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SAVE THE DATE

MEMORIAL DAY - CEREMONY -

Monday • May 30
at 11:00 AM

Norwalk City Hall
12700 Norwalk Blvd
at Freedom Memorial

Light refreshments will be served

THEY gave the ultimate sacrifice for OUR freedom.

MONDAY, MAY 30

Emergency Powers Update

Governor Gavin Newsom's "Emergency Powers" declaration remains in place until further notice, which allows the state to access federal funding and to override state laws while carrying out the state's pandemic response.

On April 20, 2022, U.S. District Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle struck down the national mask mandate covering airlines and other public transportation. However, locally, the Los Angeles County Public Health Department issued a Health Officer Order on April 21, 2022 "... to note that masking in all public transit within LA County and in LA County indoor transportation hubs continues to be required."

What this means is that everyone, 2 years of age and older, regardless of their COVID-19 vaccination status, must wear a mask on public transit including commuter trains, subways, buses, taxis, and ride-shares.

The Health Officer Order also requires that masks be worn in indoor transportation hubs including airport and bus terminals, train and subway stations, seaport or other indoor port terminals, or any other indoor area that serves as a transportation hub within the County.

In other news, the former California Youth Authority facility (used under the Governor's "Emergency Powers") continues to be utilized by the Metropolitan State Hospital, as needed, on a month-to-month basis.

Where Does it Go?

Green Waste/ Organics Container with Green Lid	Trash Container with Black Lid	Recyclable Container with Blue Lid
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grass Clippings Food Scraps Food Soiled Papers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Wrappings Used Paper Products Porcelain Glass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic Metal Glass

The Egg-Stravagant Egg Hunt was Egg-Cellent!

The City of Norwalk held its annual Egg-Stravagant Egg Hunt on April 16, 2022. This was the largest community turnout since the pandemic started. There was fun for the entire family with egg hunts, crafts, face painting, entertainment, and much more.

Earlier that week, leading up to the event, was the Egg-Normous Bunny Hunt throughout the City. Residents searched for bunnies hidden throughout the City that were redeemed for a prize. Residents were so excited and eager to find a bunny that they took to social media to ask for hints and clues about where to find them.

The guest of honor (the Easter Bunny) made a grand entrance and was accompanied by Los Angeles Rams cheerleaders. Children were eager to take photos with the bunny and collect Easter eggs. All our City Councilmembers were in attendance to celebrate and greet residents.

View video: <https://tinyurl.com/EggHuntVid>

Hometown Heroes Application

The City of Norwalk is honored to be home to men and women serving our nation. If you are 1) on active duty or are an active reservist currently serving in any of the six branches of the United States Armed Forces, and 2) a Norwalk resident or immediate family of a Norwalk resident, a personalized banner will be created and displayed along the Imperial Highway corridor to recognize your service and daily sacrifices in the name of freedom. Applications are available:

- in person at any City facility
- printable applications online and then mailed or submitted in person
- online via a submittal form for convenient and quick processing

Honorees will also be featured in the "Norwalk Now" newsletter, on our government access channel, and at City Hall. We request a quality photo of the service person in uniform for this purpose. The photo will be returned to family.

Recognition banners will be removed from display after one year and presented to each honoree or his or her family (in the case of honoree's absence due to service) by Norwalk City Council at a regular meeting. All presentations are broadcast and recorded, as well as photographed for City archives.

For more information or to print or fill out an application visit tinyurl.com/HeroesBannerApp

Norwalk City Council

<p>Norwalk City Hall Hours of Operation</p> <p>Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.</p> <p>Alternating Fridays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>(562) 929-5700</p>	<p>Mayor Rick Ramirez Vice Mayor Ana Valencia</p> <p>Councilmember Tony Ayala</p> <p>Councilmember Jennifer Perez</p> <p>Councilmember Margarita L. Rios</p>	<p>City of Norwalk 12700 Norwalk Blvd. Norwalk, CA 90650</p> <p>To Postal Patron</p>	<p>PRSRT STD US Postage PAID Permit No. 1139 Whittier, CA</p>
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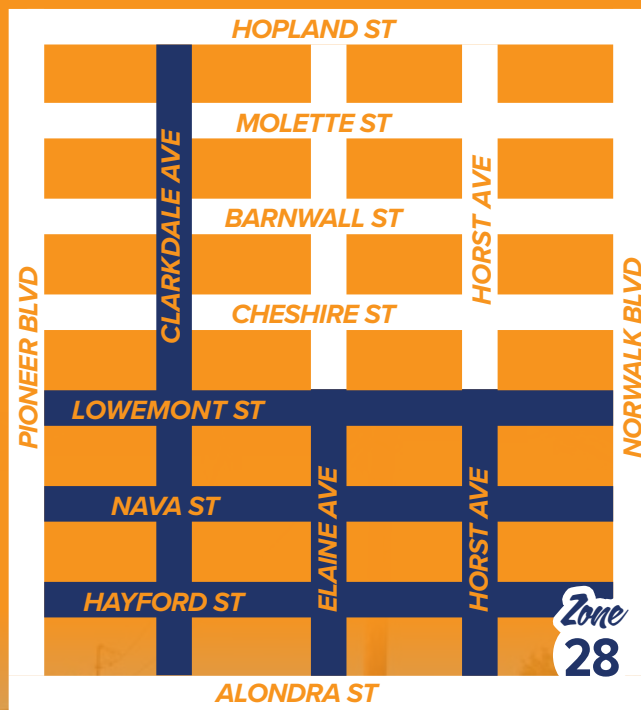
Local Streets Rehabilitation Project Update

