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To Postal Patron

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Memorial Day Tribute

City of Norwalk Invites the Community to Honor and Remember

Join American Legion Post 359, veterans, officials and members of the public on May 28 for a ceremony honoring the memory of servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice. The annual tribute, held at the Freedom Memorial art installation at the City Hall parking lot, will include a color guard, performances by the All City Band and a keynote address by Stephanie Stone, US Navy (ret.), Chief Deputy Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Ms. Stone was the first woman to serve as the Chair to Los Angeles Mayor’s Military and Veteran Affairs Committee. She went on to serve as a commissioner on the Los Angeles County Veterans Advisory Commission and was elected to be the first female to hold its chairmanship.

Stephanie Stone holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern Illinois, a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from the University of San Francisco, and was a Coro Fellow in Public Affairs in Los Angeles. She presently attends the University of Southern California Doctoral in Policy Planning and Development program. The event starts at 11 a.m. and is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

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How to Grow Healthy Citrus Trees in Spring

Citrus trees are a beloved plant choice for home gardens in California and it’s no surprise why. Citrus trees have fragrant white blossoms and colorful fruit you can juice, preserve or eat fresh. If you’re considering planting a citrus tree on your property this spring, be sure to get a plant from a licensed nursery in your area. Additionally, you’ll need to plan ahead to manage pests and diseases on your tree throughout its lifetime – like Huanglongbing (HLB), an incurable citrus tree disease that has killed hundreds of residential citrus trees throughout Southern California.

Tips for growing healthy citrus trees:

- As the weather warms, apply water at the tree’s trunk. As the tree grows, water a larger area around the tree.
- Newly planted trees should be watered every three to seven days, and older trees can be watered every week or two.
- Apply fertilizer. Ask your local nursery or garden center about which fertilizer is best.
- Inspect trees for the Asian citrus psyllid and HLB, monthly or whenever watering, spraying or pruning trees. Pest and disease management is critical to protect not just your own tree, but also your neighbors’ trees. Visit CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org to know what to look for.

Huanglongbing affects all citrus plants, including orange, lemon, lime, mandarin, pomelo, kumquat, grapefruit and tangerine trees. It also affects some relatives of citrus, like orange jasmine and curry leaves. If you spot the Asian citrus psyllid or see symptoms of HLB in your citrus tree, call the state’s pest hotline at (800) 491-1899. For more tips, visit CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org.

Holiday Trash & Street Sweeping Schedule

In observance of Memorial Day, there will be no street sweeping or trash collection on Monday, May 28. When there is no street sweeping, it will NOT be made up. Streets can only be swept on the posted day.

The altered schedule may cause trash collection to be on the same day as street sweeping in some areas. During these times, please place trash barrels up on the parkway (grass between sidewalk and street) to allow the sweeper to properly clean the street. We appreciate your efforts in keeping the streets safe and clean by ensuring trash cans do not interfere with sweeping.

Questions?

| Trash Collection | CR&R Waste Services | Republic Services |
| Street Sweeping | Public Services Department | Public Safety Department |
| Parking Enforcement | CR&R Waste Services | Public Services Department |

Public Works Week

National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, NPWW is observed each year during the third week of May to educate the public on the importance of public works in their daily lives and call attention to the value and importance of public works projects. This year it will be celebrated May 20 – 26, with the theme, “The Power of Public Works” which highlights the impact the many facers of public works has on the communities they serve. The City of Norwalk’s Public Services Department works hard every day to remove graffiti, repair streets and sidewalks, maintain parks, medians and facilities, maintain sewers, water services and infrastructure projects that improve city services and impact the community’s quality of life. This year local elementary school students will be invited to learn firsthand about the different divisions that make up the department. At the May 15, 2018 City Council meeting, the Public Services Department will receive a proclamation in recognition of National Public Works Week for the services they provide to the community on a daily basis.

Career Expo Night

The Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District, along with City of Norwalk and Norwalk Education Alliance partners, host the second annual Career Exploration Night on Thursday, May 3. The event, which runs from 6 to 8 p.m. at City Hall is open to the public and will provide attendees the opportunity to network with representatives from various industries to learn about career pathways and strategies for job success. A variety of fields, including manufacturing, health, law enforcement, hospitality and public service will be represented at the event.

Formed in 2015, the Norwalk Education Alliance is committed to connecting residents to education and career training at a path to better jobs and higher incomes, driving greater economic activity in Norwalk. In addition to the Career Expo, the Norwalk Education Alliance also hosts a Mock Interview Program, giving local high school students the experience and tools to effectively communicate with potential employers and secure a much desired internship or job.

For more details call (562) 210-4051.
The Norwalk Transit System (NTS) is committed to providing safe and quality services to the community. As the front line of our transit system, our Coach Operators are crucial to the delivery of these services. Every year, a select few are honored for exemplary work behavior and having met strict performance criteria as part of the Distinguished Coach Operator of the Year Program.

The 2017 Distinguished Coach Operators were recognized at the March 6th City Council meeting in addition to several of the honorees bringing family members to the special occasion.

