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Council Appoints Rodarte as Mayor, Shryock as Vice Mayor

Marcel Rodarte selected to serve as Norwalk's new Mayor, Councilmember Leonard Shryock appointed Vice Mayor.

The Norwalk City Council has appointed Marcel Rodarte Mayor, and Leonard Shryock Vice Mayor. Rodarte, a Norwalk native, NHS graduate, and 20 year veteran of the U.S. Military, served last year as vice mayor. For Shryock, an educator with the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District, and former member of NLMUSD Board of Education, this will mark his first term as Vice Mayor. Luigi Vernola concluded his one-year mayoral term and will continue to serve on the Council, as will members Cheri Kelley and Mike Mendez. For details, contact the Public Affairs office at (562) 929-5753.



Bridging a Safety Issue

The Firestone Bridge has reached the end of its lifespan, say County engineers. The cracks that reveal its age are no longer "cosmetic." A comprehensive inspection identified major structural deficiencies. With public safety at stake, the cities of Downey and Norwalk are teaming to rebuild the bridge. Beginning in June, the bridge will be widened from three lanes to six. Plans also call for the possible installation of bike lanes, a walkway, wider shoulder in each direction and larger center median. Crews are expected to complete the project by December 2015. For more information or status updates, call the City's Engineering department at (562)929-5723.



Time Capsule Mystery Grows

Official Unveiling Set for Saturday, April 19

Fifty years ago, City officials broke ground on what is now the site of Norwalk City Hall. To commemorate the event, a time capsule was buried beneath a cornerstone at the entrance on Norwalk Boulevard. However, the contents remain a mystery. On Saturday, April 19, in accordance with directions of then-Mayor John Zimmerman and the 1964 Council, the capsule will be unearthed and its contents revealed. What historic relics does it

contain? What secrets will be exposed? Send in your guess to capsulecontest@norwalkca.gov. Whoever identifies the most items wins \$50 toward a purchase at any Norwalk business. Must be a Norwalk resident or business owner. The Capsule Reveal takes place at 3:30 p.m., following the Easter Egg-stravaganza. Items will be displayed at City Hall following the event. Details: (562) 929-5753.



"I bet there are some cool vintage toys inside that time capsule."
-David Rodriguez



The City of Norwalk Proudly Proclaims April

as
Donate Life Month



donatelife.net

&
Fair Housing Month



EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Conservation Prevents Stormwater Pollution

With several consecutive dry years and no immediate relief, Governor Brown has declared a drought emergency for California. State officials are working to put emergency plans in place, but what can we do to help? Let's start by re-considering the way we use water.

Activities such as washing our cars at home or over watering our lawns create excess water that flow down storm drains. Water that flows into the storm drain is not treated before entering our waterways. Therefore, sometimes our beaches have to be closed due to high bacteria levels.



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Norwalk City Council

Mayor Marcel Rodarte Vice Mayor Leonard Shryock
Councilmember Cheri Kelley Councilmember Mike Mendez
Councilmember Luigi Vernola

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Workforce SELACO WIB Awarded High Performing Status

South East Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board offers job seekers convenient, no cost access to job search and placement assistance, workshops and other support services enabling them to prepare for current and future employment opportunities. In addition to job listings, career guidance, labor market information, and training/education resources, the SELACO WIB offers a variety of workshops that help job seekers learn how

to effectively market their skills and understand how to best compete in today's job market. Specialized programs like the SELACO WIB's Community Youth Corps (CYC) provide services to out of school youth ages 17-21 who need assistance in defining a career path and finding employment. CYC's mission is to help young adults succeed in reaching their educational, employment and vocational goals. If you would like more information visit our website at www.selaco.com. If you are a business, please contact Marjean Clements at (562) 402-9336, ext. 1252. If you are a job seeker please call our main line at (562) 402-9336.

City of Norwalk, Norwalk Chamber of Commerce and the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program invite you to...

Tips to Better Protect Your Business

Employee Practice Liability | Workers' Comp | Cyber Liability

Thursday, April 17, 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
13200 Clarkdale Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650

Lunch will be served.

