City of Norwalk Keeps Working the Plan

Seek and apply for grants to support City programs and projects. The City received $3,782,500 in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant funding to provide traffic signal upgrades including fiber optic cable, new controllers and new traffic poles.

Review and update Parks Master Plan to identify future maintenance needs and improvements. Glazier, Gerdes, Ramona and Zimmerman Parks were identified for maintenance and improvement projects, including playground equipment replacement. Park improvements will continue throughout the next two years.

Utilize new technology to improve customer service. In October 2015, the City began upgrading software and implementing new modules that will allow customers to view business license and water account information, as well as provide payment options online. Phase I of the project is anticipated to be completed in August 2016.

Among those accomplished:

Engage the community by providing additional opportunities to further quality customer service. A "Welcome Guide" for new residents was created to provide instant information on City services, utilities, schools, and other important agency contacts. The City also began featuring videos online detailing each department’s role in assisting the public, as well as how to best obtain specific services.

Provide the community with emergency preparedness information for self-sufficiency in the event of a disaster. In anticipation of forecasted El Niño conditions, the City’s website includes a page devoted to preparedness tips, resources, video and information on City activities.

Support neighborhood and community preservation efforts. Twelve Mini Mr. Sun Neighborhood Cleanup events were held in 2015, as well as three Electronic Waste Collection & Shred-A-Thon events, assisting residents in maintaining their properties and properly disposing of hazardous waste.


With the new year here, the City is abuzz with new year’s hype. The City of Norwalk’s Community & Public Affairs Outreach Team hit up five random locations to get the scoop on this New Year’s Hopes, Goals & Resolutions.

Here’s what ten people in Norwalk wish for 2016.

10 LOCALS’ NEW YEAR’S HOPES, GOALS & RESOLUTIONS FOR 2016

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- Jackeline Chavez
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  "Stay fit and teach others to be fit"

- Raul Acedo
  "Get finances in order for retirement"

- Judy Acedo
  "Go to Taiwan and visit my family"

- Luella Steele
  "Travel, travel and travel some more"

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- Joe Gomez
  "Go back to school and further my career for my family"

- Luella Steele
  "Take a cruise to Hawaii"

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"Get good grades and pass all my classes" - Jackeline Chavez

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Alternating Fridays 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
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Leonard Shryock
Vice Mayor
Mike Mendez
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Cheri Kelley
Marcel Rodarte
Luigi Vernola

City of Norwalk
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Norwalk, CA 90650

To Postal Patron
Holiday Cheer at City Hall

More than two dozen students from grades 5-12 devoted Sunday, December 6, 2015 to beautifying the City of Norwalk. Many people pass through City Hall every week and for most of the month, they were treated to window art with a holiday theme. Twelve Days of Christmas. As part of the Art in Public Places program, 27 students from John Glenn, Norwalk, La Mirada, and Santa Fe High Schools; DD Johnston, Nuffer, and Moffitt Elementary Schools; and Corvallis and Los Alisos Middle Schools volunteered to be part of this project. There was also an art teacher from John Glenn High School on hand to assist the students. Art in Public Places Committee Members also lent support and guidance during the installation.

Thank You Angel Tree Project Donors

We would like to extend a special thank you to those involved in making the holidays special for the many children selected to participate in Norwalk’s Angel Tree Project including the over 200 volunteers who donated their time! We would also like to express our appreciation for the generous support of the following individuals who cared enough to make a difference in the life of a child this holiday season by donating to our Angel Tree Project. The success of Angel Tree would not be possible without the support of each and every one of YOU!

Gold Sponsors
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Holiday Trash & Street Sweeping Schedule

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Street Sweeping: When there is no street sweeping, it will NOT be made up. Streets will only be swept on the posted day.

Trash Collection: When there is no trash collection, it WILL be made up. Trash will be collected the day after the normal collection day for the remainder of the week. For example, Friday’s trash will be collected on Saturday.

Important: On a few of the holidays, this altered schedule causes trash collection to be on the same day as street sweeping. During these times, trash barrels MUST be placed up on the parkway in order for the sweeper to properly clean your street. Please contact (562) 929-5752 if you have any questions.

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Norwalk Transit System’s (NTS) 14th Annual Stuff-A-Bus visited John Glenn High School, Nettle Waite Middle School and Artesia-Cerritos Methodist Church to collect 561 new toys from students, faculty and residents. These toys, along with other donations, were distributed to approximately 1,500 children at the City of Norwalk’s Angel Tree Project Event, on December 12, 2015. The Stuff-A-Bus will continue to service the various NTS routes throughout the month of December. For additional information, please contact NTS Customer Service at (562) 929-5550 or e-mail to: transportation@norwalkca.gov.

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Used Oil Contest Winners

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The students who submitted the winning art entries were recognized at the City Council meeting on December 15, 2015, and their artwork will be used to create public service announcements to help promote proper used oil recycling.

For more information, please call (562) 929-5964 or email recycling@norwalkca.gov

Is one of your resolutions to give back?

This is your chance to help friends, neighbors and the Norwalk community in need.

The annual blood drive at City Hall takes place on January 12, 2016 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room. It’s easy to sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org. The Sponsor Code is: CityofNorwalk. Norwalk is a caring community and this is one of the ways we can show it!

Tuesday, January 19 • 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

HICAP

Monday, January 11 • 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Monday, January 25 • 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

HICAP is the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program that provides free community education, counseling and advocacy on Medicare and related health insurance issues. APPOINTMENT REQUIRED.

Sponsored by: Center For Health Care Rights

Senior Center

15th Anniversary Celebration

Tuesday, January 12 • 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Join us at the Anniversary Celebration commemorating the 15th Anniversary of the Norwalk Senior Center. For information, please call (562) 929-5580.

A Dinner and Dance featuring entertainment provided by the band “Sangria” and a delicious menu being provided by Chris and Pitts. For information, please call (562) 929-5580.

Sponsored by: Los Angeles Regional Food Bank

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Thursday, January 14 • 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Cost: $20 per person

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Sponsored by: Northeast Dental

FREE Dental Screening

Friday, January 15 • 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

The purpose of the screening provided by Northeast Dental is to provide seniors with a basic dental health screening. The Dental Assistant will then discuss with the senior any findings that need to be addressed with their regular dentist.

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FREE SCAN RV

Tuesday, January 19 • 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

SCAN Health will be on-hand for the day with their special SCAN RV. They will be providing a free bone density screening as well as have medical staff to answer questions. While waiting, seniors will be offered free access to 20 different computer-based brain games as well as have the opportunity to play other computer games in the van’s Wi activity center. Seniors must pre-register for this event as space is limited. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and begins on Monday, January 4 at 9:00 a.m. Registration at Senior Center or by phone at (562) 929-5580.

Public Transportation Forum

Thursday, January 21 • 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Representatives from Norwalk Transit, Norwalk Dial-A-Ride, L.A. Metro (Rider Relief Program), MTA and MetroLink will be on-hand to talk about their programs and what they have to offer seniors in the local community. There will also be an opportunity for seniors to ask specific questions about these services as well as pick-up information provided by each agency.
DECEMBER 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

SNOWFEST & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY