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New Playground Equipment Planned for Five Local Parks

On August 16, 2022, the Norwalk City Council approved to move forward with the installation of new playground equipment and demolition of outdated equipment at five parks located in the City of Norwalk at an estimated cost of \$1,727,500. The Fiscal Year 2022/23 budget includes \$2,050,000 in funding for these park renovations.

The parks that will receive new playground equipment include Bob White Park, Hollifield Park, New River Park, Norwalk Park, and Vista Verde Park.

Each new playground will include climbing equipment, activity areas, and slides for both 2–5-year-olds and 5–12-year-olds. Each of the playgrounds will be installed within the existing playground footprints, except for Norwalk Park, which will have the new playground situated at a new location within the park. Check out the City's social media pages for future updates regarding these projects.



Pictured above, are renderings of Norwalk Park playgrounds. * Note: The final color choices for the playground equipment is still pending.

Norwalk Welcomes New DSH-Metropolitan Chief of Police



The City of Norwalk welcomes the new Chief of Police for the California Department of State Hospitals' Metropolitan State Hospital (DSH-Metropolitan), Donald Salvador.

He was sworn-in as Chief of Police on August 22, 2022 at a ceremony held in the Norwalk City Hall Council Chambers.

DSH-Metropolitan is located at 11401 Bloomfield Ave. and has been operating in Norwalk since 1916. The facility has approximately 1,530 employees, some of which are Norwalk residents.

Metropolitan State Hospital Police Officers are often involved in City events including toy drives, National Night Out, and other events. Our partnership is highly valued.

NO STREET SWEEPING OR TRASH PICKUP



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY



Join us for breakfast with the Mayor on City Hall Lawn for an inspirational message of hope and vision for our community.

"UNITY BUILDS COMMUNITY"
For tickets, call Mercedes at (562) 972-1927 or email: dohresourcecenter@yahoo.com

\$25
Per Person

Norwalk Residents Asked to Suspend Outdoor Watering for 15 Days Starting September 6

Beginning Tuesday, September 6, residents and businesses in portions of greater Los Angeles County, including the City of Norwalk, are being called on to suspend outdoor watering for 15 days while Metropolitan Water District (MWD) conducts emergency repairs on a critical water pipeline.

The pipeline being repaired is a 36-mile Upper Feeder that delivers Colorado River water into Southern California. A leak was discovered in the pipeline earlier this year and in response MWD made



a temporary repair and began operating the pipeline at a reduced capacity while a more permanent solution was designed and developed.

The repair is being made September 6th through 20th, during which the pipeline will be shut down. During this period, please refrain from outdoor watering.

For more info visit mwdh2o.com/shutdown



MEET-the-MAYOR

The next Meet the Mayor event will be on Saturday, September 24th at 10:00 a.m. at the Don Knabe Golf Center & Junior Academy located at 13717 Shoemaker Ave.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and chat with Mayor Rick Ramirez one-on-one. The previous meetings have been well attended and residents have enjoyed being able to voice their concerns with the mayor in a less formal environment.

A limited number of light refreshments and appetizers will be available, 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

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Emergency Powers Update

Governor Gavin Newsom's "Emergency Powers" declaration has remained in place since March 4, 2020. The purpose of this declaration is to allow the state to access federal funding and to override state laws and regulations to carry 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.

COVID-19 cases in L.A. County have continued to decrease following a spike in positive cases in July 2022. For more information on mask wearing rules and recommendations in L.A. County, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/LACMRR>

In other health related news, the State of California and Los Angeles County both declared emergencies related to Monkeypox in early August 2022. This was done mainly for preventative reasons to obtain resources (vaccines, treatment options), funding (FEMA), and to prepare for potential healthcare staffing needs in the future should the need arise.

There have been over 1,100 positive Monkeypox cases in Los Angeles County, including positive cases in Long Beach and Pasadena. As of this publication, there have been no reported positive Monkeypox cases in the City of Norwalk.

For more information on Monkeypox, visit <https://tinyurl.com/LACMonkeypox>



New Businesses in Norwalk



Jersey Mike's Subs and Besteas Boba are now open for business. Make sure to stop by and support our new local businesses.

Jersey Mike's Subs 12623 Norwalk Blvd
Besteas Boba 13041 Rosecrans Ave., Ste 204.



Zoning and Development: Industrial Zoning

Did you know that zoning in Norwalk is typically divided into three major classifications: Residential, Commercial, and Industrial?

The zoning of a property establishes how a property can or cannot be used, with each zone having 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 Industrial Zoning to help residents better understand this process.

