

March 4 "State of the City" to Raise Funds for Local Support Organizations

Annual event provides updates on Norwalk's achievements and challenges, with proceeds going to causes impacting our area.

This year's report on City accomplishments, challenges facing us and what our future holds, presented by the Norwalk Community Coordinating Council, takes place at 11:30 a.m. at Norwalk's Doubletree Hotel, 13111 Sycamore Drive. The Coordinating Council will use proceeds from this fundraising event to support three programs: Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe's campaign against Child Sex Trafficking; housing Norwalk's homeless families through the work of The Whole Child; and the City's Food Pantry.

City Manager Mike Egan joins the Mayor and City Councilmembers to bring attendees up to speed on Norwalk's progress on its Vision2020 Strategic Plan goals and how "Working the Plan" has helped the City grow in the changing world of technology, efficiency and service.

The event opens at 11:00 a.m. for silent auction viewing. Tickets are on sale through February 28 at nccconline.us.

Norwalk Sheriff's Arrest Two in Recent Shooting Crimes

At the February 16 Council meeting, Captain Curtis Jensen of the Norwalk Sheriff's Station reported that two arrests had been made in connection with recent criminal activity in the city.

The previous week, a suspect in a shooting at Curtis and King Road and Imperial Highway was tracked and arrested by the Norwalk Sheriff's Station and SWAT team members without incident. The shooting occurred on January 18 at approximately 4:00 p.m., when the driver of a silver sedan pulled over and fired a single shot at two males on the sidewalk, leaving one victim with a leg injury.

In the second arrest, information received by the department led to the apprehension of a shooter who killed one and injured another at Allard Street and Pioneer Boulevard on January 21. A male and female, between the ages of 17 and 25, were shot at several times by a male in a vehicle. Captain Jensen informed Council, "With information received and the collaborative investigation of our Major Crimes Bureau and Homicide Unit, we were able to take this second suspect into custody."

The two January incidents were unrelated and not random shootings by a single perpetrator. The Captain went on to say that serious crimes in Norwalk for 2015 decreased 9% from the prior year, an uncommon statistic, as most cities in the area showed an increase.



Added Note: During the following week, a male suspected of fleeing the scene of a fatality collision was apprehended in Artesia. In October 2015, a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed made a sharp turn onto Curtis and King Road, crashing into a tree and killing the rear passenger. During the investigation, Norwalk Station Detectives identified the driver, leading to his arrest.

Two Fun-Tastic Spring-Themed Events

City-Wide Egg-normous Egg Hunt (All Ages) Week of March 20

This is not your average Egg Hunt. This is an Egg-normous Egg Hunt! The week of March 20, residents can scour the City looking for randomly placed Egg-normous Eggs. Eggs can be redeemed at the Egg-stravagant Egg Hunt event at City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, on March 26 at 12:00 p.m. Winners must be Norwalk residents, and only one egg may be redeemed per family (positive I.D. will be required.) For more information, please call (562) 929-5702.

Egg-stravagant Egg Hunt (Ages 10 & under)

Saturday, March 26 • 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Norwalk Civic Center Lawn
12700 Norwalk Boulevard

Bring the whole family and enjoy an afternoon of fun. Following the Easter Bunny's arrival, four egg hunts will take place, one for each of the age groups listed. Arrive early so your child does not miss their designated event. Don't forget to take a photo with the Easter Bunny; photos are only \$3 each. There will also be entertainment, games, and crafts. For more information, please call (562) 929-5702.



Egg Hunt Schedules

Tiny Tots (Ages 1½-3)	12:30 p.m.
Funny Bunnies (Ages 4-5)	1:00 p.m.
Egg Heads (Ages 6-7)	1:30 p.m.
Wacky Wabbits (Ages 8-10)	2:00 p.m.

46th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast



Local organization UNITE, Cerritos College and the campus' culinary arts and business students joined together in February to inspire and promote forgiveness and hope.

Over 400 attendees, which included student guests from 20 local elementary, middle and high schools, enjoyed a tour of the college's new culinary arts kitchen and a pancake breakfast prepared by the chefs in training. Keynote speaker Pastor David Rosales of Calvary Chapel spoke about the challenges he faced in his youth growing up in Norwalk, and how a life of addiction was transformed by a visit to the Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa when he was a teenager. Pastor Rosales formed a home bible study here in 1973 and has been pastor at Calvary Chapel Chino Valley for nearly 25 years.



Norwalk City Hall Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Alternating Fridays 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sundays Closed

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Local Inspiration



Efrain Talamantes knows Norwalk. He grew up here, attending Moffitt Elementary and John Glenn High School. Today, he serves as Director of Hospital Medicine at Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital and is Associate Clinical Professor at his alma mater, the

David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. But he never forgets the challenges and the encouragement that drove his success.

