



Restoring the Hargitt House to her Former Glory

Once the residence of one of Norwalk's founding families, the museum served as home to three generations and survived two world wars, the Great Depression, earthquakes and floods throughout the many decades of its lifetime. The Hargitt House Museum is on the National Registry of Historic Places and was built in 1891.



In 1975, the Hargitt family designated the home to be donated to the City of Norwalk as a museum, and Norwalk residents have been visiting and learning about its rich history ever since.

Now 125 years old, the home requires tender care and maintenance. Crews began working on restoring the home's exterior last month, with project completion expected by the end of the year.

The restoration includes removal of lead based paint, replacement of parts and glass to make windows operable again and structural reinforcement of the water tower. For safety, the stairs leading to the tower have been rebuilt, with wood being replaced where necessary. A new roof and new exterior paint will be added as well. Public Services staff

discovered old photos of the home in its original shade of blue prior to it being painted yellow in 2002. Workers salvaged original nails and located the blue color on pieces of wood that had been covered up for more than 30 years.

The yard will also undergo improvements, with new landscaping and a new gazebo. The goal of the restoration project is to make necessary renovations without compromising the integrity and historical details of the home. Once the facelift is completed tours will be scheduled for the public.

For more on the Hargitt House Museum and family, check out our video, "Highlight in History" <https://youtu.be/7nzV58OesOY>



Go Rio Program



Since 2006, Norwalk Transit System (NTS) has partnered with Rio Hondo College to provide students with pre-paid transit passes as part of their GO RIO program.

GO RIO enables NTS to provide increased access to public transportation for Rio Hondo students commuting to Rio Hondo College. In addition to increasing access to clean, efficient, and safe public transportation, these students will be doing their part to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution in the southeast Los Angeles County region.

NTS buses used by GO RIO students are powered by cutting edge CNG, clean-air technology. Not only will NTS be helping to introduce more full-time students to mass transit, but it will be simultaneously raising awareness of alternative fuel technology.

Starting in the fall semester of 2016, Go Rio will introduce the U-Pass sticker, which is a transit pass placed on the Rio Hondo student IDs. This sticker includes a smart chip that enables students to tap the farebox to receive a free ride for commuting to and from school. Additionally, the Go Rio Pass/Sticker is now valid on NTS on Saturday and Sunday.

For more information on the GO RIO program or other services offered by NTS, please call Customer Service at (562) 929-5550 or e-mail us at transportation@norwalkca.gov

October is NeighborWoods Month

NeighborWoods Month is an annual campaign to plant and care for community trees. Each year, thousands of volunteers across the nation make their neighborhoods greener and healthier by planting trees.

On October 29, 2016 the City will be holding a NeighborWoods event in the area north of City Hall. Gettysburg Drive, Everest Street, Spry Street and Crewe Street between Norwalk Boulevard and Volunteer Avenue will be getting the "green" treatment, as volunteers from the P.R.I.D.E program, City staff and residents from the area plant trees in the parkways throughout the neighborhood. Trees improve air quality, increase property value and make Norwalk a greener, greater place to live.

Parkway Tree Planting

Trees are an important part of our community. Trees in urban areas can deflect the sunlight which reduces the heat island effect caused by pavement and buildings. Trees also provide shade to landscape which helps reduce water needs, increase water quality, helps recharge groundwater and reduce soil erosion.

The Public Services Department's Greenscape division plants trees from November to May. Resident may request to have a tree planted in the parkway adjacent to their home. Request are taken year round. If you would like a tree planted in your parkway please call (562) 929-5511. You may view pictures of the trees available for planting on the City's web site at <http://norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/public-services/greenscape-and-tree-maintenance>.

CivicSpark, a Spark for Norwalk's Environment



Preserving the environment is a topic that CivicSpark, a Governor's Initiative AmeriCorps program, dedicates itself to finding solutions in order to manage and support projects in California.

The City of Norwalk will be part of this endeavor for the next 11 months in a fellowship program. Noe Martinez Diaz, a graduate from Humboldt State University, recently received his degree in environmental resource engineering.



Some of the projects set to take shape while Noe works on his fellowship include: researching grant opportunities to establish energy goals and examining savings achieved through implementation of projects, building benchmark studies, and audits of facilities to identify energy efficient projects. He is also set to implement energy action plans during his tenure.

Noe will be compensated by the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Gateway Cities Energy Leader Program.

