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VETERANS DAY *** TRIBUTE ***

November 11 • 11 AM
Norwalk City Hall - Freedom Memorial

The City of Norwalk salutes all the Veterans in our community and throughout our nation. To all who have served, and those who continue to serve, we hope you have a Happy Veterans Day!

To honor the Veterans in our community, the City of Norwalk will host its annual Veterans Day Tribute on Monday, November 11 at 11 a.m. at the Norwalk City Hall Freedom Memorial.

Stop by to honor our veterans, and celebrate the freedoms they courageously fight for.



NORWALK VETERANS VILLAS

★ **HONORING OUR HEROES** ★

Nearly 35% of units dedicated
to homeless veterans

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Friday, November 15 • 10 AM - 12 PM

13601 San Antonio Dr., Norwalk, CA 90650



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Make sure you get out and vote!

GET READY FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION!

Saturday, October 26 - Monday, November 4

Hours: 10 AM to 7 PM

Election Day: Tuesday, November 5

Hours: 7 AM to 8 PM

The Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder's Office has an established voting area in the City of Norwalk for the Presidential Election.

You can vote early at the County's Norwalk Headquarters: 12400 Imperial Highway, Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650, where a Ballot Drop Box is also available on the north side of the building for easy drop-off.



Scan the QR code for
more voting centers

Norwalk Transit System (NTS) Information

NOV 5 Free rides for Election Day on
Tuesday, November 5

Please contact NTS Customer Service for additional information or questions:

(562) 929-5550 transportation@norwalkca

Upcoming Holiday Bus Schedule

Please be advised there will be no Norwalk Transit System (NTS) Or Dial-A-Ride service on:

NOV 28 Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 28

DEC 25 Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25

JAN 1 New Year's Day
Wednesday, January 1, 2025

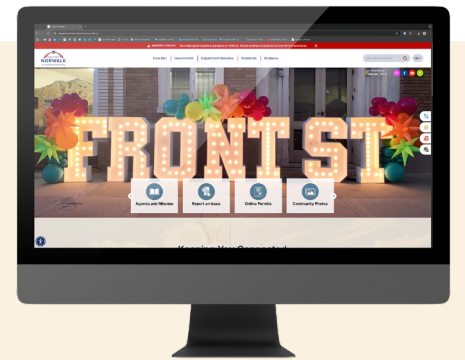
Watch the State of the City 2024 Video Series Now!

On October 18, the City of Norwalk held its annual State of the City Special Meeting. Mayor Margarita L. Rios, Captain Rick B. Conti, and Chamber President Caren Spilsbury shared key updates on city improvements, green initiatives, and community growth.

If you missed the event, don't worry! You can now watch all the featured videos that were presented at the State of the City by scanning the QR code below, which will take you to the City of Norwalk's YouTube playlist. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this event a success!



Scan to watch the full
State of the City playlist



Norwalk's New Website Redesign will be a "Site" to Behold!

We are excited to announce the launch of Norwalk's newly redesigned website in mid-November, offering an improved user experience with enhanced navigation, easy access to city services, and up-to-date community information.



Visit us today at
www.norwalk.org

Get ready to light up the holidays!

The Community Promotion Commission's Annual Holiday Home & Business Décor Contest is just around the corner.

Bring out the holiday lights, décor and your competitive spirit to show off your decorative skills!

The nomination submission period will be opening soon, so follow us on social media so you don't miss out on participating!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to give us a call at 562-929-5735.

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Applications Due Nov. 15



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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

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November Business Spotlight

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Shop on Small Business Saturday! Follow us on social media to vote for November's spotlight. The nomination period runs from November 1 – November 10.

What Small Business in Norwalk should we visit for our holiday shopping?



"You Voted, We Visited!"

October - Top Rated Celebration Spots

Every month, we ask for your top Norwalk business recommendations. The Norwalk Community Promotion Commission is proud to present the October 2024 Business Spotlight.

- LA JARA BREWERY**
13423 Excelsior Dr.
- SENIOR CENTER**
14040 San Antonio Dr.
- SO CAL PIZZA**
12553 Imperial Hwy

Construction Corner

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

McKenna BMW: Driving Progress Inside and Out!

Exciting progress is happening at the McKenna BMW showroom site! The construction team is currently hard at work, installing insulation and ceiling joists as they prepare the building for the next phase. With these critical components coming together, the team is setting the stage for drywall installation, which is just around the corner.

Stay tuned to Construction Corner for updates on this and other city projects!



Raising Cane's: Paving the Way for Chicken

Raising Cane's is making great progress as they push toward opening day! Concrete walkways are being prepped, and drive-thru canopies are going up, bringing the exterior closer to completion.

Soon, Norwalk residents can enjoy their famous chicken fingers. Stay updated by following the City of Norwalk's Instagram (cityofnorwalkca) for Midweek Buildup posts!



