City is Optimistic but Alert to Challenges
In the State of the City address, City Manager Mike Egan stressed the year’s accomplishments, urged continued focus on the “2020 Vision” strategic action plan.

With the launch of the City’s new website, as well as the improved accessibility of City social media, the public may be served more quickly and efficiently. The City’s Economic Development Plan, now in the works, will revitalise Norwalk communities and businesses through job training, education and entrepreneurship. In turn, the City’s household incomes will increase, stabilizing the local economy and creating more jobs. If you missed the State of the City event, click on the City’s website, youtube channel, or tune in to the City’s cable channel to view it. (More photos on pg. 6)

Recreational Vehicle Ordinance
Taking your recreational vehicle or trailer on a road trip? Will your vehicle be parked on the street before or after your trip? Don’t forget to get your parking permit.

Norwalk requires all recreational vehicles and trailers to have a permit to be parked on the street. The permit process reduces the number of recreational vehicles and trailers parked on the street improving safety and appearance in neighborhoods.

Permit regulations include:
• Residents must show their vehicle/trailer registration to obtain a permit.
• The permitted vehicle/trailer must be parked within 100 feet of the resident’s address.
• Each permit is good for a total of three consecutive days.
• Permits may be obtained ahead of time.
• Each residence is limited to 20 permits per calendar year.
• Trailers are to be attached to an appropriately sized tow vehicle at all times while parked on the street.
• Permits are to be displayed in the front windshield of the permitted vehicle. In the case of trailers, the permit should be displayed in the front windshield of the tow vehicle.

RVS and trailers found parked without a permit are subject to a parking citation and fine of $45.

Norwalk Thanks Deputy for Service and Sacrifice
During its regular meeting of February 9, the Community Promotion Commission presented Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Deputy Brandon Love with a $1,000 donation and an over-sized card bearing get-well wishes from the Norwalk community. Deputy Love sustained life-changing injuries as a result of a domestic violence call in Lakewood.

Fundraising took place in October 2014 as part of the Annual Appreciation Luncheon held in honor of Sheriff’s and Fire Department, CHP, and Public Safety. Lt. Daniel Beringer (acting Captain) and Sgt. Tom Vernola of the Lakewood Sheriff’s Department, Deputy Love’s father, uncle and aunt were also in attendance.

Small but Mighty
Josie Vazquez, a senior at John Glenn High School has always marched to the beat of her own drum.

Recently millions also saw and heard the 5’2” 107 pound tenor drummer march and play her heart out at the Rose Bowl Parade!

Frank Hinojoz, an alumnus of John Glenn High School has been band director at John Glenn for ten years. Josie is the 15th student of his to participate in the Tournament of Roses Honor Band.

Hinojoz tells us the audition committee was concerned about Josie’s size. Most of the instrumental auditions last only about ten minutes. The drummers go through an intense five hour audition process that includes one elimination round. The tenor drums she plays not only require tremendous skill, but the six mile parade route would require tremendous strength and endurance for the 60 pound instrument. In addition, the drummers are the only musicians in the ensemble that do not get a break from playing!

When asked by the committee whether she felt she could handle the challenge, Josie responded, “I have previous experience in long distance parades with my high school band. I can handle it.”

Josie’s moms says, “She really always liked tinkering with the drum harness and helping to repair any of her drums. It was not surprising to find out that she wants to major in Engineering in college.” Currently she takes the Aerospace Engineering class at John Glenn High School.

Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast Highlights
Former Marine and Purple Heart recipient Tim Lee had the full attention of attendees at the 45th Annual Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast on February 11. The Doubletree Hotel’s ballroom was filled to capacity for Mr. Lee’s keynote speech. He lightened the crowd with observations on family and daily life. But it was Mr. Lee’s miraculous story of survival following a land mine explosion during the Vietnam War, and his subsequent commitment to ministry that had the biggest impact on his audience. Losing both legs during the explosion, enduring countless surgeries with his weight dwindling rapidly to just 80 pounds, Mr. Lee found the courage to live through faith. He speaks to thousands across the globe each year, traveling over 350 days annually. (More photos on pg. 5)
Need Subsidized Childcare? We may be able to assist you

What is Subsidized Childcare?
Our programs can help pay for all or part of your childcare expenses. Varieties of childcare options are available throughout the community.

Who can be served?
Children from birth through 12 years of age. Older children with exceptional needs may also receive services.

Do I qualify?
Are you currently:
• Working
• Seeking Employment
• Enrolled in college or vocational training
• Receiving Cash Aid (TANF) within the last 180 days.