The goal of CivicSpark is for local communities to accelerate their climate and water response in order to build resiliency. To learn more, go to civicspark.lgc.org/

Norwalk City Hall Hours of Operation

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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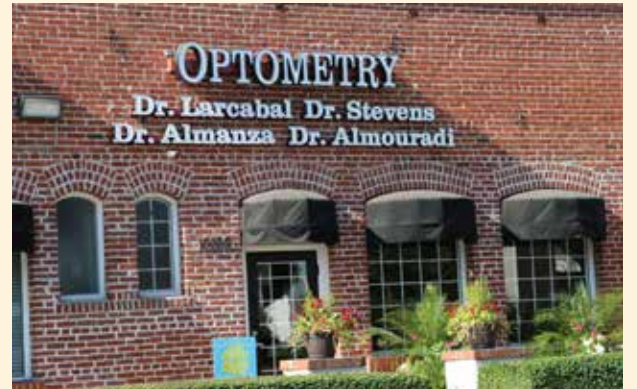
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2nd Business
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Home & Business Beautification Contest

It's a Win Win!

Norwalk is beautified one house and one business at a time. City Council recognized the winners of the 2016 Home and Business Beautification Contest on September 6 with a special awards presentation. The four categories include: Home Beautiful, Home Improvement, Multi-Family, and Business.

Congratulations to all the home and business owners who are working to make Norwalk the best it can be!

What's that Gonna be?

Demolition at the site of the former Senior Center at San Antonio Drive and Foster Road is underway. When completed, the project planned for this location will provide a single facility where residents can learn about and get connected to career opportunities. Access to higher education programs, vocational training and certificates, job placement, and business resources will be available at no cost. The project reflects the City's 2020 Vision Strategic Action Plan goal to stimulate the local economy by helping residents obtain education and training that will lead to stable careers and result in higher incomes, which can be used to support local commerce, attract new businesses and create more jobs.



33rd Annual Arturo Sanchez, Sr., Halloween Parade

Saturday, October 15, 11:00 a.m.
Pioneer Boulevard and Mapledale Street



Pokémon fever has hit Norwalk! Pikachu and friends are traveling all the way from Japan to visit their Norwalk friends at the 33rd Annual Arturo Sanchez, Sr., Halloween Parade! Pikachu, Squirtle, and Charmander will make their debut at the Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 15, and they can't wait to see all of Norwalk smiling back at them. The parade steps off at 11:00 a.m. at the corner of Pioneer Boulevard and Mapledale Street and concludes at Hermosillo Park. Arrive early for a good seat.

Open Mic Night Back by Popular Demand



Open Mic Night at the Cultural Arts Center is just the venue for comedians, poets and musicians to share their talent. Artists of all types and styles are welcome to step on stage on Friday, October 21. Sign-ups will begin at 7:30 p.m., with open mic running from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. Sleep Disorder, a local band of students from John Glenn High School, will end the night with their featured performance. The Cultural Arts Center will provide a microphone, microphone stand, 2 speakers, and an auxiliary cord. Please keep in mind that family-friendly environment does not tolerate any profane words or messages of hate.

The event is free, so friends and family are welcome! The Cultural Arts Center is located at 13200 Clarkdale Avenue. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, please call (562) 929-5521.



Off to a Great Golfing Start

11 year old Mitzi Duarte attends St. John of God School and has golf in her life. She picked up the clubs and began playing at age four, enrolling in a junior kids' class. Ever since then she's practiced, played, and competed.

The Norwalk Kids and Cops Golf Tournament has been a big part of her golfing career growing up as well. Every year since age six, Mitzi's enjoyed taking part in this annual city event.

She and her dad regularly spend time at the range practicing, and when she's not working to improve her stroke, Mitzi's playing in tournaments and winning trophies all over the state. Most recently in San Diego, she placed fifth in the IMG Junior World Championship category for the girls 9-10 division. She also won first place in the putting contest championship held in Torrey Pines.



Mitzi says, "Golf is really fun, I also play other sports, but golf makes me happy and it's very challenging. My school supports me and I've been winning the Catholic Youth Organization Golf Tournament since second grade. Recently I was elected as sports commissioner for our student council."

Marigold, Mitzi's mom, adds, "As parents we always remind her to finish school, keep on playing golf, keep on praying, and always remain humble."

For more on Norwalk's Kids and Cops Golf Tournament, click on <https://youtu.be/5Mm9hfWUEs4>.

