

# Norwalk Now

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 A Connected Community

RECREATION AND PARK SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## INDEPENDENCE DAY Festival

FREE EVENT!

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

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

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

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## FRONT STREET

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month *friday nights*

|   |                               |  |
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| <b>JULY 19</b><br>Dance Dance Evolution | <b>AUGUST 16</b><br>Soto Band | <b>SEPTEMBER 20</b><br>Adelaide Pilar's Latin Divas Show<br>Las Colibri<br>Mariachi - 8-9:30PM |
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**FRIDAYS • 6-9PM**  
 5PM DJ JAMMIN • 6:30PM LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
 FOOD • KIDS AREA • EXHIBITORS • ART VENDORS • PHOTO BOOTH

LOCATED IN HISTORIC NORWALK, ON FRONT ST.  
 BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO DR. AND FUNSTON AVE.

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

## NORWALK SUMMER CONCERTS

| DATE      | BAND   |
|-----------|--|
| JULY 2    | Bruno Mars & The Hooligans Tribute<br>Independence Day Concert -Top 40 |
| JULY 10   | Mirage<br>Fleetwood Mac Tribute  |
| JULY 17   | Radio Royalty<br>80's Pop  |
| JULY 24   | Trio Renacimiento<br>Latin Mix   |
| JULY 31   | Remix R&B<br>National Night Out R&B                                    |
| AUGUST 7  | Banda Las Angelinas<br>Chamber Expo Banda Regional                     |
| AUGUST 14 | Latin Soul Band<br>Latin Music   |

Follow us for the latest updates!   
 @recnorwalk #recnorwalk #norwalksummerconcerts  
 For more information, call (562) 929-5702  
 or visit WWW.NORWALK.ORG/FUN.

### Celebrate Independence Day with Norwalk!

Join us for the annual Independence Day Festival taking place on Tuesday, July 2 from 4 - 9:30 p.m. at the Norwalk Civic Center Lawn, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard. This free community event includes live entertainment, food trucks, kids zone and much more! Attendees are encouraged to arrive early and bring their lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic favorites to enjoy a day of patriotic fun. This event is open to all ages and free to attend! For more information, call (562) 929-5702 or visit [www.norwalk.org/fun](http://www.norwalk.org/fun).

### Congratulations to the 2024 Environmental Awareness Scholarship Winners

Every year, the City of Norwalk, in partnership with Athens Services and the Norwalk Education Alliance, hosts the Environmental Awareness Scholarship and selects high



school seniors who are active in their community and show interest in environmental issues. Each scholarship is worth \$1,000.

#### Congratulations to the following graduates for being selected as the 2024 scholarship recipients:

Aaliyah Garcia, Santa Fe High School  
 Ashley Diaz, Santa Fe High School

Janet Rayo Salazar, Southeast Academy  
 Natalie Arredondo, Norwalk High School

Aylin Diaz, John Glenn High School

### The First Ever Norwalk 5k Unites Thousands



On June 2, 2024, more than 2,500 attendees convened at Norwalk Civic Center for its first 5k and Children's 1k Dash event. Thank you to the community and sponsors for making Norwalk a Connected Community!

### Exciting Service Updates from Norwalk Transit!

Attention Norwalk commuters! Starting June 23, 2024, the Norwalk Transit System will implement important service changes to enhance operational efficiencies. Route 4 will see more frequent weekday service, improving connections between the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Metrolink Station and the Norwalk I-105/605 C Line Station via Imperial Hwy. Route 7 will also have increased weekday service, benefiting passengers traveling from El Monte Station to Norwalk I-105/605 C Line Station via Rio Hondo College, Whittier, and Santa Fe Springs. For full details, visit [www.Norwalk.org/NorwalkTransit](http://www.Norwalk.org/NorwalkTransit).



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

City of Norwalk  
 12700 Norwalk Blvd.  
 Norwalk, CA 90650

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## Business Spotlight:



### “You Voted, We Visited!”

- Top Sushi Spots

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

#### June - Top Rated “Sushi” Spots

**Sushi N Go**

12359 Imperial Highway

**Sushi Joint**

11957 Firestone Blvd.

**Ozen Sushi**

16511 Pioneer Blvd.

## July Business Spotlight

Where do you stop for grab-n-go drinks and snacks?

Which Mini-Mart has the best quick snack options?

The nomination period runs from June 1 - June 10.



## Licensed to Woof:

### Dog Registration Deadline Coming

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](mailto:doglicense@norwalkca.gov).

