New Norwalk Law Enforcement Team Hits the Ground Running

Please join City Council in welcoming our new special assigned Norwalk Sheriff’s Team Leader Lieutenant Noe Garcia. His two new sergeants and team of six deputies will work closely with the Public Safety Department and members of the community to actively address neighborhood and community concerns.

The City selected Lieutenant Garcia for the position because of his ability to understand and embrace the City’s comprehensive community policing model. Predicated on his experience with the Sheriff’s Department serving several communities in various progressive supervisory and leadership roles for more than 27 years, Lieutenant Garcia is a proven law enforcement leader with a record of success working with community members and effectively addressing community policing concerns. Lieutenant Garcia and his new law enforcement team have hit the ground running, working with the City team to establish priorities and develop strategies to meet the community’s immediate law enforcement and public safety needs and expectations. We are confident the commitment of Lieutenant Garcia and his team will be an asset in achieving our public safety goals of our City leaders and our community.

After a lengthy evaluation process of over two years, Norwalk City Councilmembers selected Athens Services as its new service provider at a Special City Council Meeting in April, directing staff to finalize the solid waste franchise agreement. Athens will serve as Norwalk’s single solid waste hauler beginning in August.

The new agreement, approved by City Council in May, includes rate reductions for residential customers. Standard residential collection service rates will be $16.75, a reduction of over 19%. Beginning with August service rates for senior citizens will decrease 57% to $4.19. Residents in single family homes will have the ability to pre-arrange collection of up to five oversized or “bulky” items, such as furniture or electronics, up to 52 times a year, with residents in multi-family dwellings able to call in up to twelve times a year.

Among the enhancements offered by Athens are $5,000 in scholarships for Norwalk students pursuing college or university education and a 10% discount for Norwalk residents on active military duty and residents who are Los Angeles County Sheriff’s deputies or firefighters assigned to Norwalk.

Regulations you should know:

- Only Safe and Sane fireworks may be discharged in Norwalk.
- No one shall possess fireworks at any time other than the hours of 10 a.m. July 1 through 10 p.m. July 4.
- Fireworks are prohibited from being discharged on any days other than July 1-4 between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- No one shall possess or discharge fireworks on City property, including City parks, streets and sidewalks, unless a permit has been issued.
- Fines for first offenses range from $500-$1,500, and subsequent violations can reach $3,000. The City of Norwalk is committed to ensuring the community’s safety and will take a “zero tolerance” approach to any and all violations.
A Chance to Connect w/ City Leaders

On Thursday, June 21, City Council travels to St. John of God Church, 13819 South Pioneer Boulevard to discuss important topics and hear from residents in the second Community Forum of 2018. The first, held at Lakeland Elementary School on Bombardier, included presentations on public safety and economic development. The event is open to the public and is part of City Council’s mission to engage the community in meaningful conversation. Meetings are held at 6 p.m. in venues away from City Hall to make attending easier and more convenient. Refreshments and Spanish translation will be available on site.

FREE Independence Day Pageant

July 3 • 6-9 p.m.
Civic Center Lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd

Celebrate Independence Day early in Norwalk! Show your patriotism, and enjoy the afternoon’s pageantry and entertainment leading up to a spectacular fireworks show. Live musical performances, crafts, games, and food booths open at 6 p.m., followed by our fireworks display beginning promptly at 9 p.m. For more information, please call 562-929-5702.

RABIES CLINICS

*Thursday, June 14 • 4-7 p.m.
*Thursday, July 12 • 4-7 p.m.
Norwalk City Hall Lawn
12700 Norwalk Blvd

Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers. Individual Vaccines, microchipping and flea control products will also be available.

Residents can also renew dog licenses. Please bring renewal letters.

For additional information, contact the Dog Licensing Dept at 562-929-5711.

Summer Sun = Pool Fun

Summer is approaching, which means time by the pool keeping cool all day and enjoying a relaxing swim at night. Keep your pool temperature at an optimum level for day and night swimming, by using a natural gas heater. Natural gas heaters use less energy and heat water faster than electric heaters.

You can also save money and energy by following a few simple steps.

- Lower pool and spa heaters temperature setting
- Install a time clock for preset and minimize heating hours
- Reduce pool filtering and automatic pool sweeping time and schedule for off peak hours
- Use a pool cover to help prevent heat and water loss.

For more information visit: www.socalgas.com/save-money-and-energy/energy-saving-tips-tools/tips-for-your-home

For details, please call 562-929-5702.

A Chance to Connect con el Concejo Municipal el próximo Foro de la Comunidad el 21 de junio a las 6 p.m. en la iglesia St. John of God. Se proporcionará una interpretación en español.
Brighter Lights in Streets & Parks

In keeping with City Council’s commitment to the safety of our community, the City will be purchasing approximately 4,000 street light poles from Edison. Ownership will allow the City to retrofit existing high pressure sodium light fixtures to brighter, more efficient LED fixtures throughout Norwalk to provide greater visibility for residents, law enforcement and staff in neighborhoods and City streets. The purchase of the street light poles will be completed within the next two months, and the replacement of light fixtures will begin as soon as the City takes ownership of the poles. The overall project will cost approximately $4.2 million and the City will benefit with significant energy savings on current electricity bills.

