

City of Norwalk Keeps Working the Plan

City departments continued to achieve objectives set out in the 2020 Vision Strategic Action Plan.

Seek and apply for grants to support City programs and projects.

The City received \$3,782,500 in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant funding to provide traffic signal upgrades including fiber optic cable, new controllers and new traffic poles.

Review and update Parks Master Plan to identify future maintenance needs and improvements.

Glazier, Gerdes, Ramona and Zimmerman Parks were identified for maintenance and improvement projects, including playground equipment replacement. Park improvements will continue throughout the next two years.

Utilize new technology to improve customer service.

In October 2015, the City began upgrading software and implementing new modules that will allow customers to view business license and water account information, as well as improve payment options online. Phase I of the project is anticipated to be completed in August 2016.



Among those accomplished:

Engage the community by providing additional opportunities to further quality customer service.

A "Welcome Guide" for new residents was created to provide instant information on City services, utilities, schools, and other important agency contacts. The City also began featuring videos online detailing each department's role in assisting the public, as well as how to best obtain specific services.

Provide the community with emergency preparedness information for self-sufficiency in the event of a disaster.

In anticipation of forecasted El Niño conditions, the City's website includes a page devoted to preparedness tips, resources, video and information on City activities.

Support neighborhood and community preservation efforts.

Twelve Mini Mr. Sun Neighborhood Cleanup events were held in 2015, as well as three Electronic Waste Collection & Shred-A-Thon events, assisting residents in maintaining their properties and properly disposing of hazardous waste.

Initiate Innovative Economic Development Plan.

In November 2015, City Council adopted Norwalk's Economic Development Plan, which outlines pathways for community-building through business growth, raising household incomes and smart development.

10 LOCALS' NEW YEAR'S HOPES, GOALS & RESOLUTIONS FOR 2016

With the new year here, the City is abuzz with new year's hype. The City of Norwalk's Community & Public Affairs Outreach Team hit up five random locations to get the scoop on this New Year's Hopes, Goals & Resolutions.

Here's what ten people in Norwalk wish for 2016.



"Go back to school and further my career for my family"
- Joe Gomez



"Get more involved in the community"
- Robert Macon



"My main goal is to lose seven pounds"
- Maria Martinez



"Get good grades and pass all my classes"
- Jackeline Chavez



"Be a better resident and help people"
- Elva Verdugo



"Stay fit and teach others to be fit"
- Yovetta Ibarra



"Get finances in order for retirement"
- Raul Acedo



"Go to Taiwan and visit my family"
- Judy Acedo



"Travel, travel and travel some more"
- Albert Steele



"Take a cruise to Hawaii"
- Luella Steele

Norwalk City Hall Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Alternating Fridays 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday & Sundays Closed

Norwalk City Council

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Leonard Shryock



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Holiday Cheer at City Hall

More than two dozen students from grades 5-12 devoted Sunday, December 6, 2015 to beautifying the City of Norwalk. Many people pass through City Hall every week and for most of the month, they were treated to window art with a holiday theme, Twelve Days of Christmas. As part of the Art in Public Places program, 27 students from John Glenn, Norwalk, La Mirada, and Santa Fe High Schools; DD Johnston, Nuffer, and Moffitt Elementary Schools; and Corvallis and Los Alisos Middle Schools volunteered to be part of this project. There was also an art teacher from John Glenn High School on hand to assist the students. Art in Public Places Committee Members also lent support and guidance during the installation.



Stuff-A-Bus Collects over 560 toys for the Angel Tree Project!

Norwalk Transit System's (NTS) 14th Annual Stuff-A-Bus visited John Glenn High School, Nettie Waite Middle School and Artesia-Cerritos Methodist Church to collect 561 new toys from students, faculty and residents.

These toys, along with other donations, were distributed to approximately 1,500

children at the City of Norwalk's Angel Tree Project Event, on December 12, 2015.

The Stuff-A-Bus will continue to service the various NTS routes throughout the month of December. For additional information, please contact NTS Customer Service at (562) 929-5550 or e-mail to: transportation@norwalkca.gov.



Holiday Trash & Street Sweeping Schedule

In observance of the upcoming January holidays, please note the following schedule changes for trash pick up and street sweeping.

Observed Holidays	City Hall Closed	Sweeping	Trash
New Year's Day	Friday, January 1, 2016	No	No
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 18, 2016	No	Yes

Street Sweeping: When there is no street sweeping, it will NOT be made up. Streets will 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.

Thank You Angel Tree Project Donors

We would like to extend a special thank you to those involved in making the holidays special for the many children selected to participate in Norwalk's Angel Tree Project including the over 200 volunteers who donated their time! We would also like to express our appreciation for the generous support of the following individuals who cared enough to make a difference in the life of a child this holiday season by donating to our Angel Tree Project. The success of Angel Tree would not be possible without the support of each and every one of YOU!



Gold Sponsors

Norwalk Community Coordinating Council
Norwalk Senior Citizens Center, Inc.

Silver Sponsors

Alondra Senior Citizens Club
Arise International Church
Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge #273
Goodman Dean, Inc.
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Norwalk Lions Club
Norwalk Motorcycle Club
Pawnmart
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United Parents Club
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Angel Tree Tag Sites

Alba Rapid Tax & Services
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #359
Applebee's Restaurant
Bit O Heaven Child Care Center
Collin Sunny Daycare
Doris Hair Design
Dr. Naveen Sharma
Faith Reform Church
John Glenn High School
Joyland Preschool
Key West Auto Collision Center
Los Angeles County Fire Dept. Station #20
Los Angeles County Sheriff Dept. Norwalk Station
Northgate Gonzalez Market
Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District
Norwalk Chamber of Commerce
Norwalk High School
Norwalk Presbyterian Church
Norwalk Regional Library
Norwalk Superior Court
Norwalk Toyota
Pioneer Medical Group
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Social Security Office
St. John of God Catholic Church
State of California EDD
Target #T1340
TJ Maxx #1240
TLC Learning Center
United Methodist Church
Verizon
Vons
Wal-Mart Store #5164



\$1 Supporter Angel Tag Sites

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #359
Ana's Bionicos Restaurant
Applebee's Restaurant
Cerritos College Bookstore
Douglas Burgers
El Paraiso Restaurant
Familia Pawn
Joyland Preschool
Norwalk Chamber of Commerce
Nutrishop
Tam's Burgers #33
TNT Tacos & Tortas Restaurant
Señor Baja Restaurant
So Cal Pizza Restaurant

Elementary Schools

Chavez
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Dolland
Edmondson
Glazier
Huerta
Johnston
Lakeland
Lampton
Moffitt
Morrison
New River
Nuffer
Orr
Paddison
Sanchez
Studebaker



Stellar Students Make the Norwalk Spotlight

Santa Fe High School student Sarahi Garza, was recently given the "Award of Merit" from the Whitter Union High School District Board of Trustees. She's earned a 4.43 GPA and has also served as class president and an officer of the Principal's Honor Court.

This alone can keep a teenager quite busy, but Sarahi is a strong advocate of volunteerism and has given her personal time to the City of Norwalk. She serves as a peer tutor at the Norwalk Teen Center and is involved in the Teen Alliance Program (TAP). TAP enables teenagers to develop leadership skills and contribute to their community with programs throughout the year. Sarahi is also a confirmation instructor at her church.

Sarahi tells us, "I love volunteering because it makes me happy and it feels great to make a small difference in someone's day. With TAP, I'm able to tutor younger teens or peers in math, which is one of my favorite subjects, so it feels less like working and more like a hobby. I also



get to interact with community members and meet new faces. I believe this has helped me grow as an individual."

As far as the recognition, Sarahi says, "Receiving this award was a bit of a surprise, but it truly shows my diligence over the past four years."

Her principal, Kevin Jamero says, "In addition to being an outstanding student, it is her commitment to the service of others that truly makes her special. She continues to put the needs of others above herself which is not always common in today's competitive environment."

Sarahi aspires to attend Brown University in Providence, RI. the fall of 2016 and become a neonatal pediatrician. She will be the first in her family to attend a four year university.

The best of wishes to Sahari with her collegiate endeavors.

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-Sarahi Garza

John Glenn High School senior Destiny Enriquez, has reached remarkable goals. First, Destiny earned a full scholarship to play softball at Bethune-Cookman University next fall. If this weren't exciting enough, she was also crowned homecoming queen.

