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Emergency Powers Update

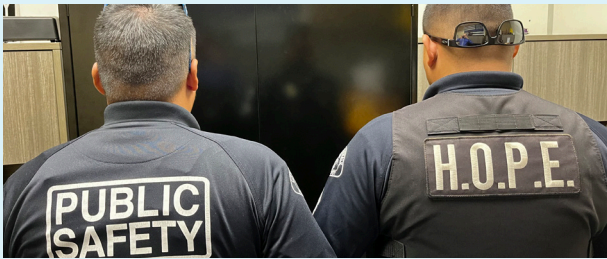
On September 8, 2022 the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) published the results of the 2022 Greater Los Angeles Point-in-Time (PIT) Homeless Count.

Due to the pandemic, there was no PIT Homeless Count in 2021. However, the 2022 results indicated 311 homeless people in the City of Norwalk compared to the 168 homeless count in 2020.

The increase was due to the City of Norwalk having the largest Project Roomkey site in the Gateway Cities region. The 210-room Saddleback Hotel, located on Firestone Blvd. operated from May 7, 2020 through August 4, 2021. This state-initiated program under the governor's emergency powers temporarily housed people experiencing homelessness. Over 300 people abandoned the program and integrated themselves into the city, increasing the total homeless count.

In April 2018, the City Council implemented the Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness. This plan created the Homeless Task Force also known as Homeless Operation Prevention and Engagement (H.O.P.E.) team.

In June 2022, the City Council enhanced Norwalk's Social Services Department by adding a second H.O.P.E team, which operates evenings and weekends. This allowed the city to provide homeless support services 7-days a week. These efforts will continue to assist the homeless population in transitioning into permanent housing.



State of the City Address at the NASC!

On Friday, October 21, at 11:30 a.m. at the City of Norwalk will host its 2022 State of the City Address. This event at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, will highlight this year's economic development, infrastructure, and public safety projects that have played or will play a critical role in supporting a high-quality of life for residents.

Tickets for the event are \$20 per person. All money generated will be donated to a local Norwalk nonprofit or community group. Tickets can be purchased at Norwalk City Hall, Room 5.



November 2022 General Election Information



The City of Norwalk's Election for the Office of City Council is on November 8, 2022. There are five individuals seeking election to office and registered Norwalk voters will have the opportunity to vote for two candidates.

If you would like to vote in this and future elections, the last day to register is October 24. Official ballots will be mailed from the Registrar's Office beginning October 6. Ballots may be returned through the mail in the prepaid envelopes provided, in person, in a drop box, or

at any vote center. To register to vote or for more ballot information, visit www.lavote.net.

There is conditional voter registration up to and including election day. You must be a citizen of Norwalk and 18 years of age to register. Registration may be completed online at www.lavote.net or by completing a form from the City Clerk's Department and mailing it to the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's Office at 12400 E. Imperial Highway, or visiting the Registrar's Office in person.

Join the Mayor for an Inspirational Breakfast

The 2022 Mayor's Inspirational Breakfast will be at 9 a.m. on Monday, October 10 at the Norwalk City Hall Lawn. This year's theme is "Unity Builds Community" and the keynote presentation will be delivered by Dr. David Olea.



Tickets for the event are \$25 per person and can be purchased at Norwalk City Hall Room 5. If you are interested in sponsoring the event contact Mercedes Garcia at 562-972-1927 or email hohresourcecenter@yahoo.com.

Back by Popular Demand: ASJ Halloween Parade

Get your costumes ready because the Arturo Sanchez Sr. Halloween Parade is back!

The 37th Annual Arturo Sanchez Sr. Halloween Parade will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 15. The parade is scheduled to commence at the corner of Norwalk Blvd. and Mapledale St. and will end at Hermosillo Park.



For more information regarding the parade call 562-929- 5566.

MEET-the-MAYOR

The next Meet the Mayor event will be on Tuesday, October 25 at 5:00 p.m. at L.A. Care and Blue Shield Promise Community Resource Center at the Norwalk Town Square, 11721 Rosecrans 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!



Community Resource Center

Norwalk City Council

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

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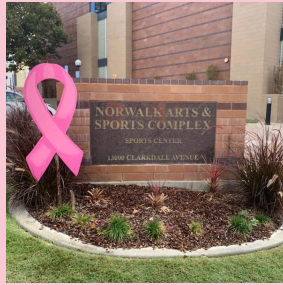
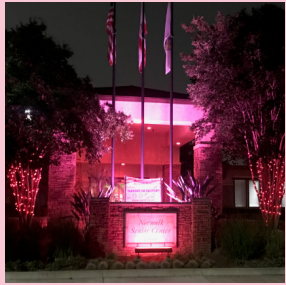
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- Help Us -

Paint the Town Pink

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the City of Norwalk, the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce and American Cancer Society, are partnering in a "Paint the Town Pink" campaign during the month of October. Pink lighting will be used to illuminate City facilities and median trees.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to take part in the campaign, by adding pink ribbons to their entrances/businesses and wrapping trees on their property with a pink ribbon. Help us raise awareness on the importance of health screenings and early detection.