Please RSVP by April 15 to Vivian Hansen
(562) 864-7785 or ceo@norwalkchamber.com



Business Contact (562) 402-9336 ext. 1252



Job Seeker Contact (562) 402-9336

Job Fair at Cerritos College

Cerritos College's annual Career Expo and Job Fair will be held Tuesday, April 8, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Wilfred Michael Library/Falcon Square sidewalk. More than 40 employers will be on hand at the event which is free and open to Cerritos College students and the general public. It is recommended that attendees dress in business attire and bring copies of their resumes with them. During the expo, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the companies, explore job opportunities, network with recruiters, and receive suggestions from employers on resumes and interviewing skills. Employers representing business, finance, sales, retail and other industries will participate in the expo. Details: (562) 860-2451 ext. 2366.



Business Resources

Small Business Administration (SBA)

1-800-U-ASK-SBA
www.sba.gov/recovery

SBA Los Angeles Office

(818) 552-3215
www.sba.gov/localresources/district/ca/la

California Job Service

(562) 402-9336
www.caljobs.ca.gov

Small Business Opportunities with Dept. of Energy
management.energy.gov/business_DOE.htm

Small Business Opportunities with Dept. of Labor
www.dol.gov/oasam/programs/osdbu

Small Business for Veterans

www.sba.gov/patriotexpress
www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/ovbd

Minority Business Development Agency (L.A. Office)

(213) 368-1450
www.losangelesmbec.org

Services for Vets

"Feds Hire Vets"

Gives vets priority for government jobs
www.fedshirevets.gov

"Post - 9/11 GI Bill" and "Montgomery GI Bill"

College tuition • www.gibill.va.gov

VA Home Loans

Buy or refi a home • www.homeloans.va.gov

Medical treatment and benefits

www.vba.va.go or call office at (626) 350-0150
for VA case assistance

"Coaching into Care"

Help family & friends to assist veterans with mental health issues 1-888-823-7458 or visit
www.mirecc.va.gov/coaching/

Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS)

1-866-342-9647 • www.ptsd.va.gov

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

1866-966-1020 • www.dvbic.org

Assistance for Homeless Vets

"Vet Hunters" at info@vethunters.org

Focused on Sustainability: City Moves Toward Greener Side

On Thursday, March 6, the City of Norwalk moved to the "greener side." City Council broke ground at its Transportation and Public Services yard for a new Compressed Natural Gas, or CNG, fueling station. The City's fleet currently has 14 CNG buses, with plans to green the entire 30-bus fleet within the next few years. What makes CNG green? CNG burns 100 times cleaner than regular gas, has lower carbon dioxide emissions, and is much cheaper than diesel fuel. The new fueling station will have the capacity to fast-fuel its entire fleet within five hours. It's another step in making Norwalk a healthier place to live and work.



The CNG fueling station is expected to open in 2015. Pictured: Jim Parker, Director of Transportation, explains future facility to Jana Stuard, Director of Finance.

Week-Long, City-Wide, Egg-normous Egg Hunt for All Ages



This is not your average Egg Hunt, this is an Egg-normous Egg Hunt! The week of April 13, specific date not announced, residents can scour the City looking for the Egg-normous Eggs. Eggs will be placed randomly throughout 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 Blvd., on April 19. Winners must be Norwalk residents and only one egg may be redeemed per family (positive I.D required) and can only redeem eggs on Saturday, April 19 at 12:00 pm. For details call (562) 929-5702.



**Seniors Only:
Cinco de Mayo
Celebration in
San Diego, CA**

**Date: Saturday, May 3
Depart: 9:00 a.m.
Return: 5:00 p.m.
(Approximately)**

Cost: \$15 per person

Walking required: HIGH (Lunch not included)
Norwalk *resident registration begins Tuesday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. Open registration begins Monday, April 7. Numbers will be distributed at 8:00 a.m. (One number per person). For current trip information, please call (562) 929-5580.