Destiny began playing ball at age five. Her need for a challenge compelled her to try pitching. Destiny's father played a big role in helping her attain that goal as her coach and mentor. Today she can pitch at a speed of 63 MPH. "This opportunity is unbelievable and I am truly thankful for this blessing that has been given to me after all my hard work. I'm also appreciative of how supportive my family is," says Destiny.

Albert Enriquez, Destiny's dad says, "Coaching Destiny all these years was a challenge. We bumped heads often, but in the end, we developed a relationship and bond I wouldn't change for the world. I took the coaching position at John Glenn so I could continue to work with Destiny and her sister Maria. I am beyond blessed; we have made so many memories over the years. It's something not



many fathers have the chance to experience."

Destiny's mother, Yvonne Enriquez says, "As parents, we are beyond proud and extremely blessed. She is the first in our family to attend a Division 1 University out of state. This has been an awesome year for Destiny, first the scholarship, then the honor of being crowned homecoming queen."

Destiny says, "Between weekly pitching lessons, church and homework, I still find time to do fun stuff with friends. My sister and I sneak off to Disneyland every chance we get." Even though she plays year round, she has kept a 3.2 GPA. Her favorite subject is Biology. She plans to pursue a career in the medical field.



2015 Snowfest & Tree Lighting Ceremony

Norwalk looked and felt more like the North Pole on Saturday, December 5 for the City's Annual Snowfest and Tree Lighting Ceremony. Many children had never experienced snow, so this was a special treat. All afternoon, music, games, crafts, food, and, of course, real snow kept families busy and entertained. In addition, the snowslide was a big hit.

After the sun went down, the Tree Lighting Ceremony dazzled spectators and made a memorable display, illuminating the way for the arrival of Santa's sleigh. Hundreds of families also had the opportunity to have their photos taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus before he made his way back to his workshop.



Visit our Flickr page to see photos taken by the City at this event. Also check out our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/norwalktelevision. Click on "Now You Know" Snowfest and Tree Lighting Ceremony for all the interviews and highlights.

Save the Date: Mayor's Prayer Breakfast



Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 6:30 a.m.
Cerritos College Student Center



E-Waste & Shred-A-Thon

You can dispose of your old or unwanted electronics and shred important confidential documents for FREE during the City of Norwalk's E-Waste and Shred-A-Thon Event. Event takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 6 at City Hall parking lot, located at 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

The City will accept television sets, computers, monitors, cell phones, laptops, printers, fax machines, DVD players, VCR's, video game systems, cables, cords, radios, and microwaves for recycling. In addition, residents can bring up to five boxes of documents for secured disposal by having them shredded on-site. For information, please call (562) 929-5964 or email recycling@norwalk.gov

Water Conservation Call to Action

With rainfall here, it may be easy to forget to conserve water. Even with El Niño headed our way, it will take several wet seasons for the State to recover from this historic drought. Please help us reach the state mandated water conservation goal.

Remember:

It is prohibited to use potable water to wash sidewalks, driveways, and paved surfaces, except as required for sanitary purposes. Please use a broom to clean driveways, sidewalks and patios.

Outdoor irrigation is prohibited during and within 48 hours following a measurable rain event. It is not necessary to water for a week following a storm.

Follow your water company's landscape irrigation restrictions. Please contact your water company for more information.

Take Advantage:

Rebates for water efficient devices, such as rain barrels, irrigation controllers, and high efficiency toilets and washers, are STILL AVAILABLE. For more information or to apply online, please visit socalwatersmart.com

Make the most of the upcoming rainfall by placing mulch on your landscape. Mulch conserves water by significantly reducing moisture evaporation from the soil. LA County residents are able to get FREE mulch at self-serve locations throughout LA. For more information, please visit lacitysan.org/srpcd or call (818) 485-0703.

Learn:

Please visit the City's website at norwalkca.gov/i-want-to-/learn-about/water-conservation for water conservation tips and rebate information.

Used Oil Contest Winners

At the beginning of every school year, the City of Norwalk provides presentations to local 5th grade students on the proper and safe disposal of used oil. Students learn that motor oil tossed in trash cans or poured into storm drains can pollute the soil, groundwater and ocean. Participating students are then invited to submit entries into the City's annual used oil artwork contest.

