City of Norwalk Passes Measure B
Voters adopted Measure B, placed on the ballot to preserve $2 million in local funding for local essential services.

“The adoption of Measure B ensures that the City will be able to maintain local essential services that residents care about. We take direction from our residents and in this case, they have said locally controlled funding is necessary to maintain our afterschool programs, parks, and gang prevention efforts that preserve our quality of life and property values,” said City Manager Mike Egan.

“We thank the community for their participation and look forward to continuing the work we have started,” the City Manager added.

Measure B will close loopholes in Norwalk’s outdated 22 years old UUT ordinance so residents are treated equally, without increasing tax rates. Low-income, disabled, and blind residents will continue to be exempt from paying under Measure B. Measure B requires strict oversight, including mandatory annual independent financial audits.

2014 SNOWFEST & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
Saturday, December 6, 2014 • 12:00-8:00 p.m.
Norwalk City Hall Lawn, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard

It’s snowing in Norwalk! Don’t drive far to enjoy a winter wonderland. We’re bringing winter to you. The day will be filled with two giant snow slides, games, crafts, face painting and yummy food. The evening becomes magical with the arrival of Santa Claus and the lighting of the Norwalk Christmas Tree. Join the Norwalk City Council as they ring in the holiday season. For details, please call (562) 929-5702.

Letters to Santa (All Ages)
November 25-December 13

You are invited to send a wish list to good ol’ 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 details, please call 929-5702.

Mail to: Santa Claus
c/o City of Norwalk
Recreation and Park Services Department
12700 Norwalk Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650

(562) 929-5702
The Holiday season is always a special time of year, but it is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and holiday crime.

The following are some helpful safety tips when driving during the holidays:

- Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. If you have a car alarm, always set it.
- If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area.
- Avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows.
- Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. This creates temptation for thieves.
- Be sure to locate your keys prior to going to your car. Keep a secure hold on your purse, handbag and parcels. Do not leave them down or on top of your car in order to open the door.
- Park close to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- When approaching and leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area.
- And if in doubt, ask mall or store security for an escort or out of your car. If you have a car alarm, always set it.
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Cal Fire Tree Planting in Norwalk

As part of the Cal Fire Green Trees for the Golden State program grant, the Public Services Department coordinated a tree planting event at Zimmerman Park on Saturday, November 8, 2014. Approximately 25 volunteers from various organizations helped beautify Zimmerman Park and increase the City’s urban forest by planting 60 trees. The Green Trees for the Golden State grant provides funds for tree planting projects in urban areas to promote clean air and energy conservation.

The Public Services Department Tree Maintenance Section plants parkway trees throughout the community from November to May. If you would like to have a Cal Fire tree planted in your parkway, please contact the Public Services Department at (562) 929-5511 or publicservices@norwalkca.gov for a list of trees being planted through the Cal Fire grant.

Did You Know:

- A tree can absorb as much as 45 pounds of carbon dioxide per year, and can sequester one ton of carbon dioxide by the time it reaches 40 years old.
- One large tree can provide a supply of oxygen for two people.

Visit www.thelegionserves.org

Veterans Resource Fair Recap

As the nation celebrated Veterans Day on November 11, the City of Norwalk started a day early. The Veterans Resource Fair was a first for the City, with more than a dozen booths providing information and staff to answer questions. During the four-hour event, servicemen and women met with representatives from federal, county, and local agencies. Those agencies included the Social Security Administration, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez’ office and the City of Norwalk’s Human Resources Department. Employers also turned out, along with health care providers offering free blood pressure screenings and flu shots, and veterans home loan specialists.

For more on this event, check out our "Now You Know" feature on the Veterans Resource Fair www.youtube.com/norwalktelevision

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Become active at the local level by joining your post. The American Legion helps veterans and their families through scholarships, programs and referrals.
Urban Art Hits the Streets of Norwalk

On Sunday, November 16, Norwalk’s first urban art piece was completed as part of the City’s Art in Public Places Utility Box Artwork Program. Three top winners of Norwalk’s 2014 “Artastic” art competition were selected to create a theme and design for a utility box located at the corner of Firestone Boulevard and San Antonio Drive, near the Cultural Arts Center. Norwalk residents and local students Amanda Lira, Cynthia Helm, and Angie Vasquez chose Asian art as their focus. The three young ladies, under the supervision of artist Candace Galvan, traced their designs onto the panels of the utility box then painted the artwork using acrylic paints. The project, which took place over two days, caused onlookers to pause, take cell phone photos, and call out “Beautiful!” and “Way to go, Norwalk!” while passing by on foot or by car. Families stopped to study the work, and one very young artist even took the time to sketch her version of a design.

The project is slated to continue near John Glenn and Norwalk High Schools. The talents of each school’s art students are utilized for the beautification of the community, and provide a forum for discussion regarding the City’s diversity, culture, history, and future.

LET’S TALK TRASH

Help keep Norwalk clean by storing trash cans, green waste cans, recycling bins and privately owned cans out of public view.

On regularly-scheduled trash collection days, trash cans may be placed at the curb for disposal up to 24 hours before the day of collection and must be removed and properly stored by 6 a.m. following the designated day of collection. Large, bulky items may not be placed out for collection without first contacting your designated trash collector and arranging for pick up. Here are their numbers:

Consolidated Disposal (562) 347-2100 or CR&R (562) 944-4716

The haulers pick up any items, except car parts, at no additional charge. In order to receive this service, residents must call a minimum of 24 hours prior to their collection day. No bulky items will be picked up without a request.

