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The City of Norwalk Forges Ahead on Vision 2020 Strategic Action Plan

WORK THE PLAN

The Mayor emphasizes City Council's goal to "Work the Plan," reminding the community that "The goals outlined in the plan reflect the values and expectations of our community, and we are committed to carrying out the objectives to make Norwalk as healthy, safe and efficient as possible."

Actions taken in the past months:

- Implementation of a two-year budget process, affording more fiscal stability through longer-term planning and saving time during non-budget years for evaluation of programs.
- Establishment of a Fund Balance policy to ensure that sufficient reserves are maintained.



- Enhancement of community resources through park improvements, including replacement of furnishings, restroom renovation, addition of play area options, new landscaping, and safety upgrades at Gerdes, Glazier, Ramona and Zimmerman Parks.

- Performed assessment on the City's sewer system, identifying several "hot spots" as deficient and in need of replacement or repair. The responsive plans have been developed for the first five sites, with repairs scheduled for July.



- Enhancement of Public Safety outreach and communications through several "Coffee with a Cop" events held throughout the city.
- Expanded the emergency preparedness program by adding workshops for childcare providers and seniors.

Other objectives, such as new resident information online, emergency management and preparedness page on the website, implementation of a resident and business feedback program, and "Go Green" recycling and conservation campaign are currently being addressed.



Do Your Part, Be Water Smart.

With drought conditions persisting throughout California, the State has adopted emergency regulations requiring an immediate reduction in water consumption. The Norwalk City Council is scheduled to review water conservation measures for the Norwalk Municipal Water System at their June 2 meeting.



Current restrictions prohibit:



- Using potable water to wash sidewalks, driveways or paved surfaces, except as required for sanitary purposes.
- Washing of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and other types of mobile equipment, unless done with ONLY a hand-held bucket or hose with an automatic shut off nozzle for quick rinses. Water must be contained on your property and not drain into the streets. (Washing of vehicles is highly recommended at a commercial car wash facility, where water goes through a treatment process and is reused.)

Using potable water in decorative water features (fountains) that do not recirculate the water.

Serving water at restaurants, cafés, or cafeterias, unless the customer requests it.

Residents must also:

- Repair all leaks from outdoor/indoor plumbing fixtures.
- Refrain from any activity that will cause water to drain into streets, sidewalks, or any other paved areas.

Additional restrictions from the Governor:

- No outdoor irrigation during and within 48 hours following a measurable rain event.
- Hotels and motels must offer guests the option to not have their linens and towels laundered daily.
- Irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf (grass) on public street medians is not allowed.
- Irrigation with potable water outside newly constructed homes and buildings that are not equipped with drip or microspray systems is prohibited.

The Norwalk City Council will consider activating Phase II restrictions, decreasing landscape irrigation for Norwalk Municipal Water System customers from three to two days per week; and prohibiting watering between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. in order to achieve a 20% reduction in water consumption. Check with your water company for their landscape irrigation restrictions, as they may be different from the Norwalk Municipal Water System. See page 3 for rebate information.



4th of July Comes a Day Early in Norwalk!



Make the most of your Independence Day weekend by celebrating a day early with the City of Norwalk. Our Independence Day Pageant takes place on Friday, July 3 on the Civic Center Lawn, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, from 6-9 p.m. Music, games, and food booths will open at 6 p.m., followed by a spectacular fireworks show that begins promptly at 9 p.m. The program is free to the public! For more information, please call (562) 929-5702.

Locks of Love Annual Hair Drive

Friday, July 3 • 1-8 p.m.

Civic Center Lawn • 12700 Norwalk Boulevard



Donate your hair to a great cause! All hair donated will be used to make hairpieces for individuals suffering from hair loss due to any medical diagnosis. Hairstylists will be onsite cutting and styling hair. Hair should be clean and dry. For more information, please call (562) 929-5924.

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Public Safety Reminders



In recognition of "National Safety Month," the Department of Public Safety would like to share the following reminders/safety tips for residents:

Distracted Driving

Give your full attention to the road and your surroundings while driving; do not text, manipulate a cellular phone, or eat while you are driving. Both hands should be on the wheel at all times.

Do not drive vehicles while under the influence of medication or while sleep-deprived.

Blocking Sidewalks

The California Vehicle Code prohibits any vehicle to park across or block any portion of a sidewalk.

Blocking sidewalks causes safety hazards for pedestrians, especially children and persons with disabilities: it forces pedestrians to walk around the vehicle (and often into the street) in order to continue their path on the sidewalk.

Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety

Be cautious of your surroundings, especially when using iPods, MP3 players, or any device that does not allow you to hear potential hazards.

Before stepping off the curb, look **LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT**. Do not simply depend on traffic signals to guide you when it's clear to walk. Do not assume the driver sees you.

