New Supermarket Comes to Norwalk!

Hundreds of residents lined up early on Thursday, November 14, anticipating the opening of Grocery Outlet Bargain Market located at the Norwalk Town Square. The City celebrated the addition of the value retailer alongside Grocery Outlet Independent Owners, Cynthia and Jorge Lizarraga; NewMark Merrill Companies, the property managers; Norwalk Chamber of Commerce and hundreds of residents.

The opening celebration included gift card giveaways for the first 200 shoppers, presentations by local stakeholders and a shopping receipt ribbon cutting!

The addition of Grocery Outlet Bargain Market is a result of market research and the community’s need for additional supermarkets. In October 2018, the City conducted a study to identify areas with lower grocery store concentration. The study found that the area surrounding Norwalk Town Square needed a grocery store, and just one-year later, Grocery Outlet Bargain Market opened its doors!

Norwalk Essential Services and Public Safety Measure

Norwalk is a safe, family-oriented community. The City provides exceptional public safety and neighborhood services that are responsive to the community through honest, efficient and fiscally-responsible leadership. The City Council and staff are dedicated to maintaining the high-quality of life that our residents and businesses have enjoyed for decades.

As part of that dedication to keeping Norwalk strong for generations to come, on March 3, 2020, Norwalk’s voters will decide if they want to approve a three-quarter-cent local sales tax that would generate approximately $7 million annually to support Norwalk’s essential services and community programs.

The Norwalk City Council unanimously decided to place this measure, called the Norwalk Essential Services and Public Safety Measure, before voters to empower the community.

If passed by a majority of Norwalk voters in March 2020, the Norwalk Essential Services and Public Safety Measure would bring the current local sales tax rate of 9.5% to 10.25%. This increase would allow the City to continue supporting and maintaining essential public safety and neighborhood services while also preventing cuts to the services residents and businesses rely on every day.

This revenue would allow for the continued investment in community services and will help keep Norwalk’s schools, parks and streets safe and clean for further enjoyment and increased quality of life.

Money generated from this measure would go to the City’s general fund, which the City Council could use to support all City-services, including Sheriff response times and neighborhood patrols, gang prevention and youth anti-violence programs, repairs to streets and sidewalks, parks and recreation programs and facilities, and homeless prevention services, as well as expanding important emergency services like traffic and pedestrian safety, amongst others.

Should voters not approve the Norwalk Essential Services and Public Safety Measure, the City forecasts its operating budget deficit will increase from over $2 million in 2021 to a cumulative total of almost $18 million in just five years unless additional revenues are secured or the City’s operating expenses are not reduced accordingly.

The City Council’s number one priority is to ensure Norwalk remains strong and an ideal place to live, work and play. Our goal is to continue engaging and educating all community members about the Norwalk Essential Services and Public Safety Measure and the impacts on City services if voters approve the measure through Election Day in March 2020.

For additional information on the Norwalk Essential Services and Public Safety Measure and the March 3, 2020 election, please continue to visit the City’s website www.norwalk.org, under the City Hall tab, Norwalk Essential Services and Public Safety Measure or call 562-929-5735 to learn more about this measure and the effect it would have on the operation of Norwalk’s daily services.

The statements provided herein are solely for informational purposes. The City cannot take a position to ask voters to vote either “yes” or “no”
Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Don’t forget to put out your trees for recycling on your trash day! From December 26, 2019 through January 16, 2020, Norwalk residents can have their Christmas trees picked up and recycled. Trees will be reused as compost and landfill cover.

Single-family residential customers:
Christmas trees will be picked up on the same day as your trash collection. Please place trees out by your trash bins the night before your trash collection. A separate truck will collect the trees at a different time than the rest of the trash. If you forget to place your tree by your trash containers on your regular collection day, please hold off until the following week to do so. Trees will only be collected on your trash collection day.

Multi-family dwelling (apartment) customers:
Residents of multi-family buildings can recycle their trees by placing them out next to regular trash containers. A separate truck will pick them up.

Guidelines for placing your tree out:
- Remove decorations (ornaments, tinsel, lights, etc.)
- Remove metal and plastic stands.
- Remove wooden tree stands and dispose as trash.
- Flocked trees are NOT acceptable and are considered trash.
- Do not place your tree in a bag.
- Trees over eight feet need to be cut in half.

For more details, please call Athens Services at 888-336-6100. You may also contact the City at 562-929-5964 or recycling@norwalkca.gov.

Stuff-A-Bus Toy Drive

The Norwalk Transit System is happy to announce the 18th Annual Stuff-A-Bus Holiday Toy Drive scheduled between December 1 to December 30, 2019. During this period, Norwalk Transit’s holiday themed, decorated bus will be traveling on all routes, as well as making visits to local spots, including high schools, middle schools and the City of Norwalk Snow Fest Event. Our goal is to stuff the bus full of toys for local children in need. All toys collected will be donated to the City of Norwalk’s Social Services Department’s Angel Tree Program for distribution to families in our community.

If you or your school/organization/employer would like to schedule a visit from the Stuff-A-Bus, or to find out more information on the program, please contact NTS Customer Service at 562-929-5555 or e-mail transportation@norwalkca.gov.

Holidays at the Hargitt House

Saturday, December 21 • 6 – 8 p.m.
12426 Mapledale St.

