## Council Approves City's First Two-Year Budget

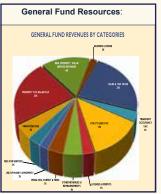
Norwalk's first two-year budget, adopted by City Council in June, fulfills the Vision 2020 goal of long-term financial planning, affording opportunity for budget oversight and more time for program evaluation and completion of special projects during non-budget years.

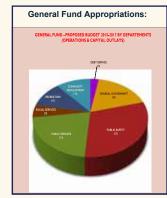
he citywide balanced budget for fiscal years 2015/16 and 2016/17 includes expenditures of \$132.34 million for the first fiscal year and \$87.34 million in year two. Operations reach \$75.5 million in both years. Capital outlays, which comprise \$5.16 million and \$1.26 million respectively for the two-year period, focus on upgrades to older technology, continued rehabilitation of parks citywide, and addressing necessary infrastructure repairs, such as water, sewer lines and streets.

A myriad of city services, including regional public transportation, will be provided by 242 full-time employees and approximately 165 part-time employees.

The General Fund, which serves as the city's main operating fund, is balanced by using its recurring revenues to fund ongoing operating expenses. One-time expenses are funded using available resources above the reserve policy. As part of the City's commitment of sound fiscal









management and stewardship, a core strategy of the strategic plan, a General Fund reserves policy necessitates having 20% of operational costs saved as protective measure in the event of future need, such as economic downturn or a natural disaster.

"With the slight upturn in the economy, we are projecting a 2% increase in revenue over each of the next two fiscal years," says Finance Director Jana Stuard. "However, with operating costs also expected to rise at the same rate, we are cautious in our spending.

The City is very fortunate to be able to continue with our current level of services to families, children, seniors and other community members, without having to decrease any of the programming our residents depend upon."

The detailed adopted budget for both years is available on the City's website at:

norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/finance/budget

#### **New Landscape Standards**

On June 16, 2015, the City Council adopted new landscape standards for private properties in all zones. The new standards are designed to provide property owners with drought tolerant landscaping alternatives to help conserve water. The new standards will become effective on July 17, 2015. Some of the highlights include:

## Single-family residences will be allowed to have the following in front yards:

- Up to 50% pavement (including pavement for driveways, porches and walkways), not to exceed 500 square feet.
- Drought tolerant landscaping and non-vegetative materials such as bark, decomposed granite and rock around live plant materials without any approval.
- Artificial turf, subject to the approval from the Director of Community Development. Artificial turf must be installed in combination with live plants and cannot exceed 70% of the landscape area.

## Multi-family residences & non-residential developments will be allowed to have the following:

- Drought tolerant landscaping, subject to a landscape plan check fee and approval of a landscape plan drawn by a licensed landscape architect.
- Artificial turf, subject to the approval of a Precise Development Plan by the Planning Commission. Artificial turf must be installed in combination with live plants and cannot exceed 70% of the landscape area.

New parkway landscape standards, which will provide drought tolerant landscaping alternatives, are currently under review. Residents and business owners with questions can visit the Community Development Department, Planning Division in Room 12 at City Hall, call (562) 929-5744 or e-mail the Planning Division at planning@norwalkca.gov.



#### Rebates, Drought Tolerant Landscaping Decrease Water Use & Pay Benefits



#### City, Water Agencies & Residents Join to Reach 20% Goal

On June 2, the Norwalk City Council activated citywide water conservation measures and Phase II restrictions applicable to the Norwalk Municipal Water System (NMWS).

#### New State mandated restrictions prohibit the following citywide:

- Outdoor irrigation during and 48 hours after a measurable rain event
- Irrigation of grassy public street medians with potable water
- Irrigation with potable water outside newly constructed homes and buildings not equipped with drip or microspray systems.

#### New restrictions applicable only to NMWS customers:

- Outdoor irrigation is restricted to twice per week (Mondays and Thursdays only)
- No watering between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Sprinklers are limited to 15 minutes per station per day.