Use sidewalks when available. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the street facing traffic.

Bicyclists must yield the right of way to pedestrians. Share the street.

Please report safety concerns to the Department of Public Safety at (562) 929-5732, or the Norwalk Sheriff Station at (562) 863-8711. Thank you for helping us make a difference, together!

Are You Ready? Earthquake Preparedness is Key

If a major earthquake struck today, you may be without direct assistance for up to 96 hours. Are you prepared to be self-sufficient?

As a resident of California, you live in an active seismic area. The Southern California region has about 10,000 earthquakes each year, most of them so small, they're never felt. Only several hundred are greater than magnitude 3.0, with about 15-20 greater than magnitude 4.0. However, a larger magnitude earthquake is very likely to occur at any time.

Prepare yourself, your family, and your neighbors using three simple Earthquake Safety Steps.



- Step 1: Make a Plan
- Step 2: Make a Kit
- Step 3: Practice your plan.



Contact the City of Norwalk Office of Emergency Management at oem@norwalkca.gov or (562) 929-5335 to learn additional ways to be prepared.

For further information on earthquakes and earthquake preparedness visit:

www.shakeout.org
www.earthquake.usgs.gov
www.scec.org

Did You Attend the Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony?



You might be featured in our "Now You Know" program. See all the highlights from this event on our 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 Boulevard
 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 details, call the City of Norwalk Dog Licensing Division at (562) 929-5711.

Norwalk Woman's Club Awards Scholarships



Three Norwalk teens received \$500 scholarships from the Norwalk Woman's Club in May. Jian Bravo, a senior at Norwalk High School, is planning a career in law enforcement and will attend Cal State Dominguez Hills. Julia Ho-Gonzalez, a senior at John Glenn High School, will major in Biology at UCLA and hopes to become a doctor. Elizabeth Smith, a Santa Fe High School senior, will attend Rio Hondo College to study Emergency Services to pursue a career as a paramedic.

The Norwalk Woman's Club annually awards college scholarships to deserving high school seniors as part of their mission to promote higher education.

The Club meets the second Wednesday of each month, September to June, at 10:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 12345 Rosecrans Avenue, in Norwalk. For membership information, contact Linda Kelly, at (562) 864-0384.

Norwalk High School is on a Mission to Make a Difference

Over a three week period, Norwalk High School Seniors raised \$18,000 for twelve charities. In an unprecedented effort, 465 seniors from five American Government and Economics classes came together for a unique class fundraising project.

Advanced Placement American Government teacher, Dean Gray, initiated the "Giving Charity to Charities" project, (he credits one of his students with naming the program).

In addition, four other teachers played a key role. Kate Wilson and Frank Soto, both American Government teachers, along with Economics teachers Mario Orozco and Jesus Ramirez worked together on this charitable assignment that taught students more than math and money, it made them think about the true value of giving back.

In their senior social studies class, students were divided into twelve groups, each tasked with

raising \$1,500 from the sale of granola bars for a selected charity. Some students had personal or family ties to their charity and understood firsthand the importance of the non-profit.

This program is now in its third year and Dean says, "It's inspiring to be in the classroom with these students. You can feel how they truly want to make a difference in the lives of others."

Among the twelve charities awarded this year: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, American Cancer Society/Relay for Life, Susan G. Komen and the National Kidney Foundation.

These Seniors will be recognized by the Norwalk City Council at the June 2 meeting.



Norwalk Talent Needed

The City of Norwalk will host its Summer Concert Series on Wednesdays July 8-August 12 and we are on the lookout for Norwalk talent! If you have a special talent and you want to share it with your community during intermission of the concerts, this is your chance! Singing acts, dance groups, entertainment acts, and other performances will be considered. If you or your group is interested in performing, please call (562) 929-5519 to get further details.



Business Owners: Grow your Revenue and Succeed



The State Board of Equalization, in collaboration with Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, State Senator Tony Mendoza, Assemblymember Ian Calderon and County Assessor Jeffrey Prang, invite you to attend the Business Resource Seminar on Wednesday, June 10 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, in the City Council Chambers.

This free event will provide businesses with information about millions of dollars in tax credits and exemptions, tax refunds and business loan assistance. Attendees will learn about traditional and nontraditional capital, have complex tax laws simply explained, and have an opportunity to meet elected representatives who make decisions that directly affect them.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to find out how to make your business more successful.

NCCC 2015 Annual Awards Banquet



The goal of the Norwalk Community Coordinating Council is "Bridging Strong Values to Today's Communities." On Sunday, June 7, from 1 to 3pm, the public is invited to attend their 2015 Annual Awards Banquet. The non-profit organization will be recognizing outstanding individuals and organizations making a positive impact in the community.