Work has officially been completed in Zone 28 for the Local Streets Rehabilitation Project. This project was funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and includes funding from the Road Maintenance Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) and Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3.

The concrete work done in this zone included the replacement of slotted cross gutters, the replacement of various sidewalks and curbs, and several corner access curb ramps to meet current standards. The asphalt replacement was also completed on time.

The next zones that will be worked on are Zones 3, 8, and 19, which are expected to begin around summer of 2022.

Project 7930 - CDBG Block Grant areas in blue.



Rabies Clinics

Calling all Norwalk dog owners, the City of Norwalk will be holding its annual dog vaccine clinic on June 17, 2022, and there will be a second clinic on July 15, 2022.

Each clinic date will operate from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and costs just \$11.

These clinics are a low-cost way of ensuring that your dog and our community remains safe from rabies.

PRAY NORWALK

"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray..." II Chronicles 7:14

JUNE 4, 2022
10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

NORWALK CITY HALL

Imagine a city that honors God... safe streets, successful businesses, thriving schools, united churches, healthy families... the possibilities are endless.

NLMUSD Teachers, Administrators and Students, Norwalk Churches, City Hall, Residents, First Responders, Businesses and you!

Lovers of Christ from all sectors of society gather together to share how God is moving in the city, and to pray for more!

lovenorwalk@yahoo.com
12700 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650

Apply for the 2022 Home & Business Beautification Contest



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 tinyurl.com/2022HBBContest



scan to apply

Lakeside Middle School Information

Lakeside Middle School, home of the Mustangs, is one of nine schools in the Little Lake City School District. There are seven elementary and two middle schools. Little Lake is truly a hidden gem of a district! Every school is an award-winning school. Truly, if a family wants their child to go to a stellar school district, Little Lake should be their choice.

The district has a middle school in Norwalk called Lakeside Middle School. During the last 8 years, since the 2014-15 school year, Lakeside has received both state and national level awards called the California League of Schools, Schools to Watch and the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform, Schools to Watch. The school first received this honor in 2014-2015 but to keep it, the school must apply every 3 years. That's called a "redesignation" and the school has been redesignated two times (out of two possible) to maintain this status.



The hallmark of Lakeside Middle is providing the following electives:

- AVID
- Journalism
- Choir, Band
- Enrichment for All: Karaoke, Yoga, Coding, Guitar and more
- Lego Robotics:
- GATE After School program for our students who are identified as Gifted and Talented and our Enrichment for ALL Class which is open to all students as an elective during the sixth session of Trimester 3. Led by their teacher, GATE Coordinator, Mr. Ortega, students design and create robots of all shapes and sizes and develop coding patterns on their laptops to bring them to life. The students collaborate in small groups to build their robots and in the process get really excited about science. These classes inspire curiosity, fun, and creativity in our students.
- Outstanding GATE program

We welcome all students with open arms! We have space for everyone. We have small class sizes and teach students 21st century skills such as students working together to collaborate on projects so that they are prepared for work in the future.

For more information on how you may join the Mustang Family, contact Principal Mrs. Gutierrez at: agutierrez@llcsd.net or call (562) 868-9422.



Pictured from left to right, Nikolas Woods, Band/Choir Teacher, Miguel Ortega, 7th grade Math & Science Teacher/Gate Coordinator and Ana Gutierrez, Principal.

We are evaluated on 4 areas:

- Academic excellence —our instructional practices are innovative, rigorous, and engaging
- Development Responsiveness (social emotional) — understanding adolescent development
- Social Equity —access to a great education for all students including, English Learners, Foster Students, low income and Students with Disabilities
- Structures and organization —describes how the district supports the schools. LLCSD supports us with leadership, efficiency and consistency.

