

# Norwalk<sup>e</sup>Now

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## Join us for the Front Street Summer Concert Series

Come on down and breath some new life into the City of Norwalk's historic Front Street during the Front Street Summer Concert Series!

The concert series will kick off this month on Friday, June 24, 2022 and there will be additional concerts in July and August.

There will be fun for the entire family. Apart from the live entertainment, there will be games, food, and drinks. This month's event will be from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and a Vicente Fernandez tribute band.

There will be more details to come on the City's social media pages as we approach the events.

Front Street is a key component of the Heart of Norwalk Vision Plan. The plan seeks to redevelop the San Antonio Village/Firestone Corridor into a vision for an attractive, active and unique place that will not only benefit local residents and businesses, but also establish a unique and positive identity for the entire City of Norwalk.



RECREATION AND PARK SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## Independence Day Festival

**Saturday, July 2, 2022**  
1-9 p.m.

**Live performance by The Suffragettes**

CITY HALL LAWN - 12700 NORWALK BLVD.

**FREE EVENT**

**Family fun for all!**

- Game Booths
- Live Entertainment
- Lawn Games
- Attractions
- 360 Photo Op
- Street Market

Evening will conclude with a **SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS SHOW!**

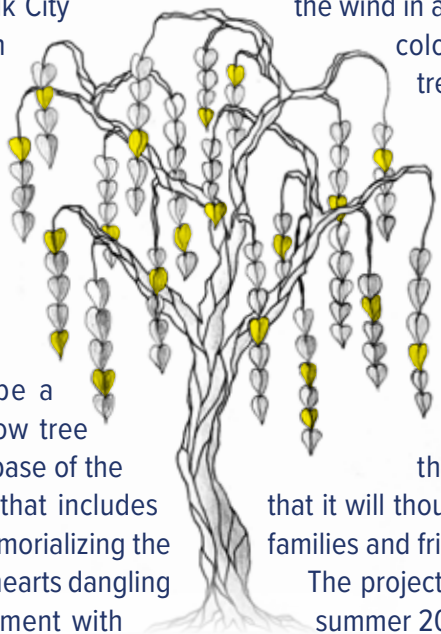
For more information, please call 562-929-5566.

## City Council Approves COVID-19 Memorial Artwork

On May 17th, 2022, the Norwalk City Council unanimously approved an artwork project that will be placed inside City Hall.

The artwork will memorialize those whose lives were lost due to COVID-19 and will be placed within an existing round planter on the south side near the entrance to the Council Chambers.

The proposed artwork will be a six- to seven-foot-tall weeping willow tree constructed of metal. Encircling the base of the tree will be a metal memorial ring that includes language laser cut into the metal memorializing the loss of life. Leaves will be shaped as hearts dangling with links to allow them free movement with



the wind in a variety of colors including some gold-colored hearts sprinkled throughout the tree. These hearts will mimic the yellow hearts utilized by the Yellow Heart Foundation, which remembers loved ones that were lost due to COVID-19.

The Art in Public Places Committee was tasked with working with an artist to recognize and memorialize these losses. The Committee, along with local area artist James Naish and City staff, selected the proposed artwork with the belief that it will thoughtfully recognize the sadness felt by families and friends who have lost loved ones.

The project is estimated to be completed by late summer 2022.

## Let's Hear it for the Boys! Undefeated 18-0 Record!!!



Pictured from left to right in top row: Assistant Coach Alex Moreno, # 18 James Alvidrez, #1 Alejandro Tellez, #42 Aidan Rodriguez, #22 David "DJ" Gonzalez, #24 Kingston Zulueta #11 Zayden Gomez & Coach David. Bottom row: #6 Alijah Aston, #8 Anthony Lopez, #35 Eli Salomon, #7 Jackson Zulueta, #21 Jacob Moreno & #99 Benny Amesquita

## Emergency Powers Update



Governor Gavin Newsom's "Emergency Powers" declaration, which was first declared on March 4th, 2020, remains in place. The purpose of this declaration is to allow the state to access federal funding and to override state laws while carrying out the state's pandemic response.

Locally, the Los Angeles County Public Health Department's Health Officer Order requiring masking in all public transit and in indoor transportation hubs within L.A. County remains in place until further notice.

This Order covers commuter trains, subways, buses, taxis, ride-shares, 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.

For more information on L.A. County's mask wearing rules and recommendations, visit <https://tinyurl.com/LACMRR>



## COMMUNITY FORUM TUESDAY, JUNE 28 • 6PM

Norwalk Social Services Center  
11929 Alondra Blvd • (562) 929-5544

## 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.  
Alternating Fridays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(562) 929-5700

City of Norwalk  
12700 Norwalk Blvd.  
Norwalk, CA 90650

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## What are Zoning and Development?