Do I apply?
You may apply directly at Social Services Center. For more information, call (562) 462-1713.

Home Improvement Guidelines

Spring and Summer are popular seasons for homeowners to tackle home improvement projects.

Why are permits required and how do they benefit me?
The State adopts Building Codes to establish minimum construction standards and requires cities to adopt and enforce those codes for all construction activity in the community. The permit process ensures that each project meets a minimum set of safety standards and provides a legal record of the work performed. Having a permit is beneficial when selling your property or if you need to submit an insurance claim.

Who may obtain a permit?
Permits may be issued to a property owner or state-licensed contractor. An owner may obtain a permit only if he intends to perform the work or hire a contractor. If a contract is negotiated for the work, care should be taken to assure that all necessary work is specified to meet code standards. The owner is ultimately responsible for code compliance. Work may not start until a permit is obtained.

How do I obtain a permit for these projects?
In general, permits can be obtained for many types of projects. A new patio project may need two inspections, and water heater replacements need one. A new patio project may need multiple inspections depending on the scope of the work. If an inspection does not pass, a re-inspection will be needed. A good tip for homeowners hiring contractors is to make sure the project passes its final inspection before the contractor finishes the project and receives final payment. It would be beneficial for the property owner if the contractor is still available in case corrections need to be made.

Curb Address Painting in April
Two every year, the City selects an independent contractor to repaint the curb addresses citywide. Care for the Children (CFC) has been selected to repaint curbs beginning early April.

Residents will receive a flyer from CFC representatives informing them of painting procedures prior to the painting taking place. Once the painting is completed, CFC will be soliciting voluntary donations which are tax deductible; however, residents are not required to give a donation for the work. More information on the curb painting program will be available in the April Norwalk NOW as well as on the City's website, norwalk.org. For questions, please call the Public Services Department at (562) 929-5511.

Please be advised that curb painters contracted with the City must always carry their identification badges and a copy of their City business license when painting addresses or soliciting donations. Report any unauthorized painting activity by calling the Public Safety Department at (562) 929-5732 during the following hours: Monday – Friday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. After these hours, please contact the Norwalk Sheriff's Station at (562) 865-8711.

Cal Fire Tree Planting in Norwalk Update
Public Services staff have been busy planting trees throughout Norwalk. City staff along with Arturo Sanchez Elementary School staff, coordinated a tree planting event at Sanchez Elementary School on Thursday, February 5. Two fifth grade classes assisted City staff with planting 13 Tristanias (or Brisbane Box) trees along Elaine Avenue adjacent to the school. In addition, staff distributed educational materials on the benefits of trees. School staff were very appreciative of City efforts to increase the urban canopy and have the students actively involved in greening the school environment.

Additionally, City staff planted 93 Canary Island Pines on Bloomfield Avenue, north of Imperial Highway, adjacent to the Metropolitan State Hospital. There were no trees along Bloomfield Avenue so the new landscaping has made a big difference to the aesthetics of this major thoroughfare.

Interested in a City tree? Residents may choose from a select species of trees (including Australian Flame, Tristania, Canary Island Pine, Chypere Flame, Southern Magnolia, Fern Pine and Camphor) to have planted adjacent to their property through the Cal Fire Grant. Tree species information and photos can be found on the City's website. Please contact the Public Services Department at publicservices@norwalkca.gov or call (562) 929-5511 to submit your planting request. Tree planting is expected to be completed by the end of March 2015.

Tree Fact: Trees Save Water
Shade from trees slows water evaporation from thirsty lawns.

Most newly planted trees need only fifteen gallons of water a week. As trees transpire, they increase atmospheric moisture.

Why does the work need to be inspected?
Inspections are performed to check that the work performed is of benefit when selling the property or if you need to submit an insurance claim.

Who may obtain a permit?
Permits may be issued for these projects:

• Receiving Cash Aid (TANF) within the last 180 days.
• Enrolled in college or vocational training
• Very appreciative of City efforts to increase the urban canopy and have the students actively involved in greening the school environment.

This information is intended as a guideline only. If you have any additional questions or would like to speak to an inspector please contact the Building & Safety Division at (562) 929-5733 or visit us in Room 12 at City Hall.
City Wide Egg-normous Egg Hunt

(All Ages)
Week of March 29
This is not your average Egg Hunt, this is an Egg-normous Egg Hunt! The week of March 29, residents can scour the City looking for the Egg-normous Eggs. Eggs will be placed randomly throughout the City. It is up to you to find them! Eggs will be redeemed at the Egg-stravagant Egg Hunt event at City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, on April 4.

