Norwalk City Council Elects New Mayor Outgoing Mayor honored for year of accomplishments

A highlight video included projects and programs introduced under his leadership, including the Veteran's Resource Fair, Roundtable Exchange events and technology updates. Outgoing Mayor Marcel Rodarte received commendations from elected officials, service organizations, and other agencies, and shared his appreciation for support shown by the public, residents, businesses and his family.

The City Council unanimously elected Leonard Shryock as the new Mayor, with Mike Mendez elected as the Vice Mayor for the 2015-16 year. Mayor Shryock

shared his goal for Norwalk for the next year: to "Work the Plan," taking further action on the 2020 Vision Strategic Action Plan in areas like economic development through collaborative education, protection of general funds and reserves through careful planning and grant applications, and constantly improving customer service.

Mayor Shryock, Vice Mayor Mendez and Councilmembers Kelley, Rodarte and Vernola also thanked their families and Norwalk residents for their continued support. (See Page 6 for re-org photo highlights.)





Norwalk Observes April as Autism Awareness Month



Beware of Telephone Scams



Be cautious when receiving phone calls from individuals claiming they are with utility companies, financial institutions, or the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). These callers may advise you that you owe money, are subject to having utilities disconnected,

or that you have a refund due in order to trick you into providing private information or send them money. If you do not answer the phone, they usually leave an "urgent" message requesting that you call back.

Following are some tips to remember to avoid falling victim to phone scams:

- Do not provide or confirm personal information to callers when you have not initiated or requested the contact/phone call
- Companies will not demand immediate payment without first having sent you a bill
- Companies will not threaten to bring in local police or other law enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying
- The IRS will not demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe
- If the caller is from a utility company, you may take his/her information down and contact your utility company on your own to confirm any charges or overdue account information

For more information, please visit the City website at: **norwalk.org/i-want-to/report-fraud**

If you have any questions, please contact Norwalk Public Safety at (562) 929-5732 or the Norwalk Sheriff's Station at (562) 863-8711.

City Wide Egg-normous Egg Hunt (All Ages)



This is not your average Egg Hunt, this is an Egg-normous Egg Hunt! During the week of March 29, residents can scour the City looking for the Egg-normous Eggs. Eggs will be placed randomly throughout

Week of March 29

the City. It is up to you to find them! Eggs will be redeemed at the Egg-stravagant Egg Hunt event at City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, on April 4.

Winners must be Norwalk residents and only one egg may be redeemed per family (I.D. will be required) on Saturday, April 4 at 12:00 p.m. For more information, please call (562) 929-5702.

Egg-stravagant Egg Hunt (Ages 10 & under)



Saturday, April 4 • 12:30-3:30 p.m. Norwalk Civic Center Lawn 12700 Norwalk Boulevard

Bring the whole family and enjoy an afternoon of fun. After the arrival of the Easter Bunny, there will be four (4) egg hunts, one for each of the age groups listed below. Arrive early so your child

does not miss their designated hunt. Don't forget to get your photo taken with the Easter Bunny, photos are only \$3 each. There will also be fun, entertainment, games, and crafts. For more information, please call (562) 929-5702.

Egg Hunt Schedules

Tiny Tots (Ages 1½-3) Funny Bunnies (Ages 4-5) Egg Heads (Ages 6-7) Wacky Wabbits (Ages 8-10) 12:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.

The Multi-Agency Hawk Rescue of Norwalk



Thursday, March 12, proved to be a busy morning for Pat Duggan and Jesus Gonzalez of Norwalk's Public Services Department.

Los Angeles County staff needed the City's help in a wildlife rescue. Tangled in fishing wire, a

hawk was unable to move, perched 30 feet high up in the branches of a Chinese Elm tree on the campus of Morrison Elementary School.

LA County Fire, LA County Animal Control

and SEAACA came together in a concerted rescue effort

The challenge? LA County Fire's ladder truck was too big to fit under the tree. Fortunately, the City's aerial lift truck fit the bill, coming in at the right size and height to reach the hawk.