In the City of Norwalk, there are two different classifications for industrial use:

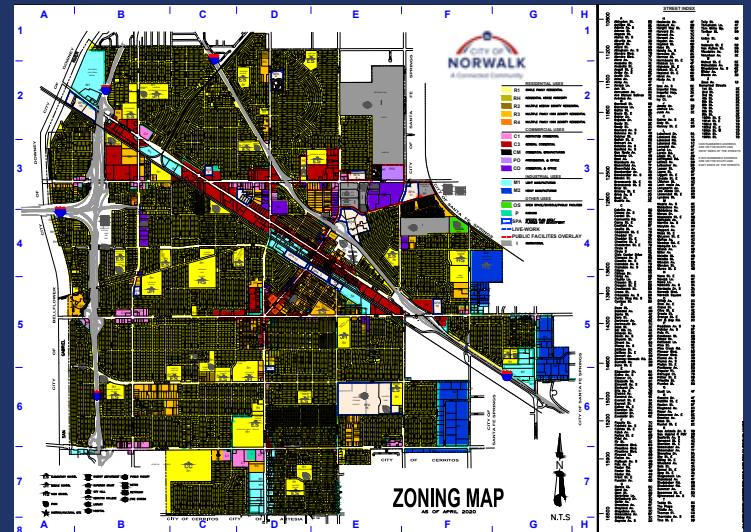
- **M1: Light Manufacturing**
- **M2: Heavy Manufacturing**

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

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

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

Prospective business owners looking to open a manufacturing business in the City should 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.



Local Streets Rehabilitation Project Update: Zones 3, 8, and 19

On August 16, 2022, the Norwalk City Council approved to move forward with concrete work in Zones 3, 8, and 19 as part of the Local Streets Rehabilitation Project. This project continues to implement the Streets Master Plan.

The project will consist of concrete repairs of curbs and gutters, cross gutters with slots being updated to meet current standards, updates to sidewalks, and upgrades to accessibility ramps to maintain compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards.

In Zone 8, the neighborhood alley along Downey-Norwalk Road will also be reconstructed with concrete paving.

Zones 3 and 19 are being funded by Measure M funds, which were passed by voters in 2016. Zone 8 is being funded by Measure R funds, which were passed by voters in 2008.

The estimated cost for all three zones is over \$3.7 million. No General Fund monies are being used for this project.

Previous zones completed as part of the Local Streets Rehabilitation Project include Zones 24, 27, 28, and 32, which are in the southern end and eastern part of the City.

The concrete work is estimated to be completed by the end of December 2022, with the asphalt resurfacing following soon thereafter. The contracts for the asphalt repaving will be awarded at a future City Council meeting.



Upcoming Hybrid Community Forum

Save the date, the next Hybrid Community Forum event will take place on Monday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m.

The event will be located at the Sproul Barn, 12237 Sproul Street, which is part of the City of Norwalk's historic Gilbert Sproul Museum property.

This event will be hybrid, allowing residents to participate either in-person or via Zoom. There will be presentations followed by a Q&A session with the City



Council and city staff.

These Community Forum events provide residents with an opportunity to obtain information on future city projects and share possible concerns with the City Council and city staff on issues that may impact the quality of life in Norwalk.

We hope to see a great turnout of residents to hear and answer their questions and concerns. There will be light refreshments and snacks for attendees.

Meeting ID: 879 9304 9026
Dial In Number: 669/444-9171 or 669/900-6833



Keepin' It Norwalk Business Spotlight

Where is the best taco spot in Norwalk?

The nomination period starts from **Thursday, September 1 - Friday, September 9**

Scan the code to submit your nomination



Check Eligibility for Water Conservation Rebates

Norwalk residents, you might be eligible for rebates on high-efficiency clothes washers, premium high-efficiency toilets, flow monitor/leak detection devices, and more items through a rebate program offered by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. This is open to all Norwalk residents, regardless of their water provider.

As the drought in California continues, conservation helps reduce overall regional water demands and ensures greater supply reliability for the region. Please note that funding levels are subject to change based on availability at the time of rebate approval, therefore the estimated amount provided should not be construed as a guaranteed rebate amount if eligible.

For more info and to check to see if you are eligible for a rebate for water conservation items visit <https://tinyurl.com/socalwatersmart>





COMMUNITY SAFETYZONE

September: National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month, where we raise awareness about the importance of being prepared for disasters and emergencies. Whether it's earthquakes, fires, severe heat, or pandemics, Southern California has a lot to prepare for. There are ways to take action and prepare before a disaster occurs. Here are some simple steps that you can take to help protect yourself and your loved ones in the event of a disaster.