The students who submitted the winning art entries were recognized at the City Council meeting on December 15, 2015, and their artwork will be used to create public service announcements to help promote proper used oil recycling.

For more information, please call (562) 929-5964 or email recycling@norwalkca.gov

Recycle Used Motor Oil & Filters...
**2015 CITY OF NORWALK
 USED OIL
 ARTWORK
 CONTEST**
 TOP TEN WINNERS!!!
It's Quick & Easy!

Winners include: Divaly Sanchez, Patricia Camacho, Raychel Valdivia, Celeste Almanza, Alycia Hernandez, Amanda Rangel, Xander Baquero, Isabella Costanzo, Nicholas Kobot, and Tiffany Trubullier.

Recycling used motor oil helps save energy and our precious natural resources. The City of Norwalk and these talented local 5th grade students remind you to **HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE...**

Call Recycle 1-800-CLEANUP or 1-800-Oceanup.org
 City of Norwalk (562) 929-5964 recycling@norwalkca.gov

Is one of your resolutions to give back?

This is your chance to help friends, neighbors and the Norwalk community in need.



The annual blood drive at City Hall takes place on January 12, 2016 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room. It's easy to sign up on-line at www.redcrossblood.org. The Sponsor Code is: CityofNorwalk. Norwalk is a caring community and this is one of the ways we can show it!

January Teen Events at Norwalk Library

A Week of Winter & Festive Fun

Monday, December 28 – Saturday, January 2
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Stop by each day for a new, fun-filled activity at Norwalk Library! Play board games, make a group mural or watch some movies to ring in the new year. All week there will be different daily activities and entertainment for children, families, and teens! All ages welcome.

New Chess & Tabletop Gaming Meet-Up

Monday, January 4 • 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

What better way to start off the new year than with some brain-stimulating games of strategy like chess and other various titles?

Bi-monthly Otaku Club for Teens

Wednesday, January 6 & 20 • 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Teens can interact with teens interested in Anime, pop culture, and video games.

Everything, Everything Book Discussion

Wednesday, January 13 • 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Pick up a library copy today in time for the Book Discussion of the YA novel *Everything, Everything*, about an older teen who is allergic to the outside world.

Video Game Pixel Art

Saturday, January 16
 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Blockbuster Dinosaur Movie Screening

Wednesday, January 27 • 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

A very special screening of the 2015 blockbuster film starring Chris Pratt and featuring a dangerous dinosaur theme park.

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 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



Senior Center Stuff

14040 San Antonio Dr. • (562) 929-5580

FREE Blood Pressure Screenings

Wednesday, January 6 • 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 19 • 9:30 a.m.

AppleCare Medical Group and Pioneer Medical Group 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 senior afterward.

HICAP

Monday, January 11 • 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Monday, January 25 • 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

Senior Center

15th Anniversary Ceremony

Tuesday, January 12 • 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Join us at the Anniversary Ceremony commemorating the 15th Anniversary of the Norwalk Senior Center. For information, please call (562) 929-5580.

CalFresh Outreach Assistance

Wednesday, January 13 • 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

Senior Center 15th Anniversary

Dinner & Dance

Thursday, January 14 • 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20 per person

A Dinner and Dance featuring entertainment provided by the band "Sangria" and a delicious menu being provided by Chris and Pitts. For information, please call (562) 929-5580.

FREE Dental Screening

Friday, January 15 • 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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.

Sponsored by: Northeast Dental

FREE SCAN RV

Tuesday, January 19 • 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

SCAN Health will be on-hand for the day with their special SCAN RV. They will be providing a free bone density screening as well as have medical staff to answer questions. While waiting, seniors will be offered free access to 20 different computer-based brain games as well as have the opportunity to play other computer games in the van's Wii activity center. Seniors must pre-register for this event as space is limited. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and begins on Monday, January 4 at 9:00 a.m. Registration at Senior Center or by phone at (562) 929-5580.

Public Transportation Forum

Thursday, January 21 • 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Representatives from Norwalk Transit, Norwalk Dial-A-Ride, L.A. Metro (Rider Relief Program), MTA and Metrolink will be on-hand to talk about their programs and what they have to offer seniors in the local community. There will also be an opportunity for seniors to ask specific questions about these services as well as pick-up information provided by each agency.

DECEMBER 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS



SNOWFEST & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