***Photo identification with proof of residency required.**



Arbor Day Event

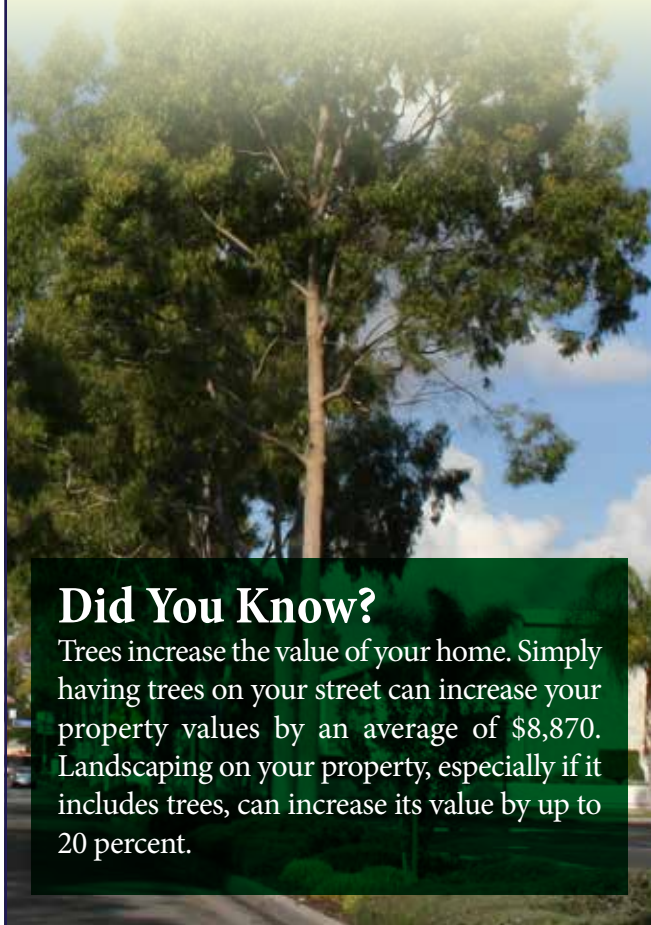
**Saturday, April 26
8:00 to 11:00 am**

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?

Trees increase the value of your home. Simply having trees on your street can increase your property values by an average of \$8,870. Landscaping on your property, especially if it includes trees, can increase its value by up to 20 percent.

Norwalk's Oldest Club Welcomes Youngest Member

Say hello to Luisa Cruz, a Norwalk resident and business leader. At 26, Luisa is the youngest active member of the Norwalk Woman's Club, and currently serves as the Club's recording secretary.

For 92 years the Norwalk Woman's Club has continued to make a difference through fundraising for worthy causes like college scholarships and providing medical assistance to developing countries. The club's motto, "The best is yet to come," reflects their belief that investing in future generations improves quality of life for the community. Luisa Cruz is a shining example of the club's work in action. Luisa joined the Woman's Club in 2012 at the tender age of 24, and has participated in projects such as Gifts 4 Giving, Operation Smile, and Heifer, a program geared toward ending hunger and poverty. Luisa considers herself fortunate to have the opportunity to serve with such highly motivated, dedicated and selfless role models.

When Luisa is not volunteering with the Norwalk Woman's Club, she attends class at California State University Dominguez Hills, where she actively participates as Vice President of ALPHA-CSUDH, an up and coming school organization focused on building future business leaders. Luisa is also a

museum docent at the Hargitt House Museum and is the youngest active member on the City of Norwalk Historical Heritage Commission. For leisure, Luisa enjoys the great outdoors and loves going to the movies.

Want to be a part of the Norwalk Woman's Club's valuable contribution? Give Bettie Latshaw a call at (562) 943-2632. You must be 18 years of age in order to be considered for membership.



