

City Asks for Public Partnership to Impact Criminal Activity

Residents and Businesses can get involved through local programs and events.

Last month, Norwalk experienced several shooting incidents within a short period. Serious concerns exist anytime crime occurs, but this recent activity was especially impactful to the City and its residents. The safety of our parks and neighborhoods remains our highest priority. City staff is working directly with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to address the incidents. Due to the ongoing nature of the

investigation, limited information is available, but pertinent details were provided to residents on the City website and Facebook page on July 15. At the July 21 Council meeting, Norwalk Sheriff's Station Captain Curtis Jensen provided an update, which can be viewed by going to www.norwalk.org/residents/special-bulletin.

Community members are an important part of crime prevention and the crime solving process. While we do not encourage engagement with any suspected individual, we ask that you stay informed and alert. Report suspicious activity immediately. Take note of important descriptive elements like facial features, height, clothing, license plate, or car make and model. If you or someone you know has information on the recent events, contact the Sheriff's Station at (562) 863-8711. You may also report anonymously at www.LACrimestoppers.org or by telephone at (888) 222-TIPS.

Residents are invited to attend the City's "National Night Out Event" on Wednesday, August 5 (See article on this page) to unite with local organizations and agencies in taking a stand against crime.

Any level of violence is unacceptable in our neighborhoods. The City of Norwalk continues to focus on increasing public safety in the community and maintaining its 10-year low crime rate. From 2013 to 2014, Norwalk experienced a 13% drop in crime. As of July 14, 2015, Norwalk's crime rate is 6.1% below the same time frame in 2014, among the highest reductions of all contract cities served by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

City staff are available to speak with residents about their crime concerns. Joshua Yordt, Public Safety Manager, or Nicole Amescua, Management Analyst, can be reached through the Public Safety office at (562) 929-5732.



Take a Stand Against Crime on National Night Out

The City of Norwalk hosts its annual National Night Out on Wednesday, August 5 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the Civic Center Lawn. The event, scheduled in conjunction with the popular Summer Concert Series' "Mariachis Divas" performance, is a community-building effort launched by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW).



Each August, communities across the country gather to take a stand against crime. Law enforcement partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, essential in building safer neighborhoods and improving the quality of life for residents, are key goals. The event also educates

residents about crime prevention efforts and increases awareness of public safety programs such as Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, and emergency preparedness.

This year local agencies such as the LA County Fire Department, SEACCA, Metropolitan State Hospital, LA County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, Helpline Youth Counseling and the American Red Cross will host informational booths. "McGruff" the crime fighting dog and Public Safety's "Rocky the Raccoon" will make special appearances. In addition, parents will have the opportunity to have their children fingerprinted by our Public Safety Cadet to use as a resource tool.



City Adopts New Parkway Landscape Standards

The City Council recently adopted new landscape standards for parkways, which is the landscape area between a sidewalk and curb within the public right-of-way. This ordinance will become effective on August 7, 2015. The new standards are designed to provide property owners with options regarding to the types of materials that can be installed.

The following provides some highlights:

- Standard parkway landscaping includes installation of grass or drought tolerant groundcover plants listed in the approved plant list. No plan or approval is required to install standard parkway landscaping.
- Alternative parkway landscaping may include: 1) live plants not listed on the approved plant list; 2) non-vegetative groundcovers limited to mulch, paving, brick, tile or concrete; and 3) artificial turf. Loose stones and rocks are prohibited within the parkway. A plan and plant list must be submitted to the City for review and approval prior to installation of these materials.

The approved plant list and application for alternative parkway landscaping will be available on August 7, 2015 online at <http://www.norwalk.org/i-want-to-learn-about-water-conservation/drought-tolerant-landscaping> and at the Community Development Department, Planning Division in Room 12 at City Hall. Residents and property owners with questions may call (562) 929-5744 or e-mail the Planning Division at planning@norwalkca.gov.

Back to School Safety

The new school year is approaching, which means it's time for motorists to take extra care. With more school kids walking, riding bikes, and crossing streets, the City's Public Safety department and the Norwalk Sheriff's Department will implement a special Back to School Traffic Safety Campaign throughout September. Law enforcement officers will be assigned to monitor crosswalks, school zones, and school drop-off areas.