College Expo: Get on the Path to Success

Admission representatives from over 50 colleges will offer workshops and information at the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District's 2016 College Expo. The event was created by counselors in the district to connect students with college and career readiness. Topics including financial aid, community college transfer options, admissions and entrance exams, among others, will be covered by specialists to help young people plan to meet their goals. The Expo runs from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19 at John Glenn High School, located at 13520 Shoemaker Avenue. Food will be available for purchase from clubs.



Making a Difference

Household Hazardous Waste Round Up

Dispose of household hazardous waste in a safe and responsible manner at a FREE Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Round Up. Round Up events are open to all LA County residents. Accepted items include: automotive fluid, cleaners and pesticides, pool chemicals, expired and unwanted medications or sharps, household batteries, and e-waste (listed below).

October 29, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Liberty Community Plaza

(Formerly STAR Training Center)

14181 Telegraph Road, Whittier 90604

November 5, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Simms Park

Clark Avenue and Oak Street, Bellflower 90706

Events are open to all Los Angeles County residents. Call (888) CLEAN-LA for more information. Events are sponsored by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works in conjunction with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.

E-Waste Collection, Shred-A-Thon & Rain Barrel Distribution Event

October 8, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

City Hall Parking Lot

12700 Norwalk Boulevard

The City will be hosting an Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Collection and Shred-A-Thon on Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at City Hall parking lot located at 12700 Norwalk Blvd (please enter via Ave Manuel Salinas). E-waste may contain lead, copper, and other heavy metals or potentially toxic substances and should never be placed in trash carts or dumped out in the street or alley. Bring your old, unwanted e-waste for recycling and up to five boxes of documents for secure shredding on site.

E-Waste accepted:

Televisions	Printers
Computer Monitors	Fax Machines
Cell Phones	DVD players

**** Please note that a portion of City Hall parking lot is under construction which may impact the wait times during the event. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.**

Rain Barrel Distribution

October 8, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Norwalk Library Parking Lot

12350 Imperial Highway

Rain barrels can be used to collect and reuse rain water to irrigate landscaping while reducing the amount of drinking (or potable) water used. Rain barrels must be pre-purchased at www.rainbarrelsintl.com under the events tab. Only rain barrels purchased in advance are guaranteed to be available for pick up.

Barrels are \$85 at time of purchase; but are only \$10 after \$75 rebate! There is a max of two rain barrel rebates per household and they must be submitted in one single application.

To receive a rebate:

Submit an online application at www.socalwatersmart.com. Application is quick and easy!

Within 60 days of your online application, please send (either mail, fax or email) a copy of your online application confirmation page, as well as a copy of a recent water bill and your rain barrel receipt to SoCal Water Smart. (Contact information and address can be found at www.socalwatersmart.com)

A rebate check will be mailed to your home within 10 weeks of the submission of your supporting documentation.

Please submit your rebate application by December 31, 2016 to ensure you receive the \$75 rebate. Rain barrel rebates will decrease in 2017.

Questions? Please call (562) 929-5964 or email recycling@norwalkca.gov

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL MONSTER BASH



**MONDAY
OCTOBER 31
6:00-9:00 P.M.
NORWALK CITY HALL LAWN
12700 NORWALK BOULEVARD**

SCARECROW CONTEST



The public is invited to the City of Norwalk's first Community Scarecrow Contest at the Halloween Festival on Halloween night! Residents, businesses, and schools are welcome to participate by assembling a homemade scarecrow within one of the following categories: Most Original, Monster Bash, and Traditional. Applications will be available beginning September 19. Please call (562) 929-5521 for more information.

Rules:

Scarecrows must not exceed 5 ft. and must be free standing and/or supported. This is a family friendly contest. Scarecrows that are obscene, gruesome/violent, or those with political statements are not permitted.

See & Do



Pancake Breakfast

Benefits Cerritos College Veterans

On Saturday, October 8, enjoy a hearty breakfast at Applebee's and help to raise money for veterans' scholarships while you're at it. \$10 purchases a full pancake breakfast with a beverage. The event runs from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the restaurant located at 12129 Imperial Highway. No tickets will be sold at the door. Call (562) 400-8188 for tickets or more information. Donations are welcomed.

Last year, the Norwalk Community Coordinating Council awarded \$5,000 to vets attending Cerritos College. They hope to be able to provide even more funding this year.

