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Cities, Agencies Celebrate Completion of New Shoemaker Bridge

Officials from the cities of Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs, along with representatives from Cal Trans, Metro, and the Federal Highway Administration, marked the reopening of Shoemaker Bridge, which was demolished and rebuilt as part of the I-5 Freeway widening project. It is the first project to be completed in the overall schedule of improvements.

"It's a great day today," said the Chairman of the Joint Powers Authority, during a ribbon cutting to mark the opening. "It hasn't been easy on the residents and local businesses but now that it's open, I know they'll be happy."

The Shoemaker Bridge reflects the most southerly boundary of the I-5/Rosecrans segment of the project. The rest of the segment remains under construction. The bridge had to be raised and lengthened to make room for the additional lanes on I-5. The new bridge maintains one lane in each direction, but features improved pedestrian safety including wider sidewalks, stylish fencing and energy-efficient lighting. The larger part of the I-5/Rosecrans segment is about one-fourth

complete, officials from CalTrans report. The Alondra bridge to the south, the only bridge still to be demolished and completely rebuilt, is scheduled to open late this summer. There are now five of six I-5 segments under construction, including Imperial-Norwalk, Rosecrans, Carmenita and Alondra. The Valley View/I-5 segment, the only remaining line yet to begin construction, is scheduled for February 2015. All projects, according to CalTrans, will be completed by late 2018. For additional information about the I-5 Widening Project, contact Norwalk's CalTrans Advocacy Office at (213) 359-7367.



Two Public eForums Set

Share your thoughts and ideas about Norwalk with the Mayor during two separate eForums. Residents and business owners are invited to email or call the Mayor during designated hours. The forum is part of the Mayor's "Listening Tour" where he's been meeting in-person with groups and businesses. "The forum will offer that same one-on-one exchange but without folks having to leave their homes," the Mayor said in a statement. "I'm gathering as much input as possible to then prepare a report that reflects what I've heard."

Real-time e-mail or phone exchange with the Mayor

**June 19th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm
June 25th from 3:00 - 5:00 pm**

**Email your comments and questions to:
Mayor@norwalkca.gov**

Or call in: (562) 929-5305

For more information about the Mayor's eForums, contact the City Council Office at (562) 929-5305.

Firestone Bridge Replacement Continues

Construction on the Firestone Bridge over the San Gabriel River, underway since April, has been mostly confined to the river channel. But starting this month, the existing median island will be removed and traffic reduced to two lanes in each direction. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction so that demolition of the existing bridge can begin. The traffic lanes will continue to be reduced to the following:

Now through September - one lane in each direction

September through May 2015 - two lanes in each direction

May 2015 to September 2015 - three lanes in each direction

The bridge will remain open during construction, but expect some congestion. The river bike trail will be open, too, but detoured during some construction activities. The project's aggressive schedule calls for crews working around the clock during some phases to finish by September 2015. For additional information, call the project info hotline.

**Firestone Bridge Project Hotline
(562) 395-1277**

Public Recreation Area Could Replace 'Tank Farm'

Norwalk's 'tank farm,' which once produced fuel for military aircraft, moved a step closer to transferring ownership from the U.S. Air Force to the City thanks to proposed legislation by Congresswoman Linda Sanchez. Introduced as an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the bill was passed by the House of Representatives and designates 15 acres of the 51-acre site to the City.

"My office, since I was first elected to the district representing Norwalk, has worked with the city and the U.S. Air Force to reach an agreement that would turn the former environmental hazard area into a recreational space for the community," Sanchez said.

If passed, the 15 acres would be used for public purposes and transferred at no cost to the City.

"Rarely does an opportunity arise where a single piece of legislation can so dramatically transform an obsolete asset into a dynamic

community resource," said Norwalk's mayor in a statement. "This is a well-crafted bill that's a win-win for everyone, especially the public."

The site was used beginning in the 1950s by the U.S. Air Force to store jet fuel and supplies. It has been shuttered since 2001. A portion may be used for a public park and recreation area. The remainder of the land will be turned over to the General Services Administration for conveyance, in accordance with the Federal Property Act, according to the Air Force. The Defense Logistics Agency plans to "excavate and replace or treat the last remaining soil requiring remediation by the end of this calendar year," it added. The agency will monitor the groundwater and continue clean-up efforts.



A Memorial Day to Remember



More than 300 guests attended the City's Memorial Day tribute on the lawn at City Hall. Keynote speaker Dr. Charles Macias, author and leadership expert, spoke of the urgent need to help veterans transition back into civilian life, the focus of his book, "Operation Legacy." The City purchased 10 copies of the book to make available to Norwalk veterans through the local American Legion #359. For info call (562) 929-5753.