Traffic Tips & Tip-offs:

- 25 mph speed limit in school zones.
- Do not double park.
- Comply with all seat belt laws.
- Obey loading, unloading, and red zones.
- Yield to children while they cross the street.
- Use crosswalks when crossing children.
- Watch for children crossing in front of or behind vehicles.
- Do not unload passengers in the street; always park legally.

REMINDER to parents: Students must be in school or under the direct supervision of a parent/legal guardian between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Need more information? Contact the Department of Public Safety at (562) 929-5732.

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SEEKING NEW ENTRIES for the 32nd Annual Arturo Sanchez Sr. Halloween Parade

Does your group have a unique idea for an entry in the 32nd Annual City of Norwalk, Arturo Sanchez Sr., Halloween Parade? All area businesses, service organizations and clubs are encouraged to take part in this popular Norwalk tradition, which includes everything from marching bands, floats and equestrians to custom cars and trucks.

The parade will take place on Saturday, October 17 at 11:00 a.m., and will begin at the intersection of Pioneer Boulevard and Mapledale Street, concluding at Hermosillo Park later that day.

Residents are also urged to join in the festivities by putting on their favorite Halloween costume and marching through the parade.



For those dressing up, a costume contest will be conducted at the corner of Pioneer Boulevard and Mapledale Street beginning at 9:15 a.m. Pre-registration is not required.

If you'd like to be a part of this year's Halloween Parade, please visit our website at www.norwalk.org to download an application, or call (562) 929-5702 to obtain an entry form. See you there!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet Madilaine Venzon, a seventeen-year-old Norwalk High School graduate and Valedictorian, class of 2015. She's "famous" in her school circle for attaining a 5.0 GPA. She completed six AP classes her senior year: AP Chemistry, AP Psychology, AP Government, AP Physics 1, AP Calculus and AP Literature.

Madilaine's interests outside of studying and school work include: dancing, singing, music, anime, K-pop (Korean Pop Music) and learning different languages. She also volunteered Saturdays at Kaiser Permanente during the year. Despite her packed schedule, Madilaine says, "I think I had a pretty good balance of working, studying, personal time and time with friends. I would make sure to take breaks in between study sessions and watch some of my favorite shows. And whenever I would have free time, I'd see my best friend. We'd study together and also make time for fun."

Madilaine's favorite class was AP Calculus. She said her teacher, Mr. Turner, was "absolutely amazing" and everyone in the class was supportive of one another.

Madilaine is off for the summer and plans on relaxing and cleaning her room before attending UCLA in the fall. She plans to study Engineering. Madilaine says, "I plan to obtain a Chemical Engineering degree with a Biomedical Engineering option because I want to help work on advances in medical technology and maybe have the option of becoming a medical doctor." Congratulations, Madilaine, and good luck at UCLA!



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If you know a student who is excelling in school or has a special talent, we'd like to know about it too! You can email us at publicaffairs@norwalkca.gov with information. Please include a follow up phone number or email.

Help us Honor Lee Mitchell!

We are honored to announce that Mr. Lee Mitchell, retired Director of the Norwalk All-City Band will serve as Grand Marshall for the 32nd Annual Arturo Sanchez Sr., Halloween Parade. We look forward to honoring Mr. Mitchell for his 30 plus years of service to the Norwalk community. We are searching for All-City Band alumni who marched under Mr. Mitchell's direction. If that describes you or you know someone who would like to take part in this memorable experience by marching and possibly performing in the parade along side Mr. Mitchell, please contact the Norwalk Recreation and Park Services Department at (562) 929-5702. Alumni will receive a commemorative t-shirt. Please consider taking part in this once in a lifetime experience.



Locks of Love HAIR DRIVE 2015

On Friday, July 3, the annual Locks of Love Hair Drive was held along with the Independence Day Pageant. 194 female and 8 male participants from Norwalk, Downey, Whittier, Long Beach, Paramount, Orange, and other neighboring cities donated a total of 213 locks of hair, or 2,834 inches, which Locks of Love will use to create hair peices for children that have suffered hair loss due to medical reasons. The five youngest donors were 4 years of age, and the most senior donor was 77 years old. Stephanie Calvillo donated the most hair at 68 inches. The City thanks all who participated.



