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Norwalk Places High Priority on Jobs for Residents

On November 3, the City Council adopted an economic development plan identifying areas that the City will focus on to ensure a stable and bright economic future.



Central to this effort is connecting residents to employment opportunities. The City Council believes that connecting residents to education and training will lead to greater job opportunities, resulting in higher incomes, which will then be used to support local businesses.

To facilitate the process, the City is working toward construction of a new building that will be occupied by local assistance resources for both residents and businesses. Whether individuals are seeking a college education, vocational training or assistance starting a new business, this facility will serve as the first step in their pathway to better futures.

Mike Egan, City Manager, explains, “Whether you call it economic development, or simply, community building, our future is tied to the collective successes of the hard working individuals, families and businesses that call Norwalk home.

That’s why the foundation for our Economic Development Plan is built upon an investment in Norwalk’s greatest asset — its people.”

The Economic Development Plan is now online at <http://norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/community-development/economic-development>, or you can call (562) 929-5744 for more information.



Santa Claus is Coming to Town: *Santa Sleigh Stops in Norwalk!*

Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their favorite elves are making their journey through Norwalk to spread holiday cheer. While in town, Santa will take requests for special Christmas wishes and pose for photographs with children. You may bring your own camera or let us take an instant photograph for a nominal fee.

Santa will be making the following stops:

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| <p>➤ Saturday, December 5</p> <p>Tree Lighting Ceremony
5:45 p.m.</p> | <p>➤ Thursday, December 10</p> <p>Edmondson Elementary School
6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Gerdes Park
7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Barnwall Street & Flatbush Avenue
8:00 p.m.</p> | <p>➤ Tuesday, December 15</p> <p>Volunteer Avenue & Crewe Street
6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Paddison Elementary School
7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Lakeland Elementary School
8:00 p.m.</p> |
| <p>➤ Monday, December 7</p> <p>Cresson Elementary School
6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Vista Verde Park
7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Gard Avenue & Elmhurst Drive
8:00 p.m.</p> | <p>➤ Friday, December 11</p> <p>Spry Street & Curtis and King Road
6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Morrison Elementary School
7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>➤ Wednesday, December 16</p> <p>Sanchez Elementary School
6:00 p.m.</p> |
| <p>➤ Tuesday, December 8</p> <p>Orr Elementary School
6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Studebaker Elementary School
7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Lakeside Middle School
8:00 p.m.</p> | <p>➤ Saturday, December 12</p> <p>New River Elementary School
6:00 p.m.</p> <p>12122 Kenney Street
8:00 p.m.</p> | <p>➤ Thursday, December 17</p> <p>14729 Clarkdale Avenue
6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Silverbow Avenue & Sproul Street
7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Moffitt Elementary School
8:00 p.m.</p> |
| <p>➤ Wednesday, December 9</p> <p>Glazier Elementary School
6:00 p.m.</p> <p>12641 Kalnor Avenue
7:30 p.m.</p> | <p>➤ Monday, December 14</p> <p>Chavez Elementary School
6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Molette Street & Bechard Avenue
7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>➤ Friday, December 18</p> <p>Cheshire Street & Belshire Avenue
6:00 p.m.</p> <p>➤ Saturday, December 19</p> <p>14513 Devlin Avenue
5:00 p.m.</p> |

Please Note: In the event of rain or inclement weather, some stops may be cancelled or rescheduled. This year, Santa will be collecting canned goods to distribute to those who are less fortunate. If you would like to contribute, please bring one canned food item to your visit with Santa. Each food item must have its original label attached. Call (562) 929-5702 for questions.

City of Norwalk
Recreation and
Park Services
Department

www.norwalk.org

2015 SNOWFEST

FREE

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, December 5
12:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Norwalk City Hall Lawn
12700 Norwalk Boulevard

Schedule of Events

12:00-5:00 p.m.	SHOWSLIDES, GAME BOOTHS, FACE PAINTING, ARTS & CRAFTS, STAGE ENTERTAINMENT, AND FOOD BOOTHS.
3:00-6:00 p.m.	STAGE ENTERTAINMENT CONTINUES
6:00 p.m.	TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The City of Norwalk is a non-profit organization and is not affiliated with the Norwalk-La Brea Unified or Little Lake City School Districts.

For more information, please call (562) 929-5702.

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Angel Tree: You Can Help Brighten the Life of a Child!

The City of Norwalk Angel Tree program, "A Gift of Clothing," is an annual project that benefits less fortunate children (grades K-5) in our community. We invite you to make a difference in a child's life by becoming an Angel Tree contributor this holiday season.