- **Sign up for Nixle** – Sign up for emergency notifications through the City's Nixle program. We'll alert you about major disasters, emergencies, and accidents that are happening in Norwalk. Simply text 90650 to the number 888777. Always change to weather warnings of Federal, State, and local officials to ensure utmost safety.
- **Make a Plan** – Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate in the event of a disaster. Discuss meeting places and establish an out of town contact that you can all check in with.
- **Build a Kit** – Gather supplies for everyone in your home (including pets) that will last for several days. Include food, water, a first aid kit, flashlights, and a battery-powered radio.
- **Be in the Know** – Find out what hazards are in your area, locate your gas and water shut-off valves, and check your insurance coverage for things like fire, flood, and earthquakes. The more you know, the better prepared you will be.

National Night Out Recap

On August 3, the City of Norwalk brought together the community with law enforcement agencies to celebrate National Night Out. The annual event was held in conjunction with the Summer Concert Series and featured entertainment by Soto. City and Sheriff's Department leadership addressed the crowd, highlighting the importance of partnerships between residents and the law enforcement representatives that help, support, and

protect them. Families gathered on the lawn and enjoyed an evening of great music while interacting with local law enforcement, non-profit organization representatives, City staff, and public officials. Additionally, residents had the opportunity to learn about crime prevention strategies and the programs and services that are offered to help keep their neighborhoods safe and their communities strong.



Public Safety Lt. Raudel Perez Completes LAPD's Leadership Program



The City of Norwalk would like to congratulate Public Safety Lieutenant Raudel Perez for completing the Los Angeles Police Department's Leadership Program in August 2022. This program is an intensive

course that provides practical leadership tools for law enforcement leaders. Developed by the United States Military Academy at West Point, this program was adapted to the needs of police professionals by the LAPD.

Lt. Perez has 19 years of experience in public safety. In 2006, Lt. Perez was one of two Public Safety Officers who helped implement the latent print program (gathering impressions of fingers and/or palm prints at crime scenes) for Norwalk's Public Safety Department, which greatly increased the number of crimes solved. In March 2018, Lt. Perez was part of the pilot program of what became the Homeless Operation Prevention and Engagement (HOPE) team, which earned him a promotion from Senior Public Safety Officer to Sergeant. In December of 2018, he was promoted to Lieutenant due in part to his work with the HOPE team. Lt. Perez currently oversees the Norwalk Public Safety Department's Community Relations Section.

Lt. Perez joins Public Safety Lieutenants Rudy Garcia (April 2022) and Michael Armendariz (December 2021) in completing the LAPD's Leadership Program to help further develop and improve the Public Safety Department and its officers.

Back-to-School Traffic Safety Tips

With children returning to in-person learning, Public Safety would like to remind parents to:

- Drive 25 MPH in school zones
- Yield at crosswalks
- Stop behind buses when stop signs are displayed
- Only load and unload passengers in designated areas



Public Awareness Message for ATM Users

Protect Yourself: Choose ATM locations wisely.

	In a Well-Lighted Location		Located near the center of a building, not at the corner.
	Monitored by CCTV cameras and/or at a secured bank branch building		Highly Visible to other people from the surrounding area
	Count your money later, not at the ATM.		Never Leave your receipt behind. Do not throw it away at the ATM site.
	Memorize your PIN, Do not write it down.		Beware of a scam called "skimming." If an ATM card reader appears unusual, use another ATM.



Senior Center

14040 San Antonio Dr • 562-929-5580

Living Better With Arthritis

Wednesday, September 7 • 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Staff from Scan Independence at Home, will conduct a presentation on Arthritis. Arthritis is common among older adults but that does not mean that joint pain has to be. There are things that you can do to live better with arthritis. Learn how to better manage your arthritis with helpful tips from this presentation.

Keeping It Crafty: Piñata Making

Thursday, September 8 • 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00

Ever wondered how piñatas are created? No need to wonder, join us to create your very own miniature piñata with instruction led by our very own recreation staff.

Please call the Norwalk Senior Center for registration requirements or for more information.

Keeping It Crafty: Hand Print & Post Card

Tuesday, September 13 • 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Creating memories is a timeless gift. Days may go by but memories last forever. Join us as we create and decorate a personalized post card that you can send out to your loved ones. Please call the Norwalk Senior Center for registration requirements or for more information.



