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Recreation & Park Services Department

NORWALK SUMMER CONCERTS

EVERY WEDNESDAY • 5-9 PM
JULY 12-AUGUST 16, 2023
CIVIC CENTER LAWN, 12700 NORWALK BLVD.

Music • Food Trucks • Games & More!
WWW.NORWALK.ORG/FUN

DATE	BAND
JULY 12	Jenni Rivera Tribute Band
JULY 19	No Duh No Doubt Tribute Band
JULY 26	Remix Funk and R&B Revue
AUGUST 2 National Night Out	Soto Band Latin, Funk and Dance Hits
AUGUST 9	Neon Nation 80's Pop
AUGUST 16 Chamber of Commerce Expo	Adelaide Pilar Latin Divas Tribute Band

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Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Recap

The City of Norwalk would like to thank the incredible sponsors being champions of our community and event.

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If you were unable to attend, you can watch a recap of the event on the City's YouTube channel. *El miércoles 24 de mayo, la Ciudad de Norwalk llevó a cabo su Desayuno de Oración del Alcalde anual, una tradición en nuestra comunidad. La ciudad de Norwalk quisiera agradecer a los increíbles patrocinadores que son campeones de nuestra comunidad y evento. Si no pudo asistir, puede ver un resumen del evento en el canal de YouTube de la Ciudad.*

RECREATION AND PARK SERVICES DEPARTMENT

INDEPENDENCE DAY Festival

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023
1 - 10 PM
CIVIC CENTER LAWN
12700 NORWALK BLVD.

UNDERCOVER LIVE BAND BEGINS AT 6 PM
★ FIREWORKS AT 9 PM ★

LIVE MUSIC • FOOD TRUCKS • KIDS ZONE

Family fun for all!

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Meet the MAYOR

Summer Sorbet with the Mayor

Come "Meet the Mayor" and kick off summer on Wednesday, June 21, at 4:30 p.m. at Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant (10640 Rosecrans Ave). Stop by for an opportunity to meet and chat with Mayor Ana Valencia one-on-one. Light refreshments will be served on a first come first served basis. *Ven a "Conoce al alcalde" y comienza el verano el miércoles 21 de junio a las 4:30 p. m. en el restaurante familiar Mr. Rosewood (10640 Rosecrans Ave).*

Prepare for a Summer of Fun!

Come enjoy food, music, a movie, and more at Norwalk Park, this summer!

Family Park Nights	Movie Nights at the Park
Thursday, June 22	Friday, July 14
Western Night	DC League of Super Pets
Thursday, July 27	at Glazier Park
Picnic at the Park	Friday, August 11
Thursday, August 24	Minions The Rise of Gru
International Night	at Gerdes Park
	Friday, September 8
	The Super Mario Bros.
	at Holifield Park

¡Venga a disfrutar de la comida, música, y una película y más en Norwalk Park este verano!

Remembering our Fallen Heroes

The Norwalk community recently gathered for the Memorial Day Ceremony to honor and pay tribute to the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation.

Thank you to the American Legion Post 359, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 359, Sons of the American Legion Post 359, Southeast Academy High School Colorguard team, and keynote speakers 1LT Miranda Johnson and Pastor Javier Toyos for helping make this event possible. To view a recap of the event, please visit the city's YouTube channel.

La comunidad de Norwalk se reunió para la Ceremonia del Día de los Caídos para honrar y rendir homenaje a los valientes hombres y mujeres que hicieron el máximo sacrificio al servicio de nuestra nación. Para ver un resumen del evento, visite el canal de YouTube de la ciudad.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

FRONT STREET

Every 3rd Friday of the month *friday nights*

JUL 21	ANYTHING FOR SELENA
AUG 18	POP VINYL
SEPT 15	ANGELES MARIACHI

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (562) 929-5702 OR VISIT WWW.NORWALK.ORG/FUN

Teen Alliance Program Scholarship & Recognition Dinner



Taco 'bout a Fiesta! On Friday, May 12, the Parks and Recreation Department held the annual Teen Alliance Program Scholarship and Recognition Dinner. Teen volunteers were acknowledged for their commitment to the program and their hard work over the past few years. Scholarships ranging from \$200- \$1,000 were awarded to the top participants to help with future school expenses. Thank you to ALL of our volunteers for serving our community!

