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Community Invited to Have "Coffee with a Cop"



Norwalk's Public Safety Department and Sheriff's Station invite the community for a cup of coffee on May 14 to discuss neighborhood issues, learn about available services, and build connections. The event begins at 8 a.m. at McDonalds, 11053 Rosecrans Boulevard (at Studebaker Road).

The Hawthorne Police Department started "Coffee with a Cop" as a way to break down barriers and create interaction away from emergencies or stressful situations. No agendas or speeches: just coffee and informal conversation. See the conversations from the May 9 event at:

youtube.com/norwalktelevision

"Community based policing is the foundation of Norwalk's public safety program. Providing quality policing services is a partnership involving the City, the Sheriff's Department and the community we serve," said Director of Public Safety Carlos Ramos.

For more information contact Joshua Yordt, Senior Management Analyst, at (562) 929-5732.

Norwalk Designated "Tree City USA"

At the City Council meeting of April 7, the Arbor Day Foundation named the City of Norwalk a "Tree City USA" community for its dedication and solid commitment to urban forestry. Norwalk met the arduous standards required for a Tree City USA community, including having a tree board or department in place to oversee forestry activity, having an established tree care ordinance, coordinating a forestry program with annual expenditures of at least \$2 per capita, planning and holding an Arbor Day observance, and signing a proclamation into record. Tree City USA designation provides a variety of unique benefits such as affiliation with other Tree City USA communities, national recognition, and a strong

working relationship with the state forestry agency and other conservation groups. More importantly, the distinction provides an opportunity to educate the Norwalk community about its urban forestry program, to showcase the countless benefits of urban trees, and to demonstrate to visitors and residents that trees, conservation, and the environment are an important and vital part of life in our City.

Abigail Srader, an Urban Forester with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, remarked "This isn't an easy feat, but Norwalk cares about trees and it's evident through all the hard work you've done to achieve this designation. We congratulate you."



Going for the Gold!

Destiny Sanchez, a sophomore at John Glenn High School, will soon be representing Norwalk in the 2015 Special Olympics. For the past four years, Destiny has been excelling in her sport of Track and Field with Team Norwalk's Special Olympics program. From July 25 through August 2, Destiny will be attending the World Games as a part of Team USA, competing in the 100 meter and 200 meter races and the four by 100 meter relay.

Destiny trains five days a week, and is honored to be chosen to take part in the World



Games. She says, "I like to run, it makes me feel happy and free." Lourdes, Destiny's mom, explains, "Through Destiny's involvement in Special Olympics, she's surpassed her shyness. I'm very proud of her."

The 2015 Special Olympics World Games will be the largest sports event anywhere in the world in 2015, and the single biggest event in Los Angeles since the 1984 Olympic Games. More than 7,000 athletes from 177 countries will compete in 27 sporting events.

For more information visit www.la2015.org

National Public Works Week



National Public Works Week (NPWW) recognizes the tens of thousands of men and women who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. Instituted in 1960 as a public education campaign, NPWW is observed each year during

the third full week of May and calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. During the week of May 17 through 23, we celebrate the theme, "Community Begins Here," which highlights the essential nature of public services in support of everyday quality of life. The City of Norwalk's Public Services Department works each day to remove graffiti, repair streets and sidewalks, maintain parks, medians and facilities, maintain sewers, water services and infrastructure projects that improve city services. This year local elementary school students will be invited to visit the City of Norwalk's Public Services Department and learn firsthand the different divisions that make up the department. At the May 19, 2015 City Council meeting, the Public Services Department will receive a proclamation to recognize the services they provide to the Community on a daily basis.



"Get Into The Act!" May is Older American's Month

As our country celebrates National Older American's Month in May, Norwalk looks to its senior community to recognize their special contributions.

