Four Drivers Distinguished for 2015 Performance

Operators must demonstrate safe driving skills, courteous and helpful attitudes toward customers, and pay conscientious attention to job requirements such as attendance, appearance and discipline.

Typically, one operator is selected for this honor. But in 2015, there were four who set themselves apart:

Tony Brander joined the Norwalk Transit team in March 1984. This is Tony’s third Coach Operator of the Year award. He has also been the recipient of fourteen Coach Operator of the Quarter distinctions. Tony has been a Norwalk resident for over 27 years, along with his wife and three children, and he credits his love of helping people for making his job enjoyable and meaningful.

Joseph Ho came to Norwalk Transit as an On-Call Coach Operator in December of 2008, and was promoted to full-time status this past February. This is Joseph’s first Coach Operator of the Year award, but he has received three consecutive Operator of the Quarter honors, for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Quarter in 2014.

Fernando Lopez is an On-Call Coach Operator who has been with Norwalk for two years. He received Operator of the Quarter soon after he joined the team, demonstrating his quality commitment to service early on. Fernando has been married for 35 years and has four children and two grandchildren. He appreciates the support, training and appreciation the City provides to drivers for the work that they do.

Adam Martinez, our fourth honoree, joined Norwalk Transit as an On-Call Coach Operator in July 2003. He was selected Operator of the Year in 2013 and Operator of the Quarter for the 4th quarter of 2014. The program, which began in 1995, not only enhances employee morale, it maintains a high level of department performance and safety awareness.

Congratulations to all of our honorees, who get hundreds of passengers to where they need to go safely, on time and with a smile!

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Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Alternating Fridays 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sundays Closed

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Transplant Journey

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Holiday Trash & Street Sweeping Schedule

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Questions?

Trash Collection

CR&R Waste Services (562) 944-4716
Republic Services (800) 299-4898

Street Sweeping

Public Services Department (562) 929-5511

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National 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 full week of May to energize and 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 15-21, with the theme, “Public Works Always There”, which highlights that communities depend on the public works professionals who are always there and always ready at the heart of local communities to improve everyday quality of life.

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. This year local elementary school students will be invited to visit the City of Norwalk’s Public Services Department and learn firsthand about the different divisions that make up the department. At the May 17, 2016 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.

Kids & Cops Miniature Golf Tournament
(Ages 8-17 years)
Saturday, June 4 • 11:00 a.m.
Golf n’ Stuff • 10555 Firestone Blvd.
$10 per player

Sign up today for this fun and exciting event. Join area youth and L.A. County Sheriff’s Deputies for miniature golf, a BBQ lunch and giveaway prizes and raffles for all. The program is open to youth of all skill levels...no golf experience necessary!

The goal of the program is to introduce youth to local law enforcement and build healthy interaction. Register today at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue. Registration deadline is Saturday, May 7. For more information call (562) 929-5566.

Pets and War Vets can be impacted by fireworks

Only safe and sane, legally purchased fireworks permitted in the City.

Report illegal fireworks to:
Public Safety (562) 929-5732
Sheriff’s Department (562) 863-8711
NorwalkChamberofCommerce.org. Contact the Chamber at (562) 864-7785 or go to deadline is Friday, May 13. For more information, contact the Chamber at (562) 864-7785 or go to NorwalkChamberofCommerce.org.

**Conservation & Smart Gardening**

Water conservation doesn’t have to be boring. It can also be fun! By planting drought-tolerant or native plants, using good water management techniques and efficient irrigation systems, you can use less water and fewer resources. Find out how you can design the sustainable garden that’s right for you.

The Smart Gardening Program, sponsored by Los Angeles County, provides FREE beginner and advanced level workshops that provide tips and techniques to help create and maintain healthy and beautiful lawns.

**Advanced Smart Gardening Workshop**

Saturday, May 7
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Norwalk Library
12350 Imperial Highway

Topics covered at the advanced workshop will include: organic gardening, drought tolerant landscaping and integrated pest management. No reservations are required. Attendees receive a FREE garden starter kit provided by Central Basin Municipal Water District. Compost bins will be available for purchase at a reduced price ($40 for a backyard compost bin and $65 for a worm compost bin) after the workshop.