Efrain's parents, who emigrated to the United States from Jalisco, Mexico, worked at a local dry cleaning business. Efrain grew up in a Spanish speaking household and learned English with the help of first grade teacher Mr. Valdez, who showed him a word game on one of the school's first computers.

Years later at John Glenn High School, Mr. Dominguez showed Efrain that college was possible, and helped him plan his pathway. To get a jump start, Efrain attended community college while still in high school to

earn college credit. He continued on to university work, receiving his medical degree and Master of Science in Health Policy and Management from UCLA.

Efrain says, "It took many great teachers and counselors who believed in me to get to where I am today. They nominated me for special programs, scholarships and always encouraged me to stay focused on the end goal, getting a college education."

School was not Efrain's only focus. Early on, he devoted himself to helping underserved communities gain access to health care. As an undergraduate, Efrain joined Chicanos/Latinos for Community Medicine (CCM), an organization providing academic support to aspiring medical students through education and volunteer opportunities.

His current position requires his full attention, but he remains dedicated to helping the youth of today achieve success. Dr. Talamantes co-founded a mentoring organization (mimmentor.org), a non-profit online resource whose mission is to inspire the next generation of health care professionals.

Meet Dr. Talamantes as he returns to his home town and hear firsthand how to get involved. On April 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Cerritos College he will sponsor a health career conference, and students and parents are invited to attend. To register, go to www.mimmentor.org

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What You Need to Know About Zika and Mosquitoes

In response to the concerns raised by the threat of Zika virus, the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District reminds residents that, at this time, the virus has not been identified in Los Angeles County mosquitoes.

The virus is transmitted primarily through the bite of infected Aedes mosquitoes, which have been detected in numerous California communities. The mosquitoes can spread the virus by feeding on infected travelers.

"This is a community effort, and we need every resident to do their part," advises Kelly Middleton, Community Affairs Director for the District.

Vector control urges all residents to eliminate eggs and immature stages of the day-biting Aedes mosquitoes. Eliminating them now will greatly reduce our exposure to mosquito bites, and potential infection with imported viruses like Zika, dengue, and chikungunya.

For more ways to safeguard against the virus, visit: www.glacvcd.org or contact Vector Control at (562) 944-9656.



Celebrating 100 Years in the Community

Past to Present: Asylum to Recovery, the theme for Metropolitan State Hospital's (MSH) recent centennial celebration, recalled 100 years of dedication to mental wellness.

In 1916 the facility, originally called Norwalk State Hospital, opened its doors to 105 patients. Fast forward to today...as MSH serves 750 people with a staff of nearly 1,500.

The hospital has undergone many changes in treatment, as well as technology and medical advancement. Dr. Michael Barsom, Executive Director, says, "Much has changed in 100 years, and more change and innovation are anticipated in the near future."



As far as the event itself and reaching this milestone, Dr. Barsom adds, "It's really heartwarming and amazing to see support from all those who turned out today including retired staff, alumni, and dignitaries. I think it demonstrates how much Metropolitan State Hospital is a part of this community." The campus is Norwalk's fourth largest employer, after the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District, Cerritos College, and the County Registrar Records Office.



Evelia Martinez is one of the many dedicated retired staff members who turned out for the celebration. Serving as Supervising Nurse Coordinator, Evelia worked at MSH for 30 years though her original plan

was to be there for two. Evelia says, "I learned so much from working here. The hospital embraced me with so much knowledge and expertise. If I had to do it all over again looking back, I'd do it in a heartbeat despite all the challenges."

To share the hospital's evolution, a museum was opened to the public on February 16. Volunteers, hospital staff and local university students worked for years to make this possible, and are proud to bring history to life.



Bin Plume, Public Information Officer, says, "I feel this is a great opportunity for the community to come and see a piece of the past and how the mental health industry has transformed.

Especially for those with an interest in mental health, this would be a valuable experience."

If you would like to schedule a tour, please email Bin at mshcentennial@dsh.ca.gov.



And the Winners Are...

At the February 2 meeting, City Council recognized participants in the 2015 Holiday Home Décor Contest, thanking all who shared their creative holiday spirit with the community.

"Creative Use of Lighting"

First place: Kevin Forsberg
Second place: Marcos Lopez
Third place: Enrique Fuentes

"Themed Décor"

First place: Olga Conrique
Second place: Jack Veloz
Third place: John Garcia



Participants

Deborah Fultz Darna
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Doyal
Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Garcia
Mr. & Mrs. Marlon Godoy
Don Karraker
Maria Salazar

Free Income Tax Preparation

Saturday, March 26 • 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Cerritos College, Business Education Building, 11110 Alondra Boulevard



The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) is coming to the City of Norwalk. VITA offers low income residents FREE income tax assistance and preparation services. The State of California Board of Equalization (BOE) will provide income tax training to Cerritos College Accounting Club members, who in turn will prepare income taxes for participants using BOE oversight to ensure correctness. The event will combine free services to residents and valuable "real world" experience for Cerritos College students. Call or visit BOE's website for more information.

