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City Council Approves Senior Nutrition Program

On June 21, 2022, the Norwalk City Council approved the continuation of the Social Services Department's Senior Nutrition Program for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

The Senior Nutrition Program provides Norwalk seniors with congregate meals at the Senior Center and Social Services Center, and it ensures that home bound seniors receive home delivery meals.

During the pandemic, the City continued to provide hot, fresh, and frozen meals to over 250 seniors throughout the first three quarters of the past fiscal year. There have been more than 60,000 meals delivered to congregate seniors and over 40,000 meals were delivered to home bound seniors.

On April 25, 2022, after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the City reopened the Senior Center and Social Services Center to allow seniors to return to enjoy in-person daily hot meals, while still providing daily hot meals to over 200 Home Bound Seniors.

This program is essential to provide the City's senior community with a health meal, some of which might be their only meals for the day.

For more info on the Senior Nutrition Program, call (562) 929-5580



Emergency Powers Update

Due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases, it is highly recommended that all residents wear masks and comply with any masking mandates that may be in effect. Masks are an effective tool to help slow the spread of COVID-19, especially in crowded spaces and indoor settings.

The Los Angeles County Public Health Department's Health Officer Order currently requires masks to be worn at all indoor transportation hubs and on all public transit within L.A. County.

This Health Officer Order covers all commuter trains, subways, buses, taxis, ride-shares, airport and bus terminals, train and subway stations, seaport and other indoor port terminals, or any other indoor area that serves as a transportation hub within L.A. County. The Health Officer Order also includes all City of Norwalk public transportation services.

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



Norwalk in Hollywood

Check out the Norwalk In The Movies website, which was created to encourage more filming in the City of Norwalk.

There have been several notable commercials, films, and shows recorded in the City. The website offers potential filming locations, a list of notable things recorded in the City, and information about how to get a filming permit.

The City of Norwalk has many diverse filming locations that can be used for several future projects. Check out the website and see all the things recorded in the City.



Independence Day Highlights



MEET -the- MAYOR

Save the date! Tuesday, August 9th at 6:00 p.m. will be the next Meet the Mayor event at Tacos Gavilan located at 10968 Rosecrans Ave.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and chat with Mayor Rick Ramirez one-on-one.

Limited light refreshments and appetizers will be served, so don't be late.



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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NTS to Acquire New Asset/Inventory Management System



Vehicle Maintenance will be acquiring a new asset/inventory management system by replacing the current legacy system (FASTER). Complete, real-time, easily accessible data will enhance staff and management ability to maximize availability, usage, and cost effectiveness of resources.

The new Fleet Maintenance Management System (FMMS) will allow for parameters for aging, maintenance costing, fuel consumption, and mileage on each vehicle type and vehicle application.

This will allow NTS the means of identifying and tracking vehicles that have reached their usefulness and need of replacement. Ideally, the new FMMS will be capable of tracking monthly contributions and providing a real-time replacement balance on the equipment module.

Zoning and Development: Commercial Zoning

As a reminder, in Norwalk, zoning is usually divided into three major classifications: Residential, Commercial, and Industrial. The zoning of a property determines how a property can or cannot be used; each zone has a specific set of rules for development and construction. Things such as the type of uses, setbacks, building heights, sizes, and lot coverage, are based on a property's zoning.

This month we will discuss Commercial Zoning to help residents understand this process a little more.

In the City of Norwalk, there are five different classifications for commercial use:

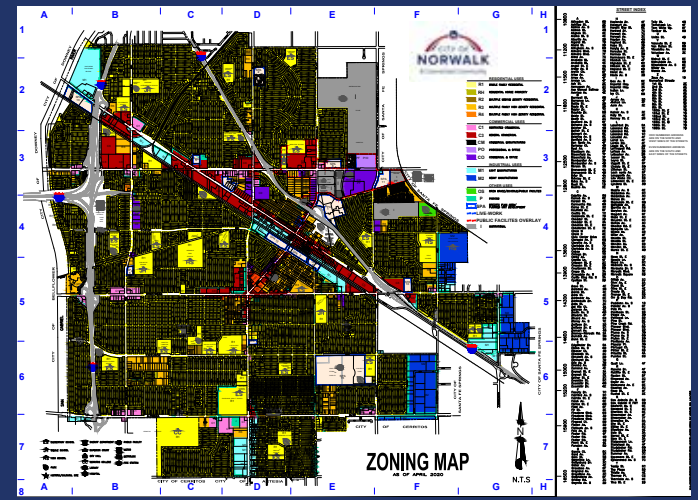
- C-1: Restricted Commercial
- C-3: General Commercial
- CM: Commercial Manufacturing
- PO: Professional & Office
- CO: Commercial & Office

The Zoning Map of the City can be found here <https://tinyurl.com/NorwalkZoningMap>

Zones designated with any of the commercial use classifications are generally used for the purpose of a commercial property. The type of classification determines what type of business can potentially operate within the commercial zone.