Norwalk Station Presents:
12335 Civic Center Drive
Norwalk, CA. 90650



The Haunted Jail



Community Event
Open House / Arts and Crafts /
Face Painting / Free Hotdogs

Saturday, October 15, 2016
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION NOVEMBER 11

11:00 A.M. NORWALK CITY HALL KEYNOTE:

SHERIFF JIM McDONNELL



Vote By Mail Drop-Off

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The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is implementing an accessible and transparent program for Vote by Mail (VBM) voters to easily and securely drop off their VBM ballot. There are dozens of locations spread throughout Los Angeles County that will ensure voters have a convenient place to drop off their VBM ballot for the November 8th Presidential General Election. Beginning October 3, use the link below to find the drop-off location closest to you.

lavote.net/home/voting-elections/voting-options/vote-by-mail



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Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

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At Norwalk & Alondra Libraries

colapublib.org



Norwalk Library

12350 Imperial Highway (562) 868-0775

Halloween Spooktacular Party with the Wacko Show
Wednesday, October 26, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.



Join us for a spooktacular Halloween party with Wacko! Wacko will perform feats of magic and comedy. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite spooky costume and enter the library's annual costume parade, which takes place following the show. For children of all ages and their families.

Toddler Storytime (18 months through age 2)
Thursdays from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Lively stories and activities help busy toddlers develop early pre-literacy skills and a love for books and stories.

Preschool Storytime (3 to 6 years of age)
Tuesdays from 12:00 to 12:45 p.m.

Join us for an hour of interactive stories, songs, rhymes, games, and activities perfect for preschoolers.

Teen Otaku Club

Wednesdays, October 5 & 19, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Fans of Japanese pop culture, manga, anime, or gaming, Otaku Club is for you! Talk about your favorite series, play trivia for prizes, watch anime, showcase new titles the library has to offer, and play video games.

Anti-Bullying Workshop for Tweens

Wednesday, October 12, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

In celebration of National Coming Out Day and to promote a safe environment for all young people, Norwalk Library is hosting an anti-bullying workshop for youth in grades 4-8 to help prevent and protect against bullies and bullying.

Alondra Library

11949 Alondra Boulevard (562) 868-7771

"Classics I Always Said I Was Going to Read" Book Club
Book Discussion: *The Call of the Wild*
Tuesday, October 11, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Alondra Library's classics book club selection for October is *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London, published in 1903. Copies of the book are available at the library and many other branches of the County Library. It is also available for download as an eBook or audiobook on the County website. New members are always welcome. Program is for adults.

Toddler Storytime (Ages 0-3 Years)
Fridays, October 7 and 21, 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Bring your toddlers for stories, songs, and fingerplays. They'll be introduced to early literacy in a fun environment and will be able to socialize with new friends at storytime!

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and art activities with the whole family. All ages welcome. *October 26th will be a special monster themed storytime.

Teen Thursdays (Ages 12 to 18 years)

Thursdays, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Teens, enjoy engaging activities such as art and games at the library. 10/6 Metal Tooling, 10/13 DIY Pop-Up Book, 10/20 Pony Beads, 10/27 Board Games.

Reading Buddies (Ages 5 to 8 years)

Tuesdays, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

This free program pairs beginning readers K-2nd grade with teenage volunteers. Your child will have the opportunity to practice their reading skills and follow along with a teenage reading mentor.

Senior Events

Senior Center • 14040 San Antonio Drive
(562) 929-5580

Fall Fashion Tea Party

Tuesday, October 4 • 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$3.00 per person

Join us for an afternoon of tea assorted pastries, finger sandwiches and socialize with friends, new and old. Personal teacups are welcome, but will also be provided. Seating is limited. Registration is currently being taken.

CalFresh Outreach Assistance

Wednesday, October 5 • 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

CalFresh is the new name for Food Stamps. Under new eligibility criteria, those who are age 65 and older can now qualify to receive CalFresh services.

Sponsored by: Los Angeles Regional Food Bank.

Medicare 101 Seminar

Tuesday, October 11 • 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

HealthCare Partners will be conducting a seminar on Medicare. With open enrollment coming in November, many seniors looking to make changes to their Medicare coverage have questions on what program is the most beneficial to them. This seminar will educate seniors about the different options available to them in the Medicare program.

Seated Yoga Class

Wednesdays, October 12 to December 14
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Southern California Resource Services will be having a class that is especially for seniors who have physical difficulty participating in a traditional yoga class. The class is taught by a young woman who herself is wheel chair-bound. Seniors taking the class may feel that she is an inspiration to them of what they can overcome to stay not only physically well but emotionally and spiritually as well.

SEPTEMBER 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

