Got a Plan? Get Started, Get Prepared

Recent quakes in Napa Valley and San Pedro serve as a reminder to ‘be prepared.’ Step 1: Devise a personal emergency plan for yourself, family, home and pets.

1. Update your plan
   • Know where to meet if your family is separated.
   • Have a means to communicate.
   • Provide your plan to a loved one or friend in another state.

2. Refresh your food and water supply
   • Store at least one gallon of water per day per person.
   • Add enough water to sustain your pets.
   • Store high-calorie, nutritious food with long shelf life.
   • Remember food for furry family members (pets, not Pop).

3. Refresh your emergency supplies
   • Rotate your batteries.
   • Locate your emergency tools.
   • Freshen up your get-and-go bag.

Practice the Plan

September marks National Emergency Preparedness Month. The City will conduct training and provide you with helpful information, tips and tools to aid in your personal preparedness planning.

Got questions? Get answers.
Call Raquel Vernola, Emergency Preparedness Manager at (562) 929-5743.

Water Conservation Restrictions Now in Place
Statewide regulations apply to everyone; additional rules set by individual water service providers.

With a serious drought gripping the state, the California Water Resources Control Board has issued mandatory water conservation restrictions. There are two sets of restrictions: one that applies statewide and the other specific to the water agency.

Statewide Regulations Prohibit:
• Water draining onto pavements
• Using a hose to wash your car, unless you are using an automatic shut-off nozzle.
• Operating a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is a part of a recirculation system.
• Hosing down driveways or sidewalks with water.

* Water cannot drain into the street and must be contained. Sandbags can be used to help with containing water and are available during the fall and winter months. For more information on where to pick up sandbags, call (562) 929-5511.

Penalties for noncompliance under state-wide regulation could reach $500 per day.

The following list of regulations applies to Norwalk Municipal Water System customers only. If you are a customer of either Park Water or Golden State Water, please contact the company directly for details.

Restrictions for Norwalk Municipal Water System Customers Only:
• Watering your lawn is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and is allowed only every other day. It is up to residents to decide which days work best for them.
• Hosing down sidewalks, driveways, parking areas or any other paved surfaces is prohibited.
• Washing of any motor vehicles shall be done with a hand held bucket, unless you are using an automatic shut-off nozzle and water does not run off onto the street.
• No water shall be used to operate a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is part of a recycling system.
• No restaurant, hotel, café, cafeteria, or other public place where food is sold or served shall serve drinking water unless water is requested.
• All persons shall promptly repair all leaks from outdoor and indoor plumbing fixtures.

Norwalk Municipal Water System customers could face the following penalties:
1st Offense - Notice of violation
2nd Offense - 30% of water bill as a penalty charge
3rd Offense - 30% of water bill plus installation & cost for a water flow restriction device

For more information on landscape irrigation restrictions, call your water service provider.
Park Water Company
(800) 727-5987
www.parkwater.com

Golden State Water Company
(800) 999-4033
www.gswater.com

Norwalk Municipal Water System
(562) 929-5511
www.norwalkca.gov/generalservices.asp
Norwalk Wins National Award for Strategic Action Plan

The City of Norwalk earned a national Savvy Award from the City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA), for its strategic action plan, 2020 Vision. Norwalk's entry captured a Bronze Award, finishing third out of 160 entries from across the country in the category: External Publications (population above 100,000). It is the City's first-ever national Savvy Award. Winners were announced September 4th at the historic Music Box Theater in Minneapolis, MN.

Entries Shine at Historic Car Show

Norwalk’s annual Front Street Car Show draws hundreds of entries

In the 2014 Winners’ Circle:
- Club Participation - Rudy Garcia, Old Style Car Club
- Best Bomb - Don Jimenez, 39 Master, Good Fellas
- Best Classic - Sammy Lopez - 54 Bel Air, Imperials
- Best Truck - Alex - 49 Chevy - Good Fellas
- Best Hot Rod - Antonio Villasenor, 63 Ford Econoline, Old Style Car Club
- Best Motorcycle - Al - 02 Road King, Good Fellas
- Best Pedal Bike - Brinna Rios, Hello Ketty Solo, Club Solitos
- Best Convertible - George, 80 Cadillac, Stylistics
- Best Muscle Car - Danny, 41 Ford truck, Dukes
- Best Custom - Paul Cepeda, 53 Nash, Dukes

City Earns Award for Outstanding Financial Reporting

The City of Norwalk’s Finance department has again earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013. The award marks the 27th consecutive year that Norwalk has been recognized with the coveted honor.