Simply select an Angel Tree tag, purchase an article of clothing, and return the wrapped gift with the Angel Tree tag to the



Norwalk Social Services Center, Norwalk Senior Center, Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, or City Hall by Monday, December 7. Your gift, toys, and other goodies will be given to children at a holiday celebration in December.

You can also help by providing a monetary donation. Please call the Norwalk Social Services Center at (562) 929-5544 for more information.



Turn your Fridge or Freezer into Funds

Southern California Edison offers a cool incentive that makes it easy to dispose of your old refrigerator or freezer in an environmentally responsible way. Edison will pick your appliance up, free of charge, and dismantle it using Responsible Appliance Disposal (RAD) standards, then reward you with a \$50 incentive.

Schedule an appointment online at:

<http://www.pickupmyfridge.com/interview/SCECustomer.asp>
or call 1-800-234-9722.

Water Conservation Continues in Norwalk

Water conservation efforts put into place since the early summer have resulted in significant reductions in water use throughout the State. The City of Norwalk is close to reaching its conservation goal of 20%, and thanks its residents for all their efforts in this important endeavor and urges everyone to continue water saving habits inside and outside the home throughout the winter.

Visit www.saveourwater.com for details.



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Save Our Water

Bus Driver to the Rescue

Recently, Coach Operator Becky Sawyers and Transit Operations Supervisor Joe McCallister's teamwork and swift action helped to save property and perhaps even lives. On October 6, 2015, at approximately 7:30 p.m., Sawyers was driving a Norwalk Transit bus on Route 5 when she noticed a car stopped on the railroad tracks at Marquardt Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue in the City of La Mirada. The driver and passengers were attempting to move the vehicle off of the tracks, with no success. Sawyers knew timing was everything. She had to take action immediately.



Becky explains, "I called Norwalk Transit Dispatch to obtain help and spoke to Supervisor McCallister to inform him of the situation. I stayed on the line with Joe and he was able to reach the Burlington North Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad dispatch office in time to halt the oncoming train, within approximately fifteen feet of the stalled vehicle, avoiding a potential collision."

The City of Norwalk and the Transportation Department commend Mrs. Sawyers and Mr. McCallister for their professionalism and quick thinking!

Holiday Street Sweeping & Trash Collection

There will be no street sweeping or trash collection on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Street Sweeping

When there is no street sweeping, it will NOT be made up. Streets can only be swept on the posted day.

Trash Collection

When there is no trash collection, it WILL be made up. Trash will be collected the day after the normal collection day for the remainder of the week. For example, Friday's trash will be collected on Saturday.

Important

On a few of the holidays, this altered schedule causes trash collection to be on the same day as street sweeping. During these times, trash barrels MUST be placed up on the parkway in order for the sweeper to properly clean your street.

Please contact (562) 929-5732 if you have any questions.



All City Youth Band Hits a High Note!

All City Youth Band members have a big reason to celebrate this holiday season. They received a \$1,000 donation from the recently remodeled and renovated Northgate Market. As part of its Grand Re-opening celebration the founding Gonzalez family members invited the community to take part in a festive morning filled with music provided by the All City Youth Band and a mariachi band. In addition to the All City Youth Band, Northgate Market also presented checks of \$1,000 each to the Cerritos College Veterans Resource Center and to the Little Lake Education Advancement Foundation.



This market will serve as the flagship store and includes a café and restaurant, along with an improved produce department. They've also added hot and cold self serve areas and now make fresh tortillas and churros from scratch. In addition, the market will offer cooking and nutrition classes.

Store manager Joshua Gonzalez says, "I think it's an exciting time for the community and for Northgate to come together with all of the new programs and events. We are proud to have the opportunity to hire local employees to be part of our team."

Phone Home Program Winners

The safety of Norwalk families and children continues to be a top priority for the City. Throughout the year, opportunities for resident and business involvement in programs like emergency preparedness training, safety education, neighborhood watch meetings and "Coffee with a Cop" forge partnerships that help strengthen our quality of life. On October 31, the City of Norwalk Parks and Recreation Commission, in conjunction with our Recreation and Parks Services Department, conducted the "Phone Home Program" as part of the City's Annual Halloween Festival.



Randomly selected youth were contacted by phone by Commissioners after the closing of the Festival, ensuring their safe and timely arrival home.

The first in each of three age groups to answer the call was declared a winner. During the Council meeting of November 3, the winners received prizes of new bicycles and helmets.