Registration: (866) 910-9559
or <http://www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=456>

90-Day Limit on Lights

Following Thanksgiving, residents ring in the holidays by trimming their homes with festive outdoor lights. These decorations create beautiful settings, however, these temporary lights detract from the value of the home and may become frayed and hazardous over time.

Residents should be aware that holiday lights may only be displayed for a maximum of 90 days. According to the Electrical Code, temporary wiring and lighting installations may not exceed this time frame. This 90 day limit is enforceable by the City's Code Compliance Division. For more information, please call (562) 929-5730.



ACEA Awards City for Design of New Firestone Bridge



On January 28, the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) California branch held its 2016 Engineering Excellence Awards Ceremony honoring the year's most outstanding accomplishments.

The 30 selected projects received awards at the level of Commendation, Merit, and Honor, which is the highest level. The City of Norwalk and Biggs Cardosa Associates, the firm that designed the newly constructed Firestone Bridge, received an Honor Award for the bridge replacement spanning the San Gabriel River between the cities of Norwalk and Downey.

Honor Awards were also given to 14 projects that

included the management of the new Levi Stadium's site for (Super Bowl 50) design and construction; design of new \$423 million utility upgrades at LAX airport; and design of the new iconic air traffic control tower for San Francisco airport.



All projects were selected for accomplishments based on uniqueness and innovative applications; future value to the engineering profession; perception by the public; social, economic, and sustainable development

considerations; complexity; and successful fulfillment of client/owner's needs, including schedule and budget.

**Making
a Difference**

SAVE THE DATE

Arbor Day Celebration in April

Arbor Day is an annual observance that celebrates the role of trees in our lives and promotes tree planting and care. On

Saturday, April 30 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., the City will be hosting its third annual Arbor Day event.

This year's celebration will take place at New River Park. Make plans to join us for this great family event and help make Norwalk a "greener" City! You will be able to visit information booths and take part in a community planting event. All tools will be provided.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer please contact

the Public Services department at (562) 929-5511 or ptorres@norwalkca.gov.



Water Conservation Continues through 2016

On February 2, the State Water Resources Control Board extended the mandatory water conservation measures to October 2016. This action follows the Governor's Executive Order from November 2015 that called for an extension of conservation measures should drought conditions continue through January.

Despite some of the rainfall received throughout the winter, many reservoirs and groundwater basins remain depleted. Water conservation efforts remain as important as ever to help alleviate the severe drought conditions from the past four years. We call on you to continue Norwalk's WATER WISE efforts and thank you for your support in this important endeavor.

Please visit the City's water conservation page at www.norwalk.org for updated information on the conservation regulations, available rebates and tips for reducing water use outside and inside the home.



New Playground Opens at Glazier Park

After weeks of anticipation, several hundred park goers celebrated the grand opening of the new playground at Glazier Park on Thursday, February 11. Parents and grandparents enjoyed games, activities, and popcorn, while their children climbed, jumped and slid on the completely renovated play area, equipped with

four slides, toddler swings, and climbing features. The installation also boasts a tire swing, rope climber, and shade structures. Soothing green and tan colors and a new design blend in with the trees and enhance the natural feel of the park. The Glazier Park playground is open and available to the public for use.



See & Do

The City Wants Your Input



A series of community meetings have been scheduled to engage the public and gather feedback on the City's brand, or its unique identity and the perception this creates through elements such as logo, motto and color scheme. Below are the dates and times for public meetings, which are open to all residents.

Outreach Meetings

Date & Time

Location & Address

Community Meeting	March 2, 7:00 p.m.	Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex • 13000 Clarkdale Avenue
Senior Center Meeting	March 8, 9:30 a.m.	Norwalk Senior Center • 14040 San Antonio Drive
Community Meeting*	March 14, 7:00 p.m.	Norwalk Social Services Center • 11929 Alondra Boulevard
Community Meeting	March 21, 7:00 p.m.	Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex • 13000 Clarkdale Avenue
Youth Meeting	March 30, 4:00 p.m.	Norwalk Teen Center • 12305 Sproul Street
Community Meeting	April 11, 7:00 p.m.	Norwalk City Hall • 12700 Norwalk Boulevard
Community Meeting	April 16, 10:00 a.m.	Norwalk Social Services Center • 11929 Alondra Boulevard

*Meeting to be conducted in Spanish

Because the branding process will impact Norwalk's future, resident and stakeholder participation is very important. Those who cannot participate in person are encouraged to visit definingnorwalk.com to provide feedback.



