

BUSINESS REPORT

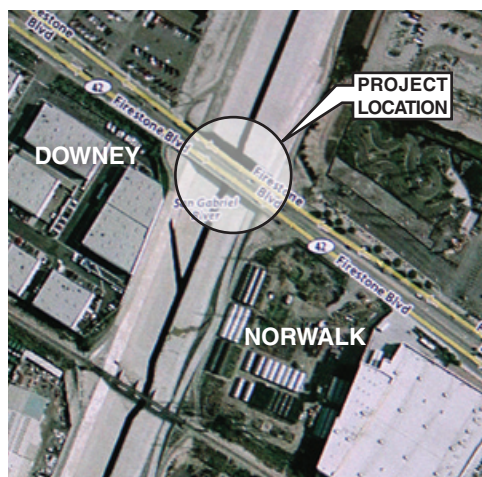
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Firestone Bridge to be Rehabilitated

Included in the FY2007-2008 adopted budget is the proposed rehabilitation of Firestone Boulevard Bridge over the San Gabriel River. This project will widen Firestone Boulevard Bridge by 36'-6" (18'-3" on each side) to accommodate a 10'-0" center median, and 4'-0" shoulders and 4'-0" bike lanes on both sides. The bridge widening will match the existing approach widths, thus eliminating bottlenecks and improving efficiency while accommodating future vehicle capacities in both directions. The sidewalks will be increased from 3'-6" to 8'-0" and the safety barrier rails will be upgraded from wood to standard crash tested concrete barriers. Finally, the project will repair spalling on the girders and cracks on the deck.

The total estimated project cost, including preliminary engineering and environmental documentation, design, right-of-way and construction, is \$4,821,000. Funding will come from the federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) in the amount of \$3,241,000 and state Regional Surface Transportation Improvement (RSTI) funds in the amount of \$1,580,000.

With the obligation of approximately \$1.7 million in federal and state monies, staff can now proceed with the preliminary engineering and environmental documentation phase.

Drop Box Now Available

The City of Norwalk has just made it easier for you to make payments. A drop box is now available and located on the east entrance of City Hall, adjacent to Room 1. Payments for water bills, business licenses, parking citations, invoices and dog licenses may be placed in the drop box. This is great for our customers that cannot reach us during business hours.

Please be aware that all payments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on their due date to avoid late fees and/or penalties. It is recommended that if an item is time sensitive, you should bring the payment to the Finance Department to ensure that it is processed the same day. The drop box will be checked daily at 5:00 p.m. by City Hall staff. Payments received after hours or on weekends and holidays will be processed the next business day.



Dodger Day!



Saturday, June 28
5-11 p.m.

The Dodgers are celebrating 50 years in Los Angeles and Norwalk residents get a chance to celebrate as the Dodgers take on cross-town rivals the Los Angeles Angels. Tickets are just \$25 and include a Norwalk Dodger Day T-shirt and snacks. Best of all, four lucky Norwalk youth will be randomly pre-selected to go down on the field before the game. Don't miss out! Tickets are available at Parks and Recreation, City Hall, Room 10.

The Honorable Judy Chu, Chair - Ca. Board of Equalization,
 the Honorable Congresswoman Grace Napolitano
 and the Honorable Assembly Member Tony Mendoza
 Invite you to attend the **FREE**

Southeast Los Angeles County Small Business Fair



Tuesday, June 3, 2008
Norwalk Marriott Hotel
13111 Sycamore Drive
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



TWO WORKSHOP TRACKS!

1 Financing Your Business
 Developing a Business Plan
 Basic Sales & Use Tax
 State Income Tax & Small Business
 Succeeding in Home-Based Business

2 Marketing Your Business
 Contracting Opportunities
 Better Business through Better Records
 Sales & Use Tax
 Employee or Independent Contractor

Please Register Early Space is Limited!!! You can register online at
www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/tpsched.htm or call (213) 593-1311.

Business Seminar

The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce and Creative Business Strategies, Inc. present...

"Marketing Strategies to Survive and Prosper in Today's Economy"

Tuesday, June 17, 2008
Networking 8:00-8:30 a.m.
Seminar 8:30-10:00 a.m.
Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
13000 Clarkdale Ave.
Norwalk, CA 90650

Speaker, David Sanders
 This seminar is offered by the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce to members for FREE and to non-members for \$15. SEATING IS LIMITED. To make reservations please call (562)864-7785 or (818) 952-8881 or you can email info@norwalkchamber.com. Website for this seminar and online reservation at www.creativestrats.com/seminars. Refreshments will be served.

Learn successful and inexpensive secrets for promoting your business and attracting new customers. This 1 1/2-hour seminar includes a complimentary consultation with a marketing consultant (limit of one per business).

FREE! City of Norwalk
 Electronic Waste Collection Event
 & Shred-A-Thon



SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008

Norwalk City Hall - 12700 Norwalk Blvd.
 Social Services Center - 11929 Alondra Blvd.

Norwalk Residents & Businesses Only
 Dispose of your unwanted electronics (e-waste)
 and shred important documents for **FREE!**

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(On a First-Come, First-Served Basis)

- Computer Sets
- Television Sets
- VCRs
- DVD Players
- Stereo Equipment
- Fax Machines
- Printers
- Cell Phones
- Video Game Systems

Property Management Training

A property management training program is being sponsored by the Fair Housing Foundation and the City of Norwalk on Federal and State Fair Housing laws on June 5, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Social Services Center, 11929 Alondra Blvd. The program is free and a Certificate is included if the course is passed. Please RSVP at (800) 446-3247 ext. 1104.



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