Congratulations to our winners, Joseph Lopez, Xavier Dickens and Joanna Torres, and thanks to everyone who participated in this important program.

Enjoy your new bicycles!

Veterans Day Ceremony Highlights

Honoring All Who Served



On November 11 at 11:00 a.m., a crowd of nearly 300 gathered at the City's Patriot's Concourse to honor men and women of the military. Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, Assemblymember Ian Calderon and keynote



speaker Master Sergeant Marty Schafer (Ret.) United States Marine Corps, addressed the audience with their personal experiences, each expressing the importance of recognizing our veterans.

Schafer, whose military career spans 20 years, spoke of the bond between soldiers serving together, the sacrifices of veterans and their families, and how,

as Director of Southeast Academy High School, he continues to instill the values of the military in his students. The Academy, which has a 100 percent graduation rate, espouses a rigorous structured program that teaches students leadership and discipline.

The ceremony, which included the American Legion Post 359 and Public Safety cadet color guard, performances by the All City Youth Band and alumni, ended



in a photo op with all attending veterans. The photograph, along with over 100 other ceremony images, can be viewed at <https://flic.kr/s/aHskowmRiY>

PUBLIC INPUT HEARING

What factors impact the lives of women and girls of color and their families? What promotes success? What limits success?

Assembly Select Committee on the Status of Girls & Women of Color

Committee Chairs Nora Campos, Cheryl Brown & Assemblymember Cristina Garcia want to hear from you about these and other questions.

12.02 2015

WEDNESDAY

6:00 P.M.

Cerritos College - Student Center
1110 Alondra Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650

Free Parking in lot C-1 & C-2. Childcare will be provided.

RSVP

PLEASE VISIT:
<https://goo.gl/0VGSx5>

Or contact Carina Chacon at (562) 861-8803 or by email at carina.chacon@ccsc.ca.gov

Organized in partnership with the Legislative Women's Caucus and the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.

City's Sewer Charge At Work: Sewer System Rehabilitation Projects

The City continues to conduct investigations of its aging sanitary sewer system and has prioritized 11 initial sections of sewer main to be repaired. With residents in mind, the City explored trenchless options to limit inconvenience caused by construction, such as traffic congestion. The

sewer repair work for these initial sections at various locations throughout the City was recently completed at the end of November. Additional improvement projects will be scheduled as the entire sanitary sewer system continues to be evaluated and repaired.



Water Projects at Norwalk Park

At Norwalk Park, Water Well #10, the City continues to address water aesthetics issues through additional treatment measures and will install a portable emergency generator to provide backup power in case of a power outage. The project designs will be completed by April 2016 and construction will follow.

Department of State Hospitals - Metropolitan State Hospital Recruitment, Exam Process & Application

Wednesday, December 2

10:00 a.m. (sharp)

SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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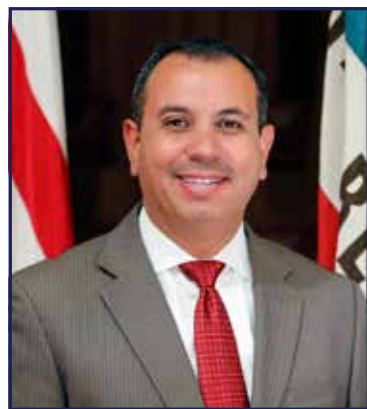
America's Job Center of California (AJCC) 10900 E. 183rd St., 3rd Floor Cerritos, CA 90703

Food Service Supervisor 1
Food Service Technician 1

Senator Mendoza's Holiday Open House



On Thursday, December 3, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., join Senator Tony Mendoza for a brief legislative and State Capitol update at the grand opening of his new 32nd District Office, located at 17315 Studebaker Road, Suite 332 in Cerritos, at the corner of Studebaker Road and Artesia Boulevard. Food



and refreshments will be provided.

Attendees are encouraged to bring an unwrapped, new and safe toy for children up to age 16 for the Senator's 2015 Holiday Toy Drive. Donated toys will be given to children in need in the 32nd Senate District. Donation is not required for attendance.

For more information or to RSVP, please call (562) 860-3202.

Letters to Santa

Monday, November 23- Friday, December 11



Ho! Ho! Ho! Calling all children! You are invited to send a wish letter to good old Saint Nick at the North Pole. He has promised to answer all the letters from every boy and girl who writes him. Letters can be deposited in

the holiday mailbox at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, or mailed to the address listed below. Be sure to include a return address. For more information, please call (562) 929-5702.