Residents have been asking about the topic of zoning and we would like to take the chance to inform people about zoning and the development process each month.

Zoning is a system of urban planning often used by municipalities or other tiers of government to divide land into areas called zones. Each zone has a set of regulations for new development that differs from other zones.

Zoning identifies what is permitted within a given zoning district. Zoning also controls the amount of building that may be developed on a parcel of land through regulations.

Zoning is usually divided into three major classifications: Residential, Commercial, and Industrial. Things such as height, lot coverage, and adjacent properties are specified based on the type of zoning.

A zoning ordinance is created to specify the amount of parking required for each use and the size and number of signs permitted. The process of rezoning is a change in the zoning classification of a property.

The City of Norwalk's Zoning Ordinance, located in Title 17 of the Norwalk Municipal Code, is designed



Residential



Commercial



Industrial

to implement the goals of the General Plan through detailed regulations. Each property in Norwalk is designated a certain zone. The Zoning Ordinance, in turn, establishes the types of uses permitted, the location, intensity, and size of structures within each zone.

Carlow: Brandywine - Residential



Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen: Commercial



## D.D. Johnston-Hargitt House Museum Re-Opens

On May 7th, the City of Norwalk's nationally registered landmark re-opened to the public after being closed due to the pandemic.

The D.D. Johnston-Hargitt House Museum, located at 12426 Mapledale St., was built in 1891 by the D.D. Johnston family, which was considered one of the "first" families of Norwalk, settling in the area prior to the 1900's.

The exterior design of this Eastlake Victorian style home has not been changed from the original.

Fun fact, this two-story shiplap building is built of Redwood shipped from Northern California, floated ashore at Seal Beach and then hauled north along what is today Norwalk Boulevard.

Free tours of the museum will resume every first and third Saturday of each month.

Come out on June 4th, for an Ice Cream Social from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. that will also have crafts for children and lawn games for all ages. On July 9th, there will be a Dinner & Movie event, check out the City's social media in the coming weeks for more information on this event.

For more information about the museum, or to become a docent, please call (562) 929-5702 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/DDJHH>

## Norwalk Entertainment District Workshop



There will be a workshop to recap the branding process and unveil the official name of the mixed-use development that will expand the Norwalk Entertainment District.

This is the third workshop of a series of three to get input from the community regarding this development project.

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

For more info, contact Claudia Cardenas at (213) 223-5526 or email [ccardenas@primestor.com](mailto:ccardenas@primestor.com)

Register for this event here: <https://tinyurl.com/06922>

## Norwalk Transit Village Project Advances

On May 17th, the Norwalk City Council received an update on the Norwalk Transit Village project planned to transform the former California Youth Authority facility located at 13200 Bloomfield Ave. with new affordable homes, community-enhancing activation, recreational areas, and connectivity to the Metrolink Station and public transit for residents of Norwalk to enjoy.

Since the last update to the City Council on February 22nd, the draft conceptual plan has been refined after input from the community, key stakeholders, City Commissioners, and the Steering Committee.

**Key plan updates shared with the Norwalk City Council included:**

- **Commercial Component at Bloomfield Ave.:** Commercial, dining, and hotel uses would be located on the non-residential portion of the site.
- **Residential Component:** Enhanced residential design features along with a comprehensive mobility and parking strategy.
- **Community Gathering and Open Spaces:** A micro-forest and green buffer zones would be created for the community to enjoy and an at-grade pedestrian and bike connection to the transit center is also being considered.



The next steps for the project team will be to begin the Environmental Impact Report and specific plan for the project. Entitlements are expected to be approved in mid to late Fall 2023. The State would then be able to officially transfer the land to the City following project approvals.

## MEET -the- MAYOR

Save the date! On Saturday, June 11th will be the next Meet the Mayor event.

Come out and meet Mayor Rick Ramirez at the City of Norwalk's very own brewing company, which officially opened last month.

The event will start at 1:00 p.m. at La Jara Brewing Company, located at 13423 Excelsior Dr.

There will also be another Meet the Mayor event next month on Saturday, July 9th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the D.D. Johnston-Hargitt House Museum, located at 12426 Mapledale St.

These events allow residents and community members a chance to meet Mayor Ramirez and get the chance to talk with him one-on-one.

## Stamp Out The Hunger Food Drive Appreciation



Norwalk's local letter carriers would like to thank everyone that participated in the Stamp Out the Hunger Food Drive on May 14th.

There were over 9,500 pounds of food donate in Norwalk, which will remain in the City to be given to those in need.

