

City Leaders Counting on Norwalk to Help Lead Resurgence of Southeast LA County

In State of the City address, Mike Egan Says Norwalk and Neighboring Cities will Lead Regional Rebound. Officials looking to 50-acre “tank farm” to lead the City’s redevelopment push.

The City of Norwalk sees a strong resurgence in the Southeast Los Angeles County region, and the County’s 15th largest municipality wants to be at the lead, according to City Manager Mike Egan.

At the annual State of the City address held February 21, Egan outlined Norwalk’s “2020 Vision” strategic action plan, calling for continued collaboration with neighboring communities. Egan also stressed the need to collaborate for federal funding.

“Working together, sharing resources, finding solutions to best serve the residents and businesses in

the region,” Egan said. “Being 20 minutes from downtown Los Angeles and 20 minutes from the heart of Orange County, this area, and certainly Norwalk, has a lot to offer, and I see continued growth and vitality.”

Egan also pointed to a 50-acre site in Norwalk that formerly stored jet fuel for the U.S. government. The City is looking at a number of options, Egan said, including “retail, industrial, or even a corporate campus.” Soil cleanup of the site is anticipated for the Fall of this year.

If you missed the State of the City event, you can watch it all month on the Norwalk TV cable channels, website, or YouTube channel. If you’d prefer to watch the event using a DVD, the City will loan you a copy.

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For additional information, call the Public Affairs office (562) 929-5753.

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What’s Inside Time Capsule? Mystery Grows as Faded Memories Come Clearer

As word spreads that a time capsule buried beneath City Hall will be opened next month, old memories are starting to surface. One resident, who asked to remain anonymous, predicted gold coins will be found inside. “I remember them doing it,” she said. “They put gold coins in with the other stuff” (although she couldn’t remember any other items). Another resident said he recalls there were actual bodies found during the original dig. No records or documents support the claim, though. And yet another, albeit less exciting forecast, “Probably just a newspaper, a receipt to show the cost of stuff back then, but who knows,” he said. “Maybe the guy who predicted bodies is right.

Or better yet, what that lady said: gold!” The time capsule will be opened following the City’s Easter Egg Hunt activities on April 19th at 3:30 p.m.

Guess Right, Win \$50 Prize

Coins?...Bodies?...Receipts? Solve the mystery and win \$50 towards a purchase from the Norwalk business of your choice. Guess the most items hidden inside the time capsule by emailing capsulecontest@norwalkca.gov or mail to Time Capsule Contest, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Room 1, Norwalk, CA 90650.



City of Norwalk proudly observes

Women’s History Month

A tribute to the innumerable contributions of women to history and society.

Learn more at: www.womenshistorymonth.gov

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State of City Address Draws Record Crowd

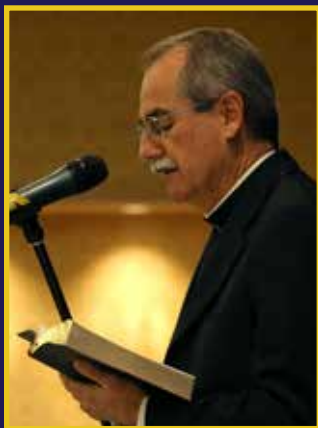
A sold-out crowd of 300 joined the Mayor, City Council Members and City Manager at the State of the City to “focus on today, and envision tomorrow.”

The event airs all month on the City’s cable channel, or residents can pick up a DVD from City Hall to view the entire ceremony. For details, call (562) 929-5753.



Father Boyle Enlightens, Enlivens

He made the standing-room-only crowd of 320 laugh, gasp, ooh-and-ah, even weep. In just 15 minutes, with hints of a polished Sunday sermon mixed with urban hipness and a little barrio savvy to boot, Father Boyle connected. His message: don’t give up on those “living on the margins.” Through his Homeboy Industries, thousands of ex-gang members are now earning a living wage, paying taxes, and making positive contributions to their communities. To view Father Boyle’s speech, tune into the Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast on the City’s cable channel. Info: (562) 929-5753.



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Residents Share Their Outlook about City’s State

What do you like most about Norwalk, or what would you like to see improved?”