Scholarships totaling \$5,000 will be awarded to eight deserving high school seniors from Norwalk. In addition, "Citizen of the Year" and "Youth of the Year" Awards will be presented. There will also be five "Keystone Service Award" recipients, volunteers from various organizations who are honored for the work they do for their non-profit.

Support the community and take part in this celebration, which has a 50's theme. The event will be held at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex.

Tickets are \$20 per person for lunch and must be purchased in advance. Sponsorships are available for \$25. Call (562)888-1936 or visit www.nccconline.us for details and tickets.

Memorial Day Highlights



More than 300 guests attended Norwalk's Memorial Day tribute on the lawn at City Hall. "Memorial Day, Every Day," called for citizens to appreciate the sacrifices men and women who serve our country make not just on this holiday, but all throughout their lives.

Keynote speaker Sue Pollard lost her 21 year old son, Army Spec. Justin W. Pollard, to friendly fire overseas in 2003 and Sue has been keeping his memory alive ever since then. Currently, she is President of the Southern California and Hawaii Departments of the American Gold Star Mothers, an organization Sue says no mother plans or wants to join. They have lost sons or daughters in service of our country and honor them by giving back to veterans and the community.

In her speech, Sue focused on what she's learned through her grieving and healing process, saying, "America will be free as long as we have men and women who are proud to serve this great country of ours. We must keep these heroes' names alive and speak of them often."

To see a full recap on our Memorial Day Celebration or learn more about American Legion Post 359 visit:

 youtube.com/norwalktelevision

Or you may find yourself in a photograph posted on the City's digital photo archive at:

 flickr.com/photos/norwalkca

Walk to Finish the Fight! "Hoedown for Hope"



Saturday, June 27 at 9 a.m.
through Sunday, June 28 at 9 a.m.

Cerritos College Soccer Field
1111 Alondra Boulevard

Take Advantage of Water Conservation Rebates

Various rebate and incentive programs are available to residents to make saving water more affordable. It is recommended that residents apply as soon as possible, as approval is on a first come first serve basis and subject to availability of funds.

Rebates Currently Available



High Efficiency Clothes Washers – Uses 55% less water than a standard clothes washer, saving energy and lowering your bill. Rebates start at \$85.



High Efficiency Toilets (HETs) – 20% less water used than a standard toilet. Rebates start at \$100 per toilet.



Weather Based Irrigation Controllers (WBICs) – Adjust the irrigation schedule to account for the changing weather and plant types. Rebates start at \$80 per controller for less than one acre of landscape.



Rotating Sprinkler Nozzles – Applies water more slowly and uniformly to prevent over watering. Rebates start at \$4 per nozzle, with a minimum purchase of 15 nozzles.



Turf Removal - Replace irrigated lawn with drought tolerant plants or other approved landscape options. Rebates start at \$2 per square foot of turf removed.

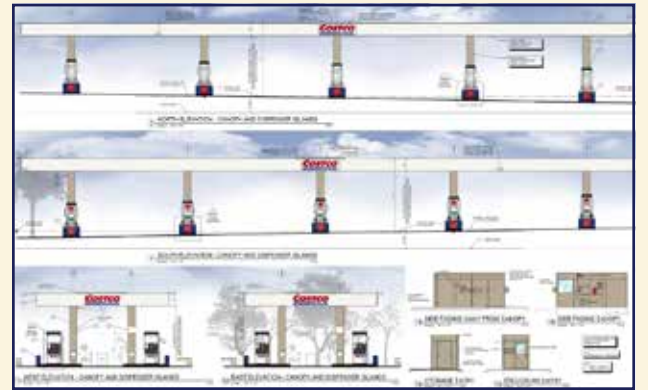
Please visit www.bewaterwise.com for additional information.

What's That Gonna Be?"

New Development Projects Coming to Norwalk.

This month: the northeast corner of Imperial Highway and Hoxie Avenue

Costco will be expanding their operations by constructing a gasoline station on the currently vacant corner lot. The station will include five fuel dispenser islands, with each island containing four fuel pumps for a total of 20 fueling stations. The improvements will also add an additional 171 parking spaces for Costco customers. Construction is scheduled to begin in late August and the gas station is anticipated to be complete and operational in November.

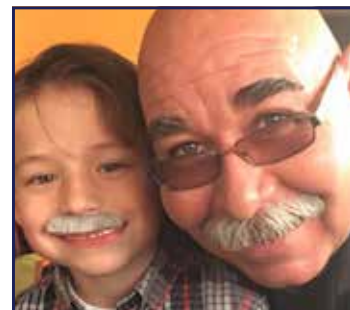


In the near future you may see front lawns being removed and replaced with drought tolerant landscaping or artificial turf as a result of two ordinances being considered by the City Council at a Public Hearing scheduled for June 16 at 6 p.m. Ordinance No. 15-1665 establishes new regulations for private property while Ordinance No. 15-1666 establishes new regulations for parkways within the public right-of-way (that area between the sidewalk and the curb and gutter). Both ordinances are available to view/download on the City's website, www.norwalk.org, by clicking on I Want to/Learn About/Drought Tolerant Landscaping. Residents and businesses with questions can visit the Community Development Department in Room 12 at City Hall, call (562) 929-5744 or e-mail planning@norwalkca.gov.