El viernes 12 de mayo, el Departamento de Parques y Recreación llevó a cabo la Cena anual de Becas y Reconocimiento del Programa Teen Alliance. Los jóvenes voluntarios fueron reconocidos por su compromiso con el programa y su arduo trabajo durante los últimos años. ¡Gracias a TODOS nuestros voluntarios por servir a nuestra comunidad!

Recognize a Hometown Hero

The City of Norwalk is honored to be home to many individuals serving our country. 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 online from May 1 - August 15 at www.norwalk.org/hometown-heroes or in person at the City Hall Information Center at 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

La Ciudad de Norwalk tiene el honor de ser el hogar de muchas personas que sirven a nuestro país. Si 1) está en servicio activo o es un reservista activo que actualmente sirve en cualquiera de las seis ramas de las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos, y 2) es residente de Norwalk o familiar directo de un residente de Norwalk, se creará y mostrará un cartel personalizado a lo largo del corredor de la Carretera Imperial para reconocer su servicio y sacrificios diarios en nombre de la libertad.

Las solicitudes están disponibles del 1 de mayo al 15 de agosto en www.norwalk.org/hometown-heroes o en persona en el Centro de Información del Ayuntamiento en 12700 Norwalk Blvd.



Congratulations to the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce for reaching the remarkable milestone of 100 years. For a century, the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce has been at the forefront of promoting economic development and prosperity in the City of Norwalk. The chamber has been a catalyst for economic growth by supporting local businesses and adapting to changes in our community. Congratulations to the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, the City of Norwalk looks forward to a future filled with continued prosperity, innovation, and collaboration.

Smoother Rides Ahead: Streets Master Plan Continues to Roll Out

This past spring, the City repaved more than 2 miles of Norwalk streets in the Pavement Management Zone No. 28. Streets in the zone included Molette Street, Barnwall Street and Cheshire Street between Pioneer Boulevard and Norwalk Boulevard, and Elaine Avenue and Horst Avenue between Hopland Street and Lowemont Street.

The project included pavement improvements and the replacement of corner access ramps. The funding was sourced from Community Development Block Grant funds, Road Maintenance Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funds, and Transportation Development Act Article 3 (TDA-3) funds—no General Fund monies were used.

The upgraded streets will enhance safety, accessibility, and the overall appearance of our community. Let's celebrate this achievement together as we continue to invest in our neighborhood's infrastructure for a thriving community!



Independence Day Facilities Closures

In observance of Independence Day on Tuesday, July 4, City Hall, the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, Norwalk's Social Service Center, and the Senior Center will be closed. All facilities will reopen on Wednesday, July 5, 2023.



City Hall



Norwalk Arts Sports Complex



Social Services Center



Senior Center

En conmemoración del Día de la Independencia el martes 4 de julio, el Ayuntamiento, el Complejo de Artes y Deportes de Norwalk, el Centro de Servicios Sociales de Norwalk y el Centro para Personas Mayores estarán cerrados. Todas las instalaciones reabrirán el miércoles 5 de julio de 2023.

Eco Gardener Workshop

Presented by Water Replenishment District
Edible Gardening

Turn part of your ordinary landscape into a lush edible garden. Instructor also speaks Spanish.

Wednesday, June 7 • 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr

Drought Tolerant Plans

Learn how to save water and money with California native plants. Instructor also speaks Spanish.

Wednesday, July 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue



Holiday Trash & Street Sweeping Schedule



In observance of Independence Day on Tuesday, July 4, there will be no street sweeping or trash collection. Street sweeping will not be made up for missed days due to holiday. Trash collection will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week. For more information, call 562-929-5511.

En conmemoración del Día de la Independencia el martes 4 de julio, no habrá barridora de calles ni recolección de basura. No se compensará el barrido de calles por los días perdidos. La recolección de basura se retrasará un día por el resto de la semana. Para más información llame al 562-929-5511.