Mailing Address:

Santa Claus
c/o City of Norwalk
Recreation and Park Services Department
12700 Norwalk Boulevard
Norwalk, CA 90650

Drop Off Location:

Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
13000 Clarkdale Avenue
Norwalk, CA 90650



Southeast ROP Providing Affordable Low-Cost Career & Technical Education for 45 years



In 1970, the Southeast ROP (SE ROP) was formed as a collaborative of ABC and Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School Districts. Since that time, SE ROP has focused on providing career technical education to adults and high school students in our community.

All SE ROP teachers hold valid State of California CTE Teaching Credentials and bring experience from industry directly to the classroom setting. Adult classes are low-cost, whereas private colleges may charge thousands of dollars more than the low-cost affordable fees charged by SE ROP.

Our adult classes include: CNA-Certified Nurse Assistant, Dental Assistant, Medical Assistant/ Administrative & Clinical, Medical Billing & Coding, Pharmacy Technician, Surgical Technologist, and Welding/ Metal Fabrication. Enroll now for classes.

For more detailed information, please visit our website at: www.southeastrop.org



City of Norwalk
Community Promotion Commission

HOLIDAY HOME Décor CONTEST



Those twinkling lights and festive snowmen adorning yards this time of year bring smiles and cheer to neighborhood children and passersby. Your holiday décor can also bring recognition of your inspired efforts in the City of Norwalk/Community Promotion Commission's first Holiday Home Décor Contest. Residents may enter in one of two categories, Creative Use of Lighting or Themed Décor, for a possibility of winning first, second or third place. Application deadline is December 18, 2015, with judging taking place between December 21, 2015 and January 3, 2016. Winners will be notified in January. For more information, call (562) 929-5735 or go online at Norwalk.org. Applications are available on our website and at each City facility.

Christmas Tree Recycling

From December 28, 2015 through January 15, 2016, Norwalk residents can have their Christmas trees picked up and recycled. Trees will be reused as compost and landfill cover.

Single-family residential customers:

Trees will be picked up on the same day as your trash collection. Please place trees out by the curb the night before your trash collection. A separate truck will collect the Christmas trees at a different time than the rest of the refuse. If you forget to place your tree on the curb, **please hold off until the following week to do so**; it will only be collected on your trash collection day.

Multi-family dwelling (apartment) customers:

Residents of multi-family buildings can recycle their trees by placing them out next to regular trash containers. A separate truck will pick them up.

Guidelines for placing your tree out:

- Remove decorations (ornaments, tinsel, lights, etc.).
- Remove metal and plastic stands.
- Remove wooden tree stands and dispose as trash.
- Flocked trees are NOT acceptable and are considered trash.
- Do not place your tree in a bag.
- Trees over eight feet need to be cut in half.

Each year, your participation enables the City to recycle Christmas trees. Recycling saves valuable landfill space and preserves our environment.

For details, please call your local trash hauler:

CR&R (562) 944-4716
Republic Services (800) 299-4898



Upcoming Senior Center Stuff

FREE Blood Pressure Screenings

Wednesday, December 2 • 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 15 • 9:30 a.m.

AppleCare Medical and Pioneer Medical Groups provide this monthly blood pressure screening to seniors free of charge. Blood pressure is taken by a licensed/certified medical staff and the results are discussed with the participant afterward.

"Better Choices – Better Health" Informational Meeting

Thursday, December 3 • 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

"Better Choices-Better Health", is a self-management education program sponsored by PIH Health that assists those with a chronic health condition (e.g. diabetes, heart disease, etc.) create and implement an action plan with realistic and attainable goals. This presentation will explain the details of the class and based on the response, Better Choices-Better Health may be offered at the Norwalk Senior Center at the beginning of 2016.

HICAP

Monday, December 7 • 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Monday, December 21 • 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. APPOINTMENT REQUIRED. Sponsored by Center For Health Care Rights

CalFresh Outreach Assistance

Wednesday, December 9 • 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

CalFresh is the new name for Food Stamps. Under new eligibility criteria, those who are age 65 and older can now qualify to receive CalFresh services. Sponsored by Los Angeles Regional Food Bank

"Beating the Holiday Blues"

Thursday, December 10 • 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

The holidays are supposed to be festive and fun. However, for some of us, the holidays may bring on sadness due to stress and recent losses. This presentation will provide educational information on how to maintain a healthy and positive attitude through the holiday season. Sponsored by SCAN Health.