Thank you
for donating!!!

Conserve Water, Save a Tree



Did you know that watering trees can actually help conserve water? That's because trees provide shade to landscape which helps reduce water needs and that's just one of the many benefits. Trees also improve air and water quality, slow stormwater runoff, help recharge groundwater and reduce soil erosion.

Most mature trees only need to be watered 1-2 times per month. Lawns sit on the surface of the ground, have shallow roots and need to be watered a few times a week in order to survive. Tree roots, unlike turf roots, grow deep in the earth, so a deep soak once or twice a month is all that is needed to keep the tree healthy. New trees require more frequent watering but less water at a time.



Be water wise when watering trees:

- Water mature trees 1-2 times a month.
- New trees need to be watered 1-2 times a week but need less water at a time (about 5-10 gallons each time).
- Water under the tree canopy gradually and slowly in order to saturate the roots.
- Adding mulch under the tree canopy helps reduce heat and slows evaporation resulting in less water needed.
- Water in the morning or early evening (in accordance with your water suppliers guidelines) to reduce evaporation.



U.N.I.T.E. presents
in association with the City of Norwalk

BBQ

Norwalk Community BBQ
12700 Norwalk Blvd. City Hall Lawn
August 15, 2015
Between 12-4pm
FREE

FREE 1,000 Backpacks
w/School supplies
Must be Registered to receive backpack
Registration starts at 12pm
Back Pack Distribution starts at 3pm

Free Hot Dogs
Chili Cook Off
Bouncers
Slides
Face Painting
Live Music
Raffles and Prizes and much more...

Bring your
Lawn Chairs
and Umbrellas

For Registration for Chili Cook Off 562.864.1353
Register before August 10th



Beware of Telephone Scams and Unauthorized Solicitors



Be cautious when receiving phone calls from individuals claiming they are with utility companies, financial institutions, or the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). These callers may advise you that you owe money, are subject to having utilities disconnected, or that you have a refund due in order to trick you into providing private information or send them money.

Following are some tips to remember to avoid falling victim to phone scams:

- Do not provide or confirm personal information to callers when you have not initiated or requested the contact/phone call
- Companies will not demand immediate payment without first having sent you a bill
- A company will not threaten to bring in local police or other law enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying
- The IRS will not demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe
- If the caller is from a utility company, you may take his/her information down and contact your utility company on your own to confirm any charges or overdue account information

Additionally, some residents may have experienced contact with solicitors who are canvassing neighborhoods and claiming to be working with the City. With recent changes to water regulations, you may come across those who promise energy efficient equipment and installation, or landscaping alternatives with no upfront cost. As a reminder, the City does not 'work' with any particular company who offers services to residents regarding landscaping or energy efficiency. If you are contacted by these solicitors, ask for credentials – organizations authorized to go door-to-door in the City have proper business and City identification. When in doubt, contact the Department of Public Safety to report solicitors.



For more information on telephone scams, please visit the City website at <http://www.norwalk.org/i-want-to-learn-about/avoiding-scams>.

If you have any questions, please contact Norwalk Public Safety at (562) 929-5732 or the Norwalk Sheriff Station at (562) 863-8711.



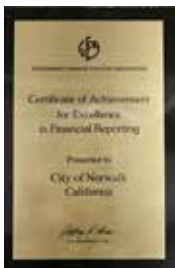
In the spirit of National Back to School Month, Assemblymember Christina Garcia is excited to announce her inaugural Summer Reading Challenge, just in time for back to school. Participate in this four week challenge and you will qualify for a raffle to win an Ipad, gift cards and other great prizes. This challenge is open to all pre-school – 12th grade students. To get started visit: asmdc.org/members/Garcia



For submissions or any questions, please contact Martin Medrano at Martin.Medrano@asm.ca.gov or at (562)861-5803

City Achieves Excellence in Financial Reportings

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Norwalk for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. This marks the 28th consecutive year



that the City has received this prestigious award. The City published a clear and organized report that satisfied not only generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements, it also achieved one of the City's Strategic Action Plan goals, enacting sound fiscal management and stewardship. The entire report is available at the City's web page at <http://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/finance/accounting>.

