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Honoring Our Fallen Heroes

The Norwalk community recently came together for a heartfelt Memorial Day Ceremony at City Hall on May 27th, dedicated to honoring and paying tribute to the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. The event was a poignant reminder of the courage and dedication of our fallen heroes. Local veterans, families, and community members gathered to express their gratitude and remember those who have given their lives for our freedom. For those who could not attend or wish to relive the ceremony, a detailed recap is available on the City's YouTube channel.



Grand Opening of the City's EOC

The Norwalk Public Safety Department will reach a significant milestone this month as it will unveil its state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Thanks to the hard work of the department's Office of Emergency Management, this cutting-edge facility marks a pivotal moment in the City of Norwalk's preparedness and response capabilities during times of crisis.

natural disasters to public health crises.

The EOC's features include advanced communication systems, real-time monitoring capabilities, and dedicated spaces for coordination meetings and decision-making. These resources enable swift and coordinated responses, minimizing the impact of emergencies on residents and businesses alike.

The EOC represents our City's commitment to ensuring the safety of our community.

The EOC will serve as the command center for coordinating emergency response efforts across the City. Equipped with the latest technology and staffed by skilled professionals, it stands ready to mobilize resources and coordinate responses to a wide range of emergencies, from



Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Recap



On Wednesday, April 17, the City of Norwalk held its annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, a cherished tradition that fosters community spirit and togetherness. This significant event brought together local leaders, residents, and representatives from various faith-based organizations for a morning of reflection, unity, and shared purpose.

The emphasized theme for this year's breakfast was "Rooting for a Brighter Future." Inspiring speeches and heartfelt prayers added to the event's uplifting atmosphere, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.

For those who were unable to attend, a detailed recap of the event is available on the City's YouTube channel, allowing everyone to experience the spirit and highlights of this meaningful occasion.



CITY OF NORWALK
A Connected Community

RECREATION AND PARK SERVICES DEPARTMENT

INDEPENDENCE DAY Festival

FREE EVENT!

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024 • 4 - 9:30 PM
CIVIC CENTER LAWN • 12700 NORWALK BLVD.

FAMILY FUN FOR ALL!
LIVE MUSIC • FOOD TRUCKS • KIDS ZONE
6 PM • BRUNO AND THE HOOLIGANS TRIBUTE BAND
9 PM • FIREWORKS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (562) 929-5566
OR VISIT WWW.NORWALK.ORG/FUN

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“You Voted, We Visited!”

Every month, we ask for your top Norwalk business recommendations. The Norwalk Community Promotion Commission is proud to present the May Business 2024 Spotlight. Follow us on social media (@cityofnorwalkca) to vote for the next spotlight in June!

May - Top Rated “Barbershop” Spots

Los Angeles Barbers Barbershop
11033 Rosecrans Ave.

Fade Away Barbershop
14335 Pioneer Blvd.

Master Academy
11469 Rosecrans Ave.

June Business Spotlight

Which place has the best Sushi?

Let us know who has the best sushi in town!

The nomination period runs from June 1 - June 10.



Upcoming Affordable Pet Vaccine & Microchip Clinics

Attention all pet owners! The City of Norwalk, in partnership with Vetcare and SEAACA, is pleased to announce Affordable Pet Vaccine & Microchip Clinics. This is a fantastic opportunity to ensure your pets are healthy and protected. Join us at Norwalk City Hall (12700 Norwalk Blvd.) on Friday, June 14th and July 12th, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Rabies Vaccine: \$12 for both dogs & cats

Fecal Exams

Deworming

Wellness Exams

Microchipping

Nail Trimming

Prescription Flea Control

Diagnostic Testing

With a range of services available, you can ensure your pets receive the necessary vaccinations and preventive care. Don't miss out on these affordable and essential services for your furry friends. Mark your calendars! For more information, call 1-800-988-8387, or visit www.vetcarepetclinic.com.

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 Until August 15 at:



Construction Corner

Cava at Civic Center Plaza

The development at Civic Center Plaza on Imperial Hwy across the street from City hall is moving forward. Cava, a Mediterranean restaurant chain, is anticipated as one of the tenants.



A Paw-some New Dog Park

Norwalk's first dog park was unveiled in April at Robert “Bob” White Park (12120 Hoxie Ave). The dog park has small and large breed sections so bring your four-legged friend for a tail-wagging good time. In addition, bring the family to enjoy the new playground next to the dog park!



