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Breast Cancer Awareness Month PXINT THE TOWN PINK

The City of Norwalk is once again partnering with the American Cancer Society and Norwalk Chamber of Commerce to raise awareness about preventative screenings, treatments, and resources available as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

In keeping with tradition, pink ribbon signage will be placed at the entrances to Norwalk and pink lighting will be used to illuminate city facilities and median trees.

The Paint the Town Pink campaign seeks to raise funds to combat the disease. Support these efforts by visiting these Chamber restaurants and telling them you are there for "Paint the Town Pink." A portion of their proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society and the 2023 Men Wear Pink campaign.



October 2 10 - 11am Starbucks Coffee 11790 Firestone Blvd.



October 5 All Day Mr. Rosewood Restaurant 10640 Rosecrans Ave.



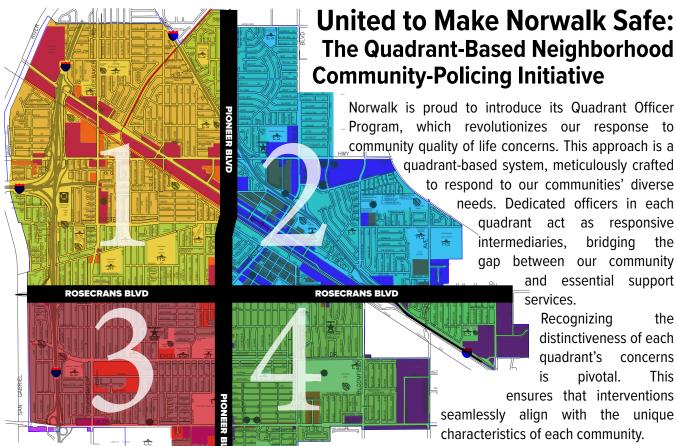
October 10 11am - 8pm Don's Teriyaki Grill 12327 Imperial Hwy.



October 19 All Day Chick-fil-A 12555 Imperial Hwy.



October 25 11am - 9pm So-Cal Pizza 12253 Imperial Hwy.



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Quadrant Officers are more than just law enforcement; they're compassionate listeners, facilitators, and mediators. Carefully chosen for their

communication skills and empathy, they connect residents with vital resources and tailored services. This community policing program marks a new era for our city, guaranteeing your concerns are heard and our community thrives.















Join us in making a difference by downloading the Norwalk Connects App to report quality of life issues in your quadrant. This free app is available on the Google Play and Apple App stores.

For more information, call Public Safety at 562-929-5732.







Arts and Sports Complex, focusing on economic development, infrastructure, and public safety projects. Join us online or in person to explore their impact on residents' quality of life. Tickets are \$20 and available at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex 13000 Clarkdale Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650.

Norwalk City Council

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

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

City of Norwalk 12700 Norwalk Blvd. Norwalk, CA 90650







Be sure to follow us on social media (@cityofnorwalkca) to see regular updates about improvements in progress or completed in your community!

Streets Rehabilitation Project Update

for Zone 3, 8 and 19. All damaged curb-gutters and have been upgraded to ADA compliant ramps.

Veterans Villas at San Antonio Drive and Norwalk Storage Update

with supportive services near the corner of San Antonio Drive and Foster Road. The development veterans and their families. This past month, Veterans Villas at San Antonio Drive completed installation of









Save the Date

Thursday, October 12. 4:30 - 6:30 PM Tamaleman House • 12547 Alondra Blvd. For more information, visit Norwalk.org/mayor

Artist Spotlight at the Mary Paxon Art Gallery



The Norwalk Cultural Arts Center's Mary Paxon Art Gallery will be hosting artist Yaden Ben Hamo, aka Jordifineart, from October 10-28.

The Gallery is located inside the Cultural Arts Center (13200 Clarkdale Ave.), which is adjacent to the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex. Local and regional artists display their art to promote visual arts in the Norwalk community. The Gallery is free to the public and is wheelchair accessible.