Holiday Food Drive



Coleccion De Comida Enlatada Para Los Dias Festivos

Donate a canned good for a **FREE** One-Way Trip on NTS Buses

November 19 & 20, 2024

Done comida enlatada para las familias necesitadas en la comunidad y recibirá un pasaje gratis de ida en los autobuses de NTS

For information, please call Customer Service at 562-929-5550
Para mas informacion por favor llame al 562-929-5550



GET ARTSY THIS FALL

ART CLASSES FOR TOTS, KIDS, TEENS AND ADULTS
Visit norwalk.org/classes to view catalog & register.
For more information, please call (562) 929-5521.



Holiday Movie Night



BRING A LAWN CHAIR & BLANKET!

Friday, November 15, 2024
5:00 PM

PRE-SHOW ACTIVITIES:
GAMES & CRAFTS

Lakeside Park

11620 STUDEBAKER RD., NORWALK, CA 90650
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (562) 929-5566.

Recreation and Park Services Department

HOMework HELP IN THE PARK

FREE! EARN PRIZES!

SEPTEMBER 11- NOVEMBER 27, 2024
Wednesdays 1-6pm

Bring your homework, and lets make learning enjoyable together! Students can earn stickers for completing their homework at the park. Collect stickers to earn an opportunity to the treasure box for fun prizes!

PARTICIPATING PARK LOCATIONS

Hermosillo Park 11959 162nd St.	Vista Verde Park 11459 Ratcliffe St.	Ramona Park 13244 Mapledale St.	New River Park 13432 Halcourt Ave.
Gerdes Park 14700 Gridley Rd.	Sara Mendez Park 11660 Dune St.	Holfield Park 12500 Excelsior Rd.	

For more information, please email recreation@norwalkca.gov or call (562) 929-5566.

Recreation and Park Services Department

HOMework HELP REWARD SYSTEM

EARN A STICKER FOR COMPLETING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENTS AT THE PARK:

- READ FOR 15 MINUTES
- COMPLETE A HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT
- STUDY AT THE PARK
- 100% GRADE ON TEST
- MONTHLY PERFECT ATTENDANCE

EVERY 5 STICKERS EARNS AN OPPORTUNITY TO THE TREASURE BOX!

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



COMMUNITY SAFETYZONE

Thanksgiving Kitchen Safety Tips for a Safe and Happy Holiday

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires with more than three times the daily average for such incidents. On Thanksgiving day alone, an estimated 1,160 home cooking fires were reported to U.S fire departments in 2021, reflecting a 297 percent increase over the daily average.

Our city is not immune to this kitchen safety issue. Unfortunately, there are reports of fires in our community every year, often originating from the kitchen. We all need to be better informed about fire safety and our Office of Emergency Management is available to help. As you celebrate this holiday season, remember the following safety tips:



Stay in the kitchen when using the stove to keep an eye on your food



Keep matches, lighters, and lit candles out of reach, and never leave children alone with a candle



Always stay home while cooking a turkey and check on it regularly



Clear the floor of any obstacles to avoid tripping



Keep children at least three feet away from the stove, hot food, or liquids to prevent burns



Ensure your smoke alarms work by testing them



Store knives and electric cords out of children's reach



To learn more about Thanksgiving fire safety, scan the QR code



ATTENTION!

Daylight Savings Reminder: It's Getting Darker Earlier!

Drive safely: With reduced visibility, be extra cautious on the roads. Watch for pedestrians and cyclists.

Be visible: Whether walking, running, or cycling, wear bright or reflective clothing to stay seen.

Charge your phone: Keep your phone charged, especially before heading out in the evening in case of an emergency.

Fill up on Gas: Don't wait until the last minute to refuel. Ensure your tank is filled to avoid being stranded in the dark.

Lock & Unlock Safely: Always lock your car as soon as you get inside and be mindful when unlocking your vehicle in darker areas.

Park in Well-lit Areas: When parking, choose well-lit areas to increase visibility and deter potential safety risks.

Adjust your schedule: Plan your day to make the most of the daylight and consider adjusting your routine to avoid being out too late.

Safety is our priority! Let's stay safe and alert as we transition into shorter days!



November Holiday Street Sweeping Parking Enforcement Updates

In observance of Veterans Day on Monday, November 11

There will be no street sweeping; trash collection will take place.

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 28

No street sweeping or trash collection on Thursday. Trash collection will resume on Friday, November 29, but street sweeping will not resume until Monday, December 2.

Reminder: Street sweeping will not be rescheduled if missed and only happens on the posted day. However, trash collection will be made up the following day for the rest of the week (For example: if your collection day is Thursday, then it will be collected on Friday).

If trash collection overlaps with street sweeping, please place trash and recycle bins on the parkway to allow proper street cleaning.

Thank you for helping keep our streets clean and safe!

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

GET WINTER READY



HOME SAFETY TIPS

- Do not use a gas or electric oven or surface units for heating. A gas oven may go out or burn inefficiently, leading to carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Primary concerns are losing access to heat and power, ensure you have a winter ready survival kit.
- Home heating is the **second leading cause of home fires**, and winter is when most home fires happen.

ON THE ROAD

- Every vehicle should have an emergency supply kit in the trunk. Kits should be checked every six months and expired items should be replaced regularly.
- Consider keeping a power bank for your phone in your car in case your car loses power.
- Keep family and emergency phone numbers, including your auto insurance provider and a towing company in your phone.