McKenna steering a better shopping experience



The expansion and remodeling of the McKenna BMW Showroom are progressing well. They have completed a portion of the construction, including foundational work, structural steel installation, concrete masonry, and roofing. The interior is taking shape with metal stud framing.

Community Development Section

2025-2030 Consolidated Plan & Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

The City of Norwalk is seeking input from residents and stakeholders concerning community needs for the 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The Consolidated Plan summarizes the City's needs, priorities, and types of activities that the City plans to implement using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships funds over the next five years.



Community Meeting

June 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Norwalk Senior Center • 14040 San Antonio Drive

Residents are invited to attend this meeting to learn about the Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and types of programs that can be funded through CDBG and HOME. The meeting will cover a broad range of topics, including housing, economic development, infrastructure and services. Residents will be asked to identify neighborhood needs and priorities. Residents, who cannot attend during the day, are welcome to attend the Social Services Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. that same day.



Social Services Commission/Stakeholder Meeting

June 6, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Social Services Center • 11929 Alondra Blvd

The Social Services Commission will host a stakeholder meeting concerning the Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments. Residents and organizations providing services to the community are invited. The meeting will focus on identifying community needs, service gaps and solutions.

For more information, contact the Housing and Neighborhood Development Division at (562) 929-5951.

COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONE

Strengthen Community Safety by Joining the Neighborhood Watch Program

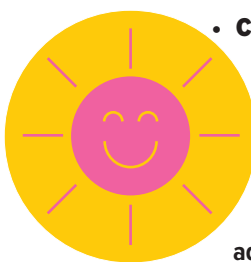
Have you ever wanted to play a role in making our neighborhoods safer? Joining the Neighborhood Watch program is a fantastic way to do just that. This program will help you learn how to spot and report suspicious activity, which helps keep our streets safe for everyone. With this knowledge, residents will be equipped to keep a vigilant eye on our neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Watch program is about forging strong connections and establishing a solid communication network. Residents will get to know their neighbors, Norwalk Public Safety Officers, and Norwalk Sheriff's Deputies. By teaming up with us we can share information such as recent incidents or patterns of criminal activity. This will give you a better understanding of potential threats and strategies on how to address them, which will help contribute to a safer community. Together, we can make a real difference in ensuring our neighborhoods remain a great place to live, work, and play. For more information please call (562) 929-5732 or email publicsafety@norwalkca.gov

Safety Tips for Outdoor Adventures

The official start of Summer is June 20th and as temperatures heat up, the Norwalk Office of Emergency Management would like to remind our community of the importance of staying safe when outdoors.



• **Make a Plan:** Before heading out, whether for camping, hiking, or leisure, ensure you've planned your route and the estimated time that you'll be gone. Let a responsible person know your plans and your expected return time. In case of a delayed absence, this proactive step allows them to alert local authorities, providing crucial rescue details if needed.



• **Check the Weather:** Prepare for all possibilities by checking the weather forecast for your trip and the following day. This will allow you to dress appropriately and pack extra supplies. If you end up stuck outside overnight, you'll be prepared with additional resources until help arrives.



• **Be Prepared:** It's important to be prepared for changing conditions or being gone longer than expected. Be prepared for unforeseen circumstances by packing extra essentials like food, water, and clothing. Weather can change suddenly, even in summer, so carry additional layers.



• **Don't Forget Your Pets:** While pets love outdoor adventures, they can't handle the heat as well as people can. Limit your pet(s) exercise, ensure access to shade and cool water, and never leave them unsupervised near water or in a hot vehicle.

**Source: Cal OES*

Be a Good Neighbor!

Being a good neighbor can sometimes be overlooked. It isn't just about living next door; it's about building a strong and supportive community where everyone feels welcome and valued. Being a good neighbor enhances our sense of community, while contributing to a safer, more pleasant living environment for everyone.

Small acts of kindness can make a big difference in creating a positive neighborhood environment. Whether it's lending a helping hand, keeping noise

levels down, keeping your neighborhood clean, being considerate with parking, or simply being friendly. Being a good neighbor also means respecting each other's boundaries, communicating openly, watching out for each other, and showing empathy towards one another.

These are all ways that help create a sense of belonging and help increase unity in our city. Let's work together to create a community where everyone feels safe, respected, and appreciated.

The Bob White Dog Park is Now Open!

With that in mind, we'd like to remind our community to make safety a priority when your furry friends join you outside for some fun.