Visit our nationally registered landmark, the Hargitt House Museum, for a jolly time filled with holiday entertainment and refreshments! Enjoy touring the beautiful Victorian home, which will be decorated just for this special occasion. For more information, please call the Cultural Arts Center at 562-929-5521.
Safe Holiday Packages

As you check off names from your holiday gift list, please keep package theft prevention strategies in mind when ordering online. With the increasing volume of home deliveries comes more opportunities for thieves to strike. Here are some tips to consider when making online purchases for home deliveries:

• Use tracking numbers and delivery notifications.
• Ask nearby family or trusted neighbors to accept packages on your behalf.
• Invest in a front door camera system to monitor your packages.
• When possible, request specific delivery times that are suitable to when you will be home.
• Request for packages to be delivered in discreet locations on the property.
• Request signature deliveries as a requirement to avoid packages being left unattended.

Source: LA City Attorney

Reducing Crime Promoting Safe and Secure Neighborhoods

The City of Norwalk actively works to create a safe and secure community. Supported by the Public Safety Department and the LA County Sheriff’s Department, the City has reduced crime within the last year and more significantly in the last 20 years.

Within the last year, Norwalk has reduced overall crime by 17% and violent crime by 5%. Reflecting on the last 20 years, overall crime is down 34%.

Working with the LA County Sheriff’s Department and resources from across the County, the City has increased crime suppression patrols by 35%, resulting in an additional 40 gang related arrests and recovery of nine firearms.

The reduction in crime is a reflection of the City’s ongoing efforts to maintain a positive quality of life for its community.

Fire Safety During the Winter Holiday

Holiday season decorations are a great way to display the holiday spirit. Follow these safety guidelines to make sure you and your loved ones have a safe holiday.

• Place Christmas trees away from sources of heat. Roughly one in four Christmas tree fires are caused by proximity to heat sources.
• Only use non-flammable decorations.
• Always be sure to inspect lights for frayed wires or defects before use.
• Please do not leave lights on unattended.
• Keep natural tree stands filled with water at all times.
• When the Christmas tree becomes dry, discard it promptly.
• Do not use multiple extension cords strung together and do not run them under carpets or furniture.
• Never leave a space heater on unattended and turn it off when leaving the room or going to sleep.
• More than one third of home decoration fires are started by candles. Monitor candles when lit and extinguish when not in-use.
• Keep decorations away from heat sources.
• Forty-two percent of decoration fires start due to their proximity to a heat source. Inspect electrical outlets and connections before use.
• One of every three home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems. Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.

A Word from the Experts: Holiday Vacation Tips

The winter holiday season is one of the most popular seasons to travel. Heading out of town to visit relatives, explore the outdoors, or road trips are some ways people enjoy the holiday break. In order to fully enjoy your travels, the Public Safety Department advises residents to follow these security tips:

• Mail – Cancel mail and newspaper delivery for the duration of your absence. If you’re unable to cancel, have a trusted friend/family member bring in mail daily.
• Lights – Use automatic timers on lights; some can even be set to turn lights on/off at random times to make it appear as if you are home. Outside motion detector lights are also beneficial.
• Doors and Windows – It is a good idea to have a deadbolt lock on doors that lead into and out of the house. For sliding glass doors and windows, a dowel or steel rod can be placed in the track to help protect against forced entry.
• Get to Know Your Neighbors – Establish trust with your neighbors as soon as you move into an area; good neighbors can help keep an eye on your home and report any suspicious activity while you are away.
• Public Safety Patrol – The Public Safety Department offers vacation patrols while you are away. Residents can contact Public Safety at 562-929-5732 in order to request these patrols.

Source: LA City Attorney
Holiday Street Sweeping
Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

YOU can help eliminate hunger in the Norwalk community during the holidays by contributing to Norwalk’s Community Food Drive. Deposit your non-perishable and canned food donations in the collection container located at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex by December 21. Donations will be distributed to local families experiencing hardship.

Sports Complex by December 21. Donations will be non-perishable and canned food donations in the community during the holidays by contributing to the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

Be Rain Ready

Sand is available at self-serve stations located at these City parks:

- Norwalk Aquatic Pavilion 12351 Amapol Street
- Garden Park 14700 Griddley Road
- Halliefield Park 12500 Excelerator Drive

For more information, please call the Public Services Department at 562-929-5511.

Holiday Schedule & Enforcement for Trash & Street Sweeping


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Street Sweeping: When there is no street sweeping due to a holiday, sweeping will NOT be made up. Streets can only be swept on the posted day.

Trash Collection: When there is no trash collection due to a holiday, trash collection WILL be made up. Trash will be collected the day after the normal collection day for the remainder of the week. For example, Wednesday’s trash will be collected on Thursday.

Questions?
Trash Collection
Athens Services
Public Safety Department
888-336-6100
562-929-5511
562-929-5732

Parking Enforcement
Athens Services
Public Safety Department
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For decades, the Census form has been completed via phone, by mail or in person. Now, the U.S. Census Bureau (Bureau) will be introducing a new form of response, online submissions. Regardless of response format, submissions to the 2020 Census are secure. The Bureau has a team of cybersecurity experts who protect the agency technology through strong authentication and authorization methods.

Additionally, Bureau employees take an oath for life to protect respondents information. Any violation is subject to a fine of up to $250,000 and/or up to five years in prison.

For details, visit 2020census.gov

Census Cortes

Sandbar and Tomato Sauce, Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter, Jam/Jelly, Cookies, Crackers, Baby Food, Baby Diapers and Baby Formula.

Grant cereal/cereal bars, juice, mac & cheese, instant potatoes, instant noodles, hamburger helper, tomato sauce, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jam/jelly, cookies, crackers, baby food, baby diapers and baby formula.

For more information, please call 562-929-5566.

Listed below are our local families necessitating this assistance. Aresas, hasta el 21 de diciembre, el Comité de Arte y Deportes de Norwalk está aceptando donaciones de alimentos enlatados.

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Photo Highlights: November 2019 City Council Meetings