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Norwalk's Summer Concert Series Returns

Sounds of Summer fun will fill the air Wednesday evenings starting July 9th when the City's Summer Concert series returns to the lawn at City Hall. Concerts begin at 7:00pm and are free and open to all. For more information about the concert series, please call (562) 929-5702.

2014 Lineup



Wednesday, July 9
Raymond Michael
(Elvis Tribute)



Wednesday, July 16
Mariachi Espectacular De
Beto Jimenez (Mariachi)



Wednesday, July 23
The Funkomatics
(80's Pop, 70's Disco)



Wednesday, July 30
Soto (Latin R & B)



Wednesday, August 6
Poncho Sanchez
(Latin Jazz)



Wednesday, August 13
Vanity Fair
(Top 40)

Good Stuff Worth Doing

Senior Center

Candlelight Dinner
Tuesday, June 10
at 5:45 p.m.
\$6



Karaoke
Sat, June 14, 1-4 pm
Wed, June 25, 2-5 pm
Free

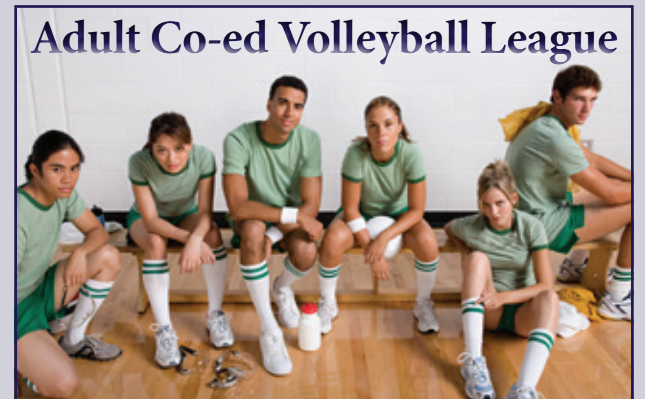
Green Tea Week
June 23-27 (various times)
Free



Rec & Parks



Volunteer Coaches Needed
Completed form required.
Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
13000 Clarkdale Avenue
(562) 929-5702



Adult Co-ed Volleyball League
(Ages 18 & Over)
League begins in July
Register now through June
Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
Info: (562) 929-5567

Remembering the Tomorrows They Gave



View more photos from the event on the City's flickr site and tune-in to the City's cable channel to see the special "Now You Know" recap report.

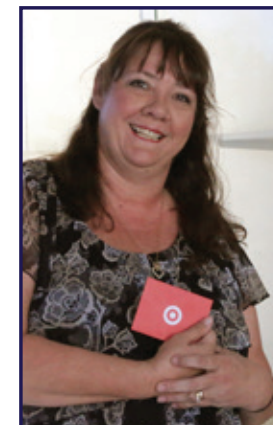


Time Capsule Contents Now on Display

The contents have been dried, removed and placed on display in the glass showcase area at City Hall. Drop by anytime during regular business hours to view the display. If you're a resident or business owner



and you'd like a photo of yourself in front of the display, the City will provide a digital photo for your scrapbook at no cost. For the 30 residents who entered the contest to guess the most items inside, deterioration of some of the contents made it impossible to determine just one winner. As a result, the City awarded all entrants a \$10 gift card to the local Target Store. "It's not exactly what the contestants were hoping for, I imagine," said the Mayor at a recent City Council meeting. "But this way everyone wins."



Everyone's a Winner
Sheila Nunez, one of 30 residents to enter the time capsule contest, holds her Target gift card she won for entering. "This is fine with me," she smiled.

City Has Perfect Space for Your Perfect Special Event



Sproul Room (Capacity: 150 Maximum)



Hargitt Room (Capacity: 50 Maximum)



Rich Rehearsal Hall (Multi-Purpose Room)
(Capacity: 150 Maximum)



Hospitality Courtyard
(Capacity: 200 Maximum with outdoor setting)



Sproul Reception Center (Barn)
(Capacity: 72 Indoor, 100 Indoor/Outdoor)

With weddings, graduations, quinceañeras and reunions on the horizon, look to the City of Norwalk to rent the perfect space for your perfect event. The City offers facilities to meet just about any need and any budget.

For complete listing of rental rates and detailed specifications, call (562) 929-5566 or click to www.norwalkca.gov.

Pathway Program Helps Veterans Aim High

Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board (SELACO WIB), a proud partner of America's Job Center, in collaboration with South Bay Center for Community Development (SBCC), Energy Pathway Program (EPP), and Cerritos Community College, continues to assist veterans with free job training and career preparation as they return to civilian life. Through the Energy Pathway Program (EPP), veterans receive free industry training for local career opportunities, industry recognized certificates, counseling, supportive services, and job readiness workshops, such as STEPS to economic and personal success. Veterans enrolled in programs are given priority of services and supported in their efforts. The EPP was created to train individuals and connect them with employers in the refinery industry. Industry partners who hired graduates from the 2013 graduating class of EPP include Tesoro, Grifols, and Phillips 66. Industry partners including Valero, LA Sanitation, Binderson, and King Hawaiian are participants on the EPP Advisory Board eagerly looking forward to hiring graduates from the current 2014 class. For more information please contact Anna Leon, Training Services Manager at (562) 402-9336.



The Lucy Pet Foundation presents the following events for Norwalk residents and their pets:

Spay and Neuter Event

Sunday June 29th

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Norwalk City Hall

Appointments required.

By phone - toll free 855-499-5829

By email info@lucypetfoundation.org

Rabies Clinics Offered

Friday June 13th &

Friday, July 11th

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Norwalk City Hall

Info: (562) 929-5711



City of Norwalk Small Business Program

"Finding the Right Customers for Your Business"

A three-day training session that will position your business for success with simple and practical steps to help you manage more effectively. The program is taught by current and former business owners.

Topics include: Strategies for Increasing Revenue, Attracting and Retaining Customers, Improving Customer Service, Goal Setting with a Daily Plan 3-Day Program



Wednesdays

July 16, 23 & 30 • 8:30 - 11:00 am

Offered free of charge by the City of Norwalk to Norwalk residents and businesses who pre-apply:

By phone: 866-493-4375

By email: sbdcinfo@lbcc.edu

Online: www.longbeachsbdc.org

Right Number, Right Service

Below are frequently requested contact numbers to help you get the right service at the right time.

GENERAL NUMBERS

Animal Control (SEAACA)	803-3301
Area AE Civil Defense	929-5375/868-9908
Assessment District Bond Payments	929-5766
Electrical/Plumbing Permits/Plan Check	929-5733
Building Mtce (City Facilities)	929-5511
Building Mtce (City Hall)	929-5379
Business License	929-5713
Chamber of Commerce	864-7785
Child Care	462-1713
City Council Chambers (Emergencies)	929-5783
Community Information	929-5735
Dispute Resolution (Landlord/Tenant)	929-5603
Election Information/Voter Registration	929-5720
Fire Station #20	863-0214
Fire Station #115	868-5212
Graffiti Removal	929-5555
Household Hazardous Waste Collection	1-888-253-2652
Job Hotline	929-5771
Library - Norwalk Regional	868-0775
Library - Alondra	868-7771
Mayor's Office	929-5305
Meals-On-Wheels	1-323-582-6090 x223
MetroLink	1-800-371-5465
Metro Greenline	1-323-466-3876
Neighborhood Watch	929-5685
Parade Information	929-5702
Permits/Inspections	929-5733
Pet License	929-5711
Property Maintenance	929-5730
Senior Citizen Center	929-5580
Shopping Cart Retrieval (NES)	860-0604
Street Lights Out	929-5511
Street Maintenance Division	929-5511
Traffic Sign/Signal Maintenance	929-5511
Transportation (Shop & Nights)	929-5522
Trash - Consolidated Disposal	347-2100
Trash - CR&R Inc.....	944-4716
Tree Complaints (Parkway).....	929-5511
Used Oil Collection	1-800-449-7587
Water Bill (City System)	929-5766
Zoning/Planning Information	929-5744

LA COUNTY OFFICES

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk	462-2716
Birth/Death/Marriage Records	462-2137
Marriage License/Wedding Info	462-2189
Real Estate Records	462-2133
Public Social Services (Welfare Ofc)	807-7820
Tax Assessor	888-807-2111

SUPERIOR COURT - NORWALK

Family Law Clerk's Ofc	807-7260
General Clerk's Ofc	807-7266
Jury: M-F 11a-12p; 2-4p	807-7281
Name Change	807-7346
Restraining Orders (M-F 9a-12p)	807-7202
Records Ctr 222 N Hill St LA	213-974-5191

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

ABC	926-5566
Cerritos Community College	860-2451
Head Start	921-7610
Little Lake City	868-8241
Los Nietos	692-0271
Norwalk - La Mirada Unified	868-0431
Rio Hondo Community College	692-0921
Whittier Union	698-8121

THE CITY REMINDS EVERYONE TO "BIKE SMART" '10 SMART RULES FOR BIKE SAFETY'



Protect Your Head
Wear a helmet.