This year's nominee for Older American Volunteer, Helen Diosdado, truly exemplifies the 2015 motto, "Get into the Act." Helen, who has lived in Norwalk for 58 years, has no problem jumping in to help in any way she can. She has volunteered in numerous capacities throughout the City of Norwalk, as well as at Paramount Middle School and Downey Dance Class. She has logged countless hours at the Senior Center's Front Desk, at Special Events and as a Tour volunteer. Helen also gives her time annually at the City of Norwalk Angel Tree Project and was recently recruited to assist in



operating the community information desk at Norwalk City Hall. Helen doesn't limit her time to City facilities—She manages to make time to help out at her local parish, St. John of God. Helen's cheerful attitude, friendly personality, and her willingness to go above and beyond expectations make her a great asset to the Norwalk community.

Helen will represent Norwalk as she is honored at the Annual Older American Recognition Day on May 7 at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration in Los Angeles, sponsored in part by Supervisor Don Knabe.

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Kids & Cops Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 6 • 11 a.m. • Norwalk Golf Center

\$10 per player (Ages 8-17 Years Only)

Sign up today to be a part of this exciting event. Join area youth and an L.A. County Sheriff's Deputy for a round of golf, BBQ lunch and lots of raffles and giveaway prizes for all. The program is open to youth of all skill levels... no golf experience necessary! The goal of the program is to



introduce youth to their local law enforcement team and demonstrate that officers are here to support and protect and not be someone to fear. Register today at the Norwalk Golf Center, 13717 Shoemaker Avenue. Registration deadline is Saturday, May 2. For more information call (562) 921-7047.



Hungry Families Need Your Help

On Saturday, May 9, the National Association of Letter Carriers, together with the United States Postal Service, will be conducting their annual food drive. Just place your non-perishable donation in a bag next to your mail box. Your carrier will deliver your donation to a local food bank to provide families in need with necessary nutrients and nourishment.

For more information, call the Norwalk Post Office at (562) 868-5337.



Holiday Street Sweeping & Trash Collection Schedule

On Memorial Day, trash collection will be delayed one day. If you are scheduled for Monday,



May 25, pick-up, your refuse will be collected on Tuesday. If you are scheduled for Tuesday pick-up, your trash will be collected on Wednesday, and so on.

Scheduled street sweeping on Monday will be cancelled due to the holiday. However, normal street sweeping schedules for Tuesday through Friday of that week will be unaffected.

In some cases, this altered schedule may mean that a delayed trash collection day falls on street sweeping day. In these cases, trash receptacles must be placed on the curb in order for the sweeper to properly clean your street. Keep your neighborhood clean and safe by ensuring that trash cans do not interfere with the street sweeper.

Contact (562) 929-5732 if you have any questions.



For Water Conservation Tips & Rebates Go to: BeWaterWise.com



Did You Attend the Egg-stravagant Egg Hunt?

You might be featured in our "Now You Know" program. See all the highlights from this event on YouTube channel at:



youtube.com/norwalktelevision

Or you may find yourself in a photograph posted on our ever-growing digital photo archive at:



flickr.com/photos/norwalkca

RABIES CLINICS

Available Two Dates!!!
Friday, June 12 • 4-7 p.m.
&
Friday, July 10 • 4-7 p.m.
Norwalk City Hall Lawn
12700 Norwalk Blvd.
Rabies Vaccination: \$6

Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers. Individual vaccines, micro-chipping and flea control products will also be available. Residents can also renew dog licenses. Please bring renewal letters. For additional information contact the City of Norwalk Dog Licensing Division at (562) 929-5711.

Walk to Finish the Fight! "Hoedown for Hope" Saturday, June 27 through Sunday, June 28



The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is the world's largest and most impactful fund raising event to end cancer, uniting communities across the globe to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action to finish the fight once and for all. Norwalk's teams have been participating in the Relay for several years, with members reaching all levels of achievement through

sponsorship, membership and donations. The event provides a time to...

Celebrate – the lives of people who have battled cancer. The strength of survivors inspires others to continue their fight.

Remember – loved ones lost to the disease.

Fight Back – Relay because we have been touched by cancer and desperately want to put an end to the disease.