The entire rescue lasted approximately ten minutes, an intense period for those on hand. Once the SEAACA officers freed the bird from the fishing line, the hawk flew away apparently unharmed.

Job well done by all involved!

"Coffee with a Cop"



Dozens in the Norwalk community turned out for the City's first "Coffee with a Cop" event at the Starbucks located off Firestone Boulevard and the 605 Freeway. Officers from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's



Department and Norwalk's Public Safety Department gathered to meet and interact with residents. The forum proved to be a great environment for conversation. With residents sometimes reluctant to approach a deputy, with coffee in hand, the experience was more relaxed and opened the door for informative dialogue. Everything from traffic laws, homeless issues, and even personal travel experiences were discussed. Norwalk Public Safety at (562) 929-5732 for future "Coffee with a Cop" event information.



best it can be, by taking part in the City's beautification contest! It's a win-win for residents in Norwalk and the City. Landscaping, painting, and restoring homes increase property values and create a pride of ownership in the community. The City of Norwalk's Community Promotion Commission invites all residents and businesses to enter the 2015 Home and **Business Beautification Contest. There** are four categories: Home Beautiful, Multi-Family Beautiful, Home Improvement and Business Appeal. Contest winners will receive signage to display their award. They will also be recognized at a City Council meeting. The deadline to enter is May 31, 2015. Entry forms are available at all City facilities, online and on the city's Facebook page. For more information, go to Norwalk.org and click on "News/ Multimedia" or call (562) 929-5735.

Cal Fire Planting Update

There has been a flurry of activity in the Public Services Tree Section with the Cal Fire Green Trees for the Golden State Program grant coming to an end. City staff planted 16 trees on Dinard Avenue in front of Ramona Head Start Pre-School and 16 trees at Ramona Park. Some of the pre-school students were able to observe City staff plant trees. Also, staff planted 34 trees on Excelsior Drive and Lefloss Avenue parkways adjacent to Glazier Elementary School

In addition, staff planted 60 trees at Vista Verde Park, 44 trees at Holifield Park, 16 trees at Sara Mendez Park, and 14 trees at Lakeside Park. The newly installed trees at the City parks will increase the tree canopy at these locations and will provide much needed shade for the public.

Join us in celebration of Arbor Day!

On Saturday, April 25, from 8 to 11 a.m., the City of Norwalk will host its second annual Arbor Day event at the corner of Taddy Street and Gard Avenue. Arbor Day calls for communities to celebrate, plant and care for trees. All tools will be provided. You'll be able to take part in a community tree planting and visit information booths. Join us for this great family event! For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please contact the Public Services Department at (562) 929-5511 or rpicon@norwalkca.gov.

Tree Tidbit

In one year, one single tree can absorb as much carbon monoxide as is produced by a car driven 26,000 miles.



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NCCC Youth and Citizen of the Year Award

The Norwalk Community Coordinating Council is seeking exemplary Norwalk residents whose volunteer services have made a difference in the community and in the lives of others. All nominees must live in Norwalk. Youth award recipients will receive scholarship monies of up to \$1,000! Youth of the Year candidates must be high school seniors. Contact (562) 400-8188 for nomination applications or more information.

Norwalk Woman's Club's Annual Spring Fling Tea

Enjoy baked goods, tasty teas, and sociable company.

Saturday, April 25 • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Progress Park, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount

Tickets are \$20 per person, and include lunch, opportunity drawing and a fun fashion show!

All proceeds go to Norwalk Woman's Club's charitable causes. For tickets or more info, call (562) 864-4421 or (562) 921-5241.

Curb Address Painting Starting in April 2015

Every two years, the City selects an independent contractor to repaint the curb addresses City-wide. Care for the Children (CFC) has been selected to repaint curbs beginning in early April.

Residents will receive a flyer from CFC representatives informing them of curb painting procedures prior to the painting taking place. Once the painting is completed, CFC will be soliciting voluntary donations.

CFC representatives cannot make more than one solicitation per household.

The recommended donation is \$15; however, residents are not obligated to give any donation and can donate any amount they want.