Phase II restrictions were activated in order to achieve the 20% reduction in water consumption required by the State. Golden State and Park Water customers, please check with your purveyor for their landscape irrigation restrictions, as they may differ from NMWS. Golden State Water staff can be reached at (562) 864-8214, Park Water at (562) 923-9671.

The City of Norwalk and water agencies will respond to reports of water misuse and contact customers to educate them on new regulations prior to citation. Please call (562) 929-5511 with enforcement questions or concerns.

The Metropolitan Water District recently announced the availability of \$450 million in rebates. Residents and business owners can earn money for water-saving purchases and reduce their water bill at the same time. Rebates for high efficiency toilet and clothes washer purchases, turf removal, purchase of rain barrels and water conserving irrigation equipment are currently in place on a first-come, first served basis. Visit bewaterwise.com to apply.

Connect with us at Norwalk.org, Facebook.com/cityofnorwalkca or call (562) 929-5964 to get updated information on conservation regulations.

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#### **Los Angeles County** Household Hazardous Waste & E-Waste Roundup

On Saturday, July 18, the Los Angeles County Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Roundup comes for its only stop of the year to Norwalk. This free event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Stadium Parking Lot C-1 at Cerritos College (11110 Alondra Boulevard).

Most homes contain a variety of household hazardous products. It is illegal to dispose of hazardous waste in your regular trash or out into the street and the health and safety of residents, neighborhoods and the environment is threatened when household hazardous waste is stored or disposed of improperly.

#### Some of these dangers include:

- •HHW that is flushed down the toilet or sink can go through our sewer system and into our waterways
- •HHW thrown into the street can go down storm drains leading into our waterways
- •HHW thrown in with your regular trash may end up in landfills not intended or permitted for this waste and contaminate groundwater

Properly disposing of hazardous household and electronic waste is important for the health and safety of families, pets and neighborhoods. Residents can easily dispose of used and unneeded household waste and electronics, such as:

• Motor oil, oil filters and brake fluid

- Used antifreeze
- Paint, paint thinner and turpentine
- Household batteries and car batteries
- Pool chemicals
- Expired pharmaceuticals
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Computer monitors, televisions, printers, cell phones & other e-waste.

For more information on what you can and cannot bring, please call (888) CLEAN-LA.



It's that time of year again when days are hot and evenings bring perfect weather for enjoying the outdoors! Spend Wednesday evenings with us on the City Hall Lawn for our Summer Concert Series, running from July 8 to August 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be available for purchase. For additional information, please call (562) 929-5702.

Wednesday, July 8

Mojo Sonic (Top 40 Hits)

Wednesday, July 15

The Rising (Bruce Springsteen Tribute)

Wednesday, July 22

The Reflexx (80's New Wave)

Wednesday, July 29 Satisfaction Unlimited (Funk/Oldies)

> Wednesday, August 5 Mariachi Divas

"National Night Out" \*This Concert is Sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe

Wednesday, August 12 Soto (Latin R & B)









the City of Norwalk Congratulates
the Class of 2015 Graduates & their Families.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

- Nelson Mandela

## **High Accolades for Norwalk Schools**

Norwalk area schools are recognized for their high achievement with a gold ribbon designation, including two middle schools and a high school.

School District and Los Alisos Middle in the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District were recently awarded with the "Gold Ribbon" distinction..

Interim NLMUSD Superintendent Ginger Shattuck says, "This recognition underscores the value of Norwalk-La Mirada's commitment to our middle school magnet programs." Shattuck adds, "The middle school years represent a time when some students can begin to lose interest in school, so giving them many opportunities to discover their passion can keep them fully engaged."

Santa Fe High School also was recognized as being among California's very best schools. "I want

akeside Middle School in the Little Lake to congratulate each and every one of our teachers, staff and site administrators for their exemplary and collaborative leadership in making our schools an excellent place of learning and support for all students, "said Whittier Union High School District Superintendent Sandra Thorstenson.