This year's Relay For Life event, "Hoedown for Hope" takes place at 11111 Alondra Boulevard, Norwalk (Cerritos College Soccer Field)

For more information contact the Event Leadership Chair, Jennifer Perez at (562) 818-2192.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Southeast ROP Offers New Opportunities for Adults



Adults looking to take their careers to the next level or thinking about switching career paths have the opportunity to earn degrees in everything from Health Sciences and Medical Technology to Welding/Metal Fabrication.

In 1970, the Southeast Regional Occupational Program (ROP) was formed as a collaborative of the ABC and Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District. Since then, the program has

focused on providing rigorous career technical education to adults and high school students in the community. The goal is to teach technical, academic and workplace skills that will lead to increased success, immediate employment, and rewarding careers. As part of their adult programs, participants can become dental or medical assistants or even surgical technologists.

Those interested are welcomed to call (562) 860-1927 or visit www.southeastrop.org for a class schedule and to register online. Southeast ROP is located at 12940 Foster Road in Norwalk.



Teens Can Join "TAP" Today (Ages 13-18)



Join TAP and learn valuable working skills, develop social skills, interpersonal skills, and gain a sense of accomplishment, all while giving back to your community. You will have an opportunity to volunteer at Citywide special events and a variety of activities in Norwalk. This is also a great way to serve volunteer hours for school or church. The Teen Alliance Program General Membership meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month (December 3, January 7 and February 4) at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex at 6:00 p.m. For more information on meetings or TAP events, please call (562) 929-4260.



Ever Wonder "What's THAT Gonna Be?"

With construction picking up in Southern California, residents often wonder what development of a site will mean for them and for the community.

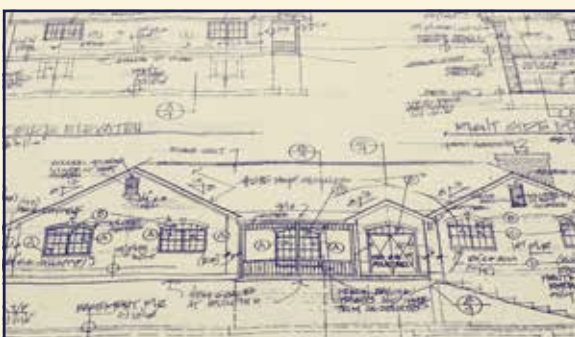
The mystery behind the screened fencing holds the promise of new stores, restaurants, office buildings, new homes or other facilities that will enhance the community and make daily life more convenient. Each month, the "Now" will fold back the screen to reveal what's coming in at a particular location. Questions can be directed to the City's Community Development Department at (562) 929-5744.

This month: The southwest corner of Pioneer Boulevard & Lakeland Road



Brandywine Homes is building 31 new townhomes, ranging in floor area from 1,100 to 1,462 square feet and featuring two-car garages and concrete tile roofs with options for granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, and tankless water heaters.

The gated community, called Sunstone, will also include play equipment, barbecue grills, picnic tables and a shade structure in the common area. Construction should be completed by March 2016, with the first homes going up for sale in September of 2015.



City of Norwalk • Recreation and Park Services Department

SPRING Park Hours

March 2-May 30

Daily Schedule:	
Homework Help	2:30-3:15 p.m.
Arts & Crafts	3:00-4:00 p.m.
Outdoor Activities	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Arts & Crafts	4:45-5:45 p.m.
Outdoor Activities	5:45-7:00 p.m.

Spring Break Hours:
Monday-Friday
April 6-11
12:00-7:00 p.m.

Gerdes Park, Hermosillo Park, Hallfield Park & New River Park
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays - 2:30-7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays - 1:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturdays - 12:00-7:00 p.m.

Sara Mendez Park
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays - 2:30-7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays - 1:30-7:00 p.m.
Saturdays - 12:00-7:00 p.m.

Ramona Park & Vista Verde Park
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays - 3:00-7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays - 1:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturdays - 12:00-7:00 p.m.

Please note: Parks will be closed on April 4 and May 25
For more information please call (562) 929-5702.