Immerse Yourself in Art

Celebrate the arts and unique programs and classes offered at the Cultural Arts Center through our award winning special event, "Artastic," now in its seventh year. The entire family is invited to participate in the creative process and learn about art appreciation through numerous free art activities, including exhibits, live entertainment, a ferris wheel, book fair, a Community Art Competition, an art walk, open mic, a chalk art competition, and a street fair complete with food trucks.

All high school and middle school students who reside in the City of Norwalk, attend private or public school in Norwalk, or attend school in the Norwalk/La Mirada Unified School District, are invited to compete in the art competition. Each artwork submitted will be placed on display during the exhibit dates and at a special Artists' Reception held for participating artists, their friends and family. Submit your best piece of work. Accepted media includes: photography, drawing, painting, sculpture, fashion, prints, mixed media, and computer generated art. All artwork must be mounted, matted, or framed. Applications will be available online and at City facilities. A total of \$400 in scholarships will be awarded to top artists. For more information, please call the Cultural Arts Center at (562) 929-5521.

Art Submittal Dates: March 1-4

Art Exhibit Dates: March 16-18

Reception/Awards Day: Friday, March 18 • 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Avenue

At Norwalk Library

Enrichment Works' Aesop's Fables

Tuesday, March 1 • 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Join Norwalk Library for a musical number that will transport youth to the world of Aesop's Fables and their famous morals. With students' help, performers enact the stories of "The Tortoise and The Hare"; "The Boy Who Cried Wolf", and "The Fox and the Crow". Students will be inspired and taught the timeless morals of Aesop. This program is funded by Supervisor Don Knabe.

Easter Bunny Visits Norwalk Library

Tuesday, March 22 • 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Learn to make a unique Easter basket filled with Easter treats. These DIY Easter baskets make festive decorations and great gifts too! After the art activity, the Easter Bunny will make a special guest appearance. Children and their parents are welcome to have a photo with the Easter Bunny. Parents are encouraged to bring their own cameras.

Book Discussion: Brooklyn

Monday, March 28 • 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Read and discuss Colm Toibin's Brooklyn. The basis for 2015's Oscar-nominated film, Brooklyn tells the story of a young Irish woman who immigrates to America in the 1950's. Copies are available for checkout at the Info Desk. Share your thoughts on the book at our discussion meeting on Monday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome.

Norwalk Regional Library
12350 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650
(562) 868-0775
colapublib.org



Daddy Daughter Dance

Saturday, April 16
6:00-8:30 p.m.

Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
\$12 per couple

What better way to spend your Saturday night than on a date with your daughter? Dad, Grandpa or Uncle, wear your favorite suit and have your best girl put on her prettiest spring dress. We will enjoy an evening of desserts and dancing to child appropriate music. Parent participation is required. Daughters must be between the ages of 3 and 10 years of age. For more information, please call (562) 929-5734.



COMMUNITY EVENT

Sponsored by



Norwalk
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Topic: Life/Business Strategic Planning Solutions for Businesses/Effective Networking Event to take your business to the next level!

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2016
Venue: Doubletree by Hilton Hotel
13111 Sycamore Drive
Norwalk, CA 90650

Cost: \$25 per person
RSVP to Caren.Spillsbury@norwalkchamber.com
Or call (562) 864-7785

* Open to all Norwalk Businesses & Residents

Upcoming Senior Stuff

St. Patrick's March Candlelight Dinner

Tuesday, March 8 • 5:45 – 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$6 (before Saturday, March 5)

\$7.70 (after Saturday, March 5)

Stop by and enjoy a hot and hearty meal. Share an evening of warmth with friends and family. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. and meal service ends at 6:00 p.m. Prizes awarded. Dine-in only. Tickets will not be sold on the day of the dinner.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting:

"Protect Yourself at Home"

Wednesday, March 9 • 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Norwalk Public Safety will talk with seniors about steps they can take to keep themselves and their home safe. Learn basic home safety, including organization and security tips.

"Healthy Eating" Talk

Thursday, March 24 • 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

AppleCare Medical will be hosting this informative talk on how seniors can make healthy choices in their day-to-day nutrition. Simple and easy recipes will be introduced as well as what foods to avoid to stay nutritionally healthy.

San Diego Seaport Village & Old Town Tour

Thursday, March 24 • 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20 (Lunch Included) High Level of Walking (A lunch voucher to one of eight selected restaurants provided.) Visit two of San Diego's most popular landmarks. At Seaport Village, stroll and savor over 80 unique shops and restaurants. Then travel a short distance and experience Old Town, where past meets present.

Events are open to seniors 50 years old and up. For more information call (562) 929-5580. Events take place at the Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Drive.

FEBRUARY 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS



CORVALLIS MIDDLE SCHOOL SNACK BAR PROJECT