All painting and solicitation activities can only take place between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

No painting or solicitations are allowed on Sunday.

For more information or to report any issues or concerns with Care for the Children, please contact the Public Services Department at (562) 929-5511.

Please be advised all curb painters contracted with the City must always carry their identification badges and a copy of their City business license when painting addresses or soliciting donations. Please report any unauthorized painting activity by calling the Public Safety Department at (562) 929-5732 during the following hours: Monday – Friday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. After these hours, please contact the Norwalk Sheriff's Station at (562) 863-8711.

Permits are Required for Garage, Yard & Estate Sales

Garage, yard, and estate sales are a great way to sell your used or unwanted household or personal items, furniture, tools, or clothing. Just remember to visit City Hall before the event to get your free permit.

Each property is allowed two individual garage sales and one community yard sale per calendar year. Garage sales may be held for a maximum of two consecutive days. To obtain a permit, present a valid photo I.D. and a current utility bill with matching property address. If the property is rented, please bring your rental contract showing you are living at the property as well as the property owner or manager's name and telephone number.

Community yard sales are for residents living within a common geographical area such as a condominium/townhouse development, apartment complex, or residential street block. Only one permit is needed for a community yard sale and can be obtained after a map and a list of participating addresses have been provided.

For safety and aesthetics, yard sale signs may not be posted on telephone poles, traffic signals, street signs, street lights, city trees, or in the public right-of-way. Food or new items cannot be sold. Please be courteous to neighbors by removing all signs when the sale is not in progress. Garage sales can generate more vehicle and pedestrian traffic than normal, so be sure that vehicles

are legally parked to avoid any safety issues.
Also be sure to watch for neighborhood children who may

be playing in the street while your sale is underway. For more information about holding a yard sale in Norwalk or to obtain your free permit, visit Community Development Department, Room 12, or Public Safety Department, Room 15. To report unpermitted garage sales, please call Community Development at (562) 929-5730 or Public Safety at (562) 929-5732.



New Business Briefs - Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies

Norwalk's Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Station is officially operating! The City of Norwalk's Transportation Department introduced the public and officials to their state of the art facility during a recent ribbon cutting ceremony.

Currently there are 14 CNG buses operating in Norwalk. Using this alternative fuel saves the city approximately \$500,000 in the course of a year. Eventually the entire fleet of vehicles will be changed over to CNG. This helps cut costs and the environment. (*Photo highlights on page 6*)



Tsunami Express
Car Wash located at 13218
Rosecrans Ave is open for business. Drive your car up to their fully automated, self service facility to have your car cleaned in six

minutes. They also offer free vacuum stations to get the inside of your vehicle as spotless as the outside. As part of their grand opening promotion, Tsunami is offering special pricing. Call (562) 864-7785 for information.



assists families in planning a meaningful service that celebrates the life of a departed loved one. Stonebridge specializes in funeral services,



unique tributes, cremations and memorials. The staff works one on one with family members during a difficult time. Stonebridge Memorial is located at 14624 Carmenita Road.

For information call (562) 404-1287.



Mascot of the Month Goes to...

The Cerritos College Falcon was recently selected Mascot of the Month for February 2015 by Mascots. com, creators of the first National Hockey League mascot, Harvey the Hound, and the Calgary Flames.

This third and newest mascot, unnamed at press time, was recognized for his unique story, contagious charm and remarkable charisma. The Associated Students of Cerritos College recently held a survey to determine which of five names would be conferred on the giant blue bird.

The survey, which ended on March 17, was held online, with the results to be announced in the coming weeks.





Shopping Cart Retrieval

Please help keep Norwalk clean by reporting any shopping carts to NES, Inc. at (562) 860-0604 or info@nes-sweeping.com.

Carts are removed Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Carts will be removed within 48 hours of being reported.

Bottles and Cans Yield Cash

Californians bought more than 21 billion CRV-eligible drinks in recyclable containers in 2013. More than 18.2 billion of those containers were recycled, saving natural resources, conserving energy, extending the life of our landfills, and helping to reduce emissions of harmful greenhouse gases.