**Unaltered Pet**

\$60.00

**Senior Resident (65+)**

\$30.00

**Altered Pet**

\$30.00

**Senior Resident & Altered Pet**

\$15.00

## Affordable Pet Vaccine & Microchip Clinics at City Hall

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, July 12th, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

#### Services:

**Rabies Vaccine: \$12**

**Microchipping**

**Vaccinations: Dogs & Cats**

**Nail Trimming**

**Fecal Exams**

**Prescription Flea Control**

**Deworming**

**Diagnostic Testing**

**Wellness Exams**

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](http://www.vetcarepetclinic.com).

## Construction Corner

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

### Cava Coming to 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.



CAVA

### 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

foundation work, structural steel installation, concrete masonry, and roofing. The interior is taking shape with metal stud framing.



## SUMMER IS HERE! UPCOMING RECREATION STUFF

RECREATION AND PARK SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF NORWALK

### D.D. JOHNSTON HARGITT HOUSE MUSEUM

12426 MARLEDALE ST.  
NORWALK, CA 90650

#### Upcoming SUMMER 2024 EVENT

**July 20 6:30 PM**

#### DINNER & A MOVIE

\$10 PER PERSON - AGE 18+ ONLY

Tour the historic home, dine on a catered Italian meal and watch the classic film, "To Kill a Mockingbird" together under the stars. Prepare for a pre-show trivia contest and compete to win fun prizes. During the movie, treat your pallet to a themed mocktail and yummy snacks from our concession stand. Dinner, snacks and mocktails included in ticket price. Space is limited so be sure to register early to secure your spot!

Bring a chair and blanket for seating during the movie. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Movie begins at dusk.

Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave., Norwalk, CA or at [norwalk.org/classes](http://norwalk.org/classes).  
For more information, please call (562) 929-5521.

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## Creative Kids SUMMER CLASS SCHEDULE

ART • COOKING • GARDENING • SCULPTING

### SESSION II: JULY 8-AUGUST 10, 2024

AGES 1-17

**Monday-Friday 1-6:30 PM**  
**Saturday 11 AM - 2 PM**

Cultural Arts Center  
13200 Clarkdale Ave.  
Norwalk, CA 90650

Register online at [norwalk.org/classes](http://norwalk.org/classes) or in person at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex 13000 Clarkdale Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650. For more information, please call (562) 929-5521.

## LOOKING FOR CADETS!

POST 421

Calling all teens! Are you ready to join a program that is both exciting and enriching? The Public Safety Cadet Program is your chance to enhance your work ethic, master valuable leadership skills, and polish your sense of responsibility. Join us today and start your journey with Norwalk Public Safety. For more information, call (562) 929-5732.

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## Family BEACH BUS

### SEA SIDE LAGOON REDONDO BEACH

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024  
9 AM - 4 PM

TRANSPORTATION AND LUNCH INCLUDED

AGES 7 AND OVER. CHILDREN UNDER 10 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

\$5 PER PERSON PER DAY

Register online at [norwalk.org/classes](http://norwalk.org/classes) or in person at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex 13000 Clarkdale Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650. For more information, please call (562) 929-5521.

City Hall: (562) 929-5700  
Public Safety: (562) 929-5732  
Sheriff's Station: (562) 863-8711  
Graffiti Hotline: (562) 929-5555



Transit: (562) 929-5533  
Recreation & Parks Services (562) 929-5702  
Senior Center: (562) 929-5580  
Social Services Center: (562) 929-5544






### ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ILLEGAL FIREWORKS

The City of Norwalk has a ZERO tolerance policy for illegal fireworks and will seek maximum penalties for all violations. Individuals will be held accountable for any discharge, possession, storage, or sales of illegal fireworks that occur on their premises.

### Fines for illegal fireworks can reach up to \$5,000!

Please, be a good neighbor and only use safe and sane fireworks so that everyone can enjoy celebrations safely and responsibly while minimizing the potential dangers and negative impacts on our community.

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.

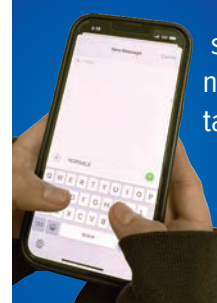
### Rave Emergency Notification System

Great news Norwalk! The City of Norwalk has successfully transitioned to a new emergency notification system with the help of our Norwalk Office of Emergency Management.

