

Practice Pedestrian Safety



- Look both ways before crossing the street (left, right, left again) and make eye contact with drivers before crossing busy streets.

- It is safest to walk on a sidewalk, but when walking on roads without sidewalks, always walk against the direction of traffic.

- Increase your visibility at night by carrying a flashlight and wearing reflective clothing.

- Watch the pedestrian signals, not the traffic signal, and follow the "WALK/DON'T WALK" lights (they're set up to help you cross safely). Look for pedestrian push buttons for crossing protection at signalized intersections.

- Avoid walking in between cars.

- Adults should supervise children when crossing streets. Smaller children may be difficult for drivers to see and young children may not be able to judge whether it is safe to cross a street.




According to the US Department of Transportation, one pedestrian dies in a traffic crash every two hours. More than 4,000 pedestrians die every year, and another 70,000 are injured. The City reminds you to follow these simple guidelines and practice safety whenever you walk or drive.

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Be a Norwalk 'Roll Model' During Bicycle Safety Month



May is Bicycle Safety Month, but bike safety can be observed every day. "Be A Roll Model" encourages everyone in Norwalk to model safe behaviors and improve the safety of all road users, including those who bicycle. Whether you are a motorist or bicyclist, a parent or grandparent, adult, or older youth, and whether you ride for transportation or recreation, you can play a part in being a "Roll Model" to decrease the risks of traffic crashes and preventable injuries and deaths. The National Highway Traffic & Safety Administration invites you to engage adults and youths to be safe, observe the rules, and exercise caution.

To be a Norwalk "Roll Model"...

- Ride and Drive Focused -- never distracted.
- Ride and Drive Prepared -- always expect the unexpected.



- Put Safety First -- we never know when a crash will occur, regardless of skill level or age; always wear a bicycle helmet when on a bicycle and a seat belt when in a car.

- Follow the Rules of the Road -- a bicyclist is considered a vehicle on the road with all the rights on the roadway and responsibilities of motorized traffic.

- Expect law enforcement officers to monitor and address unsafe behaviors between motorists and bicyclists that put bicyclists at risk.

- Share the Road -- both vehicle drivers (motorist and bicyclist) should look out for one another and show mutual respect.

For more information, tips, and activities, visit www.nhtsa.gov.

The City Proudly Observes May as: Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month



Older Americans Month



Bicycle Safety Month

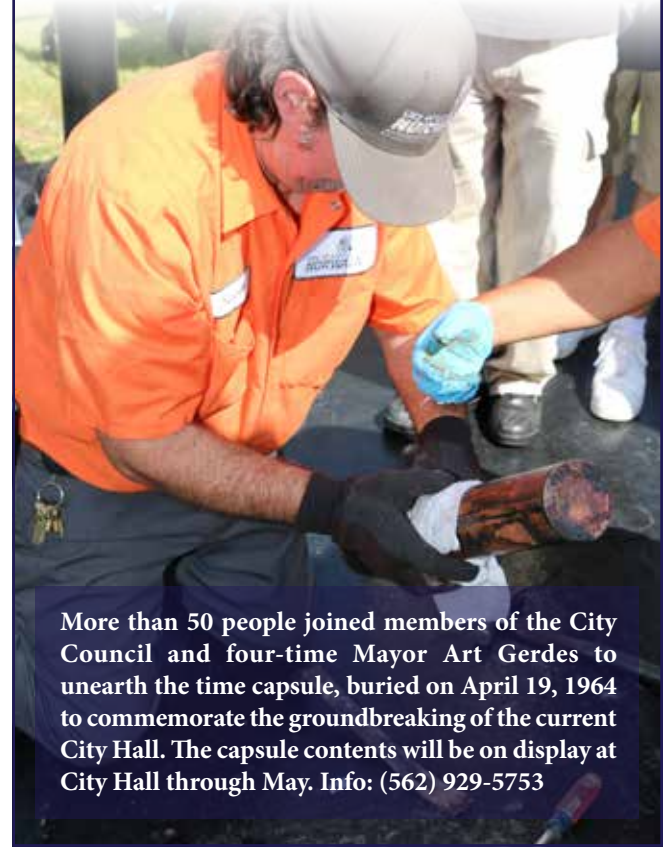


Memorial Day Street Sweeping & Trash Collection Schedule

In observance of Memorial Day, please note that trash pick up routes will resume following the holiday, one day later than your regular scheduled date. Similarly, street sweeping will not take place during the week if your regular sweeping date lands on a holiday. Sweeping will resume the following week as scheduled. Please be considerate of your neighborhood and do your part to help ensure trash cans do not interfere for better sweeping results. If the trash collection schedule is a concern for business and industrial accounts, please contact your hauler to make special arrangements prior to the holidays: Consolidated Customer Service (562) 347-2100; CR&R Customer Service (562) 944-4716.