First-Time Homebuyer Program Community Workshop

The City of Norwalk is holding a First-Time Homebuyer Community Workshop on Thursday, October 19 from 5 p.m.- 7 p.m. at Norwalk City Hall-Council Chambers. This workshop will assist and provide information to interested potential first-time homebuyers about the program.

The First Time Homebuyer Program is made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME funds for Down payment 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 down payment and closing costs assistance through no interest deferred loans.

For more information, contact Housing and Neighborhood Development at 562-929-5951 or email CDBG_@norwalkca.gov

Household Size	Maximum Income
1 Person	\$66,750
2 Persons	\$76,250
3 Persons	\$85,800
4 Persons	\$95,300
5 Persons	\$102,950
6 Persons	\$110,550
7 Persons	\$118,200
8 Persons	\$125,800



Keepin' It Norwalk Business Spotlight

Where is the best place to get your vehicle serviced in Norwalk?

The nomination period starts from **Monday, October 3 - Tuesday, October 11**

Scan the code to submit your nomination



Improving Our Infrastructure

The Norwalk Municipal Water System (NMWS), which is one of three water providers in the City of Norwalk, is committed to delivering high quality water and reliable service. The City is focused on improving and expanding its existing water distribution system. The 2014 Water Master Plan recommended construction of a new water distribution main along Pioneer Boulevard between 166th St. and 160th St. to also include the replacement of existing water main pipes along several commercial and residential cross streets between Pioneer Blvd. and Clarkdale Ave.

The City will move forward with installing approximately 3,335 feet of new 12-inch pipeline,



3,610 feet of new 8-inch pipeline, and 11 new fire hydrants. The project is estimated to start Winter 2022 but supply chain issues may cause delays. After construction on Pioneer Blvd. is completed, the work will progress in the east direction towards Clarkdale Ave. The streets affected by this work will be 166th St., 165th St., Cedarvale St., 164th St., Chesterton St., 163rd St., 162nd St., 161st St., and Algardi St.

The entire pipeline project is anticipated to take approximately six months to complete. Construction will be phased in to minimize the impact to City residents and businesses. Those affected by construction or delays will be notified in advance of work in their area.



Norwalk's Sustainability Corner

Get a Free Oil Filter

Stop by AutoZone on Saturday, October 8 to recycle a used oil filter and get a new one for free. The event will be held from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the AutoZone located at 2124 S. Studebaker Rd. This event is only open to Norwalk residents, while supplies last. For more information, call 888-HEY-SLICK.

Rules: Only one filter per person. Maximum filter price of \$14.99. Residents must bring a used oil filter to the store to receive a new oil filter.



Waste Collection Event

The City of Norwalk will be hosting an E-waste, Shred-a-Thon and Medication Disposal event on Saturday, October 22 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Norwalk City Hall (12700 Norwalk Blvd.)

Dispose of unwanted electronics and shred documents for free. Shredding is limited to five boxes per vehicle. Individuals dropping off TVs and monitors are required to provide their full name, address, phone number, and email.

Medication disposal is limited. No liquids or sharps will be accepted.

This event is for Norwalk residents only. For more information, call 562-929-5964 or email recycling@norwalkca.gov.



Electronic Waste Items Include:

Television Sets
Computer Sets
Cell Phones

Laptops
Fax Machines
Printers

VCR & DVD Players
Stereo Equipment
Gaming Systems

Cables & Cords
Radios
Microwave Ovens

Neighborhood Revitalization Project: The One-Ways

On July 19, 2022, City Council approved the One-ways Neighborhood Revitalization Program to provide grants to owner occupied homes. Grants will be offered on a first come first serve basis to improve quality of life in the neighborhood. Funding will be available for: roof replacement, garage door replacement, exterior paint and enhanced landscaping.

In September City staff conducted a physical

survey of the neighborhood to provide data and recommendations to City Council for further development of the program. All residents in this neighborhood will receive a flyer & survey via U.S. mail requesting feedback, comments, and suggestions for this program.

If you live in the One-ways and did not receive our program flyer & survey, please contact Amanda Moreno at 562-929-5953 or amoreno@norwalkca.gov.

Submit a Survey at:

Norwalk Social Services Center
11929 Alondra Blvd – Front desk

Norwalk City Hall
12700 Norwalk Blvd. – Information Center

Email
amoreno@norwalkca.gov

The program is anticipated to start November 2022. Follow us on social media to stay up to date on the latest program information!



COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONE

South Norwalk Community Clean up Success

Community clean up events are great opportunities for residents to get to know one another while making a positive difference in the aesthetic, health, and safety conditions of the community. We encourage all residents to come out and participate to keep our City looking pristine.

On Saturday, September 24, Public Safety conducted a community clean-up event in the Pioneer Blvd and 160th St. area. The 2 hour event brought in over 30 volunteers. The City of Norwalk's Public Safety Department would like to thank all the community members that participated in the Community Clean Up event. Follow us on social media to stay informed on the next clean up event.



Cadet Promotion

The City of Norwalk's Public Safety Department would like to recognize two Public Safety Cadets for being promoted.



Cadet Sergeant Betsy Carranza
Cadet Corporal Christopher Soto

Both cadets completed the 14-week LASD Explorer Academy that is geared to build a recruit's self-esteem, self-confidence, and provide valuable life skills. Both cadets have committed themselves to personal and professional achievement by maintaining above average grades in school, developing leadership skills, and learning respect for others. Thank you Betsy Carranza and Christopher Soto for your devotion to improving the community and making a positive impact!

Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is right around the corner! The Norwalk Public Safety Department wants to help your family have a safe Halloween with a few safety tips:

- Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- Plan a trick-or-treating route in familiar neighborhoods with well-lit streets.
- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever possible.
- Only cross the street in established crosswalks.
- Never cross between parked cars or out of driveways.
- Choose bright costumes and have children carry flashlights or glow sticks to ensure they are visible.
- Always walk younger children to the door to receive treats.
- Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.



- Check your child's candy. Make sure the candy has not been tampered with and candy is properly wrapped.

Gun Buyback Program



The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), in partnership with their Community Advisory Council, and Transit Services Bureau, will be conducting a Gift for Guns event. This event provides the opportunity for individuals to safely surrender any unwanted firearms no questions asked. In exchange for the firearm, community members will receive a gift card.

Saturday, October 22

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(or until gift cards run out)

LA Metro Norwalk Park & Ride

12901 Hoxie Ave., Norwalk, CA

For details call 213-229-2298



- Event attendees must bring unloaded firearms in the trunk of the vehicle the day of the event.
- Deputies will provide instructions.
- Firearms are not permitted on any Metro train.
- Pedestrian walk-ups will not be accepted.
- All weapons will be destroyed.

Calling All Teens!

The Public Safety Cadet Program is currently accepting applications. The Program is open to youth between the ages of 13-17 years old. The objective of the program is to give cadets a sense of responsibility, increase their self-esteem through positive social interaction, develop leadership, team building and problem solving skills, and prepare them for future career opportunities.

Examples of duties include providing assistance at special City events and community projects, and providing traffic/crowd control at parades and community events. To apply to the cadet program visit Norwalk.org or call 562-929-5732.



They Scare Because They Care!

The Norwalk Sheriff's Station will be hosting a Haunted Jail Open House at the Norwalk Sheriff's Station, 12335 Civic center Dr. on Saturday, October 22 from 12 p.m.- 5 p.m. This free fun event will have a safety expo and scary tour of the haunted jail! For more information, call 562-466-5454.





Senior Center

14040 San Antonio Dr • 562-929-5580

2nd Annual Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda Tuesday, October 25 – Friday, November 4 Cost: Free

Dia de los Muertos, Day of the Dead celebrations are based on the belief that the souls of the ones gone can come back to this world on these days. This cultural presentation gives us the opportunity to honor those who are no longer with us, please bring a copy of a picture of your dearly departed loved one to display, and we will supply the decorations/props. If you are interested in participating, pictures can be submitted beginning Friday, October 14. Last day to turn in pictures is Monday, October 24. Stop by the Norwalk Senior Center to view our community remembrance. Please, no pictures larger than 5" x 7".

Pumpkin Painting Party Tuesday, October 4 • 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00

Come get in the Fall spirit! We'll be painting pumpkins and enjoying some treats with no tricks. Transform a mini pumpkin into a "boo-tiful" Halloween decoration. Call the Senior Center for registration information.

Self-Care for Seniors

Wednesday, October 5 • 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Staff from Telecare Corporation, will be conducting a presentation on Self-Care for Seniors. Seniors will learn about the various ways of Self-Care and how to maintain physical, mental, and emotional health..

Loteria

Thursday, October 6

Session 1: 2:00 p.m.

Session 2: 3:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

It's time for everyone's favorite game, Loteria! Similar to Bingo, Loteria will have you marking cards to match the images being called. Seniors, age 50 and older, can come and enjoy an afternoon of Loteria. Call to reserve your spot for one session of Loteria only. Space is limited to 20 seniors per session. Prizes for winner of games! Call the Senior Center for registration information.