If you are interested in exhibiting artwork or would like to be added to a mailing list for future art exhibits and art receptions, please call the Cultural



FALL COMMUNITY FORUM SAVE THE DATE - 11/2



Looking for a fun family event that is also informative? Join us for the Hybrid Community Forum on Thursday, November 2 at Sara

Mendez Park Recreation Center.

Get updates on public safety, parks, and streets while your kids have fun with arts & crafts. The meeting will also be available via Zoom for those that cannot attend in person. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to learn and have fun!

WASTE COLLECTION



Medication Disposal Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal.



Speedier

DO NOT Get out of your vehicle. Place items to be shredded

STATE REQUIRES
Patrons dropping off TVs/
monitors to provide their

For more information, please call 562-929-5511 or email recycling@norwalkca.gov.

(Event ends at 1 p.m. or when trucks are at capacity.)



What is your favorite **Nail Salons**

The nomination period runs from Sunday, October 1 - Tuesday, October 10





Scan the code to submit your nomination!

When Trick-or-Treating, Trick-or-Treat Safely A parent or responsible adult should always accompany children on their rounds.

- Use a flashlight to see and be seen at night.
- Stay on well-lit streets and use sidewalks.
- If there's no sidewalks, walk on the side of the road facing
- Follow all traffic and pedestrian regulations.
- Cross streets only at corners or crosswalks and remember to walk, not run. Don't expect vehicles to see you; be careful when crossing streets.
- Take off anything that blocks your vision before crossing
- Stay in a group and let them know where you're going.
- Go to houses with porch lights on. Don't take shortcuts through yards or alleys.
- Never go into a stranger's house or car for treats. Don't eat any treats until an adult checks them.
- Notify the police if you see anything suspicious or against the law.



Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. Adults should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped, or suspicious items. Make sure items that can cause choking (such as hard candies) are given only to those of an appropriate age.

Source: Los Angeles Police Department

Target • 12051 Imperial Hwy • 9-11am



arms or a pillow. Then HOLD ON until the shaking stops. If you're outside, move away from buildings, trees, and stuff that might fall. Then, Drop, Cover, and Hold On. Stay

put until the shaking stops. · If you're driving, pull over in a safe, open area, keep

Great Shake Out 2023

Here are some tips if you are indoors and feel shaking or get an earthquake alert: DROP to your hands and knees. This keeps you safe from falling or flying objects.

COVER your head and neck with one arm and hand. If a sturdy table or desk is nearby, crawl underneath it

for shelter. If no shelter is nearby, crawl next to an interior wall.

Stay on your knees and bend over to protect vital

organs.

HOLD ON until the shaking stops.

Under shelter: hold on to it with one hand; be ready to

move with your shelter if it shifts.

No shelter: hold on to your head and neck with both

arms and hands.

If you have difficulty getting onto the ground, or cannot

get back up again without help, then follow these

If you use a cane: DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON or sit on

a chair, bed, etc. and cover your head and neck with both

hands. Keep your cane near you so it can be used when

· If you use a walker or wheelchair: LOCK your wheels (if applicable). If using a walker carefully get as low as possible. Bend over and COVER your head/neck with your

earthquake safety.

recommendations:

the shaking stops.

This year's Great ShakeOut Day will be at 10:19 a.m. on October 19, 2023. Join us in practicing

your seatbelt on, and wait for the shaking to stop. After it stops, be careful and avoid damaged bridges or ramps.

Source: shakeout.org

Do You Have 1 Minute to **Improve Norwalk?**

You're invited! Norwalk invites you to join its new FlashVote community. It's free, fast, and fun. Community participation has never been easier and we'd love your help! Why join? Give us your input on the issues you care about in seconds, from any device, anytime. Results the community are shared within days. protects FlashVote your privacy and is



independent from the City of Norwalk. Don't miss a survey - sign up today at www.flashvote.com/ norwalkca.

First Time Home Buyer Program Community Workshop

The City of Norwalk is holding a First-Time Homebuyer Community Workshop to assist and provide more information to interested potential first-time homebuyers about the program.

The First Time Homebuyer Program (FTHB Program) is made available through the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 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.