A Capsule that Time Didn't Forget



More than 50 people joined members of the City Council and four-time Mayor Art Gerdes to unearth the time capsule, buried on April 19, 1964 to commemorate the groundbreaking of the current City Hall. The capsule contents will be on display at City Hall through May. Info: (562) 929-5753

Recent Quakes Offer Timely Reminder

Preparation, Practice Key to Survival

The recent series of earthquakes centered in La Habra serves as a reminder that Norwalk is located in earthquake country. Although there were no reports of damage in Norwalk, the City reminds you that it's always the right time to get prepared. Here are helpful tips to follow before and after a major earthquake:

- Make a plan / make a kit / be ready - whole family preparedness; remember your pets.
- Prepare your home for earthquakes. Secure wall hangings, bookcases, anything that may fall when your home shakes. Don't forget to secure your water heater.
- Don't use your phone right after an earthquake unless it is essential or an emergency.
- Stay home. Keep the roads clear for emergency vehicles. If you have damage, camp at home and report your damage.

When it comes to protecting yourself and your loved ones, preparation and a little practice greatly improve your chances of survival. To learn more about emergency preparedness programs offered by the City of Norwalk, email oem@norwalkca.gov or call (562) 929-5743.

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Still Hip 2B Square

Upon its opening in the mid-1950s, the Norwalk Town Square drew shoppers from hundreds of miles away. The concept of bringing together multiple shops within one central shopping area represented modern, innovative planning - the first 'mini-mall'. Rather than making several stops for goods and services, shoppers could park the car and purchase just about everything they needed in one stop. It was the hippest shopping experience around. Today, it's still hip to be square. With national brand leaders like Payless Shoes, Verizon Wireless and Radio Shack, plus L.A. Fitness and Avenue, the Norwalk Town Square will have you circling back again and again. Shop the Square at Rosecrans Ave. and Pioneer Blvd.

Tips to Curbing Coyote Encounters

Recent reports of coyote sightings in Norwalk serve as timely reminders to be vigilant and aware of your surroundings when visiting open spaces and local parks. The City is currently working with

the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) and California Department of Fish & Wildlife to address the issue. The following guidelines will help minimize a coyote encounter:



- Put away bird feeders at night to avoid rodents and other coyote prey from gathering.
- When visiting parks or other open areas, always keep your pet on a leash.
- Put trash in tightly closed containers that cannot be tipped over.
- Do not leave pet food outside and bring pets in at night.
- Do not leave small children or small pets unattended.
- Pick up fallen fruit and cover compost piles.
- Never feed or attempt to "tame" a coyote.



For more information, or to report coyote sightings, contact Public Safety at (562) 929-5732 or SEAACA at (562) 803-3301.

We've Grown Accustomed to His Faces

You'd recognize this guy's faces anywhere. Joseph Yakovetic draws caricatures. But not just any caricatures. Famous ones. He started at age 16, and his faces have graced the spotlight ever since. In fact, he recently exhibited his show, "Famous Faces," at the Mary Paxon Gallery located inside the Norwalk Cultural Arts Center. From Bette Midler to Sammy Davis Jr., you'll see plenty of stars at Joseph's show.

"Norwalk offers some great opportunities for young artists," Joseph said. "We have this incredible

art gallery free of charge, with programs that if you apply, and they accept you, you get in."

Joseph shares his advice with others who are thinking of making art a career: "I was always drawing people, so if you have that desire, you have that gift that you can capture a likeness, I say pursue it and see where it goes."

For details about the artist, or upcoming exhibits, contact the Norwalk Cultural Arts Center at (562) 929-5521.



