Cities, Agencies Celebrate Completion of New Shoemaker Bridge

Officials from the cities of Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs, along with representatives from CalTrans, Metro, and the Federal Highway Administration, marked the reopening of Shoemaker Bridge, which was demolished and rebuilt as part of the I-5 Freeway widening project. It is the first project to be completed in the overall schedule of improvements.

“It’s a great day today,” said the Chairman of the Joint Powers Authority, during a ribbon-cutting to mark the opening. “It hasn’t been easy on the residents and local businesses but now that it’s open, I know they’ll be happy.”

The Shoemaker Bridge reflects the most southerly boundary of the I-5/Rosecrans segment of the project. The rest of the segment remains under construction. The bridge had to be raised and lengthened to make room for the additional lanes on I-5. The new bridge maintains one lane in each direction, but features improved pedestrian safety including wider sidewalks, stylish fencing and energy-efficient lighting. The larger part of the I-5/Rosecrans segment is about one-fourth complete, officials from CalTrans report. The Alondra bridge to the south, the only bridge still to be demolished and completely rebuilt, is scheduled to open late this summer. There are now five of six I-5 segments under construction, including Imperial-Norwalk, Rosecrans, Carmenita and Alondra. The Valley View/I-5 segment, the only remaining line yet to begin construction, is scheduled for February 2015. All projects, according to CalTrans, will be completed by late 2018. For additional information about the I-5 Widening Project, contact Norwalk’s CalTrans Advocacy Office at (213) 359-7367.

Public Recreation Area Could Replace ‘Tank Farm’

Norwalk’s ‘tank farm,’ which once produced fuel for military aircraft, moved a step closer to transferring ownership from the U.S. Air Force to the City thanks to proposed legislation by Congresswoman Linda Sanchez. Introduced as an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the bill was passed by the House of Representatives and designates 15 acres of the 51-acre site to the City.

“My office, since I was first elected to the district representing Norwalk, has worked with the city and the U.S. Air Force to reach an agreement that would turn the former environmental hazard area into a recreational space for the community,” Sanchez said.

If passed, the 15 acres would be used for public purposes and transferred at no cost to the City.

“Rarely does an opportunity arise where a single piece of legislation can so dramatically transform an obsolete asset into a dynamic community resource,” said Norwalk’s mayor in a statement. “This is a well-crafted bill that’s a win-win for everyone, especially the public.”

The site was used beginning in the 1950s by the U.S. Air Force to store jet fuel and supplies. It has been shuttered since 2001. A portion may be be used for a public park and recreation area. The remainder of the land will be turned over to the General Services Administration for conveyance, in accordance with the Federal Property Act, according to the Air Force.

Firestone Bridge Replacement Continues

Construction on the Firestone Bridge over the San Gabriel River, underway since April, has been mostly confined to the river channel. But starting this month, the existing median island can begin. The traffic lanes will continue to be reduced to the following:

Through September - one lane in each direction
September through May 2015 - two lanes in each direction
May 2015 to September 2015 - three lanes in each direction

The bridge will remain open during construction, but expect some congestion. The river bike trail will be open, but detoured during some construction activities. The project’s aggressive schedule calls for crews working around the clock during some phases to finish by September 2015. For additional information, call the project info hotline.

Firestone Bridge Project Hotline
(562) 395-1277

A Memorial Day to Remember

More than 300 guests attended the City’s Memorial Day tribute on the lawn at City Hall. Keynote speaker Dr. Charles Macias, author and leadership expert, spoke of the urgent need to help veterans transition back into civilian life, the focus of his book, “Operation Legacy.” The City purchased 10 copies of the book to make available to Norwalk veterans through the local American Legion #359. For info call (562) 929-5753.

Norwalk City Council

Mayor Marcel Rodarte  Vice Mayor Leonard Shryock
Councilmember Cheri Kelley  Councilmember Mike Mendez
Councilmember Luigi Vernola

Two Public eForums Set

Share your thoughts and ideas about Norwalk with the Mayor during two separate eForums. Residents and business owners are invited to email or call the Mayor during designated hours. The forum is part of the Mayor’s “Listening Tour” where he’s been meeting in-person with groups and businesses. “The forum will offer that same one-on-one exchange but without folks having to leave their homes,” the Mayor said in a statement.

“I’m gathering as much input as possible to then prepare a report that reflects what I’ve heard.”

Real-time e-mail or phone exchange with the Mayor
June 19th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm
June 25th from 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Email your comments and questions to:
Mayor@norwalkca.gov
Or call in: (562) 929-5305

For more information about the Mayor’s eForums, contact the City Council Office at (562) 929-5305.
Norwalk’s Summer Concert Series Returns

Sounds of Summer fun will fill the air Wednesday evenings starting July 9th when the City’s Summer Concert series returns to the lawn at City Hall. Concerts begin at 7:00pm and are free and open to all. For more information about the concert series, please call (562) 929-5702.