Consumers pay California Redemption Value (CRV) when they purchase beverages from a retailer, and receive CRV refunds when they redeem the containers at a recycling center. Most beverages packaged in aluminum, glass, plastic and bi-metal containers are eligible for CRV. Notable exceptions

are milk, wine and distilled spirits, which are not included in the CRV program. CRV is 5 cents for each beverage container less than 24 ounces and 10 cents for each container 24 ounces or greater.

By law, you can bring up to 50 aluminum, 50 glass, 50 plastic, and 50 bi-metal California Redemption Value (CRV) containers in a single visit and request to be paid by count. You will be paid the full CRV redemption of 5 cents or 10 cents on each container. Inform the site attendant of your load content and how you would like to receive payment before you hand over your load.

For more information, or to find a recycling center near you, go to:

calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer

TOO TOXIC TO TRASH



Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Roundup

Saturday, April 25, 2015 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

South Gate Park
Tweedy Blvd. at Hildreth Ave.
South Gate

Open to all Los Angeles County residents

Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste the right way on Saturday: APRIL 25, 2015

BUSINESS WASTE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

What you CAN bring to an event (examples):

- Brake fluid, paint*, paint thinner, cleaners with acid or lye, pesticides or herbicides, household batteries and car batteries, pool chemicals, motor oil, oil filters, expired pharmaceuticals, anti-freeze, and fluorescent light bulbs.
 - * You can also recycle paint at participating retailers through the PaintCare Program. Details at www.PaintCare.org or (855) 724-6809
- Household electronic waste including: Computer monitors, televisions, computer CPUs, keyboards, printers, cell phones, etc.

What you CAN'T bring to an event:

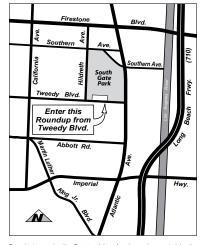
- Hazardous waste and electronic waste from businesses.
- Explosives, ammunition and radioactive materials.
- Trash and tires.
- White goods such as refrigerators, stoves and washing machines,etc.
- Controlled substances.

How to prepare items for transportation:

- Bring the items in a sturdy box, preferably in their original labeled containers.
- Do not mix the items together.
- There is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip
- Be prepared to leave your containers and boxes. Remove all other items from your trunk.



Scan this code for a schedule of upcoming events and a complete listing of what you can and cannot bring, or contact: 1(888) CLEAN-LA \bullet www.CleanLA.com, or 1(800) 238-0172 \bullet www.lacsd.org.



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Home-generated sharps waste such as hypodermic needles, pen needles, syringes, lancets, and intravenous needles SHOULD NOT be placed in your trash. Bring them to the Roundups or visit www.CLEANLA.com for alternate disposal options.

You can also take your used motor oil to more than 600 oil recycling centers in Los Angeles County. Call 1(888) CLEAN-LA for a complete listing.

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Upcoming Events & Activities at Norwalk Regional Library

Illusions by Allen Oshiro Tuesday, April 14 • 4 p.m.

For school aged children

Celebrate National Library Week at Norwalk Library with a Magic Show featuring Allen Oshiro! Allen will astonish the audience with slight of hand tricks, incredible levitation, plenty of audience participation, and even a live rabbit and doves.



DIY Minecraft & More Pixel Art

Saturday, April 18 • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. For TEENS, grades 6-12

Do you love Minecraft, Nintendo Games and even Zelda? Come create fun designs of your favorite pop culture and video game characters using fusible Perler Beads. All materials will be provided. Some design patterns will be available for reference, but feel free to bring your own ideas!



Book Discussion: Behind the Beautiful Forevers Monday, April 27 • 6 p.m.

In April, our book group will read and discuss Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life,

Death, and Hope in a Mumbai City.

With great humanity, compassion, and wit, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Katherine Boo chronicles the triumphs and tragedies of residents of an Indian slum.

Checkout copies of the book at the Info Desk. Share your thoughts on the novel at our book discussion group which meets the last Monday of every month. New members always welcome.