Contest Ends May 31st



Beautiful Homes and Businesses Wanted

Has your home recently undergone major renovation? Are you a stickler for making sure your store front always has a fresh coat of paint? Norwalk's 2015 Home and Business Beautification Contest seeks to feature your attractive house, apartment building, retail or office facility. Entries will be accepted in four categories: Home Beautiful, Multi-Family Beautiful, Home Improvement and Business Appeal. Contest winners receive commemorative signage, are awarded a prize, and will be recognized at a City Council meeting.

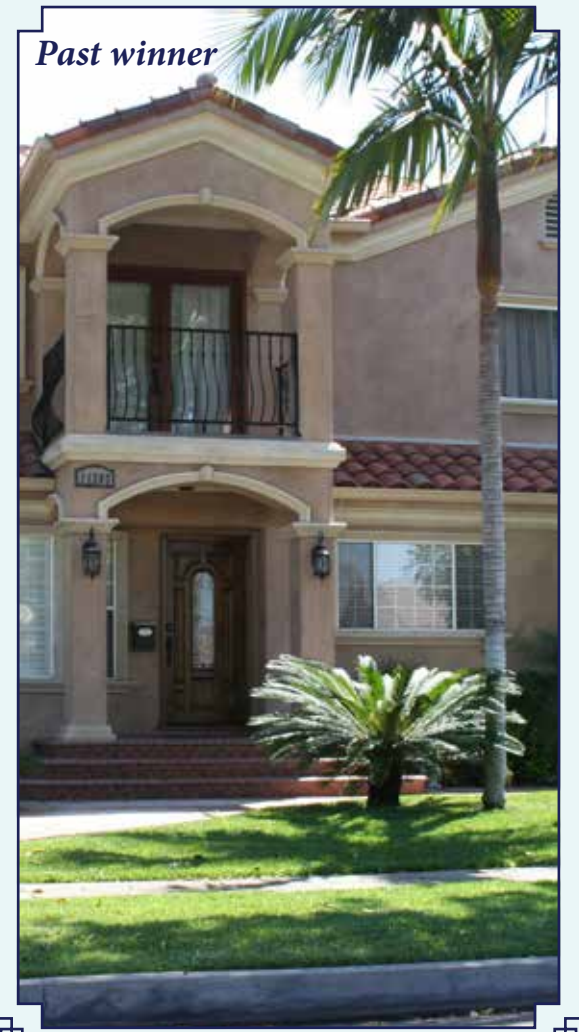
The Norwalk Community Promotion Commission will acknowledge residents and businesses who have devoted valuable time and elbow grease to keep up their curb appeal. "Your improvements, and your involvement and participation in the contest make a difference in how beautiful our city is, not only for our residents, but for our visiting guests," says Commission Chair Christina Garamoni. "Take pride in the work you have invested, and share that pride with your community."

Landscaping, painting, and restoring homes also stand to increase property values and provide the community with a sense of ownership.

Entry forms are available at all city facilities, online and on the City's Facebook page.

For more information, visit: norwalk.org and click on "News/Multimedia" or call (562) 929- 5735.

Past winner



Three Upcoming Norwalk Chamber of Commerce Events

“State of the County” Luncheon Address with Don Knabe

Los Angeles County Supervisor

Wednesday, May 6
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
Sproul Room
13200 Clarkdale Avenue

Luncheon per person:
\$25 Members/\$30 Non Members
Reserved Tables of (8) \$225

Reservations Only
Deadline: Monday, May 4
No Tickets sold at the door

“The Heels Have It” Women in Business Council EXPO Luncheon

Wednesday, May 20
10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
Sproul Room
13200 Clarkdale Avenue

\$30 Lunch & Workshops only
\$50 Lunch, Vendor Table & Workshops for Lakewood or Norwalk Chamber Members

\$60 Lunch, Vendor Table & Workshops for Non-members

Celebrate 2015 4th Annual 9-Hole Golf Tournament

Thursday, May 28
5–9 p.m.

Norwalk Golf Center
13717 Shoemaker Avenue

“Birdies, Bogeys & Have You Seen My Ball?”