The "Schools to Watch" recognition is something we are all very proud of at Lakeside and we are the only school in Norwalk that has this recognition.

After School Programs: THINK Together, from dismissal time to 6:00 p.m. Excellent, highly engaging program
Bernabe After School Tutoring and SEL program open to all students

Assist Classes: first period, extra help in reading and math

Counseling: Not only do we teach Social Emotional lessons weekly but our counselors are available for all students.

Examples of Special Events: Where Everyone Belongs (WEB) Special Baseball Game, AVID and ASB spirit week, monthly themed celebrations (e.g., Kindness Month, College and Career month), students frequently recognized and rewarded for achievement and good citizenship.



COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONE

Traffic Safety Awareness Month

The City of Norwalk has designated May as Traffic Safety Awareness month. Traffic Safety Awareness month seeks to bring awareness to the significance of safely travelling the roads. When an individual gets behind the wheel of a vehicle – whether alone or with a passenger – driving safely should be their only concern and sole responsibility. Each week of May, we will be highlighting driving topics and tips on the City's social media to keep in mind when you find yourself on the road. We hope that by bringing awareness to traffic safety we can all contribute to make our roads safe for all to travel on.

Travel Safety Awareness themed weeks for May:

- Week of May 1: DUI
- Week of May 8: Distracted Driving
- Week of May 15: Speeding
- Week of May 22: Pedestrian Safety
- Week of May 29: Vehicle Maintenance



**If you would like a complimentary lawn sign please call (562) 929-5732.*



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: Monday, May 9, by 6:00 p.m.

Announcement of winning entries will take place on the City's social media platforms on May 12, 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 17, 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.

Vehicle Congestion



With gas prices gradually increasing, we would like to advise residents to use alternate routes away from large gas stations. Large gas stations such, as Costco, tend to become overly congested, with traffic spilling over on to other streets during peak hours. Recently, we have seen congestion increase at the intersection of Imperial Highway and Hoxie Avenue.

The City has been in communication with Costco Management on efforts to lower traffic congestion from the gas station and are exploring various measures to improve traffic conditions in the area. If you are a frequent commuter of this intersection, we request you to use an alternate route for the time being.

Upcoming Community Cleanup

May 21 • 9-11 AM at Holifield Park

For more information please call (562) 929-5963



City Moves Closer to Adopting a Preferential Parking Policy

On April 19, 2022, the City Council approved the first passage of Ordinance No. 22-1730, which would amend Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Norwalk municipal code to incorporate guidelines for parking permits.

This was part of a recommendation from the Parking Action Plan (PAP) that the City Council approved on March 15, 2022. The PAP adjusted the Preferential Permit Parking Program (PPPP) which was established to address the growing parking demands within the City.

The PAP plan identified recommendations to establish an equitable, adaptable, and efficient parking solution for all Norwalk residents.

The prior PPPP was initially created to address the impact that commuter vehicular traffic was having on nearby residential areas, but over time it was used to provide parking exclusively to certain neighborhoods.

Ordinance No. 22-1730 will now move to a second reading at a future City Council meeting.



Parking Lot Safety Tips

Thieves often target large parking lots for their next victim since they provide easy entry and exit points for them. Many crimes that occur in parking lots include vehicle theft, personal property theft, and theft of car parts. The Public Safety Department would like to provide some safety tips to keep you safe when you find yourself in large parking lots.

- Park near your building or destination in a highly visible and well-lit location.
- Keep valuables, purses, and purchases out of sight in your vehicle. Always lock them in your trunk.
- Always be aware of your surroundings and limit distractions (looking at your phone, wearing earphones, etc.).
- When possible, always try to walk with someone to and from your car.
- Call the authorities to report suspicious activity.



Panhandling Scammers

We would like to warn residents of a possible scam occurring throughout the region. The scam involves people wearing yellow traffic vests and panhandling for money. The scammers are known to walk out into intersections or hangout at gas stations asking for money. Some individuals claim to be affiliated with non-profit organizations, nearby churches, or claim to be civilians who ran out of gas. Whatever the story the individual uses, please be very cautious when approached by these individuals.

If you would like to help those in need, please donate to a known and reputable organization.



Senior Center

14040 San Antonio Dr • 562-929-5580

L.A.D.Y. Launch

Tuesday & Thursday of every month
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Norwalk Social Services

NEW! Mentoring opportunity for young women ages 15-23 who have been affected by COVID-19, and find themselves are struggling with any of the following; financial stability, relationships, mental/health challenges, education and personal growth. The program will focus on dealing with these issues through a series of workshops, excursions and one-on-one mentoring. For more information, please call (562) 929-5544.