State Assemblymember
Cristina Garcia
58th Assembly District

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Job Well Done Norwalk High School!

Norwalk High School recently received a prestigious designation. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) is the accrediting agency responsible for validating the work of public high schools across California. The accreditation establishes standards of quality in education and substantiates the integrity of a school's program and student transcripts. Colleges will only accept graduates of accredited high schools.



There are different levels of passing WASC's review process. Norwalk High School received the best possible accreditation term, full six-year accreditation term with a mid-cycle progress report.




Dr. Ryan Smith (Principal) says, "Our school community is extremely proud of the honor that the Western Association of Schools and Colleges has bestowed upon us. A six-year accreditation term with only a mid-cycle progress report is clear validation of the hard work that we are engaging in to ensure that all of our graduates are prepared for both college and career aligns."

John Glenn High School received a six year accreditation in 2012 with a mid-cycle review after three years. They were re-visited by the committee and have their valuation extended for another three years.

WASC is one of six regional associations which accredit public and private schools, colleges, and universities in the United States.

COLLEGE CAREER
FAIR

State Assemblymember
Ian Calderon
Assembly District 57



Annual College and Career Fair

Assemblymember Ian Calderon hosts the Annual 57th District College and Career Fair on Saturday, September 19 at La Puente High School in La Puente. Norwalk and John Glenn High School seniors, as well as other seniors attending school in the 57th District and scheduled to graduate in spring of 2016, are eligible to compete in an Essay Contest. Three winners will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships. Contestants must be present at the College and Career Fair to be awarded a scholarship. For more information about the Essay Contest or the College and Career Fair, please contact the Assemblymember's district office at (562) 692-5858.

Congresswoman Linda Sánchez Invites Seniors to 38th Senior District Fair

Congresswoman Sánchez's 13th Annual Senior Fair takes place on Friday, August 14, at Cerritos College. At this free public event, senior citizens will have the opportunity to access helpful services and information from local organizations and agencies, including health screenings, veterans assistance, fraud prevention education, housing and utilities assistance, and elder rights information. The event runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Student Center. Cerritos College is located at 11110 Alondra Boulevard. No registration is required. For more information, call (562) 860-5050.



Congresswoman Sánchez talks with a constituent at her 2014 Senior Fair

Special Adoption Fees During SEAACA Renovation

The Southeast Area Animal Control Authority's care center is currently undergoing construction in a special remodel project that will improve the health and well-being of the animals being sheltered there. Come visit the center during renovation and ask about their limited time \$5.00 pet adoption promotion*. The center is located at 9777 Seaaca Street in Downey. Contact their office at (562) 803-3301 for more information or visit www.seaaca.org.



*Exclusions apply for Puppies & Boutique Buddies
*Animals require a spay/neuter deposit Dogs \$50 / Cats \$40 boutique buddies.

"State of the Nation" Luncheon Address

Slated for Wednesday, August 12



The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce invites the public to the "State of the Nation" Luncheon Address, featuring Congresswoman Linda Sanchez. The Congresswoman, a leading voice for California families, judiciary and trade issues, has represented the 38th District since 2013, and prior to that represented the 39th District for ten years. Event tickets are \$30 for Chamber members, \$35 for non-members, with reserved tables of eight costing \$250. The event begins at 11:30 a.m. and will conclude at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12 at the DoubleTree Hotel located at 13111 Sycamore Drive. Reservations are required, and must be made by Monday, August 10. No tickets will be sold at the event. Contact (562) 864-7785 or info@norwalkchamber.com for more info or to make a reservation.