Obey all Traffic Laws & Lights
Do not ride on sidewalks.
Make sure you know meanings of all signs and symbols.



Stay Visible
If drivers can see you, they are less likely to hit you.
Use lights when biking at night.



Don't Get Distracted
Don't listen to music or talk on the phone while riding.



Look, Signal & Look Again
Use hand signals. Look and make eye contact. Don't assume drivers will stop.



Act like a Car
Don't weave in and out of traffic.
Be aware of traffic around you.



Stay Alert
Keep a lookout for obstacles in your path.



Assure Bicycle Readiness
Is your bicycle properly adjusted, and your saddle comfortably adjusted?



Go with the Flow
Bike in the direction of traffic.



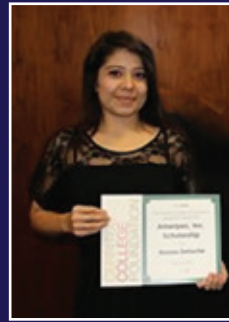
Do a Quick Bicycle Test
Check your brakes and your wheels.
Make sure that "quick release" wheels are properly secured.

Slickers on Track to Hit \$15K

The Norwalk City Slickers community fundraising team heads into the June 7th Relay for Life "Walk" at Cerritos College with more than \$11K already collected. The goal is \$15K, according to team captain Vicki Dilley. Slickers' info: (562) 929-5301.



Newsmakers



Scholarship Winner
Irene Aceituno of Norwalk earned the Cerritos College Foundation's Ameripec, Inc. Scholarship. A Women's Studies major, Aceituno received a \$500 scholarship which was established by local business leaders Mr. and Mrs. Ping Wu of Ameripec, Inc. located in Buena Park.

Alphonso the Legend

Alphonso "Al" deBaca, a 50-year resident of Norwalk, was honored at a recent City Council meeting for his community volunteerism, and for "reflecting the spirit of community pride and involvement." Al was joined by his family to accept the honor.



Have You Been Heard?

Members of the Norwalk Woman's Club attended a listening session with Norwalk's mayor, explaining the goals, activities, and challenges the group has identified for the coming year and beyond. "We talked a lot, and he listened a lot," one member said.



Summer Fun at the Alondra Library



A whole world of summer fun for kids of all ages is just around the corner at the Alondra Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Norwalk Libraries, June's lineup will be capped by popular juggler artist, David Cousin, and his fun-tastic audience-interactive show.

David Cousin's Juggler Show
Wednesday, June 25th at 4:00 pm

A juggling spectacle featuring comedy, music, and lots of audience participation.

Free and open to everyone. For details, or a complete list of summer programs, call (562) 868-7771 or click colapublib.org.

City's New Website Set to Launch in July

A stylish design but with all the functions showcase the site. To make it easy for you to conduct business in the City. That's what the community requested for the new Norwalk website, and that's what Vision Internet intends to deliver. Final design and content 'migration' is underway, with a soft launch set for mid-July, and a community-wide launch slated for the end of July.



"It's going to be so much easier and faster for residents to use the site," said Brian Maulen, project manager from Vision Internet. "Plus, they'll be able to do many more things online without having to go to a City facility, which is the real benefit that the community has been asking for."

For additional information about the new website, or to offer input, please contact the

Once final adjustments are made, the City and Vision Internet will host some form of community event to

Communications & Public Affairs Office at (562) 929-5753.

Independence Day Pageant

Thursday, July 3 • 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Civic Center Lawn • 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

4th of July comes a day early in Norwalk! Show off your patriotism, and don't miss the pageantry and entertainment that leads up to our spectacular fireworks display. Hair Drive in the morning, music, games, and food booths in the evening starting at 6p.m., followed by the fireworks display that begins promptly at 9 p.m. For more information, please call 929-5702.



FREE

Also Residents of Cerritos, Downey, La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs, & Pico Rivera

got tires?

June 28, 2014
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Norwalk City Hall
12700 Norwalk Blvd.



RECYCLE THEM FOR FREE!

Keep our neighborhoods clean! Drop off your tires at our **FREE** Community Clean-Up Event.

- City residents can transport up to 9 tires maximum per trip
- Passenger and light truck tires only
- No semi truck or trailer tires
- Tires from businesses will not be accepted
- No tires with rims accepted/rims must be removed

Proof of residency required.



CalRecycle

A program of the Cities of Cerritos, Downey, La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs, & Pico Rivera funded by a grant from CalRecycle

For information call: 562.944.4766



Excelsior Alumni Picnic

Saturday, June 21
9:00 am to 3:00 p.m.
School Campus

Info: (909) 984-2391 or excelsiorpilotspicnic@gmail.com