The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) held this annual food drive after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic.

This is the nation's largest one-day food drive, and it provides residents with an easy way to donate food to those in need.

The Norwalk community stepped up and lived up to the City's motto of being "A Connected Community."

## Upcoming Rabies Clinics



The City of Norwalk will be holding its annual dog and cat vaccine clinic this month on Friday, June 17th. There will be a second clinic on Friday, July 15th if you can't attend this month's clinic.

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

It's important that your pet remains current with rabies vaccinations to ensure your pet and our community remains safe from rabies.



# COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONE

## Firework Regulations

The City of Norwalk's Department of Public Safety wants you and your family to enjoy the 4th of July safely and responsibly. Please note the City has a **ZERO** tolerance policy for illegal fireworks, and individuals and



property owners will be held accountable for the discharge, possession, storage, and sales of illegal fireworks. If illegal fireworks are found upon or used at your residence or property, you will be in violation and subject to maximum fines.

### Additional rules and regulations to consider:

- No one shall possess fireworks at any time other than the hours of 10:00 a.m. July 1st through 10:00 p.m. July 4th
- Fireworks are prohibited from being discharged on any days other than July 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- Only Safe and Sane fireworks can be discharged in the City of Norwalk
- Fireworks can only be sold July 1st to July 4th, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- You must be 18 years of age or older to purchase fireworks. Those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible person 21 years of age or older

- No minor under the age of 18 shall possess, fire, set off, discharge, or use any fireworks unless they are physically supervised by a person over the age of 21
- Minors under the age of 18 who are in possession of fireworks and not directly supervised by someone 21 years of age or older can have those fireworks confiscated by any law enforcement officer, Fire Department employee or any adult. The confiscated fireworks must be delivered to the Fire Department within one hour after confiscation
- No one shall possess or discharge fireworks on City property, including City parks, streets, and sidewalks, unless a permit has been issued

**OFFENDERS WILL BE SUBJECT TO FINES RANGING FROM \$1,500 TO \$3,000**

The City of Norwalk is dedicated to the safety of the community and this zero tolerance approach will ensure all violators will be held accountable.

Community members may report illegal fireworks activity anonymously at (562) 929-5333.

(Para la seguridad de la comunidad, las sanciones sobre el uso de fuegos artificiales ilegales se han extendido a los propietarios (o inquilinos) y han aumentado en costo.)

## Practice Firework Use Safely



Every year many preventable injuries are caused by fireworks. When using Safe and Sane fireworks this 4th of July holiday, the Department of Public Safety would like to

provide you some tips to ensure your safety.

- Store fireworks out of children's reach
- Place pets indoors (they are easily frightened by fireworks)
- Always read directions and use common sense
- An adult should always light fireworks
- Use outdoors only away from buildings, vehicles, dry grass and other flammable objects
- Light one at a time, then move away quickly
- Keep others at a safe distance
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person
- Never alter or take apart fireworks
- Do not give to young children under any circumstances
- Have a bucket of water handy for emergencies and for dousing misfired and spent fireworks
- Never attempt to re-light or fix malfunctioning fireworks
- DO NOT throw fireworks or hold them in your hand
- Dispose of fireworks and debris properly
- Parents are liable for any damage or injuries caused by their children using fireworks

Fireworks cause many burns, injuries, and fires. Be safe this holiday season!

(Source: Los Angeles Police Department)

## Independence Day Coloring Contest

Hey kids, it's time for our annual Independence Day Coloring Contest and your chance to win big prizes! This contest will showcase local youth's artistic skills as they display "SAY NO TO ILLEGAL FIREWORKS" on yard signs. This year our judges will be choosing five winners.

Good luck and remember to be creative! For more information please contact Public Safety at 562-929-5732, and schedule a time to pick up your sign.



### Requirements:

- Participants must be Norwalk residents under the age of 18.
- Deadline to submit for judging: June 23rd, by 6:00 p.m.
- Winners will be posted on City's social media June 30th.
- Winners will be selected by age category: Elementary, Middle, and High school
- Winners will receive a special Public Safety prize!
- Entry forms must include the following: Artist's name, home phone number, address, name of their school, photo of finished artwork posted on their lawn.
- Additional instructions will be provided upon receiving your coloring sign at City Hall room 15.

## COFFEE WITH A COP

Wednesday, June 22  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



Starbucks Coffee  
13001 Rosecrans Ave.

## Community Cleanup Recap



On May 21st the Department of Public Safety hosted a community cleanup event at Holifield Park. The event took place from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. with over 30 volunteers in attendance. The City will continue community cleanup

events to promote community engagement and keep our City clean and pristine. We encourage you and your family to participate in these events to get to know your community members and make a difference!