From Halloween to Hollywood, Mariachi Hear

Norwalk’s popular Youth Mariachi Group opens its season with an appearance at the 31st Annual Arturo Sanchez Sr. Halloween Parade, on Saturday, October 18. The 12-member group will also perform at the City’s Snowfest in December, and Artastic in March. The season concludes in June when the group plays the Hollywood Bowl’s Mariachi USA Festival, its largest performance to date.

Hear, Now! Class Registration Underway

Be part of this dynamic ensemble of young performers by registering for one of our Mariachi classes offered this fall. Children ages 7-18 learn traditional Spanish guitar, violin, trumpet and vocals. Classes are held Tuesdays beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave. Registration is now underway.

Cultural Arts Here, Too!

Keep an eye out, too, for the latest classes and special events at the Cultural Arts Center, located at 13200 Clarkdale Ave. New offerings every three months. Info: (562) 929-5521.

Norwalk’s Social Services Department: Four Decades of Embracing, Connecting, and Empowering Community

The City of Norwalk will commemorate the Social Services’ 40th Anniversary on Wednesday, September 24 from 2-4 pm. at the Social Services Center, 11929 Alondra Blvd. The City will host an open house to display the services and resources provided to the Norwalk community for the past 40 years. A short program will begin at 2:30 pm. The event is free and open to everyone.
Free E-Waste Collection and Shredathon Event

Bring any electronic waste and documents for secure shredding (up to five boxes of paper per car) to City Hall parking lot on October 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Questions? Call (562) 929-5964 or email recycling@norwalkca.gov.

Study of Proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Area Underway

The Community Development Department is currently developing a revitalization plan for the San Antonio/Firestone area (plan area is shown in blue on map). The study will determine the economic, housing, and human services needs of the focus area and develop programs to promote reinvestment and economically empower residents. The City will be holding a focus group to seek feedback concerning the housing and social service needs of the area on:

Thursday, September 25
10 a.m.
Norwalk Senior Center,
14040 San Antonio Dr.

For more information, or if you need a translator or special assistance to participate at the meetings, contact the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Division at (562) 929-5951.

Back to School Safety

The new school year’s in full swing, which means it’s time for motorists to take extra care. With more school kids walking, riding bikes, and crossing streets, the City’s Public Safety department and the Norwalk Sheriff’s Department will implement a special Back to School Traffic Safety Campaign throughout September. Law enforcement officers will be assigned to monitor crosswalks, school zones, and school drop-off areas.

Traffic Tips & Tip-offs:

* 25 mph speed limit in school zones
* Do not double park
* Red zones, seat belt compliance
* Bus loading & unloading
* Watch for children crossing in front or behind vehicles
* Yield to children while they cross the street
* Use crosswalks when crossing children

REMINDER to parents: Students must be in school or under the direct supervision of a parent/legal guardian between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Need more information? Get it at (562) 929-5732.
Recreational Vehicle Parking Regulations

Recently the Norwalk city Council adopted an ordinance prohibiting recreational vehicles and trailers from being parked on public streets. The ordinance will be effective September 4, 2014, recreational vehicles and trailers will be prohibited from being parked on city streets, except by permit.

Recreational vehicle includes motor home, travel trailer, truck camper, camping trailer, park trailer, or trailer coach. Recreational trailer means a trailer designed to transport recreational sport vehicles or vessels, to include but not limited to dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles, boats, personal water craft, race vehicles or other similar type vehicles and vessels.

Residents may obtain up to 20 permits in a calendar year. Each permit is valid for no more than three days.

To obtain a permit please visit the Department of Public Safety, located at City Hall, Room 15. Please bring proof of residency such as a driver’s license and the vehicle registration card of the vehicle or trailer the permit is for. Permits are available free of charge.

Please keep the following rules in mind when issued a permit for your recreational vehicle or trailer.

- Must be parked within 100 feet of your residence
- The permit must be displayed on the lower left corner of the recreational vehicle or, that of the tow vehicle if issued to a recreational trailer
- No utilities (electrical, water, cable, etc.) are permitted to be connected
- The permitted vehicle must adhere to all other parking regulations, including no parking during street sweeping, no blocking of driveways or fire hydrants
- Trailers must be attached to a tow vehicle that is capable and appropriately sized to tow the trailer at all times

For further information, please contact the Department of Public Safety at (562) 929-5732.

BECOME A NORWALK PUBLIC SAFETY CADET!

The City of Norwalk Public Safety Department is looking for a strong core of dedicated, hard-working young people to help make Norwalk a better place to be.