Here are a few tips to keep your pets happy and healthy during outdoor playtime or during a walk:

- **Leash Up:** Always keep your pet on a leash when outside, especially in busy areas or near roads.
- **Stay Cool:** On hot days, avoid walking your pets on scorching surfaces like asphalt. Their sensitive paws can burn easily. Also, bring water to keep them hydrated.
- **Watch Out:** Keep an eye out for potentially harmful critters or plants during your outdoor adventures.
- **ID Tag:** Make sure your pet wears a collar with an ID tag.
- **Vaccinations:** Make sure your pet is up to date with their vaccination shots.
- **Secure Home Base:** Ensure your yard is properly fenced to prevent your pet from wandering off.

Remember, a little precaution goes a long way in keeping our furry pals safe and happy! Be sure to share these tips with fellow pet owners.



The Costs of Celebration:



Fines for Illegal Fireworks

Independence Day is right around the corner, and we would like to remind our community that the City of Norwalk has "zero tolerance" for the use of illegal fireworks and will seek maximum penalties for all violations. Fines for illegal fireworks can reach up to \$5,000 and property owners will be held responsible for those in violation.

Using illegal fireworks poses significant risks to both individuals and our City. These illegal fireworks can lead to serious injuries and/or property damage. The loud noise and explosions from these fireworks can also disturb people and animals, causing stress and anxiety.

If you see something, say something! Report illegal fireworks by calling Norwalk Public Safety at (562) 929-5732 or the Sheriff's Department at (562) 863-8711. In the event of an emergency, always dial 9-1-1.

By choosing safe and sane fireworks, everyone can enjoy celebrations safely and responsibly while minimizing the potential dangers and negative impacts on our community.



Join the City of Norwalk and your neighbors as we spruce up the Corner of Norwalk Blvd and Front St.

For more information, or questions call (562) 929-5732 or e-mail us at: PublicSafety@norwalkca.gov.

Scan this QR code to sign up.



Securing Your Vehicle:

Vehicle Theft Prevention Tips

With summer fast approaching this month, some people are planning on taking road trips and having outdoor adventures. Whether you plan on staying home or hitting the road it's crucial to follow vehicle safety tips. From securing your vehicle to preventing theft, taking precautions can help protect both you and your vehicle during the summer months of increased activity and travel.

Here are some tips to keep in mind:

- **Lock It:** Always lock your car, even if you're just stepping away for a short period. Make sure all windows are closed as well.
- **Hide It:** Avoid leaving valuable items in plain sight inside your car. If you must leave items in your vehicle, store them in the trunk or out of sight.
- **Keep It:** Personal responsibility is the best prevention to safeguard personal property. Always be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts. If something doesn't feel right report suspicious activity to the Norwalk Sheriff's Station by calling (562) 863-8711. Always dial 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency.
- **Park in Well-Lit Areas:** Whenever possible, park your vehicle in well-lit and highly visible areas. Thieves are less likely to target cars that are easily seen by others.
- **Use Anti-Theft Devices:** Install visible anti-theft devices such as steering wheel locks, tire locks, or electronic immobilizers.
- **Install a Car Alarm:** Consider installing a car alarm or a vehicle tracking system. Alarms draw attention to unauthorized access, while tracking systems can help locate your vehicle if it's stolen.

By following these tips and staying vigilant, you can significantly reduce the risk of your vehicle being stolen. Remember, if you see something, say something!



Senior Center

14040 San Antonio Dr • 562-929-5580

Peer Support Group

Hope & Well-being

Mondays Weekly • 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Call-In Number: 1 (323) 776-6996

Conference ID: 283 956 208#

The Service Area 7 Peer Resource Center is proud to bring services to the Norwalk Senior Center. Participants join in discussions 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 via telephone by dialing the number above and Conference ID #.

CalFresh

First & Third Tuesdays Monthly • 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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 telephone to assist seniors throughout the week (323) 855-0496.

Veteran Service Officer (VSO)

Weekly meeting with Veterans

Wednesdays Weekly • 8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Veterans can schedule an appointment to meet 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 will allow veterans the ability to get individualized assistance with their VA benefits. To schedule an appointment, call the Norwalk Senior Center (562) 929-5580.

Preserving your Memory

(Korean Language Only)

Tuesday, June 4 • 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

As we age, we all have moments of forgetfulness. The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health will be hosting a Korean language presentation teaching useful tips and brain exercises to sharpen your thinking and help keep moments of forgetfulness to a minimum.

