, and under the age of 18**

Submissions must be delivered by mail to:  
City Hall, Public Safety Department,  
12700 Norwalk Blvd., Room 15

If unable to mail, please place in box outside of Public Safety Office, Room 15  
(Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)  
Deadline: Wednesday, April 27, by 6:00 p.m.

Announcement of winning entries will take place on the City's social media platforms on May 2, 2022. Winners will be selected by age category (elementary, middle, and high school).

Winners will receive a prize and be recognized on the City's social media and at the May 3, 2022, City

Council meeting.

All submissions will be kept by the City for display at City Hall.

If a participant wishes to have his/her entry returned, or for more info please contact the Public Safety Department at (562) 929-5732.

## Wire Theft Awareness

There has been an ongoing trend of copper wire theft in southern California. Thieves are targeting streetlights, businesses, and electrical boxes for copper wire. Street light copper wire theft has led to blacked out intersections and dark streets. Repairing the damage caused by copper theft is labor-intensive, expensive, and takes weeks to repair depending on the damage caused to the lights. Residents are the eyes and ears of law enforcement and reporting

any suspicious activity near streetlights or electrical power boxes is crucial to apprehending these thieves. If you see something, say something!

Public Safety Department  
(562) 922-5732

Norwalk Sheriff's Department  
(562) 863-8711



# First Time Home Byers

The City of Norwalk is holding a First-Time Homebuyer Community Workshop to assist and provide more information to interested potential first-time homebuyers about the program.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The First Time Homebuyer Program (FTHB Program) is made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME funds for Downpayment and Closing Costs Assistance to help low-income households buy their first home in the City of Norwalk. The City's investment of HOME funds will be limited to downpayment and closing costs assistance through no interest deferred loans.

## ABOUT THE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

This workshop is open to all community members of the City of Norwalk. We will review the program and how to apply for assistance. Realtors, lenders, and representatives from the City will be in attendance to answer any questions you may have.

**Thursday, May 12, 2022 from 5 to 7 p.m.**  
**City Hall – Council Chambers**

*Sapace is limited Call (562) 929-5951 for reservation*

## ELIGIBILITY

- Resident of the City of Norwalk
- Not have owned a home in the past 3 years
- Meet income qualifications based on household size

Household Size	Maximum Income
1 Person	\$66,250
2 Persons	\$75,700
3 Persons	\$85,150
4 Persons	\$94,600
5 Persons	\$102,200
6 Persons	\$109,750
7 Persons	\$117,350
8 Persons	\$124,900



**For more information please contact**  
 Housing & Neighborhood Development  
 (562) 929-5951 or email [CDBG\\_@norwalk.org](mailto:CDBG_@norwalk.org)

# Senior Center

14040 San Antonio Dr • 562-929-5580

**Weekly Mental Health Support Group**  
**Every Monday**  
**2:00 – 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 discussed are depression, anxiety, stress management, self-care, grief & loss, mental well-being, and the aging process.

**CalFresh**  
**First Tuesday and Third Tuesday of every month**  
**9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

A CalFresh Outreach worker, from the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, is available on site to assist seniors with their CalFresh application. CalFresh Outreach worker is also available via phone to assist seniors throughout the week (323) 855-0496.

**Movie Night**  
**Tuesday, April 5**  
**6:00 p.m. • Free**  
**Norwalk Senior Center**

Join us for an evening showing of "Christopher Robin" in the Senior Center Lobby. Seniors will enjoy our transformed lobby and can sit in their own chair to watch the movie theater style. A snack pack will be provided to all seniors who attend. Space is limited to the first 20 seniors and reservations are required. Call (562) 929-5580 to reserve your spot.

**HICAP**  
**First and Third Wednesday of every month**  
**10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Norwalk Senior Center**

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP), sponsored by The Center for Healthcare Rights will provide free counseling and advocacy on Medicare and related health care coverage issues for patrons age 50 and older.  
 By appointment only: Call the Senior Center at (562) 929-5580 for an appointment.

## Closing the Gap in Medicare Coverage

**Wednesday, April 13**  
**2:00 - 3:00 p.m. • Virtual / Zoom**  
**Meeting ID: 834 1869 5643 • Passcode: 436433**  
**(669) 900-6833**

Join Center for Health Care Rights for a free presentation that will provide information on how Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Supplemental Insurance help reduce Medicare costs and may provide coverage for some additional benefits. Staff will also review eligibility rules for assistance programs for low-income Medicare beneficiaries.



**Senior Center**  
**Spring Eggstravaganza**  
**Thursday, April 14**  
**3:00 – 5:30 p.m. • \$5.00**  
**Norwalk Senior Center**



Spring is here, so why don't you hop on over to the Senior Center for our spring celebration. Decorate eggs for your basket, and then go on a special egg hunt! Chance Drawing for all who participate. Find the Golden Egg to get a special prize! Tickets now on sale!

## Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health- Promotoras Anxiety Disorders

**Tuesday, April 19**  
**2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Norwalk Senior Center**

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health staff will be presenting information on Anxiety Disorders. Seniors will learn the definition of anxiety, statistics, types of anxiety disorders, symptoms and treatment of anxiety, services and resources. Presentation will be conducted in Spanish.

**Spring Dance**  
**Thursday, April 21**  
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m. • Free**  
**Norwalk Senior Center**

Spring is here! Come and enjoy an evening of music and dancing with family and friends. We will even have a special treat for you! Registration required.  
*\*residents can register beginning Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Open registration begins Thursday, April 14, 2022.*  
*\*Photo identification with proof of residency required.*

# JOIN US!

For a series of community workshops to share and exchange naming ideas for the mixed-use development coming to the Norwalk Entertainment District at the southeast corner of Imperial Hwy. and Norwalk B.vd.

**Scan the OR code and register to be a part of the conversation!**

**Wednesday, April 6**  
**6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**12700 Norwalk Blvd.**

Initial brainstorming and idea exchange to inspire naming options for the project



**Saturday, May 7**  
**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
**Complex Terrace, NASC**  
**13000 Clarkdale Ave.**

Presentation of naming options based on original input for the Community's evaluation.



**Thursday, June 9**  
**6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**12700 Norwalk Blvd.**

Unveiling! Join us as we unveil the official name of the new mixed-use development.



**For more information, please contact:**  
**Claudia Cardenas (213) 223-5526 • [Cardinas@primestor.com](mailto:Cardinas@primestor.com)**



The City of Norwalk Community Promotion Commission invites you to participate in the 2022 Home & Business Beautification Contest.

First, second and third place winners will be chosen in four categories: Home Beautiful, Multi-Family Dwelling, Home Improvement and Business Appeal. Contest winners receive signage commemorating their award and will be recognized at a City Council meeting. Application deadline is May 31, 2022.

For more info, eligibility, and to apply visit <https://tinyurl.com/2022HBBContest>

# COVID-19 Testing Site

**Will Remain Open Through April 2022**

The free COVID-19 testing site at the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Metrolink Station will remain open through the month of April 2022.

**Location: 12800 Imperial Hwy,**  
**Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670**  
**Days/Hours Open: Monday-Saturday,**  
**7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

- Drive-thru testing only
- No appointments needed
- Health insurance required to test
- Photo ID is required to get tested
- This site only administers PCR tests
- Children 1 year + can test
- Results may take up 72 hours



Scan QR code to pre-register

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\* Effective January 9, 2022

**APPLY NOW AT [WWW.NORWALK.ORG](http://WWW.NORWALK.ORG) OR CALL HUMAN RESOURCES AT 562-929-5721.**