NTS Riders to see Electric Buses

On April 5, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced that approximately $264 million in funding would be granted for projects that improve the safety and reliability of America’s bus systems and enhance mobility for transit riders across the country. Norwalk Transit System (NTS) has been selected for $1,206,518 as part of a joint application with the Anaheim Transportation Network (ATN). NTS’ portion of the grant funds will assist in the acquisition of two 40’ low floor, zero emission battery electric buses (BEBs), from BYD Bus, to add to its current 33 buses. These new buses are expected to be placed on the road by the end of 2019, to service NTS Route 7, which carries nearly 300,000 passengers annually. Route 7 provides critical connectivity to workplaces and other destinations including the Norwalk Green Line Station, El Monte Bus Station, as well as hospitals, high schools, colleges, and shopping centers. The electric buses come with zero emission technology and a lower maintenance cost compared to the diesel buses. NTS is dedicated to finding new ways to reduce its carbon footprint by means of electric bus technology.

For more information on NTS services, please contact our Customer Service Department at 562-929-5550 or e-mail: transportation@norwalkca.gov.

El Departamento de Transportación de la Ciudad de Norwalk utilizará una subvención del FTA (agencia federal) de $ 1.2 millones para comprar dos autobuses eléctricos.

Fifth Annual Arbor Day Celebration

The City’s fifth annual Arbor Day event was held on Saturday, April 28 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Sara Mendez Park. Approximately 50 volunteers, including Norwalk residents and members of the Norwalk Lions Club, parishioners from New Harvest Christian Church, Teen Alliance Program (TAP) participants and members of the Church of Latter Day Saints came out to help Public Services Department staff plant 50 trees in the park. The event also included activities and face painting for children. West Coast Arborists, Inc. also joined the event, setting up an information booth on the importance of trees. AY Nursery and Starbucks made generous donations of plants and refreshments. As part of the City’s Arbor Day celebration, ASB students from Morrison Elementary School assisted Public Services staff with planting 14 trees in the parkway along Maidstone Avenue on May 10. These students also participated in an “I Love Trees Because...” poster contest depicting the benefits of trees. Volunteers at the Arbor Day event at Sara Mendez Park voted for the top three entries, with winners recognized at the May 15 City Council Meeting.

Center Offers Information to Help Veterans with Benefits, Education and More

On May 14, officials cut the ribbon on the Veterans Resource Center located inside the Norwalk Library. This program, run by trained volunteers, provides free counseling and information on health, housing and educational resources. Benefits coaches are available Mondays 6-9 p.m., Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. and Saturdays noon to 2 p.m. Print and digital resources are available during library operating hours. No appointment necessary. Norwalk Library is located at 12350 Imperial Highway, for details call 562-868-0775.
Career and Technical Training Scholarships

The City of Norwalk knows the importance of education and training in building successful futures. We will be offering scholarships available to assist low income residents with the cost of technical training in health sciences and medical technology or welding/metal fabrication. Training is offered through the Norwalk-La Mirada Adult School (NLMAS) with funding provided by the Community Development Block Grant program. Applications will be available starting June 4 at City Hall, Room 12.

The City will pay for the cost of tuition (class fees). Depending upon the program, the amount of assistance ranges from $1,000 to $4,050. The student is responsible for the cost of books, uniforms, background checks, and/or exams. Funding for the program is limited.

To qualify:

- You must be a Norwalk resident. Proof of residency is required.
- You must be 18 years of age or older.
- You must submit a completed application and essay during the City’s application period.
- Your total combined household income cannot exceed the following income limits:

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The deadline to submit a completed application is 6 p.m. on Monday, June 25. For more information, contact the Housing & Neighborhood Development Division at 562-929-5951.

Green Tea Week 2018

Monday, June 4 – Friday, June 8

Green Tea Week at the Norwalk Senior Center is a week where health and wellness are celebrated! During the week, various free seminars, screenings and demonstrations will be taking place to help seniors learn how they can be healthier and live a better sense of well-being. This year’s theme is “A Healthy Outside Starts From The Inside.” – Robert Urich

Cooking Demonstration

Monday, June 4 • 10-11 a.m.

As part of the Green Tea Week festivities, come and find out how to prepare a nutritious and tasty dish. This demonstration will also cover the basic components of nutrition and how seniors can make them a part of their diet.

Sponsored by: Cooking on The Fly

“Strength and Balance” Seminar

Tuesday, June 5 • 1-2 p.m.

As part of our Green Tea Week festivities, staff from Regal Medical Group will talk about how you can improve your strength, and by doing so, improve your balance. They will also teach simple exercises to maintain good balance.

Sponsored by: Regal Medical Group

Fitness Demonstration: Senior Zumba

Tuesday, June 5 • 1-2 p.m.

Staff from Regal Medical Group will lead this demonstration on Senior Zumba as part of the Green Tea Week celebration. Seniors will have an opportunity to actively participate in this demonstration.

Sponsored by: Regal Medical Group

HICAP

Wednesday, June 6 and 20 • 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 Care Rights. A HICAP Counselor will provide seniors with free education, counseling and advocacy regarding their Medicare and related health insurance issues. An appointment is required.

Social Services Center Events

11929 Alondra Blvd • 562-929-5544

Derma Scan Screening

Thursday, June 21 • 9-11 a.m.

Free derma scan screenings will be offered to seniors. A screening of the face will provide information to identify skin damage, possible skin abnormalities. This screening is available on a first come basis.

Sponsored by: Senior Health Advocates

AARP Drive Safety Seminar

Thursday, June 28 • 9-11 a.m.

This seminar, sponsored by AARP, provides seniors an overview on safe driving and driving efficiently to maintain their independence. This seminar is free and available to seniors.

Mammogram Screening

Thursday July 12

Time: By appointment

Sponsored by: Watts Health Care Corporation, free mammograms are available to women 40 years and older who are low income, uninsured or on Medi-Cal. Registration currently taking place. Call 562-929-5544 for appointment.