Congregate Meals Return

On Monday, April 25th, congregate meal service returned to Social Services Center, and Senior Center. This meal service was suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are excited to be able to provide warm meals for our seniors once again. For more information, please call (562) 929-5544, or Senior Center at (562) 929-5580

Cal Fresh

Every Thursday, by appointments only.
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Norwalk Social Services

A Cal Fresh Outreach worker, from the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, will be available to assist community members with their Cal Fresh Application. To schedule an appointment, please call (562) 929-5544.

Community Legal Aid

Second & Third Wednesday of every month
by appointment only
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Norwalk Social Services

Free legal services will be available for Norwalk residents who meet income eligibility guidelines. To schedule an appointment, please call (562) 929-5544.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

First Tuesday of every month
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Free educational program designed for parents, family members, and caregivers of children and adolescents, with emotional or behavioral difficulties. This support group is available in Spanish only. For more information or to register, please contact Silvia, (562) 448-4816.

Promotores

Every Friday • 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Norwalk Social Services

Promotores will be presenting on topics related to mental health, to bring awareness to our community. To register or for more information, please call (562) 929-5544.

Norwalk Transit Receives Funding for More Electric Buses



On March 14, 2022, President Biden and the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration awarded \$409.3 million in grants to 70 projects in 39 states to modernize and electrify America's buses, make bus systems and routes more reliable, and improve their safety.

Of this money, the Norwalk Transit System will receive \$3,530,822 in funding to buy zero-emission, battery electric buses to replace older buses that have reached the end of their useful life and charging infrastructure. This project will improve air quality as well as service reliability while maintaining a state of good repair.

This funding helps continue NTS's goal of having a 100% zero emission battery electric bus fleet.

Holiday Street Sweeping & Trash Pickup Update

No Trash Pickup or Street Sweeping
on Monday, May 30 • Memorial Day



Heart of Norwalk Specific Plan Community Workshops

Thursday, May 12, 2022 - 6:00 PM (virtual)
Thursday, May 26, 2022 - 6:00 PM (in-person)

The City is happy to announce community workshops for the Heart of Norwalk Specific Plan. The Specific Plan will create zoning regulations and an implementation plan for the Heart of Norwalk Vision Plan that was adopted in 2021. This is a great opportunity to help shape our City!

Thursday, May 12 (virtual): via Zoom beginning at 6 PM
Meeting ID: 899 4542 6537 Passcode: 781505

Thursday May 26 (in-person): Open house from 6-8 PM at the
Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, Sprout Room
13200 Clarkdale Avenue

Follow @HeartofNorwalk on Facebook and Instagram
Learn more at HeartofNorwalk.com

Habrà traducción al idioma español en todas las reuniones

START YOUR CAREER AT NORWALK TRANSIT

Becoming a part-time bus operator comes with many perks and opportunities for providing essential services to the community.

- Sign-on bonus of \$1,000 (after 6 months of employment)
- Top wage of \$31.10* per hour
- Starting wage (w/CDL) of \$25.59* OR after training is completed
- Paid benefits (after 3,000 hours)

To apply, scan this QR code

APPLY NOW AT WWW.NORWALK.ORG OR CALL HUMAN RESOURCES AT 562-929-5721.

CITY OF NORWALK A Connected Community

norwalk transit

The Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District will open registration for the 2022-23 school year for new and returning students on April 22 for TK-K and May 6 for grades 1-12. Registration must be completed online for all grade levels.

For more information including registration links, enrollment requirements, and a home school locator, visit nlmusd.org or scan the code below. Parents may also contact their home school for more information or call the District Student and Family Services department at (562) 210-2415.

EVERY STUDENT. FUTURE READY. OUR PROMISE!

NLMUSD

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COVID-19 Rental, Mortgage, & Utilities Assistance Program

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 (see graph below)

2021 Los Angeles County Income Limits

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 about the program, or if you have questions, please contact:

Community Development Department
(562) 929-5951 or visit the City's website at: <https://www.norwalk.org>



JOIN US!

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

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

➤ Saturday May 7, 2022 | 11am - 12:30pm
Complex Terrace, Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
13000 Clarkdale Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650
Presentation of naming options based on original input for the Community's evaluation.



➤ Thursday June 9, 2022 | 6pm - 7:30pm
Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall
12700 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650
Unveiling! Join us as we unveil the official name of the new mixed-use development.



For additional information, please contact:

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ccardenas@primestor.com