Rancho Cucamonga Quakes

Baseball Game

Wednesday, June 5 • Depart: 8:30 a.m.

Return: 4:30 P.M.

Cost: \$20 (Lunch not included)

Location: LoanMart Field, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Walking required: Moderate

Batter up, it's time for baseball! Join us for some spring baseball as the Dodgers Single-A Affiliate team the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes take on the Visalia Rawhide. You may see some future stars, and perhaps a photo opportunity with Tremor, the Mascot.

Overview of Medicare

Wednesday, June 5 • 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Join us and staff from the Center for Health Care Rights for a presentation on Medicare. In this presentation, you will learn about Medicare eligibility, enrollment, benefits, co-payments, and deductibles. Recent changes in Medicare will also be discussed.

Senior Scam Prevention Series

Tuesday, June 11 • 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

Join us on the second Tuesday of every month for the Senior Scam Prevention Series. Staff from The California Department of Financial Protection & Innovation will be discussing different types of frauds and scams that affect seniors. This month the topic will be Homeowners Reverse Mortgage Scams.

Father's Day Casino Night

Thursday, June 13 • 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Cost: \$10.00

Join us for an evening of fun and excitement celebrating special father figures. Test your luck at the poker, craps, or roulette tables, we have something for all! Tickets include casino chips, entry to raffles, light refreshments with great company and music. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited.

Depression & Anxiety

Monday, June 17 • 10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Join us for a presentation from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to learn to recognize symptoms of depression and anxiety. Find out what contributes to these problems and what needs to be done when you or someone you love suffers from depression and/or anxiety.

AARP Driver Safety Classes

Monday, June 17 & Wednesday, June 19

1:00 - 5:00 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.

*Check with your auto insurance agent for possible discount.

Good Sleep for Emotional Wellbeing

(Korean Language)

Date: Tuesday, June 18 • 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

Getting a good night's sleep is key for emotional wellbeing. Join us for a presentation in Korean language from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to learn about the importance of sleep and get helpful tips on healthy sleep habits.

The Keystone Karaoke Lounge

Thursday, June 20 • 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Cost: Free

Take the stage and sing your favorite songs in front of your friends at the Senior Center Keystone karaoke lounge. Enjoy an afternoon of singing, laughter, and fun. Come listen to all the performances provided by all the brave souls who take the center stage! No pre-registration required.

West Nile Virus/Mosquito Borne Disease

Wednesday, June 26 • 10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

What is West Nile Virus? What can you do to prevent it? Join us as the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health hosts a presentation to answer these questions and more. You will learn how to identify who is at risk of getting infected with West Nile Virus, where mosquitoes may live, and what you can do to prevent West Nile Virus.



ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE

Social Services Center

11929 Alondra Blvd • 562-929-5544

Putting with Papa Mini Golf

Thursday, June 6 • 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Calling all aces to the green! Celebrate Father's Day with an 8-Hole mini golf course inside and around the Social Services Center. All ages are encouraged to participate. Snacks and light refreshments will be provided.

Treasure & Trivia

Thursday, June 20 • 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Take on the trivia challenge in an attempt to win the prize at the bottom of the Treasure Chest. Participants will be tested on a wide range of categories from Entertainment to History. All ages are encouraged to participate. Snacks and light refreshments will be provided to those in attendance.

Senior Karaoke Mornings

First & Third Friday Monthly • 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Cost: Free

You're going to Hollywood! Showcase your singing in the form of Karaoke as Seniors are encouraged to participate and sing their hearts out in this judgment free environment.

Senior Zumba

First & Third Wednesday Monthly • 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Cost: Free

Zumba is a fun and easy way to keep seniors active.

Family Zumba Night

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

Cost: Free

Zumba is a fun and easy way to keep seniors active.

Senior Scam Prevention Series

Second Tuesday Monthly • 10:00 a.m.

Cost: Free

The City of Norwalk Social Services Department is collaborating with the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation for the Senior Scam Prevention Series. Every second Tuesday of the month, seniors will learn about ways to prevent common scams.

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)

Every Monday & Tuesday • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Peer support group intended to guide and encourage individuals trying to recover from alcoholism. Spanish Only.

L.A.D.Y.

(Leadership & Advocacy for the Direction of Young Women)

Second & Fourth Thursday Monthly

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

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.

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.

National Alliance on Mental Illness

(NAMI)

Second & Fourth Wednesday Monthly

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

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.