ELIGIBILITY

- · Resident of the City of Norwalk
- Not have owned a home in the past 3 years
- Meet HUD income qualifications based on household size (see chart below)

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

This workshop is open to all community members of the City of Norwalk. Staff will review the program, how to apply for assistance and answer any questions.

WHEN: Thursday, October 26 • 5 - 7 p.m. **LOCATION:** Norwalk Sports Complex – Sproul Room, 13000 Clarkdale Ave., Norwalk CA 90650

Household Size	Maximum Income
1 Person	\$70,650
2 Persons	\$80,750
3 Persons	\$90,850
4 Persons	\$100,900
5 Persons	\$109,000
6 Persons	\$117,050
7 Persons	\$125,150
8 Persons	\$133,200

WRD Contest

The Water Replenishment District needs your creativity to spread the word on the importance of water and water conservation in the 9th Annual Student Art Contest.

If you are a K-6 grade student from the WRD service area, you have a chance to win a \$75 Amazon Gift Card*, a Certificate of Achievement, other schoolrelated prizes, and have your artwork published in our 2024 Water Awareness Calendar!

WRD is accepting submissions until November 5, 2023 at 11:59PM. Visit wrd.org/student-art-contest to learn more.



RAIN BARREL & Rain Harvesting Workshop

Rain Barrels have many benefits. They divert water from municipal storm drain systems, conserve a vital natural resource, protect our ocean from runoff pollution and help you save money by reducing water bills. Norwalk Municipal Water, along with Golden State and Liberty Utilities, are hosting a one-day rain barrel distribution event. Customers will be given the opportunity to easily pre-order a rain barrel and pick it up from the location below. The cost of the rain barrel is \$20 plus tax. Maximum 2 rain barrels per

click the "EVENTS" tab and select "City of Norwalk" or call 919-602-6316

Pre-Order Required:

Location: Norwalk City Hall 12700 Norwalk Boulevard **Workshop**: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Distribution**: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m Golden State

Discussion Topics Include: · Rainwater Harvesting · Installation of a Rain Barrel · Water Conservation Techniques · Benefits of a Rain Barrel If you have purchased 2 barrels from us at a previou ent, or received a rebate from SoCalWaterSmart for 2 barrels, you will not be eligible to participate.

Date: Saturday, November 4

Liberty For Information Contact: Info@RainBarrelsIntl.com or 919-602-6316

Public Safety Volunteer Program

The City of Norwalk is seeking adults 18 years of age and older to serve in the Public Safety Volunteer Program.

As a volunteer committed to improving safety and quality of life in Norwalk, program participants will assist the Public Safety Department in various capacities including special events, community events, field patrol, or office and administrative functions.

Applications are available at Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Room 15, or by calling 562-929-5732. Applicants must clear a background and Live Scan process.





Hope & Well-Being

Mondays Monthly October 2 • 10 - 11 a.m. **Cost: Free**

Virtually on Microsoft Teams Meeting or Call-in The Service Area 7 Peer Resource Center is proud to bring services to the Norwalk Senior Center. Participants are invited to join in discussing topics intended to support community growth and well-being through peer support, art, and personal experiences. This group is bilingual in English and Spanish. You may participate in-person at the Norwalk Senior Center or virtually by phone 323-776-6996 or Microsoft Teams. Call (562) 929-5580 for more information on Microsoft Teams Meetings. The Conference ID for virtual entry into the

CalFresh

meeting is 283 956 208#

A CalFresh Outreach worker, from the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, is available onsite to assist seniors with their CalFresh application. The CalFresh Outreach worker is also available via phone to assist seniors

Veteran Service Officer (VSO)

Weekly meeting with Veterans Wednesdays Monthly • 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 (MVA) every Wednesday. The VSO's one on one meetings allow veterans the ability to get individualized assistance with their VA benefits. To schedule an appointment, call the Norwalk Senior Center (562) 929-5580.

Identity Theft

Wednesday, October 4 • 10 - 11 a.m.

Identity theft is when someone takes your personal information, such as your name, Social Security number, or financial account number and uses it for an unlawful purpose. Join us to hear staff from the California Department of Financial Protection & Innovation present on steps you can take to protect your personal information and what steps you should take if you are a victim of identity theft. Call (562) 929-5580 for more information.