Holiday Mixer

Wednesday, December 16 • 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$4 per person

Come join us as we celebrate the holidays with live entertainment by "Doc Rock It", festive appetizers, and a traditional apple cider toast for the holidays. Tickets are on sale through Friday, December 11.

FREE Dental Screening

Friday, December 18 • 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Sponsored by: Northeast Dental

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

Upcoming Social Service Center Stuff

Free Cholesterol Screening

Thursday, December 3 • 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Sponsored by Golden Outlook



Library Holiday Programs for Kids, Teens & Adults



Here Comes Santa Claus!

Tuesday, December 8 • 4:00 p.m.

Alondra Library



The Alondra Library will be having a special program this holiday season. Children of all ages will be able to meet Santa Claus and give him their holiday wish lists. The holiday event includes a sing-along, art activity, and fun games. Parents are encouraged to take pictures at the event.

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Holiday Magic Show

Wednesday, December 9 • 4:00 p.m.

Norwalk Library



Master Magician Tony Daniels will delight you with his holiday magic show. Take a journey through this wonderland of books and magic! The young and young-at-heart will love this show. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will also be stopping by Norwalk Library to visit good little boys and girls. Parents are welcome to bring a camera for photos of their child and Santa.

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New & Improved Hours for Both Library Locations:

Alondra Library

11949 Alondra Boulevard • (562) 868-7771

(Closed Mondays)

Tuesday: Noon to 8 p.m.

Wednesday: Noon to 8 p.m.

Thursday: Noon to 6 p.m.

Friday: Noon to 6 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(Closed Sundays)

Norwalk Library

12350 Imperial Hwy • (562) 868-0775

Monday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(Closed Sundays)

Teen Art Activity: DIY Holiday Gifts

Tuesday, December 8 • 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Norwalk Library

Crafty teens are encouraged to come to the library and create homemade art activity gifts for their loved ones. Teens, grades 6-12, can choose from up to five different personalized gift ideas, and all materials will be provided.

All Ages HolidayFLIX

Wednesday, December 30 • 3:30 p.m.

Norwalk Library

A special screening of the now-classic holiday film starring Will Ferrell and Zooey Deschanel is open to all ages at the Norwalk Library.

December Book Discussion:

The Girl on the Train

Monday, December 28 • 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

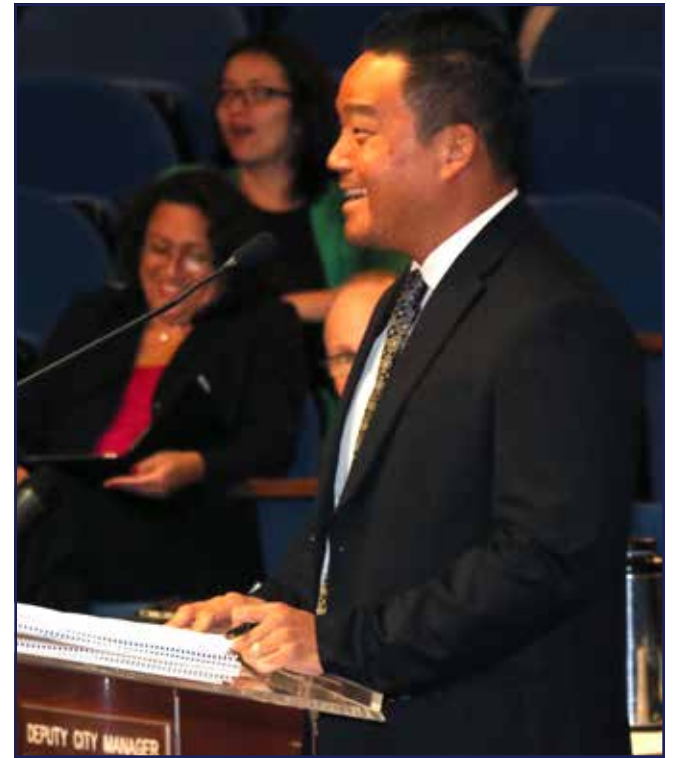
Norwalk Library

End the year with one of 2015's most talked about books: Paula Hawkins's taut psychological thriller "The Girl on the Train." Limited copies of the novel are available for checkout at the Info Desk.

Both Alondra and Norwalk Libraries will be closed Christmas and New Year's Day. On Christmas and New Year's Eve, both libraries will close early at 5:00 p.m. They will open the following Saturday as scheduled.



City Council Meeting November 3



City Council Meeting November 17