Winners must be Norwalk residents and only one egg may be redeemed per family (positive I.D will be required).

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Egg-stravagant Egg Hunt (Ages 10 & under)
Saturday, April 4 • 12:30-3:30 p.m.
Norwalk Civic Center Lawn
12700 Norwalk Boulevard
Bring the whole family and enjoy an afternoon of fun. After the arrival of the Easter Bunny there will be four (4) egg hunts, one for each of the age groups listed below. Arrive early so your child does not miss their designated hunt. Don’t forget to get your photo taken with the Easter Bunny, photos are only $3 each. There will also be fun, 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.

City of Norwalk & Recreation and Parks Department

Parkway Trees & Sewer Larger Lines

The City of Norwalk strives to protect and enhance the urban forest as it is an essential element of the City’s green infrastructure and provides a variety of benefits to the community, including cleaner air, reduced energy usage and higher property values. An Urban Forest Management Plan was developed to help address tree care, maintenance, and establish policies that are responsive to resident concerns to help address any issues that may arise while protecting the urban forest.

Residential and commercial sewer lines are the sole responsibility of the property/business owner. Owners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the sewer lateral line that connects from the building/house to the City’s sewer main line, which is located near the street or sidewalk. The City recommends property owners periodically inspect their sewer lateral line for any blockage or pipe erosion.

In the event of a blockage in the lateral line, property owners are responsible for determining the cause and clearing the blockage of the line between the building and the City’s sewer line. If the property owner believes a City owned tree has caused the problem, the owner should contact the City with evidence of such cause.

For more information, please contact the Public Services Department at (562) 929-5511.

TOO TOXIC TO TRASH

Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Roundup

Saturday, March 7, 2015
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Southern California Gas Company
8101 Rosemead Blvd.
Pico Rivera

Open to all Los Angeles County residents.

Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste the right way on Saturday:

BUSINESS WASTE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

What you CAN bring to an event (examples):
- Brake fluid, antifreeze, cleaners with acid or lye, pesticides or herbicides, household batteries and car batteries, pool chemicals, motor oil, old filters, expired pharmaceuticals, anti-freeds, and fluorescent light bulbs.
- You must remove all paint residue through the PaintCare Program. Visit www.PaintCare.com or (855) 724-6809.
- Household electronic waste including: Computer monitors, televisions, computer CPUs, keyboards, printers, cell phones, etc.

What you CAN’T bring to an event:
- Hazardous waste and electronic waste from businesses.
- Explosives, ammunition and radioactive materials.
- Trash and tires.
- White goods such as refrigerators, stoves and washing machines, etc.
- Controlled substances.

How to prepare items for transportation:
- Bring the items in a sturdy box, preferably in their original labeled containers.
- Do not mix the items together.
- There is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip.
- Be prepared to leave your containers and boxes. Remove all other items from your truck.

For more information or a schedule of events/locations, please contact the Department of Public Works at 562-921-1000.

CHAMBER NETWORKING WORKSHOP & BREAKFAST

Join the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, March 26, from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. for a networking breakfast featuring a “Social Media and Online Marketing Success Workshop.” The workshop, which takes place at the Doubletree Hotel, will be provided by Mark Mikelat of ContactMark. Mark is a small business growth consultant, author, corporate trainer and college business faculty member. Cost for the breakfast meeting is $20 presale or $25 at the door. Non-Chamber members pay an extra $5. RSVP by Monday, March 23 at info@norwalkchamber.com or by calling (562) 864-7785. Tickets may also be purchased online at http://bit.ly/1Cm9J3H
soccer teams captured the CCCAA State Championship in time in the school’s history that both the men’s and women’s Athletic Association State Championships. This is the second commendation for their significant accomplishments.

The Falcons have three state championships to add to the list. Men’s soccer head coach, Benny Artiaga was also named the National Coach of the Year. Artiaga says, “By the end of the season we’ve got their respect and it’s a lot easier to make demands that are not that far from our reach, which was the state championship.”

Attaining a “three-peat” was the goal of the women’s soccer team this season. Assistant coach Patrick Ross says, “This is a great team that works together, you take stuff away from it that makes choosing your profession rewarding.”

When it comes to the wrestling team, the coach and players are experiencing a win for the first time during their individual careers. 2002 was the last time the wrestling team received the title of state champions. Wrestling coach Don Garrett, named the state’s Coach of the Year, tells us what made this year, their year. “It’s a very different group of guys, they have a little edge to them. We had to work on maintaining them and keeping them focused. Once we were able to do that, their talent came through.”

Cerritos College holds 39 state championships titles.
Highlights from State of the City Address Friday, February 20