“I like everything about Norwalk. It’s easy to get to everything. I’m happy here.”
-Elizabeth Hernandez



“The fields are messed up - they have lot of holes and sometimes muddy.”
-Bryan Garcia



“It’s a community that has all different ethnic groups, people are very friendly here.”
-Rick Schreiner



A lot of stuff to do here, restaurants, love the movie theaters, I always have a good time.”
-Brandon Terrazas



“The streets have potholes everywhere, no nice trees planted, nothing like that.”
-Jill Wallace



“I feel secure, haven’t had any problems with vandalism theft or anything like that.”
-Israel Martinez

City’s Kids & Cops Win Big

Norwalk Recreation and Park Services Department has won the 2013 California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Award of Excellence for the second year in a row. The CPRS awards program recognizes “outstanding achievement in the areas of facility design, park planning, marketing and communication and community improvement and programming.” The 2013 Kids and Cops Golf Tournament was distinguished in the category of Creating Community – Neighborhood/Community Building. This event met the highest standards for achieving excellence in accordance with CPRS’ principles: Challenge, Resourcefulness, Execution, Accomplishment, and alignment with the parks and recreation Mission. Last year, Recreation and Park Services’ “Artastic” program won top honors.



FREE Eco Gardening Classes



Head into Spring with a new way of looking at your lawn and garden. The Water Replenishment District (WRD) has partnered with the City of Norwalk to bring free eco gardening workshops to residents.

The six-class series is free, and will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning on March 12th, at the Sproul Reception Hall located at 12239 Sproul Street.

Topics include: drought tolerant plants, sprinkler care, eco gardening concepts, and edible gardening, and will provide valuable information on water conservation and maintaining a landscape that is environmentally-friendly. To register, or for more information, call (562) 275-4215 or email tmartin@wr.org.



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Covered California™ Enrollment Event

Come and meet with Covered California representatives and certified enrollment entities who can enroll you and your family in-person at this all-day event.

Saturday, March 22, 2014
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board Career Center
12440 East Firestone Blvd., Suite 100
Norwalk, CA 90650



Co-hosted by:
Assemblymember
Cristina Garcia

In partnership with:
U.S. Rep. Linda Sánchez and
Assemblymember Ian Calderon

To schedule an appointment to enroll,
please call (562) 861-5803.

What you will need to bring:

- Current income and employer info of all family members that wish to apply (tax return, W-2, recent pay stubs, etc.).
- Social Security numbers for U.S. citizens, or document information for immigrants with satisfactory status. Families that include immigrants can apply. You can apply for your child even if you aren't eligible for coverage.
- Federal tax information. If you don't file taxes, you may qualify for free or low-cost insurance through Medi-Cal.
- Date of birth for each family member in the household.

Any person who wishes to receive meeting notices or other meeting materials in an alternative format; requires translation services; or needs any disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services that would enable that person to participate in the meeting may make that request at least two calendar days prior to the meeting date by calling (562) 861-5803.



www.CoveredCA.com



Planning, Preparation, Key to Survival

Learn how to prepare your family, household, and neighborhood for major emergencies and disasters. Norwalk's Office of Emergency Management will be conducting a "Camp at Home" disaster preparedness workshop on Saturday, March 29, from 9:00am to 11:30am. Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave., Register by email at oem@norwalkca.gov or call (562) 929-5743. Free and open to all residents.

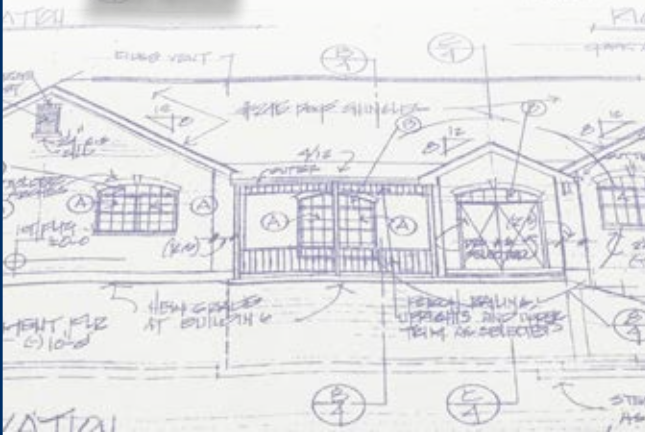
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Work In Town



City of Norwalk
12700 Civic Center Drive
Norwalk, CA 90605



Housing Specialist I (Full-Time/Grant Funded) \$3,966 - \$4, 821 per month

A completed employment application and supplemental questionnaire are required.

Download an application and the supplemental questionnaire at:
norwalkca.gov/employmentservices

Deadline to apply:
Friday, March 21, 2014, by 5:00 p.m.

Job Hotline
(562) 929-5771

City, Chamber Bring Goldman Sachs' 10,000 Small Businesses to Norwalk

Calling all Norwalk small businesses. Goldman Sachs' 10,000 Small Businesses helps small business owners develop skills needed to grow their business.

In conjunction with Long Beach Community College District and Los Angeles City College, the program provides a practical business management education. Small business owners selected for the program will receive a scholarship to attend the business and management education program, and receive one-on-one sessions from business professionals to develop a business growth plan. The program boasts a \$500 million investment to help small businesses create jobs

and economic opportunity through business education, financial capital, and business support services. The program is based on the broadly held view of leading experts that greater access to this combination of education, capital and support services best addresses barriers to growth.