**Tony Brander** is currently the longest serving transit employee with 34 years of service. He fills in as Acting Dispatcher when needed and serves as the Wheel Trainer. Tony was recognized as a Coach Operator of the Year in 2006, 2014 and 2015, in addition to many quarterly operator awards.

**Yvonne King** joined the City of Norwalk in 2007. She is first time recipient of the Operator of the Year award; however, has been recognized as a Distinguished Operator of the Quarter seven times.

**Mike Washington** was hired as Coach Operator in 2005 and became full time in 2017. He serves as a Department Line Instructor, helping to train new drivers. This is Mike’s sixth award as a Coach Operator of the Year.

**Chris Wilson** joined NTS in 1998 and promoted to full time in 2001. This is his first Coach Operator of the Year Award and was previously recognized as Coach Operator of the Quarter eleven times. Soon Chris will be celebrating 20 years of service to the Norwalk community.

Congratulations to all the Distinguished Coach Operators!
Parent Child Workshops
Fridays, May 4 – June 1 • 10 to 11:15 a.m.
Parents and caregivers of children ages 0-3 are invited to take part in a five-week series of special Parent/Child Workshops. A community resource specialist will be available to answer questions while children and caregivers play and read together. Specialists will discuss topics like literacy skills, preschool readiness, and oral health. Sign-ups are recommended; call or visit the library register.

Teen Events
Social Etiquette for Teens
Saturday, May 12 • 2 to 3 p.m.
Ever wonder where are there so many pieces of silverware at your table? Learn some new skills on social dining with us. Teens will learn the ins and outs of etiquette with Jules Hirst. For ages 13 – 18.

Adult Events
“Classics I Always Said I Was Going to Read” Book Club
Tuesday, May 8 • 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
May’s classic book club selection is the memoir Farewell to Manzanar, which describes the experiences of Jeanne Wakatsuki and her family before, during, and after their imprisonment at a Japanese American internment camp during World War II. Read and listen to the book, then join the light discussion.

CORRECTION:
The Norwalk Woman’s Club has provided volunteer service to the Norwalk community for 96 years. Each year, the organization awards scholarships to deserving high school students, as well as a entry student at Cerritos College. Their recent event, Spring Time in Paris: Tea and Fashion Show on Saturday, April 21, served to raise funds for the organization’s meeting date/time in our April newsletter. The May’s selection is Unravelling Oliver by Liz Nugent. In this psychological thriller a seemingly mild-mannered, upstanding man commits a murder. Food lovers, Chef Yoko Ijii will be demonstrating a Bento Box preparation to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Join us to learn about Japanese cuisine and to sample* delicious food! For ages 13-18. *Food limited to participating audience.

Energy Efficient Lights
Did you know you can light your home using the same amount of light for less money? It’s simple: replace your light bulbs with models that have the ENERGY STAR. This easy step can save you $75 a year. Traditional incandescent bulbs can be replaced with halogen incandescent bulbs that meet the minimum energy efficient standards or you can choose more efficient bulbs like compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs). An ENERGY STAR qualified CFL uses about 1/4 the energy and last 10 times longer than a traditional incandescent. You can also choose light emitting diods (LED) bulbs. LED bulbs use about 20-25% of the energy and last 25 times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs. Although the purchase price is higher, today’s energy efficient bulbs cost less to operate and last longer than traditional bulbs, saving you money in the long run. For other light saving tips visit www.sce.com/energy-guide/ Lighting-and-Electronics.

FOR SENIORS ONLY!
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HICAP
Wednesday, May 2 & 16 • 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
HICAP stands for Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program and is provided by trained/certified counselors through the Center for Health Rights. A HICAP Counselor will be at the Senior Center providing seniors with free education, counseling and advocacy regarding their Medicare and related health insurance issues. An Appointment is required.

IHSS Help Desk
Friday, May 4 • 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
A Representative from Personal Assistance Services Council of Los Angeles will be on hand to provide assistance to seniors with information and to answer their questions about In Home Supportive Services (IHSS). IHSS is a program that helps pay for services provided to Medi-Cal recipients who are 65 years or older, disabled adults or legally blind individuals so they can remain safely in their home.

Bone Density Screening
Thursday, May 3 • 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
This free screening offered by HealthCare Partners will help seniors find out the basic condition and health of their bones. A Health Care Professional will be available to briefly discuss the results with each of the seniors getting the screening. Space limited to the first 50 seniors to sign-up the day of the event.

Neighborhood Watch:
“Vacation Security”
Wednesday, May 9 • 9 to 11 a.m.
A Norwalk Public Safety Officer will discuss with seniors what they need to know in order to be safe while on vacation. They will also talk about what they must do to keep their home safe while they are away.

“Heart Health” Seminar
Thursday, May 10 • 10 to 11 a.m.
As seniors age, heart health is very important. Staff from Regal Medical Group will be talking to seniors about how they can keep their heart healthy and the importance of regular exercise and good, balanced nutrition. They will also talk about symptoms seniors need to watch for that signal possible heart problems.

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