If you are between the ages of 13-21 years old, and love helping others, the Public Safety Cadet program is just for you.

CALL 929-5732 TODAY

Daddy Daughter Dance (Superheroes & Princesses)
Saturday, October 25 · 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex • 13000 Clarkdale Ave.
Cost: $12 per couple

What better way to spend your Saturday night then on a date with your daughter? Dads, Uncles, or Grandpas put on your best superhero attire and bring your little princess. We will enjoy an evening of desserts and dancing. The DJ will be on hand to play your favorite child appropriate music. Parent participation is required. Princesses must be between the ages of 3 and 16 years of age. For more information, please call 929-5922.

NORWALK BOXING PROGRAM

Cost: $42 Resident (Quarterly) $63 Non-resident (Quarterly)
The City of Norwalk offers a Boxing Program at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex where participants can learn boxing techniques and conditioning skills. Training is also available for youth interested in participating in area tournaments. For more information, please call 929-5566.
New School Year Officially Underway:

Dates at-a-Glance from Norwalk-La Mirada Unified

Where EVERY student is given EVERY opportunity to demonstrate EXCELLENCE!!

- November 11: Veterans Day
- November 27-28: Thanksgiving
- December 1: Student Free Day (Elementary & Middle Schools Only)
- December 19: Minimum Day
- December 22-January 2: Winter Recess
- January: Open Enrollment for Middle School Magnets Begins
- January 19: Martin Luther King Day
- February 9: President Lincoln's Birthday
- February 16: President's Day
- April 3-10: Spring Recess
- May 25: Memorial Day
- June 17: Last Day of School

To learn more about Measure G: Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District Classroom Repair and School Safety Measure, go to www.nlmusd.org.

Norwalk Veterans Wanted
Calling all Norwalk veterans to serve as grand marshals in the City's 31st Annual Halloween Parade, set for October 18. If you're a Norwalk resident and a veteran of any war, come serve as a grand marshal. Book it at (562) 929-5702.

"State of the County" Luncheon Address
Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe delivers the State of the County Address on Friday, September 26, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex - Sproul Room. Tickets for the luncheon cost $25 for Members, $30 for Non-Members. Table Sponsorships for eight available at $225. Reservations required, no tickets at the door. Deadline: Wednesday, September 24. Please mail, fax, or email reservations to: Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, 12040 Foster Road, Norwalk, CA 90650, phone (562) 864-7785, fax (562) 864-8539, email: info@norwalkchamber.com or visit: norwalkchamberofcommerce.org

Women Calling Women
The Norwalk Woman’s Club extends an invitation to women of all ages and backgrounds to join the chapter, one of the longest-standing service organizations in the region. For information, call Edna at (562) 864-4421.

City's New Website in Final Stages
Developers at Vision Internet are applying the final components to the City's new website, which features a stylish design and color scheme, easy-to-navigate search functions, and robust links. A community launch event is slated for October.

This Dog's Not Lion
Norwalk residents can put their minds at ease now that the "Mystery Lion" caper has finally been solved. Surveillance footage captured a lone Bull Terrier/Rottweiler mix wandering the streets that resembled a large wild animal, possibly an African lioness. It is important to secure pets for everyone's safety.

Farmers Market Means Fresh
Fresh, fresher, and freshest. You'll always find fresh-from-the-farm produce at Norwalk's popular Farmer’s Market, held every Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Excelsior High School parking lot.

Little Lake City School District
Office of the Superintendent

Important Dates to Remember September 2014

Back-to-School Nights
- September 17: Cresson @ 5:30 p.m.
- September 17: Jersey Avenue (Grades K-2) @ 6:00 p.m.
- September 17: Lakeland @ 5:50 p.m.
- September 24: Lakeview @ 6:00 p.m.
- September 17: Studebaker @ 5:30 p.m.
- September 23: William Orr @ 5:30 p.m.

Middle School Modernization “Ribbon Cutting”
- September 11: Lakeside @ 5:30 p.m.
- September 18: Lake Center @ 5:30 p.m.
- September 23: BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING 7:00 p.m. District Board Room
- September 26: Studebaker 60th Anniversary
New Library Hours for Norwalk Regional Library:
Monday-Wednesday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Thursday-Friday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Alondra Library hours remain the same.

Book Your Very Own Golf Tournament Today
If you are looking for a fun way to raise some money, consider hosting a golf tournament at the Norwalk Golf Center. Special tournament rates and packages are now available.
Got questions?
Call (562) 929-5956 for more information.