Reminder: Please utilize your recycling bin to reduce the impact on our landfills.

Holiday Street Sweeping & Trash Collection Schedule

On Christmas Day, trash collection will be delayed one day. If you are scheduled for Thursday pick-up, your refuse will be collected on Friday. If you are scheduled for Friday pick-up, your trash will be collected on Saturday. All other days of the week remain the same.

Scheduled street sweeping on Thursday will be cancelled due to the holiday. However, normal street sweeping schedules for Monday through Wednesday, and Friday of that week will be unaffected.

In some cases, this altered schedule may mean that a delayed trash collection day falls on street sweeping day. In these cases, trash receptacles must be placed on the curb in order for the sweeper to properly clean your street. Keep your neighborhood clean and safe by ensuring that trash cans do not interfere with the street sweeper. Contact (562) 929-5732 if you have any questions.

ANGEL TREE

YOU CAN HELP BRIGHTEN THE LIFE OF A CHILD!

The City of Norwalk Angel Tree Project: “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 coming holiday season. Simply give 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 8. Your gift, toys, and other goodies will be given to these children at a holiday celebration in December. You can also help by providing a monetary donation or other gift to the Norwalk Social Services Center at (562) 929-5544 for more information.

SELACO WIB is Now Hiring

Career Development Specialist - Disability Resource Coordinator. Position works with the Career Development Team and is assigned specifically to the California Disability Employment Initiative. May work with persons with disabilities providing support and placement assistance, educating employees on securing employment for the disabled population; Requires 4-year degree in a related field and strong written and verbal communication skills.

Career Development Specialist - Workshop Facilitator. Position works with Skills Development Team responsible America’s Job Center (AJC) job search and readiness workshops. Requires 4-year degree in a related field and strong written and verbal communication skills, ability to case manage and connect effectively with business.

Send resume to HR Dept., SELACO WIB, 10900 E. 183rd St. Ste. 350, Cerritos, CA 90703 email selaco@selaco.com or fax to (562) 860-4457. Please specify position. Closing date to apply: open until filled. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE. EOU/AA
Girl Scout Wins Silver Award
Norwalk resident and Girl Scout, 14 year old Analyse Marie Garcia is focused on creating a better environment. Her troop worked on implementing an ecology program at their school. This involved composting by recycling lunch food trash. Money raised by the Girl Scouts from cookie sales went towards buying plants and flower beds. Students will literally enjoy the fruits of their labor.

Phone Home Winners
Halloween night was a lucky one for three kids in Norwalk. As part of the City’s Annual Halloween Festival, the city awarded brand new bicycles and safety helmets. Youngsters ages 6 to 17 took part in the phone home contest.

The grand prize winners are:
Emma Ochoa - Ages 6-9 yrs.
Carla Diaz - Ages 10-12 yrs.
Irma Herrera - Ages 13-17 yrs.

Veterans Day Event Airing
The November 11 Veterans Day Ceremony in the City of Norwalk was a memorable day for the community. See highlights from the event on “Now You Know” www.youtube.com/norwalktelevision and Channels 32 (Charter) and 2 (Verizon FiOS)

Mayor’s Cup
The Norwalk High School Lancer Football Team has a brand new trophy to add to their collection. Norwalk High celebrated their 59-0 win over John Glenn on October 30, 2014. Mayor Marcel Rodarte presented the Mayor’s Trophy to the team.

Pet Adoption Fees
Reduced:
Dogs & Cats 5 years & older $45.00
Dogs & Cats 1-5 years old $65.00
Puppies & Kittens $135.00

Adoption Fee Includes:
Spay/Neuter • 1st Set of Vaccinations
Micro-Chip • Deworming • Flea Treatment

Holiday Food Basket
Many families in Norwalk could use your kindness and support during this busy holiday season. The Norwalk Social Services Center provides food for families in need. If you want to donate food items or money, they could use your help. And it’s not just during this season, it’s throughout the year. To help stock their pantry call (562) 929-5544.

Nomination for Older American Award
The City of Norwalk is seeking a Norwalk resident to nominate and recognize as its Outstanding Older American. The nominee must be at least 65 years of age and perform outstanding volunteer services within the City of Norwalk. Volunteer services performed at such locations as a hospital, school, library, municipal program, or any non-profit organization all qualify for this honor. This is a distinct opportunity to acknowledge an older American who has enhanced the lives of others or the community at large in an exceptional way.

Applications can be obtained at the following Norwalk locations or by visiting our website at www.norwalkca.org:

Norwalk Senior Center
14040 San Antonio Dr.

Norwalk City Hall • Community Information
12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Norwalk Social Services
11929 Alondra Blvd.

Applications will be available in January, 2015. Please call (562) 929-5580 for application requests and deadline dates.

Activities at Norwalk Library
12350 Imperial Hwy., Norwalk, CA 90650 • (562) 868-0775

Holiday Candy Trees
Children will create their own holiday tree using yummy holiday candy, sugar cones and frosting. A fun and messy holiday activity for children of all ages. All materials will be provided. Tuesday, December 9 at 4:00 PM.

Holiday Sing-Along “Bet You’re Gonna Leave Happy!”
Nothing lifts the spirit like singing a happy tune. Join other like-minded song lovers, young and old, for a holiday sing-along. No singing experience necessary. Songs will be familiar and fun, with the sing-along a group effort, with no one person in the spotlight! Holiday refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Norwalk Libraries. Monday, December 1 at 6:30 PM.

Holiday Magic Show
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11949 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 • (562) 868-7771

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