Mustache Bash (Ages 3-7)

Saturday, June 27 • 12-2 p.m.
Sproul Reception Center (Barn)

12239 Sproul Street
Cost: \$10 per couple



Dad, Grandfathers, and Uncles are invited to come together with your son, Grandson, or Nephew, for an afternoon of grilling and chilling. You will build your own burger and shoot some hoops.

Participants are invited to dress up in their favorite sports team attire. A healthy snack and water will be provided. Parent participation is required. Participants must be fully potty trained and must have turned 3 years of age by the time of event. For details, please call (562) 929-5922.



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FREE Summer Concert Series at the Lawn **FREE**

Wednesdays • 7 p.m. • Civic Center Lawn, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard

Free entertainment for the entire family! Concerts will be held beginning at 7:00 p.m. Bring your blankets, chairs, picnic baskets, and be serenaded under the stars. Arrive early to guarantee a great view. Refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information, please call (562) 929-5702. Concerts are tentative, based on approval of the FY 15/16 budget.



Wednesday, July 8
Mojo Sonic
Cover Band



Wednesday, July 15
The Rising
Bruce Springsteen Tribute



Wednesday, July 22
The Reflexx
80s New Wave



Wednesday, July 29
Satisfaction Unlimite
Classic Rock



Wednesday, August 5
Marichi Divas - "National Night Out"
*Sponsored by LA County Supervisor Don Knabe



Wednesday, August 12
Soto
Latin R & B

Upcoming Events & Activities at Norwalk Regional Library

FREE Lunch at the Library

Summer break from school can mean limited opportunities for children and teens to receive education and recreational opportunities, as well as access to healthy food. The summer meal program helps combat childhood hunger, obesity, and learning loss during the summer months.

Starting June 22, children 18 years of age and under receive a free nutritious lunch, Monday through Friday between 12 to 1 p.m. Lunches served during the program include items such as sandwiches, fruits, vegetables and healthy dairy products. The healthy meals are provided through the USDA Summer Food Service Program.

Summer Lunch at the Library is a partnership between the County of Los Angeles Public Library and the County of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation, supported by the California Summer Meal Coalition and California Library Association. Although the library will make every effort to accommodate all participants, space is limited.

Norwalk Library is located at 12350 Imperial Highway. Please call (562) 868-0775 for more information.

Book Discussion:

Wonder by R.J. Palacio
Norwalk Library
12350 Imperial Hwy

Monday, June 29, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.



In June, Norwalk Library's book group will read and discuss *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. Auggie, a 10 year-old born with severe facial deformities, begins the 5th grade after being homeschooled his entire life. Auggie struggles to overcome the ridicule and fear of

his classmates in order to be seen as a normal boy.

Copies of *Wonder* are available for checkout at the Info Desk. New members are always welcome. For more info call the Norwalk Library at (562) 868-0775.



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Norwalk City Television
Program Schedule for June 2015
Charter Cable Channel 3
Verizon FiOS TV channel 32

Mondays

- 12:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
- 6:00 p.m. Artastic 2015

Tuesdays

- 12:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
- 4:00 p.m. Summer Concert 2014
- 6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
(Live, the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays)

Wednesdays

- 12:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Summer Concert 2014
- 5:00 p.m. Artastic 2015
- 7:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
- 7:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
(Live the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays)

Thursdays

- 12:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. City Council meeting
- 5:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
- 6:00 p.m. Artastic 2015

Saturdays

- 11:00 a.m. City Council Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting

Sundays

- 9:00 a.m. Mayor's Prayer Breakfast 2015
- 11:00 a.m. City Council Meeting.
- 2:00 p.m. Artastic 2015

Fridays

Community Access Programs
On Charter Channel 32
Verizon FiOS 22

- 4:00 p.m. Portfolio
- 4:30 p.m. Metro Motion
- 5:00 p.m. The Vintage Vehicle Show
- 5:30 p.m. Impact
- 6:00 p.m. Econews
- 6:30 p.m. LA Now
- 7:00 p.m. Straight Talk
- 7:30 p.m. The New Rob Macon Show
- 8:00 p.m. Mysterious China



Memorial Day Ceremony Photo Highlights



Photos from the Regular City of Norwalk City Council Meeting May 19