For more info on the City's Municipal Codes regarding Commercial Zoning visit <https://tinyurl.com/NorwalkCommercialZones>

Prospective business owners looking to open up a business in the City can check the zoning of an area to see if their proposed business is allowed under the zone by calling the Planning Division at (562) 929-5744



Athens Services

to Conduct Route Audits



California's new organics waste law, SB 1383, requires municipalities to monitor and audit how well they are separating organics waste from trash. To accomplish this, Athens Services will support the City of Norwalk by reviewing residential and commercial routes quarterly.

Athens' audit team of "Lid Flipper" Jeeps will audit, photograph, and report on contamination in green lid containers. The findings will be shared with customers for education purposes and municipalities for reporting. This program will help the City of Norwalk meet the goals of SB 1383 and reduce the amount of organics waste that is discarded at landfills.



Help Conserve Water By Following These Tips

(Source: bewaterwise.com)

Here are some water conservation tips as well as how much water can be saved by following these tips:

- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes and save up to 50 gallons per week
- Fix household leaks promptly and save up to 20 gallons per day
- Spend only 5 minutes in the shower and save up to 8 gallons each time
- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save up to 2.5 gallons per minute
- Buy water-saving devices like high-efficiency toilets and clothes washers and save many gallons per day



Keepin' It Norwalk Business Spotlight

Where is the best location to buy footwear in Norwalk?

The nomination period starts from Monday, August 1st to Monday, August 8th.

Scan the code to submit your nomination



Hometown Heroes Banner Program

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 still available via:

- printable applications online will need to be mailed or submitted in person
- online via a submittal form for convenient and quick processing

We request a quality photo of the service person in uniform. The photo will be returned to the 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 info, please contact the Public Affairs Division at (562) 929-5735 or via email at: publicaffairs@norwalkca.gov





COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONE

Back to School Traffic Safety Tips

With children returning to school, Public Safety would like to remind parents to travel safely in school zones. Parents can anticipate congested streets around school zones and are responsible for obeying all traffic laws in these areas at all times. Common violations include:

- Blocking entrances/driveways
- 25 MPH speed limit in school zones
- Not using pedestrian crossings correctly
- Parking zone restrictions (red curbs, etc.)
- Impeding/blocking traffic
- Loading/unloading passengers from vehicles stopped in the street
- Not wearing seat belts / using proper child restraint systems
- Not yielding to children while crossing
- Passing buses with stop signs displayed



School Loading Zones

We would like to remind residents to be mindful when parking in Loading Zones (painted white curbs) in front of schools. School Loading Zones are intended for loading and unloading only. We ask everyone to abide by all loading zone regulations to keep everyone safe. Any observed or reported loading zones violations are subject to citation. Thank you for your support and adherence.

Let's Talk Trash



Help keep Norwalk clean by storing trash, green waste, and recycling bins out of public view.

On regularly scheduled trash collection days, trash bins may be placed at the curb for disposal up to 24 hours before the day of collection and must be removed and properly stored by 6 a.m. following the designated day of collection.

Large, bulky items may not be placed out for collection without first contacting your trash collector and arranging for pick up.

- Residents of single-family homes may pre-arrange collection of up to FIVE bulky items once a week at no additional charge.
- Residents of multi-family dwellings may call in bulky item pickups 12 times a year at no additional charge.

To schedule a bulky item pick-up, please call 1(800) 333-0191. If you observe an illegally dumped item in your neighborhood or anywhere throughout the City, you can report by calling 1(855) 557-1007.

Reminder: Please utilize your recycling bin to reduce the impact on our landfills.

REPORT GRAFFITI
(562) 929-5555

You may also report graffiti using the Norwalk Connect App.



Coyote Reporting Reminder

On October 1, 2019, the Norwalk City Council adopted the Coyote Coexistence and Management Plan. The primary focus of the plan is to educate our community members about the importance of reporting coyote encounters, learning proper coyote hazing techniques, and how to identify and remove coyote attractants on your property. Visit our website under Public Safety-Coyote Information for additional resources.



The City of Norwalk Public Safety Department would like to provide some safeguards so that you don't fall victim to thieves.



Install a camera security system that you can remotely access from your phone or tablet.



Lock all doors and windows securely and disable automatic garage doors.



Leave ample exterior/interior lights on, or use light timers.



Arrange for pick-up or stop the delivery of mail, newspaper and packages.



Make sure all windows are secured and covered using blinds or shades.



Never announce your absence on voicemail, email, or social media platforms.



Designate a family member to check on your property while you are out of town.