New Businesses



The City of Norwalk would like to extend a welcome to the newest members of our business community: SoCal Barber #2, The UPS Store, and Norwalk 24hr Coin Laundry. Thank you to the new businesses for selecting Norwalk. We encourage community members to support local businesses. When you choose to support local businesses, you contribute directly to the prosperity of the city and the well-being of your fellow community members.



COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONE

Illegal Fireworks in Norwalk



The City of Norwalk has a ZERO tolerance policy for illegal fireworks, which include skyrockets, roman candles, and aerial shells. Fireworks that have an aerial effect or explode are not legal. Individuals will be held accountable for any discharge, possession, storage, or sales of illegal fireworks that occur on their premises.

If illegal fireworks are found or used at your residence, you will be considered in violation and subject to fines from \$1,500 to \$3,000, not including penalties.

Keep Our Veterans & Furry Friends In Mind

For those who wish to have their own fireworks at home this July 4th, only safe and sane, legally purchased fireworks are permitted in the City of Norwalk. While fireworks can be visually stunning and exciting, some that are aerial or explode are illegal and pose significant risks to our beloved pets and veterans.

Our furry companions, particularly dogs and cats, have heightened sensitivity to loud noises. Fireworks can trigger intense fear and anxiety in pets, leading to distressing reactions, such as injuring themselves or damaging property in their desperate attempts to find safety.

For our military veterans, fireworks can evoke traumatic memories associated with combat experiences. The loud explosions and sudden bursts of light can trigger symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder and create severe distress.



By working together, we can build a culture of responsible celebrations that prioritize the safety and well-being of all members of our community. Let us find alternative ways to celebrate unity, joy, and respect for the well-being of all.



Firework Safety: Enjoy them Responsibly

Fireworks can be a spectacular way to celebrate the 4th of July, but it's important to prioritize safety when handling them. Every year, thousands of individuals sustain injuries due to fireworks accidents, often resulting in severe burns and even permanent damage. The City of Norwalk would like to encourage you to celebrate responsibly and ensure the well-being of yourselves, others, and the environment. If you are planning to use legal safe and sane fireworks:

Purchase fireworks from reliable sources

Read and follow instructions

Choose an appropriate location

Keep water and fire extinguishers nearby

Don't experiment or modify fireworks

Keep a safe distance

Wear safety goggles

Dispose of fireworks safely

Fire Extinguisher Flyer

Scoop the Poop, it's Your Doody

As pet owners, it is your responsibility to care for your pets and the environments they share with others. Cleaning up after your pets in public spaces demonstrates respect for fellow community members and helps maintain the cleanliness, health, and beauty of public spaces. Please join your neighbors as responsible pet owners and ensure your actions contribute to a cleaner, more enjoyable community for all.



Por favor limpie los desechos de sus mascotas en los espacios públicos demuestra respeto por los demás miembros de la comunidad y ayuda a mantener la limpieza, la salud y la belleza de los espacios públicos.

Dog Registration is Coming Up!

Did you know California State law requires all dogs over the age of four months to be licensed annually? Dog licensing for Norwalk dog owners is due every July. Make sure your dog is registered by July 31. To register your dog and obtain a license, you must have their current Rabies Vaccination Certificate. If you are a new dog owner, licenses need to be purchased within 30 days of obtaining the dog or at four months of age. For more information, contact Norwalk's Dog Licensing Division at 562-929-5711 or doglicense@norwalkca.gov.

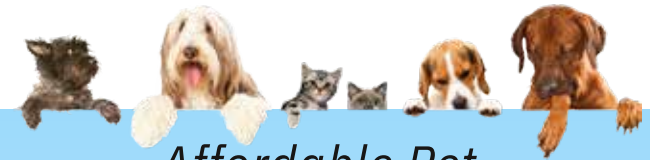
Unaltered Pet: \$60.00

Altered Pet: \$30.00

Senior Resident (65+): \$30.00

Senior Resident & Altered Pet: \$15.00

La licencia de perros para los dueños de perros de Norwalk vence cada mes de julio. Asegúrese de que su perro esté registrado antes del 31 de julio. Para registrar a su perro y obtener una licencia, debe tener su Certificado de Vacunación contra la Rabia vigente. Si es dueño de un perro nuevo, las licencias deben comprarse dentro de los 30 días posteriores a la obtención del perro o a los cuatro meses de edad. Para obtener más información, comuníquese al 562-929-5711 o doglicense@norwalkca.gov.