Introducing Rave, a mass notification system that sends messages quickly and reliably across multiple modes of communication. This move will enable our City and community to be better connected with the state's emergency notification system, which also utilizes Rave.

Users already enrolled in alerting services through Nixle, our former notification system, will not need to take any action.

New users may sign up by texting "NORWALK" to 77295 or online at <https://www.getrave.com/login/norwalkca>



## National Night Out 2024

**Come on out to this year's National Night Out on Wednesday, July 31st at City Hall (12700 Norwalk Blvd.) and will be held in conjunction with the Summer Concert Series**

The importance of National Night Out cannot be overstated. This event serves as a platform for residents to connect with each other and with local law enforcement in a relaxed, positive environment. Let's build a more cohesive and supportive community where everyone looks out for one another.



One of the key benefits of National Night Out is the focus on safety and crime prevention. Informative sessions will be available, covering topics such as neighborhood watch programs, and emergency

preparedness. These resources empower residents to take proactive steps in safeguarding their homes and families.

By attending, you'll not only enjoy a fun-filled evening with activities for all ages, including games, live entertainment, and delicious food, but also gain valuable insights into safety and crime prevention.

Join us in celebrating community spirit and making our neighborhood a better place to live. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Financial Exploitation

Know the signs of financial fraud and learn how to protect yourself. This can be a problem for everyone in our community, especially our senior citizens. Please remember to recognize, react, and report.

Criminals use financial exploitation and fraud to deplete the assets of their targets. Fortunately, there are measures you can take to be vigilant of suspicious requests and monitor your financials. In the event you are targeted, you can work with the authorities and other entities to report your case.

### Recognize - Be Suspicious If

- A communication states that you've won money, a prize or a free gift — especially if you've never entered a raffle or drawing
- You must pay for processing, shipping and/or taxes on your "free gift"
- You must wire or send money to assist someone in need or receive "winnings"
- It sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

### React - Be Proactive

- Set up account alerts
- Organize and store important documents in a safe but easily accessible location
- Review options with your financial institutions to help protect your accounts
- Discuss financial accounts only with trusted friends, family members or financial advisors

### Report - Who to Contact

- File a police report and request a copy of the police report and case number.
- Any of the three credit reporting agencies, Equifax, Experian, or TransUnion, to place a "fraud alert" on your credit file.
- Your bank and/or credit card company.
- The Federal Trade Commission's identity theft website or by calling 877-ID-THEFT (877-438-4338).

\*Source: U.S. Bank

## Summer Safety Tips

It's officially summer and with that comes lots of fun. Many of us will be busy traveling or at family gatherings, but we must always remember that it's crucial to prioritize safety before and during the fun. From basking on the beach to firing up the grill,



summer presents a unique set of risks that can easily be mitigated with a bit of precaution and awareness. Let's dive into a season of sun-soaked memories, equipped with some knowledge and preparedness.

### Fire Safety

**Campfire Safety:** Ensure campfires are fully extinguished before leaving the site. Use designated fire rings and keep a bucket of water and a shovel nearby.

**BBQ Safety:** Grill in well-ventilated areas away from flammable materials. Never leave the grill unattended and keep a fire extinguisher nearby.

### Water Safety

**Swimming:** Always swim with a buddy and in designated swimming areas. Be aware of ocean currents and rip tides if swimming at the beach.

**Supervise Children:** Always keep an eye on children when they are near water, even if they know how to swim.

### Travel Safety

**Road Trips:** Ensure your vehicle is in good condition before a trip. Carry an emergency kit with items such as water, snacks, a first-aid kit, and a flashlight.

**Avoid Distracted Driving:** Do not use your phone while driving and be aware of increased traffic during holidays.





## Senior Center

14040 San Antonio Dr • 562-929-5580

### Leaving a Legacy:

Estate Planning Basics

Wednesday, July 3 • 10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Join us, as an attorney from St. John's Community Health Legal Services Program hosts an informative presentation on estate planning, where we'll cover all the essentials. Learn how to protect your assets and ensure your loved ones are well taken care of. Our experts will cover topics such as wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and advance health care directives. Don't miss this opportunity to learn and ask questions. Mark your calendars and bring your friends and family! Attending the presentation is completely free!

### Senior Scam Prevention Series:

Car Repair

Tuesday, July 9 • 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

Many car owners complain that auto repair shops have tried to take advantage of them with various scams – for example, pushing unnecessary maintenance or charging for repairs that are never made. Staff from the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation will be providing a presentation on how to avoid car repair scams. Join us to learn tips on how to prevent becoming a victim of a car repair scam.