Keeping It Crafty: Pumpkin Painting Tuesday, October 10 • 3 - 5 p.m.

Let's pumpkin spice things up! In this recreation staff led workshop, you will have an opportunity to paint foam pumpkins using stencils and examples provided. Light refreshments will be served. Register Now. Call (562) 929-5580 for more information.

Stop Falling!

Home Safety & Preventing Falls & Injuries Wednesday October 11 • 10 - 11 a.m.

Did you know that one out of every four 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. That's the bad news. The GOOD news is that falls are PREVENTABLE! Join us for a presentation by SCAN Independence at Home to help you identify falls risks in your life. Call (562) 929-5580 for more information.

Family Zumba Night

Second & Fourth Wednesdays Monthly 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

A fun and easy way to keep your family active with Zumba. To register, please call (562) 929-5544.

Foundation for Life

First & Third Monday Monthly • 6 - 8 p.m. Leadership and mentorship program for young men,

ages 14 - 18. For more information, please call 562) 929-5544.

Neurotics Anonymous Tuesdays Weekly • 12 – 2 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. Spanish only. For more information, please call (562) 929-5544.

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)

Every Monday and Tuesday • 6 - 8 p.m.

Peer support group intended to guide and encourage individuals trying to recover from alcoholism. Spanish Only. For more information, please call (562) 929-5544.

L.A.D.Y.

(Leadership & Advocacy for the Direction of Young Women)

Second & Fourth Thursday Monthly • 6 - 8 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, (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 are trained counselors who work with at-risk adolescents experiencing negative behaviors at school, home, or community. For more information, please call Norwalk Social Services at (562) 929-5544.

Movie Night

Tuesday, October 17 • 6 - 8 p.m.

You are invited to join us for an evening showing of "A Man Called Otto" in the Senior Center lobby. All seniors in attendance will be able to sit in their own chair to watch the movie while enjoying a light snack. Reservations are required. Register Now. Call (562) 929-5580 for more information.

AARP Driver Safety Classes

Monday, October 16 Wednesday, October 18 • 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 (562) 929-5580 for information. *Check with your auto insurance agent for possible discount information.

Karaoke Cabaret

Thursday, October 19 • 2 - 5 p.m.

Come one, come all, to our Karaoke Cabaret and enjoy an afternoon of singing, laughter, and fun. Call (562) 929-5580 for more information. No pre-registration required.

Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda

Monday, October 23 - Friday, November 3

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. 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. Pictures must be no larger than 5"x7".

If you are interested in participating, pictures can be brought in beginning Monday, October 9, 2023. Last day to turn in pictures, is Friday, October 27, 2023. Call (562) 929-5580 for more information.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Second & Fourth Wednesday Monthly • 6 - 8 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. To make an inquiry or to schedule an appointment, please contact Silvia at (562) 448-4816.

Senior Zumba Classes

First & Third Wednesday Monthly • 9:30 - 10:30

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 (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.

Every Tuesday • 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. Our purpose is to help others and ourselves who suffer from the self-destruction of compulsive eating. Spanish Only.

Cal Fresh

Thursdays Monthly • 9 - 11 a.m. by appointment only

A Cal Fresh Outreach worker, from the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, will be available to assist community members with their Cal Fresh Application. To schedule an appointment, please call (562) 929-5544.

Community Legal Aid

Second & Fourth Wednesday Monthly 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. by appointment only

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

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

throughout the week (323) 855-0496.

Social Services

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Family Movie Night - Monsters University Thursday, October 5 • 5 – 7 p.m. **Cost: Free**

Bring the family out for entertainment with October's spooky themed showing of "Monsters University." Donations of 5 canned foods are encouraged to help with the city's efforts in supplying food for those in need. Snack and light refreshments will be provided.

Spooky Sweets & Treats Thursday, October 19 • 5 - 7 p.m.

Cost: Free

BOO! Are you prepared to create edible Halloween themed goodies to celebrate the fall festivities? Decorate monsters and ghouls and then enjoy the tasty treats before they escape. All ages are encouraged to participate.