Hooray for Arbor Day



Planting for the future: how important are trees to Norwalk? Voice your opinion. Take the online City survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RNK6M7F>

Artastic Mixes Creativity with Inspiration

Students, families and artists enjoyed an afternoon of sunshine and art at the Cultural Arts Center. The Fifth Annual Artastic displayed Junior and High School students' artwork. Teenagers competed for a Scholarship in mediums, including photography, drawing and sculpture. The public could also purchase work from local artists. Free activities included face painting, marbling, henna and ceramics. Dancers of all ages performed. Professional dancers taught their signature steps to the audience. Three to five year olds also sang on stage, and brought smiles to onlookers. Two students from Benton Middle School won first prize



in the sculpture category. They won for their cake creation based on "ALICE IN WONDERLAND". Jennifer Hodge, their art teacher, says, "I think it's well deserved, they came in after school, they worked with me during class. They tried, they failed and they had to use their critical thinking skills and they had to adjust and make changes and they came to me when they needed advice and they just did a great job." First place earns a scholarship.

Organizers encourage students to submit their work and say it's not too early to start practicing. To see highlights of this year's event go to YouTube/norwalktelevision.



HAPPY CINCO DE MAYO



Cinco de Mayo, celebrated in the United States and Mexico, commemorates the cause of freedom and democracy during the first years of the American Civil War. Today, the date is observed in the United States as a celebration of Mexican heritage and pride.



Info: Mauro Guerrero - (562) 743-7353

See Your Photo on City's flickr™ Site

The City now features a dedicated flickr site to post photos from major City-sponsored events. The Public Affairs office posts photos from special events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Parade, and Memorial Day Ceremony, to name a few. If you attend a City event, check the Norwalk flickr site a day or two afterward. If you see a photo of yourself that you want, simply copy and save it. Or, if you see the City photographer at an event and would like a photo of yourself or your family, let the photographer know. Then, check the City's flickr site and download a free copy. For details, call (562) 929-5753.



Women in Business CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014 | 9:00AM - 1:00PM

Pico Park
9528 Beverly Blvd, Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Come learn about:
Developing a Business Plan | Financing Your Business | Human Resources
Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program | Marketing your Business

Cost
\$20 PRE SALE, \$25 AT THE DOOR
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TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce (562) 994-7785 or go online at www.norwalkchamberofcommerce.org

Denny's Revamps



Denny's Restaurant, located on the Corner of Imperial Hwy. and Pioneer Blvd., recently hosted its Grand Re-Opening. Hundreds of patrons packed the renovated restaurant. Balloons were given to children, and all patrons got to spin the wheel for prizes and goodies. Representatives from Denny's Corporation were present, as well as managers and staff. General Manager Ali Reza said, "We have been here at this location for 34 years, and we are happy to stay here forever." Throughout the month of May, Denny's Norwalk will offer residents 20% off meal purchases.



Water Conservation Tips for the Food Service Industry

What ingredient crosses all food boundaries? Hint: It's clear, tasteless and can be transformed into a solid. Water plays an important role in the kitchen, whether it's during preparation, cooking and even cleaning. In the restaurant industry, water has an even more important value because it is used in large quantities. There are some insider's tips that restaurants can implement to conserve water and cut bills. The secret lies behind water efficient devices, such as connectionless food steamers, air cooled ice making machines, flow restrictors and flow regulators.

Steamers are one of the largest water guzzlers in the restaurant industry, operating on 175,000 gallons of water per year. Traditional steamers use water for two purposes, to cook and cool. Steamers use a separate boiler to produce steam for the cooking compartment and then drain the excess steam and cool it with water.

On the other hand, connectionless food steamers avoid the cooling of excess steam by including a reservoir at the bottom of the cooking compartment. The excess water simply returns to the reservoir rather than to a different compartment,

which would require cooling. A restaurant can save over 174,000 gallons of water and over \$1,000 by using a connectionless steamer.

Other devices that may facilitate water savings in the foodservice industry are flow regulators and flow restrictors. These gadgets are designed to limit the amount of water that flows from a faucet. Regulators and restrictors can either be installed inside the faucet or onto the tap. By taking a few minutes to install these devices, businesses can save over 500 gallons per month. Similar to traditional steamers, water-cooled ice making machines can cause water bills to go through the roof. These devices circulate cool water to cool mechanical refrigeration. Water-cooled ice making machines use nearly 100 gallons of water per 100 pounds of ice. On the contrary, air-cooled machines use air to cool the refrigerant, thus using much less water.