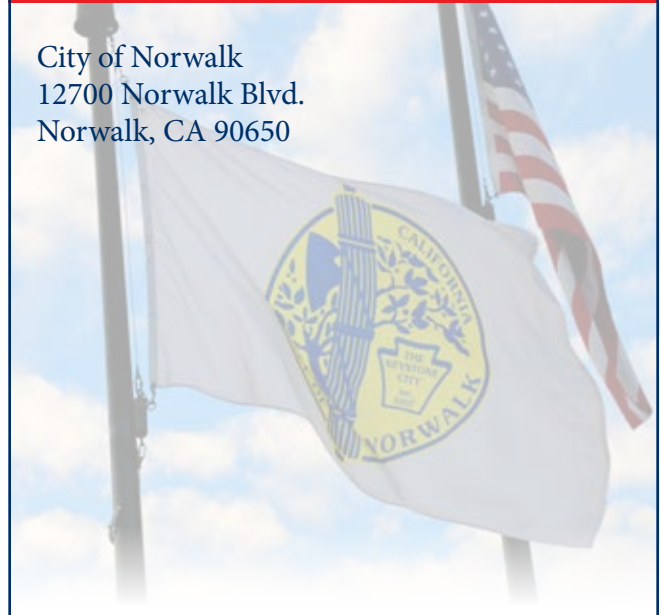
Register Now for Award-Winning Kids & Cops Golf Tourney

Each year the City of Norwalk Recreation and Park Services Department collaborates with the Norwalk Sheriff's Station for the award-winning "Kid's & Cops Golf Tournament." This event, held at the Norwalk Golf Center, takes place on Saturday, June 7 at 11:00 a.m. The tournament provides an opportunity for Norwalk youth to connect with local law enforcement. Cover charge is \$10 per player (ages 8-17). Cost includes round of golf, barbecue meal, raffle and awards. Players must register by Saturday, May 3. For more information, stop by or call the Norwalk Golf Center 13717 Shoemaker Ave. at (562) 921-7047.



Work In Town

City of Norwalk
12700 Norwalk Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650



Utilities & Projects Manager

(Mid-Management/At-will)

\$7,298 - \$8,871 per month

Completed employment application and detailed résumé are required.

Download an application from the City's website: <http://www.norwalkca.gov/employmentservices.asp>

The last day to apply is:
Monday, April 14 by 6:00 p.m.

Recreation Leader II

(Part-time/Hourly)

\$11.58- \$14.08 per hour

Completed employment application and supplemental questionnaire is required.

Deadline to apply for Recreation Leader position: Thursday, April 10 by 6:00 p.m. or when first 100 applications have been received, whichever occurs first.

Intern-Department of Recreation and Park Services

(Part-time/Grant-Funded/Hourly)

\$10.00 per hour (limited term)
Completed employment application and supplemental questionnaire.

The last day to apply is:
Friday, April 18 by 5:00 p.m.

**Job Hotline
(562) 929-5771**

The Easter Bunny is hoppin' on down to Norwalk City Hall!



**Saturday, April 19
12:30 - 3:30pm**

**EGG-STRAVAGANT
EGG HUNT**

**Call (562) 929-5566
for more information.**



“A little change could mean a big difference: minor adjustments help conserve water and prevent stormwater pollution...”

- Sweep sidewalks and patios, instead of hosing them down. This behavior not only wastes water, the runoff usually picks up pollutants on the ground and continues to drain to the nearby storm drain, creating stormwater pollution.
- Properly dispose of household hazardous waste by recycling them. Visit www.888cleanla.com or call 1 (888) CLEAN LA for permanent recycling centers near you or upcoming temporary recycling events.
- Water your lawn, not the sidewalk: fix broken sprinklers to avoid water wasting and runoff.
- Landscape with drought tolerant plants that require less water.
- Water early in the morning or in the evening to limit evaporation. Adjust your irrigation schedule by using the water index at <http://www.saveourh2o.org>.
- Inspect and maintain your car regularly to prevent/stop leaks.
- Recycle used oil and filters. Visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/UsedOil/Reports/CenterSearch for recycling centers near you.
- Use absorbent kitty litter and sweep up leaks and spills. Dispose of the litter in garbage containers. Never wash spills into the storm drain.

We are all in it together, so let us do our part to conserve water and reduce pollution in this drought! For questions, upcoming events or to get more information on the city’s environmental programs, go to www.norwalkca.gov or call the City at (562) 929-5964.

Did You Know?