Affordable Pet Vaccine & Microchip Clinic



\$10 Rabies Vaccine

**Norwalk City Hall
12700 Norwalk Blvd.**

Friday

June 16th @ 4:00 - 7:00 PM

July 14th @ 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Individual Vaccinations & Cost Saving Vaccination Packs and Series Available

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Please bring all dogs on leashes and cats in carriers.

Coyote Reporting Reminder

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/nwkcoyote>) 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

CalFresh

First & Third Tuesday Monthly • 9 - 11 a.m.

A CalFresh Outreach worker from the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank will be available onsite to assist seniors with their CalFresh application. The outreach worker is also available via phone to assist seniors throughout the week (323) 855-0496.

Veteran Service Officer (VSO)

Weekly meeting with Veterans

Every Wednesday • 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Veterans are able to make an appointment to meet one on one with a Veteran Service Officer (VSO) from the Los Angeles County Department of Military & Veterans Affairs. The VSO's one-on-one meetings allow veterans to get individualized assistance with their VA benefits. To make an appointment, call (562) 929-5580.

L.A. County Dept. of Public Health

Hands Only CPR

Wednesday, June 7 • 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health will be conducting a presentation on the signs, symptoms, and the differences between cardiac arrest and heart attack. Staff will demonstrate how to check for responsiveness and how to give CPR compressions. Seniors will have an opportunity to practice hands-on CPR on adults or teens.



Social Services Center

11929 Alondra Blvd • 562-929-5544

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

The National Association of Letter Carriers conducted their 31st annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 13. Thank you to all the community members who participated in the drive. The Norwalk Social Services Center received over 12,000 pounds of food to restock the Emergency Food pantry.

Mammogram

June 20 • 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Alinea MEDICAL IMAGING will be providing mobile mammography services during the month of June. Services are by appointment only. For more information, call (562) 929-5544

NEW Foundation for Life

First & third Monday of every month • 6 - 8 p.m.

A leadership and mentorship program is now available for young men ages 14 - 18 years old. For more information, call (562) 929-5544.

NEW Family Loteria

Thursday, June 8 • 3 - 5 p.m.

Cost: Free

Join in on the fun and test your luck as the Mexican version of Bingo, Loteria, kicks off at the center.

Keeping It Crafty

Wine Bottle Painting

Thursday, June 8 • 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$3.00

Join the Norwalk Senior Center for an opportunity to paint your own wine bottle and add twinkle lights. This is a recreation staff led project.

*Norwalk *resident registration begins Thursday, May 18 at 9 a.m.*

*Open registration begins Thursday, May 25 at 9 a.m. *Photo identification with proof of residency required.*

Santa Anita Race Park

Friday, June 16 • 10:30 a.m.

Return: Approximately 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00

Location: Arcadia, CA

Walking Required: Moderate



Join us for a visit to the Santa Anita Race Park where you will enjoy an afternoon of thoroughbred horse racing.

*Norwalk *resident registration will be taken Thursday, May 25 at 9 a.m. Open registration*

begins Thursday, June 1. Numbers will be distributed at 8 a.m. (One number per person).

**Photo identification with proof of residency required.*

Health & Wellness Week

June 19-23 • 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Join us as we "Catch the Wellness Wave" to a healthier and happier being. Health and Wellness week will feature free medical screenings, fun demonstrations, and presentations in many areas of wellness. Seniors will also enjoy special activities, resources, raffles and giveaways.

Father's Day Casino Night

Thursday, June 22 • 6 - 8 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00

Join us for an evening of gaming, food, light refreshments, and great company. Try your luck at the poker tables, roll the dice at the craps tables, or spin the wheel at the roulette.