Central Basin is available to help the foodservice industry in our service area. Rebates are available for the connectionless food steamer, air-cooled ice making machine and flow restrictors. Help us share this message with local business owners, visit us online and join our campaign.

Free Workshop Teaches Fair Housing Rules



The Fair Housing Foundation will hold a free workshop to help landlords and property managers learn how to find tenants, process credit checks and comply with fair housing laws: Thursday, May 8th, from 3pm-5pm Norwalk Social Services Center, 11929 Alondra Blvd. Free and open to the public. Info: 1-800-446-FAIR.

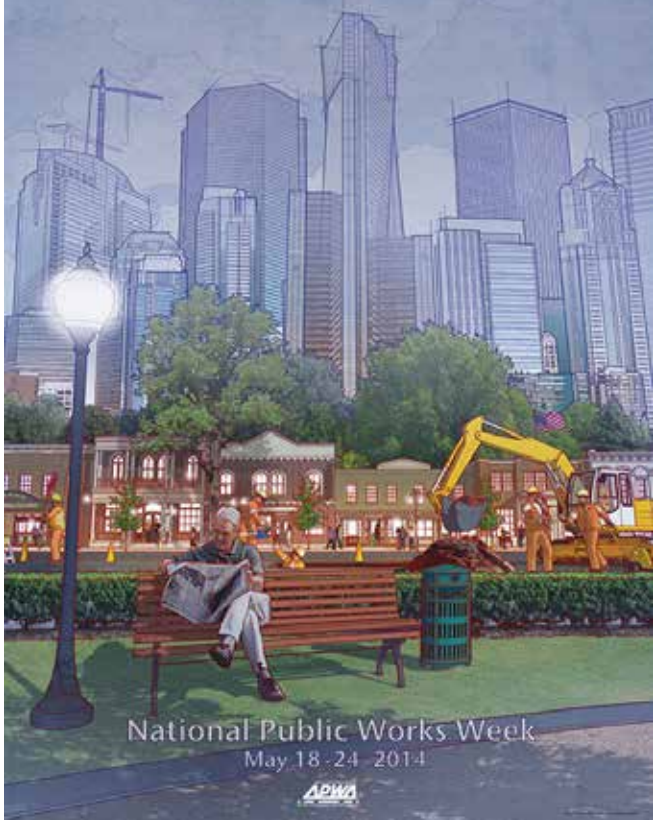
Founded in 1964, the Fair Housing Foundation (FHF) is a private, non-profit, non-partisan educational agency dedicated to promoting the enforcement of fair housing laws and encouraging an atmosphere of open housing through education, enforcement activities, counseling services, and outreach programs. We are contracted with cities throughout Orange and Los Angeles counties to provide Fair Housing services.

Fair Housing Foundation serves over 10,000 clients annually through our programs. Info: www.fairhousingfoundation.com.

Council Proclaims National Public Works Week

The City Council has declared May 18-24 as National Public Works Week. The theme, "Building for Today, Planning for Tomorrow," recognizes the vital role that Public Works plays toward ensuring a sustainable and vibrant future. "Public works plays a key role in the planning, building and maintaining the infrastructure in communities that allows future generations to enjoy a higher quality of life," said the mayor as he presented the proclamation to members of Norwalk's Public Works team.

**Building for Today
Planning for Tomorrow**



HOME Helps with House Repairs

The City of Norwalk, through funding provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), helps low income households with making needed home repairs. Assistance is available to City of Norwalk property owners who have owned and lived in the property for minimum of 2 years and whose household income is within certain limits (see chart below). Homes must be Single

Family residences, condominiums, mobile homes, or 1-4 unit apartment complexes*. For detailed information regarding the programs, please call (562) 929-5951.

Household Size	Maximum Income
1 Person	\$46,400
2 Persons	\$53,000
3 Persons	\$59,650
4 Persons	\$66,250
5 Persons	\$71,550
6 Persons	\$76,850
7 Persons	\$82,150
8 Persons	\$87,450

*For rental properties, tenant incomes are used to establish eligibility for the program.