### 2014 Lineup

- **Wednesday, July 9**
  - Raymond Michael (Elvis Tribute)

- **Wednesday, July 16**
  - Mariachi Espectacular De Beto Jimenez (Mariachi)

- **Wednesday, July 23**
  - The Funkomatics (80’s Pop, 70’s Disco)

- **Wednesday, July 30**
  - Soto (Latin R & B)

- **Wednesday, August 6**
  - Poncho Sanchez (Latin Jazz)

- **Wednesday, August 13**
  - Vanity Fair (Top 40)

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### Good Stuff Worth Doing

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  Tuesday, June 10 at 5:45 p.m.
  $6 |
| **Karaoke**
  Sat, June 14, 1-4 pm
  Wed, June 25, 2-5 pm
  Free |
| **Green Tea Week**
  June 23-27 (various times)
  Free |

### Time Capsule Contents Now on Display

The contents have been dried, removed and placed on display in the glass showcase area at City Hall. Drop by anytime during regular business hours to view the display. If you’re a resident or business owner and you’d like a photo of yourself in front of the display, the City will provide a digital photo for your scrapbook at no cost. For the 30 residents who entered the contest to guess the most items inside, deterioration of some of the contents made it impossible to determine just one winner. As a result, the City awarded all entrants a $10 gift card to the local Target Store. “It’s not exactly what the contestants were hoping for, I imagine,” said the Mayor at a recent City Council meeting. “But this way everyone wins.”

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### Remembering the Tomorrows They Gave

- **View more photos from the event on the City’s flickr site and tune in to the City’s cable channel to see the special "Now You Know" recap report.**

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### Everyone’s a Winner

Sheila Nunez, one of 30 residents to enter the time capsule contest, holds her Target gift card she won for entering. “This is fine with me,” she smiled.

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### Adult Co-ed Volleyball League

- **Ages 18 & Over**
- League begins in July
- Register now through June
- Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
- Info: (562) 929-5567

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### Volunteer Coaches Needed

Completed form required.
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City Has Perfect Space for Your Perfect Special Event

With weddings, graduations, quinceañeras and reunions on the horizon, look to the City of Norwalk to rent the perfect space for your perfect event. The City offers facilities to meet just about any need and any budget.

For complete listing of rental rates and detailed specifications, call (562) 929-5566 or click to www.norwalkca.gov.

The Lucy Pet Foundation presents the following events for Norwalk residents and their pets:

Spay and Neuter Event
Sunday June 29th
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Norwalk City Hall
Appointments required.
By phone - toll free 855-499-5829
By email info@lucypetfoundation.org

Rabies Clinics Offered
Friday June 13th & Friday, July 11th
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Norwalk City Hall
Info: (562) 929-5711

Pathway Program Helps Veterans Aim High
Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board (SELACO WIB), a proud partner of America’s Job Center, in collaboration with South Bay Center for Community Development (SBCC), Energy Pathway Program (EPP), and Cerritos Community College, continues to assist veterans with free job training and career preparation as they return to civilian life. Through the Energy Pathway Program (EPP), veterans receive free industry training for local career opportunities, industry recognized certificates, counseling, supportive services, and job readiness workshops, such as STEPS to economic and personal success. Veterans enrolled in programs are given priority of services and supported in their efforts. The EPP was created to train individuals and connect them with employers in the refinery industry. Industry partners who hired graduates from the 2013 graduating class of EPP include Tesoro, Grifols, and Phillips 66. Industry partners including Valero, LA Sanitation, Binderson, and King Hawaiian are participants on the EPP Advisory Board eagerly looking forward to hiring graduates from the current 2014 class. For more information please contact Anna Leon, Training Services Manager at (562) 402-9336.

City of Norwalk Small Business Program
"Finding the Right Customers for Your Business"

A three-day training session that will position your business for success with simple and practical steps to help you manage more effectively. The program is taught by current and former business owners.

Topics include: Strategies for Increasing Revenue, Attracting and Retaining Customers, Improving Customer Service, Goal Setting with a Daily Plan 3-Day Program

Wednesdays
July 16, 23 & 30 • 8:30 - 11:00 am

Offered free of charge by the City of Norwalk to Norwalk residents and businesses who pre-apply:

By phone: 866-493-4375

By email: sbdcinfo@lbcc.edu

Online: www.longbeachsbdc.org

Right Number, Right Service

Below are frequently requested contact numbers to help you get the right service at the right time.

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For additional information about the new website, or to offer input, please contact the Communications & Public Affairs Office at (562) 929-5753.

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**Summer Fun at the Alondra Library**

A whole world of summer fun for kids of all ages is just around the corner at the Alondra Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Norwalk Libraries, June’s lineup will be capped by popular juggling artist, David Cousin, and his fun-tastic audience-interactive show.

David Cousin’s Juggler Show
Wednesday, June 25th at 4:00 pm
A juggling spectacle featuring comedy, music, and lots of audience participation.

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School Campus
Info: (909) 984-2391 or excelsiorpilotspicnic@gmail.com

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**Slickers on Track to Hit $15K**
The Norwalk City Slickers community fundraising team heads into the June 7th Relay for Life “Walk” at Cerritos College with more than $11K already collected. The goal is $15K, according to team captain Vicki Dilley. Slickers’ info: (562) 929-5301.

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