Attention Future Graphic Designers



Youth ages 10-18 are invited to submit a new logo design for the Friends of the Norwalk Libraries (FONL). The winning design wins a \$100 gift card to Target! The FONL provides vital support and funding for library programs and events and is looking to local youth for a logo design which represents the significant place the FONL has within the Norwalk community. Submissions may be made in person at either Norwalk Regional or Alondra Libraries or via email

to cmarshall@library.lacounty.gov. Online submissions should be sent in either .jpg or .png format. Deadline is Wednesday, April 8. Winner will be announced on April 16.

Norwalk Regional Library is located at 12350 Imperial Hwy., and Alondra Library is located at 11949 Alondra Blvd. For more information call Norwalk Library at (562) 868-0775, and ask for the



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Senior Center Events

14040 San Antonio Dr. • (562) 929-5580

FREE "Mind Over Matter - One Step at A Time" Seminar

Tuesday, April 7 • 10-11 a.m.

Diabetic friendly seminar will explore ways to make healthier food choices, increase movement, and to learn how long-term game planning can help seniors with diabetes live their best life.

Presented by Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital

FREE "Depression & Anxiety" Seminar Tuesday, April 14 • 10-11 a.m.

This informative seminar will guide seniors to recognize the symptoms of depression and anxiety, what contributes to these common problems and what is the best way to cope with them.

Presented by LA County Department of Mental Health

FREE Senior Home Repair Assistance Program

Wednesday, April 22 • 10-11 a.m.

This program is available to senior homeowners living in Norwalk who need repairs done on their home but cannot afford it due to limited income. Staff will be on hand to determine eligibility and provide specific information in regards to this valuable program.

Presented by City of Norwalk **Community Development Department**

FREE Presentation "When to Give Up the Keys"

Thursday, April 23 • 10-11 a.m.

Officer Perez will be conducting a presentation geared toward Seniors and their decision to stop driving. This informative presentation will provide seniors with information and the considerations they need to know before making this decision for a loved one or themselves.

Presented by CHP (California Highway Patrol)

FREE Alzheimer's Caregivers Workshop Wednesday, April 29 • 1-3 p.m.

Norwalk Senior Center has partnered once again with the Alzheimer's Association to bring a threeweek workshop for caregivers. This three part series workshop will continue for the following two Wednesdays on May 6 and May 13. This workshop is geared to those caring for someone who is in the middle stage of Alzheimer's. The workshop will be discussing helpful strategies to provide safe, effective and comfortable care at home.

Presented by the Alzheimer's Association

FREE Karaoke Cabaret

Saturday, April 11. 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, April 22 • 2-6 p.m. Raffle prizes awarded to participants.

Candlelight Dinner

Tuesday, April 14 from 5:45-6:30 p.m. Cost: Early bird: \$6 per person. Tickets purchased after Saturday, April 11 are \$7.50 per person.

AARP Smart Driver Renewal Course

Tuesday, April 21 • 12:30-5 p.m. Cost: \$15 (AARP members), \$20 (non-members)

Payable to AARP by check or money order only. The renewal course is only for those who have previously taken the eight hour class.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration in Old Town San Diego

Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost: \$15 per person

Location: San Diego, CA *Open registration is Tuesday, April 7 at 9 a.m.



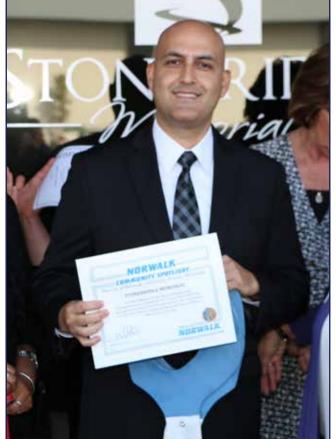
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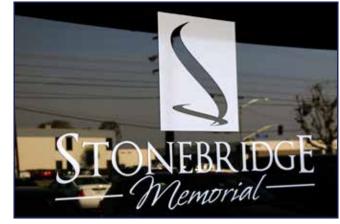


























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