> On May 22 in San Diego school officials from around the state gathered for the awards ceremony. The state designated 102 schools in Los Angeles County and 45 in Orange County as "Gold Ribbon Schools".

> The Gold Ribbon awards recognize California schools who have successfully implemented the academic content and performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education. These include the California standards for English

Language Arts and Mathematics, California English Language Development Standards, and Next Generation Science Standards.

Little Lake School District Superintendent Phillip Perez says, "To be recognized as California Gold Ribbon Award and Title I Achieving Schools is unprecedented in the history of Little Lake City School District. These distinctions reflect the winning teamwork of our outstanding teachers and staff, effective school administrators, and supportive parents focused on meeting the academic needs of our students."

The schools are among 193 middle schools and 180 high schools that were honored.





Cerritos College conducted a nationwide search and has selected their new President/Superintendent. The Board of Trustees decided unanimously to appoint Dr. Jose Fierro.

Dr. Fierro most recently served as Vice-President of Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne,

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Fierro to the Cerritos College family. We look forward to his leadership and his ability to build on our successes here at the College," said Carmen Avalos, President of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

Dr. Fierro will assume the presidency upon Dr. Linda L. Lacy's retirement in July. Dr. Lacy has served as the College's CEO since 2009, and will retire after working in education for 41 years.





## **Open Mic Night at the Cultural Arts Center**

The talent is overflowing in Norwalk and our residents are eager to be heard! The City of Norwalk's Cultural Arts Center, located at 13200 Clarkdale Avenue, will host "Open Mic Night" on Friday, July 31 at 8 p.m. This forum for performance arts and entertainment will feature singers, dancers, comedians, musicians, and poets who are invited to share their talents. Bring along family and friends.

Sign-ups start at 7 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Artist will be allowed to perform 2 selections for a total of 7 minutes. A microphone, microphone stand, speakers, and iPod connector will be available. Participants should bring all other equipment needed for their performance. All types of music are welcome. Lyrics need to be appropriate for all ages. Profane words or messages of hate will not be tolerated. For more information, please call (562) 929-5521.



## RABIES CLINIC



A rabies Vaccination: \$6

A rabies vaccination clinic will be held July 10, from 4 to 7 p.m. on Norwalk City Hall Lawn, located at 12700 Norwalk

All dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers. Individual Vaccines, Microchipping and Flea Control products will also be available. Residents can also renew dog licenses. Please bring renewal letters. For details call (562) 929-5711.



#### **Teen Cert Week**

Zombie Preparedness Academy. Norwalk Youth 13 to 17 are invited to participate in this weeklong half-day disaster and emergency readiness training. Utilizing the Teen CERT Curriculum, participants will be trained in life safety skills such as fire suppression, search and rescue, disaster medical, incident command, and more. Preparing our youth for a Zombie Apocalypse. Class size is limited to 20. Daily 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., July 27 through July 31, 2015. For more information contact oem@norwalkca.gov or (562) 929-5335.

## **Kids Adventure Day Camp for Kids Ages 6-12**

If you're looking for fun, excitement and an enriching summer, then look no further!

The Recreation Department offers ten weeks of various high energy recreation programming at "Kids Adventure Camp" from Monday, June 22 through Friday, August 28.

Campers take one weekly excursion, play games, go swimming, and more. This program runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with the option of extended hours. Camp is \$138 per child per week for residents and \$184.50 for non-residents. Additional fees will be included for extended hours.

Sign-up at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, conveniently located at 13000 Clarkdale Avenue.

For more information or to check availability please call (562) 929-5521.



#### Norwalk Schools Recognized by California Business Community for High Achievement

Nine schools in Norwalk have been selected by the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) among 1,851 public schools in California to earn the distinction of 2014 Honor Roll school.