Social Services Center

11929 Alondra Blvd • 562-929-5544

Free Zumba Classes

Every Wednesday • 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Free Zumba classes are available for all seniors at Norwalk Social Services. Seniors are encouraged to come and enjoy an active morning. For more information, please call Social Services Center.

L.A.D.Y. (Leadership and Advocacy for the Direction of Young Women)

Second & Fourth Thursday of every month
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Mentoring program for young women ages 15-23, who have struggled with any of the following, due to the COVID-19 pandemic: Mental/physical health, financial stability, personal growth, relationships, and education. L.A.D.Y. will focus on proactive techniques to manage these issues. For more information please call the Social Services Center.

Loteria

Every Friday • 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Seniors are encouraged to join our free loteria mornings at Social Services. For more information please call Social Services Center.

Do Your Part to Help Keep Norwalk Clean and Beautiful



The City of Norwalk would like to remind residents to maintain their properties free of debris and overgrown lawns.

The City of Norwalk has been on a campaign to ensure that properties within City limits are clean and free of debris.

• The Public Services Department has been deploying maintenance crews on Friday's that City Hall is closed to clean specific areas of the City. These special assignments are in addition to all the other regular maintenance duties and are being done to ensure that the City remains clean and beautiful.

• There is a monthly cleanup program call the Mini Mr. Sun Neighborhood Cleanup that happens in specific neighborhoods that have code compliance violations regarding properties being unkempt. During this event, residents are able to dispose of an unlimited amount of waste.

• This bulky item pickup program, in partnership with Athens Services, is free of charge to residents where the program is being conducted.

• The Public Safety Department coordinates frequent community cleanups at different parts of the City based on feedback from patrols of the City.



• The City of Norwalk is looking for students to design and paint utility boxes throughout our city. Students must live or attend a high school within Norwalk. For more information, email art@norwalkca.gov

• The City of Norwalk also partners with CalTrans District 7 and the California Highway Patrol to clean up debris from freeway on and off ramps.

• The Norwalk City Council also took the initiative to pass Ordinance No. 22-1731, which amended Chapter 8.56 of the Norwalk municipal code to include standards for boarding, fencing, and maintaining vacant properties. The ordinance also amended standards for foreclosed and abandoned properties. This was passed to make vacant property owners responsible for maintaining their properties.

These are some ways that the City of Norwalk is and has been working to ensure that our community remains clean and beautiful. Please help do your part and maintain your property. All these actions will ensure that the City of Norwalk continues to remain beautiful. The City of Norwalk remains committed to ensuring a high quality of life for those who call this City home, so let's help keep Norwalk beautiful.

CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Norwalk on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

For Member of the City Council Vote for no more than two

Tony Ayala
Jennifer Perez
Petra Pena
Luis Navas
Dora Sandoval

August 26, 2022
Theresa Devoy
City Clerk

노워크시 공직 후보자 공지

2022년 11월 8일 화요일, 노워크시에서 시행될 시 총선거에서 선출될 공직 후보자가 다음과 같이 지명되었음을 공지합니다.

시의원 후보 최대 2명까지 투표하세요

Tony Ayala
Jennifer Perez
Petra Pena
Luis Navas
Dora Sandoval

2022년 8월 26일
Theresa Devoy(테레사 디보이)
시 서기관

LUNGSOD NG NORWALK PAUNAWA NG MGA NOMINADO PARA SA PAMPUBLIKONG OPISINA

Ang PAUNAWA AY IBINIBIGAY SA PAMAMAGITAN NITO na ang mga sumusunod ay nominado para sa katungkulang itinalagang mapunan sa Pangkalahatang Munisipal na Halalan na gaganapin sa Lungsod ng Norwalk sa Martes, Nobyembre 8, 2022.

Para sa Miyembro ng Konseho ng Lungsod Bumoto ng hindi hihigit sa dalawa

Tony Ayala
Jennifer Perez
Petra Pena
Luis Navas
Dora Sandoval

Agosto 26, 2022
Theresa Devoy
Klerk ng Lungsod

CIUDAD DE NORWALK AVISO DE CANDIDATURAS A CARGOS PÚBLICOS

POR MEDIO DEL PRESENTE SE COMUNICA que las personas que se indican a continuación se postulan a los cargos vacantes correspondientes a las elecciones municipales generales que se llevarán a cabo en la Ciudad de Norwalk el martes 8 de noviembre de 2022.

Para miembro del Consejo municipal Votar a no más de dos

Tony Ayala
Jennifer Perez
Petra Pena
Luis Navas
Dora Sandoval

26 de agosto de 2022
Theresa Devoy
Secretaria Municipal