Upcoming Events & Activities at Norwalk Regional Library

Be a Smart Gardener

Saturday, August 22
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Norwalk Library is hosting a Smart Gardening Workshop on Saturday, August 22 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Learn backyard composting, water-wise gardening, worm composting, and grass cycling. Compost bins will be available for purchase, by cash or check, at a discounted price after the workshop. This program is provided by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works. For more information, please call the Norwalk Library: (562) 868-0775.

Teen Minute to Win It Challenges

Saturday, August 15
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
For TEENS (grades 6 - 12)

Join in a fun end of summer event for Teens! Cool under pressure? Have superior hand-eye coordination? Play a test of skills with 60-second challenges using household items and creativity. Play Teen "Minute to Win it Challenge" on Saturday, August 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The winner will be awarded an AMC gift card! For full details please call the library at (562) 868-0775 or visit online at www.colapublib.org. Also follow us at twitter.com/NorwalkLibrary or facebook.com/NorwalkLibrary.

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"No Fear" – Not Slowing Down!

Norwalk No Fear Girls Softball team just won the title of 2015 State Champions. The young ladies, all between the ages of 14 and 16, came together only two years ago to form their team. Prior to No Fear, the girls began their softball careers playing with Norwalk Girls Fastpitch. The team's manager, Luis Ontiveros says, "There wasn't a 16U division local softball league for girls in Norwalk to play for, so that was the basis of forming the team."

Luis adds, "Our players, coaches, parents and countless supporters take pride in representing where we came from, which is the City of Norwalk. We look forward to receiving the support of our community as our girls continue to follow their softball dreams and enhance their softball careers."

In the future for the young ladies is a run for the national title against other 16U teams from all of the Western states. The ASA Western 16U National



Tournament takes place in Spokane, Washington, ending in early August. Go to our website www.norwalkca.gov and click on the "Community News" button for the team's update.

SOCIAL SERVICES CENTER

11929 Alondra Boulevard

Blood Drive at the Social Services Center

Thursday, August 27
2:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Give blood at the Social Services Center and give the gift of life. For an appointment and more information call Jose Menendez at (562) 929-5603
Sponsored by: The American Red Cross



City Hall Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Alternating Fridays: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Important Numbers

City Hall: (562) 929-5700
Public Safety: (562) 929-5732
Code Compliance: (562) 929-5730
Sheriff's Station: (562) 863-8711
Graffiti Hotline: (562) 929-5555

EMERGENCY: 911

THE KEYSTONE CITY inc.

SENIOR CENTER Programs & Activities

14040 San Antonio Drive

FREE HICAP

Monday, August 3 & Monday, August 17
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

HICAP is the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program that provides free community education, counseling and advocacy on Medicare and related health insurance issues.
Sponsored by: Center for Health Care Rights

FREE Blood Pressure Screening

Wednesday, August 5
Tuesday, August 18th
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Sponsored by: Pioneer Medical Group & AppleCare Medical

FREE CalFresh Assistance

Wednesday, August 12
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

A representative from the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank will be on hand to provide information and help qualifying seniors apply to the CalFresh program.
Sponsored by: Los Angeles Regional Food Bank

FREE Dental Screening

Friday, August 21
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The purpose of the screening is to provide seniors with a very basic dental health screening. The Dental Assistant will then discuss with the senior any findings that need to be addressed with their regular dentist.
Sponsored by: Northeast Dental

August Candle Light Dinner "Summer Time Fun"

Tuesday, August 11
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner Service 5:45-6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$7.50 (\$6.00 Early Bird Special before August 7)
Dinner by Rosewood: Top Sirloin Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Dessert, Beverage & Coffee. Join us after dinner for a raffle. Ages 50 & older, 1 extra ticket allowed, adults only. Tickets will not be sold day of dinner. No refunds.

End of Summer Barbecue & Free Concert

Saturday, August 22
12:00-4:00 p.m.
Cost \$5.00

Come and celebrate the "Days of Summer" with us and enjoy an afternoon of food, fun, and games! Food will be available to those 50 years of age and older, for a fee, and meal tickets must be purchased in advance. Entertainment is free to all ages.
Sponsored in part by the LA County Arts Commission



City Council Meeting July 7



Mayor's Clergy Meeting on July 9





City Council Meeting July 21