Big Kahuna Package \$500
Fun in the Sun Package \$300
Summer Nights Package \$200

Please mail, fax, or email reservations to: Norwalk Chamber of Commerce 12040 Foster Road, Norwalk, CA 90650

Phone: (562) 864-7785 or Fax (562) 864-8539

Email: info@norwalkchamber.com

Or online at: norwalkchamberofcommerce.org

Upcoming Events & Activities at Norwalk Regional Library

Free Comic Book Day & Screening of Big Hero 6

Saturday, May 2 • 12:30-2 p.m.
For Children of All Ages



Events for every age group including free comic books, video games, a photobooth and more.

Stick around for a special screening of the Disney hit movie, “Big Hero 6,” at 2:30 p.m.

“Uke Can Do It!”

Saturday, May 16 • 12-1 p.m.
For Teens, Grades 6 -12
Pre-Registration is Required



Book Discussion:

“Dept. of Speculation”
by Jenny Offill

Monday, May 18 • 6:30 p.m.

Check out 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 are always welcome.



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Learn to identify common types of scams and what you can do to prevent yourself or a family member from being a victim of fraud. Three workshops will be held to educate you about common types of scams and empower you to ask important questions before providing strangers with personal information.

Norwalk Library

12350 Imperial Hwy., Norwalk, CA 90650 | (562) 868-0775

May 4 1pm

County of LA Department of Consumer Affairs

May 11 1pm

LA County Community and Senior Services

May 18 1pm

LA County District Attorney's Office

Elder Fraud Prevention Workshops funded by California State Library - Library Services and Technology Act.



I-5 Project Updates



Imperial Highway & Pioneer Boulevard Project

Crews are preparing to shift the southbound I-5 lanes of traffic (between Pioneer Boulevard and the Silverbow Avenue pedestrian bridge), onto new pavement along the widened, outside portion of the freeway. This traffic shift is tentatively scheduled to take place in June. Additional information will be provided once this work is scheduled.

Construction activity is ongoing on several sound walls along the northbound and southbound I-5. In addition, work continues on the frontage roads along the northbound I-5 (Adoree Street) and southbound I-5 (Southbound Frontage Road). In the next few months, the contractor is working to open Adoree Street to allow through traffic between Norwalk Boulevard and Imperial Highway.

Rosecrans Avenue & Bloomfield Avenue Bridge Project

Crews are preparing to shift the southbound I-5 lanes of traffic (between the Silverbow Avenue pedestrian bridge and Shoemaker Avenue), onto new pavement along the widened, outside portion of the freeway. This traffic shift is scheduled to occur in May. Additional information will be provided once this work is scheduled.

Paving activity along the southbound I-5 (from Silverbow Avenue pedestrian bridge to Carmenita Road) will be ongoing for approximately five to six weeks, and will include intermittent daytime and nighttime activity. This work may require nightly lane closures along the southbound I-5 freeway, as well as intermittent closures of the southbound I-5 off-ramp at Carmenita Road. Please be advised, night work may be disruptive due to construction lighting, equipment noise and general construction activity.

Carmenita Road Interchange Project

In the coming months, crews will be preparing to shift traffic from the existing Carmenita Road bridge, to the new bridge which is being built alongside the original structure. The new bridge is expected to be finished by June. The traffic shift will include changes to the traffic pattern at Firestone Boulevard and Carmenita Road. More detailed information will be provided before the work is conducted.

Disclaimer

Due to the dynamic nature of construction, please note that all dates and times are subject to change due to unforeseen operational factors or inclement weather.

Closures & Detours

For information regarding upcoming closures, detours and other construction activity, be sure to check out the project Google map. This map will be updated in real time, with the latest information regarding project construction. Go to norwalk.org/residents/I-5-construction-map.





The City of Norwalk celebrated its second Arbor Day!

70 volunteers turned out ready to work on Saturday, April 25 at the corner of Taddy Street and Gard Avenue. Public Services Supervisor Inez Alvarez says, "The amount of residents and community members this year was amazing. We're very excited to see the interest for planting trees in Norwalk is growing." Look out for the "Now You Know" video coming soon on YouTube.



Photos from the Regular City of Norwalk City Council Meeting April 21