*Norwalk *resident registration begins Thursday, June 1 at 9 a.m. Open registration begins Thursday, June 8. *Photo identification with proof of residency required. Call the Norwalk Senior Center (562) 929-5580 for more information.*

NEW Family Trivia Night Movie Magic

Thursday, June 2 • 5 - 7 p.m.

Cost: Free

Test your movie knowledge at the Movie Magic edition of the Family Trivia Night. Participants will compete in teams for a chance to win a prize. Snacks and light refreshments will be provided.

Neurotics Anonymous

Tuesdays • 12 - 2 p.m. & Thursdays • 6 - 8 p.m.

If you suffer from fear, anxiety, loneliness, anger, depression, or other emotions that may make life unbearable, you are encouraged to seek help from Neurotics Anonymous. This service is offered in Spanish only. For more information, call (562) 929-5544.

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)

Tuesdays & Wednesdays Weekly • 6 - 8 p.m.

This peer support group is intended to guide and encourage individuals recovering from alcoholism. This service is offered in Spanish only. For more information, call (562) 929-5544.

L.A.D.Y.

Leadership & Advocacy

for the Direction of Young Women

Second & Fourth Thursdays Monthly • 6 - 8 p.m.

A mentoring program is available for young women ages 15-23 who have struggled with mental/physical health, financial stability, personal growth, relationships, and education due to the COVID-19 pandemic. L.A.D.Y. will focus on proactive techniques to manage these issues. For more information, call (562) 929-5544.

Youth Intervention Services

Youth intervention services are available to Norwalk families whose youth are experiencing dysfunction in today's society. Intervention workers work with at-risk adolescents experiencing negative behaviors at school, home, or in the community. For more information, call Norwalk Social Services at (562) 929-5544.

AARP Driver Safety Classes

Monday, June 26 & Wednesday, June 28 • 1 - 5 p.m.

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

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

**(Check with your auto insurance agent for information.)*

Paper Flower Making Class

Tuesday, June 27 • 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00

They're simple, fun and they will never wilt. This instructor-led class will teach you how to create beautiful paper flowers that can be used for home décor or gatherings.

*Norwalk *resident registration begins Tuesday, June 6 at 9 a.m.*

*Open registration begins Tuesday, June 13 at 9 a.m. *Photo identification with proof of residency required. Call the Norwalk Senior Center at (562) 929-5580 for more information.*

Senior Center Summer Olympic

Thursday, June 29 • 3 - 5 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00

The Norwalk Senior Center invites you to participate in the Summer Olympic games! Light refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded to the winners!

*Norwalk *resident registration begins Thursday, June 15 at 9 a.m. Open registration begins Thursday, June 22. *Photo identification with proof of residency required. Call the Norwalk Senior Center (562) 929-5580 for more information.*

From Skies to Friendship:

Retired Aerospace Mechanics Soar Together



Some of Norwalk's finest retired folk just so happen to be RC aviators and have found a unique way to enjoy Zimmerman Park. These pilots, mostly retired aircraft mechanics and engineers once worked for big name government

contracted companies in So Cal, fly everything from radio-controlled helicopters, airplanes, and drones at the beloved park. Beyond the allure of flight, these fellows appreciate the camaraderie cultivated amongst themselves.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Second & Fourth Wednesdays Monthly • 6 - 8 p.m.

NAMI is a 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. To make an inquiry or to schedule an appointment, contact Silvia at (562) 448-4816.

FREE Zumba Classes

First Four Wednesdays Monthly

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, call (562) 929-5544.

Loteria

Every Friday • 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Seniors are encouraged to join our free loteria mornings at the Social Services Center. For more information, please call (562) 929-5544.

CEA-H.O.W.

Tuesdays Weekly • 10 - 11:30 a.m.

CEA-H.O.W. is a fellowship of men and women who meet to share their experience, strength, and hope. This support group helps individuals who suffer from the self-destruction of compulsive eating. The program is offered in Spanish only.

Cal Fresh

Thursdays Weekly (appointments only) • 9 - 11 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, call (562) 929-5544.