Community Legal Aid SoCal

Wednesday, October 11 • 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Staff from Community Legal Aid SoCal, will be conducting a presentation on their Seniors unit legal services. They will be providing information on their free legal services for seniors aged 60+. They will provide information of legal assistance areas in which they cover such as: Elder abuse, government benefits, health, consumer issues, bankruptcy, small claims, wills and powers of attorney.

Emergency Preparedness Class & Resource Table

Wednesday, October 12 • 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Norwalk Senior Center

Staff from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, will have a resource table, starting at noon, with information on emergency preparedness. They will then conduct a presentation at 12:30 pm to learn how to prepare your family for disasters and evacuations.

Murder Mystery Mayhem

Thursday, October 13 • 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

It was the captain! You'll find yourself in the middle of a puzzling crime scene at the Norwalk Senior Center while enjoying light refreshments, but you have to follow the clues to find out "whodunit"! Experience an afternoon full of fun and intrigue. Light refreshments will be served.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY Classes

Monday, October 17 & Wednesday, October 19
1:00 - 5:00 pm

Cost: \$20 for AARP members
\$25 for non-members

Back by popular demand join us for an in-person course to update your driving skills and your knowledge of the rules, and hazards, of the road. Upon completion of this course you may qualify for an auto insurance discount.* This 8-hour class is taught over two days, and attendance at both classes is required. Pre-registration is required, please call the Senior Center for more information. *(Check with your auto insurance agent for information.)

Fudge It Up: Spidey Senses

Tuesday, October 18 • 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Creepy crawlers everywhere are sure to bring a frightful scare! Come HANG with us, if you dare, we will create delicious spider desserts with instruction led by our very own recreation staff. Call the Senior Center for registration information.

AARP Smart Driver Tek Workshop

Wednesday, October 19 • 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Boost your Driving confidence and sign up for the Smart DriverTEK workshop presented by AARP. The Smart DriverTEK is a 90 minute workshop offering an interactive way to stay up to date with the latest safety technology in your current or future care. Learn all about what new technologies are available, how they work, and how they can increase your confidence behind the wheel. Register today by calling the Senior Center.

Great Shake Out

Thursday, October 20 • 10:20 a.m.
Social Services & Senior Center

Join us in the world's largest earthquake drill! Drop, cover, and hold on Thursday, October 20 as we practice what to do in an Earthquake. This statewide annual drill is to remind Californians how to remain safe during an earthquake. For more information please call the Social Services Center or the Norwalk Senior Center.

Veterans Q&A Session

Thursday, October 20 • 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

We are excited to announce that representatives from the Los Angeles County Department of Military & Veterans Affairs (MVA), will be conducting a Q & A session for all Veterans. A Veteran Service Officer (VSO), will be available to answer questions regarding federal and state benefits (compensation, pension, medical treatment etc.). The VSO officer will be available to set up appointments for a later time for those who need additional assistance. Please call the Norwalk Senior Center for more information.

Spooktacular Mixer

Thursday, October 27

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00

We will be THRILLED to have you come out and shake your bones at our spooktacular mixer, you'll be sure to get the party started! Join us for an evening of dancing, costumes, raffle prizes and light refreshments. Costumes are optional but highly encouraged! Call the Senior Center for registration information.



Social Services Center

11929 Alondra Blvd • 562-929-5544

Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda Wednesday, October 26 – November 2

To honor those who are no longer with us, the Norwalk Social Services Center invites all seniors to participate in the Norwalk Social Services Center Día de Los Muertos Ofrenda. Please bring a picture of your departed loved one to display, and we will supply the candles. Please, no pictures larger than 5" x 7". If you are interested in participating, please submit pictures beginning Monday, October 17. Last day to submit pictures is Friday, October 21.

L.A.D.Y.

(Leadership & 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.

Free Zumba Classes First four Wednesdays of each month 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.

Loteria

Every Friday • 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Seniors are encouraged to join our free loteria mornings at Social Services.

CEA-H.O.W.

Tuesday • 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

CEA-H.O.W. is a fellowship of men and women who meet to share their Experience, Strength and Hope. Our purpose is to help others and ourselves who suffer from the self-destruction of compulsive eating. Spanish Only.

Cal Fresh

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

A CalFresh Outreach worker, from the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, will be available to assist community members with their CalFresh 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.

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

Promotores

Every Friday
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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.

Los Angeles County Mental Health

Every other Wednesday, by appointment only.
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

A representative from DMH will be available for one on one counseling, and referrals. To schedule an appointment or for more information, please call 562-929-5544.