The following types of assistance are available depending upon income and other qualifications: Grants, Rebates, Deferred Loans, 0% Interest Loans.

Eligible Improvements include: Electrical, Plumbing, Roofing, Heating, Painting, Masonry, Carpentry, Windows & Doors, Fumigation, Garages & Carports, Addition of Bedrooms & Baths (under limited conditions)



RABIES CLINIC

JUNE 13 & JULY 11
4:00 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL LAWN
RABIES VACCINATION: \$6

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. Info: (562) 929-5711.

Point of Clarification:

In the April issue, "Bridging a Safety Issue" stated the Firestone bridge would be widened from three lanes to six. Actually, the new bridge will maintain six lanes.

Egg-Stravagant Recap

The City's Egg-Stravagant Egg Hunt drew more than 1,000 people for an egg-cellent afternoon of family fun. The Easter Bunny showed up right on time, and kids of all ages took part in games and activities. All the photos from the day are posted to the City's flickr site.



From Father-Son Bedtime Story to Hollywood Feature?



When Norwalk resident Jorge Ancheytta, a native of Guatemala, came to the United States at age 12, he couldn't speak English. Twenty-five years later, he not only speaks the language, he just published his first book, a story inspired by his son. In fact, the book became a family affair of sorts. With encouragement from his wife, Gabriela, he and their two sons, Jorge Emmanuel (pictured) and Allen Koby, began crafting a story. It was meant to make bedtime more exciting. The concept began when Jorge asked his son, "If you had super powers, what would you like to have?" His son answered, "I don't want super powers - too much responsibility. Instead, I would like to have something that can give me super powers, but I can put it away whenever I don't want them." With that idea in mind he began creating a story for his son and his two cousins, Heidi and Checo. The story he told his son that night was filled with fighting scenes and evil creatures. Coco created the powers

for the heroes in the story while Jorge created the plot. That same night, he began to write the story to give it some type of continuation the following day. He went to bed at 4:00 am. The story continued the following day and that same night he wrote some more. This ritual went on for about two weeks and soon enough he had written more than 50k words. He began sharing the written story with friends and family and he kept hearing the same thing. "You should turn your story into a book." He did. With a second manuscript complete, and a third already planned, Jorge sees "The Last Garden" as a trilogy. The author has also received interest from a movie producer. "You never know," he said. For now, he is busy making presentations to schools. "Kids seem to like this book. They like reading about superheroes. And parents just like that their kids are reading, so it's good," he smiled.

For more information about the book, visit www.thelastgarden.com or call their author at (562) 440-0707.



NEWSMAKERS

City Service Towers Above, Developer Says



Developers of the renovated Norwalk Christian Tower Apartments lauded the community for "helping us every step of the way" to remodel the 11-story, 185-unit complex on Clarkdale Ave.

Norwalk Mayor's Listening Tour Underway

Norwalk's mayor has begun a listening tour to hear from community members. It includes two upcoming e-forums to address residents via email. Details: (562) 929-5305.

Cities' Partnership Bridges Safety Issues



The cities of Norwalk & Downey marked the start of reconstructing the Firestone Blvd. Bridge, which County engineers deemed unsafe after inspections found structural cracks.

'2020 Vision' Plans at Your Thumb-tips

Residents can still get a complimentary copy of the City's '2020 Vision' strategic action plan, which available on a thumb drive from City Hall. Pick up in-person or arrange by calling (562) 929-5753.



Sole Soothing Kits for Women in Military



Norwalk resident Lokia Pearson wants to honor U.S. female soldiers serving around the world. Her company, Lemongrass Spa Products, spearheaded a campaign called "Operation Freedom Feet" to raise

funds to send 2,000 Foot Kits to female soldiers serving abroad. "This is a way to bring hope and encouragement to these outstanding women," said Lokia. To find out more, call her at (562) 355-3938.

Symphony Irvine Presents Community Concert at St. John



May 10, 2014 St. John
Doors open @ 6:30PM 13819 S. Pioneer Blvd.
Concert Starts @ 7:00PM Norwalk, CA, 90650
Donation for Admission: For more information call:
\$10 General / \$5 Seniors (562) 863-5721