## Traffic Safety Awareness Art Contest Winners



Avery K.  
D.D. Johnston Elementary



3rd Grade Class (Group Winner)  
Moffitt Elementary



Brielle R.  
Glazier Elementary



Mia P.  
Lake Center Middle School



Noe C.  
Santa Fe High School



Jazzley V.  
Nuffer Elementary



Armando O.  
Glazier Elementary

In the spirit of Traffic Safety Awareness month, the Department of Public Safety conducted a youth art contest. Norwalk youth were invited to demonstrate their

artistic skills and share why it is important to drive safely and abide all traffic laws. The 7 winners were recognized at the May 17th City Council meeting and each received an award

and prize. Their artwork was also shared on City social media and displayed at City Hall. Thank you to everyone that participated and submitted artwork!



**Wellness Week**  
**Navigating Your Way to Healthy Choices**  
 Monday June 6 – Friday, June 10  
 Various Times  
 Norwalk Senior Center

Join us as we navigate a path within ourselves to a healthier and happier being. Wellness week will feature free medical screenings, fun demonstrations, seminars and presentations in many areas of wellness. Seniors will also enjoy special activities, resources, raffles and giveaways. We will end the week with a Wellness Fair that includes a multitude of resources for seniors in all areas of wellness.

**Stop Falling! Home Safety and Preventing Falls & Injuries**  
 Wednesday, June 22  
 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
 Norwalk Senior Center

Staff from Scan Independence at Home, will conduct a presentation on home safety and preventing falls. Did you know that 1 out of every 4 people over 65 will have a fall this year? Injuries related to falls, like broken hips and head trauma, lead to emergency room visits, hospital stays and even nursing home placement. The good news is that falls are preventable. This presentation will help identify falls risks and how to prevent them.

**Casino Night and Mixer**  
 Thursday, June 30  
 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
 Cost: \$5.00  
 Norwalk Senior Center

Feeling lucky? Join us for an evening of blackjack, poker, and roulette! Not feeling lucky? Not a problem, join us for an evening of music and dancing to kick off the summer. There will be raffle prize opportunities for all who attend. For more information, please call the Norwalk Senior Center (562) 929-5580.



**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.

**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.

**Multifamily Food Waste Collection Manual**

SB 1383 has brought significant changes to how organic waste is recycled. Food scraps can no longer be placed in the trash, it must go into your green waste container.

To help simplify this process, Athens Services has created a Multifamily Food Waste Collection Manual to assist property owners and managers in educating tenants on how to properly separate food waste from the trash. It is essential that multifamily tenants are aware of the food scrap collection program to limit contamination.

The toolkit includes sample emails and flyers that property owners/managers can use to distribute to their current tenants and information for new tenants moving in.



**Ways to Reduce Water Waste**  
 Indoor Conservation Tips

- Fix leaks, including leaky toilets
- Install high-efficiency toilets, aerators on bathroom faucets, and water-efficient shower heads
- Take shorter (5 minute) showers
- Track your water bill and meter to curtail water use
- Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving
- Use dishwashers and washing machines with full loads only

Outdoor Conservation Tips

- Plant drought-tolerant/resistant plants and trees
- Recycle indoor water to use on plants
- Refrain from watering your home landscape when it rains
- Replace your grass/turf with water-wise plants
- Use a broom to clean driveways, patios, and sidewalks instead of water from a hose
- Water your outdoor landscape earlier in the day when temperatures are cooler

**Congratulations Class of 2022!**

The City of Norwalk would like to congratulate the Class of 2022!



Although the past two years have been anything but normal, please note that your journey is just beginning.

As Doctor Seuss said in his book *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*, "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."

Whether you plan to stay local or you plan to venture off elsewhere, you can rest assured that your City will always be here for you. The City of Norwalk will continue to be true to its motto and remain "A Connected Community."

**Community Promotion Commission Seeks to Spotlight Businesses**



Do you know a Norwalk business that you think should be highlighted or mentioned on the City of Norwalk's social media pages?

Or maybe you've been curious about a Norwalk business and would like to find out more about the business.

The City of Norwalk's Community Promotion Commission will be announcing a new program to highlight local businesses within the City.

Email your Norwalk business submissions to PAffairs@norwalkca.gov and us the subject line "Business Spotlight" or submit your suggestions here <https://tinyurl.com/NCPC2022>



Fair Housing Foundation is a HUD approved Housing Counseling Agency who is dedicated to promoting equal access to housing by educating about housing rights.

Fair Housing Foundation  
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 Via Zoom

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