- Southern California is experiencing its third consecutive dry year with reservoir levels at an all time low

Water Saving Tips

- Fix a leaky faucet and save 20 gallons of water a day
- Fix a leaky sprinkler system and broken sprinkler heads, and save 500 gallons of water a month
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalks, and save 150 gallons per cleaning
- Install a weather-based irrigation controller, and save 40 gallons per day
- Turn off the water when you brush your teeth and save 3 gallons of water a day
- Take shorter showers and save up to 5 gallons of water a day
- Install a new high-efficiency clothes washer, and reduce your energy costs by 50%
- Wash only full loads of laundry and save 15 to 50 gallons per load

For additional tips and water conservation rebate information visit www.bewaterwise.com.

**Norwalk City TV
Weekday Schedule - April**

Mondays

- 12:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Now You Know
- 6:00 p.m. State of the City 2014
- 8:00 p.m. Artastic 2014

Tuesdays

- 12:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Now You Know
- 4:00 p.m. Artastic 2014
- 6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 9:00 p.m. State of the City Address 2014

Wednesdays

- 12:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Artastic 2014
- 5:00 p.m. State of the City 2014
- 7:00 p.m. Now You Know
- 7:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 9:00 p.m. State of the City Address 2014

Thursdays

- 12:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Now You Know
- 6:00 p.m. Artastic 2014
- 8:00 p.m. State of the City 2014
- 10:00 p.m. Artastic 2014

Fridays

- 4:00 p.m. SOV
- 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

Covered California: Health Care Update

Covered California is a new marketplace established by the California State Legislature under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). Call toll-free 1-800-300-1506 or visit www.coveredca.com

To enroll, have the following information available:

- Number of people being enrolled
- Birth dates of each person in family being enrolled
- Social Security numbers for each family member
- Home ZIP code
- Most recent income tax filings, including dependent tax information
- Legal immigration information, such as your “A” number
- If members of federally recognized tribes, information about status as tribe



Questions? Call toll-free 1-800-300-1506

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Norwalk Wins “March Madness” Tournament

Norwalk Girls Fastpitch SWAT defeated Cypress’ Rob’s Zombies 6-0 in the 8U Championship Game at the West Grove “March Madness” Softball Tournament in Garden Grove. Norwalk won four games in the special one day tournament that featured nine teams from West Grove, Cypress, Long Beach and South Huntington Beach. Norwalk allowed zero runs the entire tournament with strong performances by their pitching trio of Alyvia Hernandez, Leilani Juan and Brianna Camarena.



Norwalk 8U SWAT Roster

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| Jazirael Acosta | Isabella Herrera | Brisa Valdez |
| Alyssa Baiza | Leilani Juan | Manager - Vic Juan |
| Jordyn Belote | Angelita Moreno | Coach - Rafael Hernandez |
| Brianna Camarena | Elisa Rodriguez | Coach - Victor Juan |
| Marley Estrella | Ashley Solache | Coach - Lisa Rodriguez |
| Alyvia Hernandez | Bryanna Solache | |

Norwalk Regional Library to Host Free Book Give Away April 29

Visit the Norwalk Regional Library Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. for El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros (Children’s Day/Book Day). This national celebration of children, families and books will be highlighted with a special quest performance by The Norwalk Youth Mariachi Group who will be performing traditional mariachi songs including their own rendition of “Viva Mexico” and “Yo No Fui.” Each child in attendance, will receive one free book from the Norwalk Regional Library.



For more information, visit colapublib.org or call (562) 868-0775.

Used Book Sales at Libraries

The Friends of the Norwalk Libraries are holding book sales in April at both Norwalk libraries.

Alondra Library: 11949 Alondra Blvd., will have their semi-annual sale on Saturday, April 5 from 12:00 - 3:30 p.m. Hundreds of books will be on sale for 10¢ each. Info: (562) 868-7771.

Norwalk Library: 12350 Imperial Hwy., will be selling more than 3,000 books, movies, and music will be on sale Thursday, April 10 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 12 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. \$5.00 per bag (library supplies the bag). Purchase as many bags as you would like. Info: (562) 868-0775, or colapublib.org.