You'll attend 11 total sessions covering business management and geared toward your business. For more information, visit www.Socal10KSB.com or call (562) 938-5054.

Applicants should meet the following criteria:

- Be an owner or co-owner of a business
- Operated the business for at least two years
- Generated revenues between \$150K and \$4 million in the most recent fiscal year
- Minimum of four employees (full-time, part-time, temporary)

Chamber Luncheon

Norwalk Chamber of Commerce presents

Cerritos College

President/Superintendent

Dr. Linda L. Lacy

"The State of Higher Education"

Thursday, March 20

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Place: Norwalk DoubleTree Hotel

Chateau Estates Room

13111 Sycamore Dr., Norwalk, CA 90650

Cost: \$25 Prepaid

\$30 at the Door

Complimentary Parking in the rear of the Hotel

Seating is Limited!

Please RSVP by

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Simply call (562) 864-7785

Or E-mail info@norwalkchamber.com

You may pre-pay online at:

norwalkchamberofcommerce.org



Movers, Shakers and Newsmakers

Meet Norwalk's movers, shakers, and newsmakers. Each month, Norwalk Now will spotlight residents who are achieving great things in education, sports, hobbies, military, music, art or anything worth sharing with Norwalk.



Class of 64 Reunion

The 50-year reunion for Excelsior High School Class of 1964 – a dinner dance on the Queen Mary in Long Beach – is set for September 6th. Info: Doug Garnee @ dgarnee@cmtc.com or (310) 418-7934



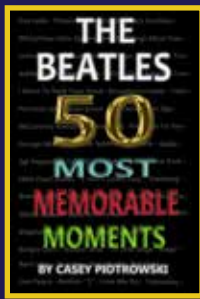
Relay for Life Teams

Calling prospective team members to be part of the Relay for Life of Norwalk effort to find a cure for cancer. For more information about events and sign-ups, call Lynda at (714) 204-2381.



Lane Closure on Imperial

Caltrans will close one lane in both directions of Imperial Highway, between the Imperial Highway bridge and Pioneer Boulevard, for three months beginning Monday, March 3rd and continuing until June, 2014.



Resident's Beatles Book

Casey Piotrowski, an instructor at Cerritos College in Norwalk, just published a new book about the Beatles. Casey and the book were recently spotlighted on the CBS 2 Morning Show.



Riley Retiring from Defense

Ron Riley this month retires from the Dept. of Defense after 25 years, most recently as a management analyst. He also served in the US military and is a veteran of the Vietnam War.



Cleaner is Better

The City will break ground on a new Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling station on March 6th at 4:00 pm, Norwalk Transit Center, 12650 E. Imperial Hwy. Public invited. Details: (562) 929-5550.

Senior Center March Activities:

Blood Pressure Screenings:
Wednesday, March 5 at 9:30am

Free Karaoke
Saturday, March 8, 1-4pm

St. Patrick's Day Candlelight Dinner
Tuesday, March 11 at 5:45pm

Cal Fresh Assistance:
Wednesday, March 12, 9am – Noon

Nutrition Entertainment with "3B Blues Band"
Friday, March 14, 9-11am

AARP Smart Driver Course
Saturday, March 15, 8am-5pm

Blood Pressure Screenings:
Tuesday, March 18 at 9:30am

Neighborhood Watch Meeting: Internet Safety
Wednesday, March 19, 10:30 – 11:30am

Tour: Flower Fields at Carlsbad Ranch
Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Blood Pressure Screenings:
Thursday, March 27 at 9:30am

Fall Prevention Seminar:
Thursday, March 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Free Cell Phone and Electronics Workshop
Saturday, March 29, 1:00 – 3:00pm

Hey, You're on



Check out the latest episodes of "Now You Know"

youtube.com/norwalktelevision

Save the Date

The City of Norwalk will host its first annual Arbor Day event

Saturday, April 26

8am to 11am

Corner of Piuma Ave & Downey-Norwalk Rd

Event will include:
Community Tree Planting
Information Booth
Children's Activities

Contact Information: Ruby Picon
(562) 929-5511 or rpicon@norwalkca.gov

Did you Know?

Fact – Trees cool the streets and the city. Average temperatures in Los Angeles have risen 6°F in the last 50 years as tree coverage has declined and the number of heat-absorbing roads and buildings has increased. Trees cool the city by up to 10°F, by shading our homes and streets, breaking up urban "heat islands" and releasing water vapor into the air through their leaves.

Thank You Angel Tree Sponsors

The City of Norwalk proudly acknowledges the generosity of the following Angel Tree 'angels' who help make the holidays special for those who need help most.

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