MORE INFORMATION
ready.gov/winter-ready





Senior Center

14040 San Antonio Dr • 562-929-5580

Trivia Game Night – *Hispanic Edition

Tuesday, November 5 • 3:30 – 5:00 P.M.

Cost: \$5.00

*Event will be held in Spanish

To register: call (562) 929-5544

Register and join Senior Center staff for an eventful night full of brain teasers, music, laughs and good times! Test your knowledge on Latin American culture and take a chance at winning fun prizes! Come learn more about Latino culture and make new friends! Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. Call (562) 929-5580 for more information.

Veterans Day Recognition Service

Thursday, November 7 • 2:30 – 4:00 P.M.

To register: call (562) 929-5544

You are cordially invited to salute our nation's heroes. We are eternally grateful to all the men and women who fought and served our country. We will be honoring all veterans with a special small ceremony and light refreshments. For more information, and to RSVP call (562) 929-5580.

Senior Scam Prevention Series: Scams Targeting Veterans

Tuesday, November 12 • 1:00 – 2:00 P.M.

A representative from the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation will be hosting a presentation about scams targeting military veterans, including what to watch out for and how to prevent them. Participants will also learn how to report scams if necessary.

Movie Night "Saving Mr. Banks"

Tuesday, November 12 • 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Cost: Free (Space is limited)

To register: call (562) 929-5544

You are invited to join us for an evening showing of "Saving Mr. Banks" in the Senior Center lobby. A story of P. L. Travers, a London author who is financially broke, visits Los Angeles to meet Walt Disney, who is keen to adapt her 'Mary Poppins' for the cinema. However, his methods do not meet her approval. Limited seating available and reservations are required. Light snacks will be provided.

Healthy Food Presentation and Demonstration

Wednesday, November 13 • 10:00 – 11:00 A.M.

Join us and staff from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) for an insightful learning opportunity regarding nutritional information. Come learn about managing a balanced diet and the importance of eating healthy. Watch a live demo as staff from LACDPH prepare healthy food options. Call (562) 929-5580 for more information.

Keeping It Crafty – Haystack Jack Strawman Craft

Wednesday, November 13 • 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Cost: \$10.00

To register: call (562) 929-5544

Sweater weather is better together, oh my gourdness, it's Fall! Join us for an engaging and creative crafting experience as we construct a strawman using a variety of materials, guided by our crafty recreation staff. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. Call (562) 929-5580 for more information.

Billiards Tournament

Tuesday, November 26 • 10:00 A.M.

Cost: \$5.00

To register: call (562) 929-5544

Let's rack 'em up! Register to participate and demonstrate your skills for a chance to win prizes. Participants will compete against other seniors in various formats. Registration is required and space is limited. Call (562) 929-5580 for more information.

Senior Safety Program: Holiday Security

Wednesday, November 27 • 10:00 – 11:00 A.M.

The Holiday season is always a special time of year, but it is also a time when busy people become vulnerable to theft and holiday crime. City of Norwalk Public Safety Department staff will be conducting a presentation on holiday security. Sharing reminders and tips on precautions we can all take to have a safe and happy holiday season. Call (562) 929-5580 for more information.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE



Social Services Center

11929 Alondra Blvd • 562-929-5544

Pumpkin Patch Pageant

Thursday, November 7 • 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Cost: Free

To register: call (562) 929-5544

Join us for a family fun night of Pumpkin Painting! Participants will design and accessorize their very own pumpkins then compete in Recreation Staff's very own Pumpkin Patch Pageant. Snacks and light refreshments will be provided. Space is limited.

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Let's Talk Turkey! Arts and Crafts

Thursday, November 21 • 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Cost: Free

To register: call (562) 929-5544

Gobble, Gobble! Showcase what you are thankful for this Fall season by designing your own turkey and other autumn arts and crafts. Snacks and light refreshments will be provided. To register please call (562) 929-5544. Space is limited.

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)

Every Monday & Tuesday • 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

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

CEA-H.O.W.

Every 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.

Senior Movie Matinee

First & Third Tuesday Monthly • 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.

Free movie matinee days at the Social Services Center for seniors. Popcorn will be served. For movie showing information, please call (562) 929-5544.

New Young Men's Support Group

Second & Fourth Tuesday • 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Are you interested in joining a young men's group ages 15-25 where mental health is key and maintaining a healthy lifestyle is a priority? This group will hold mindfulness practices and discussions will be held on all topics related to men's mental health. For more information please call (562) 929-5544.

Family Zumba Night

First three Wednesdays of the month

6:30 – 7:30 P.M.

A fun and easy way to keep your family active with Zumba. For more information please call (562) 929-5544.

Community Legal Aid

Second & Fourth Wednesday Monthly

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.

Los Angeles County Mental Health

First & Third Wednesday Monthly

8:30 – 11:30 A.M.

Offers referral for individuals in need of counseling or other mental health services. For more information, call (562) 929-5544.

Senior Karaoke Mornings

First & Third Friday Monthly

9:30 – 11:00 A.M.

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. For more information please call (562) 929-5544.

Loteria

Second & Fourth Friday Monthly

9:30 – 10:30 A.M.

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