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For Teens:

**At Norwalk Library**

12350 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650
(562) 868-0775 • colapublib.org

**Mother’s Day Tea Party**

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 • 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Celebrate the special woman in your life. Refreshments will be served, along with plenty of fun activities. Wear tea party attire: hats, dresses, bow ties, or gloves. Registration is required. Please let library staff know if you’d like to read a poem or say something special to your mother or caregiver. For ages preschool and up.

**For Teens:**

**Wednesday, May 4 and 18 • 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.**
Join the Otaku Club for afternoon watching anime, talking about manga and Asian culture.

**Wednesday, May 11 • 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**
Cerritos College will present the benefits of attending a community college.

**Saturday, May 21 • 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
It’s College Prep Time! A FREE Mock ACT Test will be given by C2 Education. Registration is required, sign-up by phone or in-person today.

**Wednesday, May 11 • 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**
Independent College Counselor Jamie Wallace will present Financial Aid Ba$ics for teens and their parents.

**May Book Discussion:**

Everything I Never Told You

Monday, May 30, 2016 • 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
May’s selection is Celeste Ng’s best-selling debut novel. The story, a middle-class mixed-race family, falls apart after their daughter’s body is found in the local lake. Copies for checkout are available at the Info Desk. New members are always welcome.

**“Stamp Out Hunger” Letter Carriers Food Drive**

Saturday, May 14
Letter Carriers across the United States will be collecting non-perishable food items as part of the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Simply leave your non-perishable food items next to your mailbox on Saturday, May 14, and your letter carrier will pick up items when delivering your mail. Donations received help to support the Norwalk Food Pantry.

**FREE Blood Pressure Screenings**

Monday, May 9 / Tuesday, May 17 • 9:30 a.m.
AppleCare and Pioneer Medical Groups provide monthly blood pressure screenings to seniors free of charge. Pressure is taken by licensed/certified medical staff, with results discussed with the senior afterward.

**Candlelight Dinner - Western Theme**

Tuesday, May 10 • 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.
Cost: $6 (before 5/07), $7.50 (after 5/07)
Enjoy a hot and hearty barbecue meal and share a fun evening with friends. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. and meal service ends at 6:00 p.m. Prizes awarded. Dine-in only. Tickets will not be sold on the day of the dinner.

**CalFresh Outreach Assistance**

Wednesday, May 11 • 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
CalFresh is the new name for Food Stamps. Seniors age 65 and older can now qualify to receive CalFresh services, which help to put healthy food on the table each month. Sponsored by Los Angeles Regional Food Bank

**Neighborhood Watch “Travel Safely on Public Transportation”**

Wednesday, May 11 • 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Public transportation is a great way for seniors to get around. A Public Safety Officer from the City of Norwalk will discuss precautions to take to stay safe while commuting.

**“Managing Long Term Care and Medical Expenses” Presentation**

Thursday, May 12 • 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
A staff member from Heartland Institute of Financial Education will discuss issues of long-term care and medical expenses, and how to best prepare for and meet these challenges.

**“Stroke Awareness Prevention” Seminar**

Tuesday, May 17 • 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Strokes can be a devastating occurrence for seniors. This seminar, presented by Coast Plaza Hospital, will teach seniors symptoms to look for, steps they can take to prevent strokes and healthy habits that can decrease stroke risk.

**“Bullying is Not Just For Kids” Presentation**

Thursday, May 19 • 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Bullying typically conjures up images of mean kids on the playground. Yet this behavior can occur at any age. Senior-to-Senior bullying can happen in senior centers, nursing homes or any place where seniors spend a lot of time. A staff member from Pacific Clinics will help identify just what this type of bullying is.

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Single family households can schedule a free pick-up FOUR times per year with up to FIVE items per pick-up. Apartments are considered commercial accounts, so residents living in multi-family complexes should contact the property manager about bulky item disposal. Fees may apply.

**Common bulky items include:**

- Mattresses
- Box Springs
- Couches
- Appliances
- Tables/Desks
- Microwaves
- Computers
- Televisions
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**Class Reunion**

Class of 75, 76, 77

Saturday, September 24, 2016
5:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn La Mirada
14299 Firestone Blvd, La Mirada
(Adults Only)

Early Bird: $90.00 per person by June 1, 2016
Regular Bird: $100.00 per person until August 1, 2016
Get your tickets here: http://oecw用了highschoolreunion.com

No tickets will be sold at the door, so please get yours early!
Please note that there are no refunds.
Questions email: brookeandhein@hotmail.com