### Jeopardy

Tuesday, July 16 • 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Cost: \$5

Join us for an afternoon game of "Jeopardy" and test your knowledge. Contestants are given general knowledge clues in the form of answers, and they must identify the person, place, thing, or idea that the clue describes, phrasing each response in the form of a question. Maybe you can be our next "Jeopardy" Senior Center champion. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited.

### Senior Safety Program:

Heat Awareness

Wednesday, July 24 • 10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

An extreme heat event is a series of hot days, much hotter than average for a particular time and place. Extreme heat is deadly and kills more people than any other weather condition. Global climate change is making extreme heat episodes more frequent, more severe, and longer lasting. But we can take action and prepare. Join us as the Public Safety Department hosts a presentation on heat awareness. You will learn how to prepare to protect yourself and your loved ones.

### Summer Lobby Olympics – Paris 2024

Friday, July 26- Friday, August 9 • 10:00 A.M.

Cost: Free



On your mark, get set, go! Join the Norwalk Senior Center for its "Summer Lobby Olympics", where your competitive spirit and activity level will be challenged. The games will include a variety of fun and easy games that will have you competing against familiar opponents. Champions will receive medals and an opportunity to stand on the winners' podium.

### La Mirada Theater

History of Rock n' Roll

Saturday, July 27

Depart: 12:30 P.M. • Return: 5:30 P.M.

Cost: \$20 (Lunch not included)

Location: La Mirada Theater, 14900 La Mirada Blvd.

Walking required: Low

Shake, rattle and rock with us to the La Mirada Theater! From the birth of rock & roll in the 1940's to the glory years of the 50's, 60's, 70's, and all the way through the 80's. Join us as we enjoy a tribute to fascinating stories and everyone's favorite music genre! Ticket sales are now open. Call (562) 929-5580 for more information and space availability.

### Managing Your Medication

(Korean Language)

Date: Tuesday, July 30 • 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

Join us, as the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health hosts a presentation on medication management. You will learn about the importance of sticking to your medication regimen and other useful information on the proper use of medication. Get tips on what to ask your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new prescription. This class will be conducted in Korean Language. Call (313) 393-0899 for more information.

## Social Services Center

11929 Alondra Blvd • 562-929-5544



**CLOSED JULY**



As part of our commitment to improve our property and service in preparation of the upcoming Social Services Center 50th anniversary, the center will be closed to the public beginning Monday, July 1 for renovations. Doors will open to the public on Monday, August 5. Limited services will be provided at the Norwalk Senior Center 14040 San Antonio Dr. Please call (562) 929-5544 for further information.



Reopening Monday, August 5

## 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan & Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice: Your Input Matters!

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.

Your thoughts are crucial to this plan's success. We invite you to share your opinions via our English or Spanish surveys, easily accessible by scanning the QR code or visiting the provided links.

Norwalk is committed to transparency and inclusivity, ensuring everyone's voice is heard. Scan the QR code or visit our website to complete the survey today and be a part of shaping Norwalk's tomorrow.

Link to the English survey:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorwalkConPlan2025>

Su opinión es muy importante para ayudar a la Ciudad a planificar el mejor uso de los fondos federales para los próximos cinco años. Le invitamos a escanear nuestro código QR que aparece arriba y completar la encuesta o el enlace que se proporciona a continuación.

Enlace a la encuesta en español:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorwalkConPlanSpanish>



# TOO TOXIC TO TRASH

FREE Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Drive-Thru Collection Event

Saturday, July 27 • 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Cerritos College, Stadium Parking Lot 10  
11110 Alondra Boulevard  
Norwalk, CA 90650



CHEMICALS  
PAINTS & SOLVENTS  
SHARPS  
E-WASTE



- Carefully secure items in your trunk/pick-up bed. Hazardous waste must be in your trunk/pick-up bed with no other items.
- Waste should be in a sturdy box, preferably in their original containers. Be prepared to leave containers.
- No explosives, ammunition, radioactive materials, controlled substances, trash, tires, or large appliances (like refrigerators, stoves and washing machines).
- Sharps disposal will require exiting your vehicle in a designated location to deposit them in a bin.
- Open to Los Angeles County residents. No business waste accepted.
- Limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip.



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SANITATION DISTRICTS  
Converting Waste into Resources

Brought to you by Los Angeles County and presented by Los Angeles County Public Works and Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, in cooperation with the cities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, La Mirada, Long Beach, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, and South Gate.

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