Norwalk
Public Safety:
(562) 929-5732
Norwalk
Sheriff's Station
(562) 863-8711



Stop by the Emergency Preparedness Booth



Visit the Emergency Preparedness Booth at all Summer Concerts Series events located on City Hall Lawn for give-a-ways and raffles as well as information on how to be prepared for emergencies.

The Public Safety Department would like to remind residents to report coyote sightings through our online coyote reporting form located on the City website under, Public Safety - Coyote Reporting (<https://tinyurl.com/nwcoyote>) or by calling the Public Safety Office at 562-929-5732. Reporting coyote sightings/interactions will help the City document coyote behaviors, identify hotspots, and utilize data to generate maps for residents on a regular basis.



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.

HICAP

First Wednesday of every month
 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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 Norwalk Senior Center at (562) 929-5580 for an appointment.

Get To Know Your Senior Center Mixer

Tuesday, August 2 • 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 Cost: Free

Do you wonder what the senior center provides? Don't be shy, get ready to mingle and meet our staff! Participate in a guided tour of our facility and learn about everything we have to offer. Registration is required, please call the Norwalk Senior Center at (562) 929-5580 for more information.

Senior Safety Program: Bullying

Wednesday, August 3 • 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
 Cost: Free

City of Norwalk Public Safety Department staff will be conducting a presentation on bullying. A public safety officer will provide tips on how to handle intimidating situations with your peers.

Photo Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, August 4 – Tuesday, August 23
 Free

If you love photography and sightseeing, then we have something just for you. Uncover Norwalk's hidden treasures by exploring the city, historic landmarks and parks. Stop by the Senior Center and pick up an itemized check-off list. Once completed and all pictures are checked-off, you will be entered into a raffle.

If you are interested in participating, pick up an itemized list beginning Thursday, August 4, 2022. Last day to submit sheet is Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

Call the Norwalk Senior Center at (562) 929-5580 for more information.

Heart Health Presentation

Thursday, August 11 • 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
 Free

Staff from Scan Independence at Home, will conduct a presentation on how to maintain a healthy heart. Staff will provide information on the importance of nutrition, exercise and medical preventative care to help seniors maintain a healthy heart.

Call the Norwalk Senior Center at (562) 929-5580 for more information.

Free FRONT ST. Friday Nights

AUGUST 26
 24K Magic
 24 KARAT
 BRUNO MARS TRIBUTE BAND

SEPTEMBER 9
 MARIACHI ANGELES DE PEPE MARTINEZ
 FEATURING IVAN ESTRELLA VICENTE TRIBUTE BAND

5:00 TO 9:00 P.M.
 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • LOCAL ACTS
 CAR SHOW • FOOD BOOTHS • KIDS AREA
 ART BOOTHS • PHOTO BOOTHS • NON-PROFITS BOOTHS

12138 FRONT STREET, NORWALK, CA

FOR EVENT INFORMATION CALL 562-929-5566. FOR CAR SHOW INFORMATION CALL, 562-706-4485.

Dear STUDENTS,
 A brand-new year.
 A brand-new start.
 YOU are going to be GREAT!
 WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!
 LOVE,
 YOUR TEACHERS

Recreation and Park Services Department

SUMMER CONCERTS

WEDNESDAYS 5-9 P.M.

The Soto Band (Latin, Funk & R&B)
 Wednesday, August 3 5-9 p.m.
 Civic Center Lawn

Corazon de Mana (Mana Tribute)
 Wednesday, August 10 5-9 p.m.
 Civic Center Lawn

DSB (Journey Tribute)
 Wednesday, August 17 5-9 p.m.
 Civic Center Lawn

Social Services Center

11929 Alondra Blvd • 562-929-5544

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 2 • 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

City of Norwalk Social Services will be hosting a blood drive. To make an appointment, please sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: NorwalkSS.

Senior Summer Luau Dance

Thursday, August 18 • 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Summer Luau dance, seniors are invited to come out dance to the sound of Baltazar y sus Teclados. There will be raffle Prizes!

Free Zumba Classes

Every Wednesday • 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Free Zumba classes are available for all senior at Norwalk Social Services. Seniors are encouraged to come and enjoy an active morning.

ELEAT

In need of utility assistance? You may be eligible through ELEAT- a program sponsored by Long Beach Community Action Partnership (LBCAP). Applications and additional information available at Norwalk Social Services. For more details, please call (888) 351-4061 or visit LBCAP.ORG

AA Group

Tuesdays • 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous Group gather every Tuesday at Social Services. Spanish only.

Neurotics Anonymous

Every Thursday • 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

If you suffer from fear, anxiety, loneliness, anger, depression, and other emotions that make life unbearable, seek the free help of Neurotics Anonymous. Spanish only.