CBEE Honor Roll schools are recognized by the California business community for their demonstration of consistently high levels of academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time, and reduction in achievement gaps among student populations.

#### Little Lake City School District

Cresson Elementary
Lakeland Elementary
Paddison Elementary
Studebaker Elementary
Orr Elementary
Lakeside Middle

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District

DD Johnston Elementary Morrison Elementary Lampton Elementary





#### Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District Welcomes New Superintendent



Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District's Board of Education has appointed Dr. Hasmik Danielian as their new Superintendent, succeeding Dr. Ruth Perez, who resigned in September to take a position as Deputy

Superintendent with the Los Angeles Unified School District.

An educator with 25 years of experience, Dr. Danielian most recently served as Superintendent for Brawley Union High School District in Imperial County. She has also worked for the Glendale and Hacienda-La Puente Unified School Districts.

Dr. Danielian has a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from USC. She also has Master's degrees in Bilingual Education from the University of La Verne and Curriculum and Supervision from Point Loma Nazarene University. In addition, Hasmik has a Bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature from University of Iran.



It's an annual event focused on bringing communities across America together with the goal of promoting police-community partnerships.

To take a stand against crime, drugs and disorder in your neighborhood, join the City of Norwalk, Department of Public Safety and Norwalk Sheriff's Station on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 on the City Hall Lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd. The event is from 7 to 9 p.m. and also features the Mariachi Divas who will be performing as part of this year's Summer Concert Series.

Call (562) 929-5685 for more information on how you can get involved in a Neighborhood Watch Program.



# Norwalk City Television Program Schedule for July 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

7:00 p.m. Memorial Day Ceremony

#### 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 & 3rd Tuesdays)

#### Wednesdays

12:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting

3:00 p.m. Summer Concert 2014

5:00 p.m. Artastic

7:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know

7:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting

(Live the 2nd & 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

7:00 p.m. Memorial Day Ceremony

#### Saturdays

11:00 a.m. City Council Meeting

2:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting

#### Sundays

9:00 a.m. Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

11:00 a.m. City Council Meeting2:00 p.m. Memorial Day Ceremony

#### **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. Impact6:00 p.m. Econews6:30 p.m. LA Now7:00 p.m. Straight Talk

7:30 p.m. The New Rob Macon Show

8:00 p.m. Mysterious China

#### A Message from Senator Tony Mendoza Assistance for Small Businesses

Do you know of a small business in our community that might benefit from state resources? Then help spread the word about the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GOBiz) and the California Small Business Advocate. The Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) provides information and assistance to small businesses so they can succeed in the California marketplace. OSBA's website provides a centralized list of small business resources for state procurement, loan programs, and business planning. OSBA also hosts workshops and webinars on varying topics. Depending on the

#### **Mission & Vision Statement**

"To help our constituents and our community through courteous, friendly, non-judgmental service and to help educate and lead the next generation of leaders. We will achieve compassion and caring for everyone in our community and provide a voice and advocacy for everyone in need."

issue, OSBA's staff can also refer small businesses to appropriate contacts in state government. GOBiz provides permit assistance, export assistance, the California Completes Tax Credit Program, and more. For help with permitting, visit their CalGOLD website.

For more information about all of these state resources for small businesses, visit the GO-Biz and OSBA websites.

I hope you find this information helpful. Please feel free to contact me or my staff on this or any other matter any time. I look forward to working with you.



Sincerely,

TONY MENDOZA
Senator, 32nd District

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### **Upcoming Events & Activities at Norwalk Regional Library**

Get ready to sing, dance, and make some noise at Norwalk and Alondra Libraries' Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Read to the Rhythm". The program promotes reading for children during the summer months when they are away from school. But every age group, from babies to adults, can participate and earn rewards

for their summer reading. Register for the program in person or online: www.colapublib.org/srp

Both libraries will also host special events for all ages throughout the summer. Programs include a family dance party, teen table tennis tournament, name that tune game, and weekly film screenings.



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