



# CITY HALL NEWS

FOR CITY COUNCIL, COMMISSION MEMBERS & STAFF

MAY 3, 2007

## ADMINISTRATION

Some highlights from the May 2 Council meeting:

Armed Forces Month - The Council proclaimed May as Armed Forces month to honor our men and women serving in the military. A moving video created by 15-year old Lizzie Palmer of Norco was shown amidst tears and applause.

Farewell Deputy Torres - After 5 and 1/2 years of outstanding service in Norco, Deputy Luke Torres has accepted a promotion to Corporal at the Jurupa station. The City Council recognized Deputy Torres in the presence of his wife and two children and other family members with a plaque and best wishes for continued success in his public safety career. Deputy Torres thanked the Council for the privilege of serving and protecting this community that he has come to love.

Norco Students Honored - Seventeen Norco students were recognized for their History Day Awards that have brought national, state-wide and regional recognition to Norco.

Manure Collection and Disposal Rate Adjustments - Waste Management of the Inland Empire advised the Council of rising costs that will be passed on to residents in July. In accordance with state law, a notice of the proposed rate adjustments and a public hearing to be conducted in July will be mailed to every resident. While trash and green waste recycling rates will be slightly decreased, rates for residential manure service (wheeled carts) and commercial manure service (dumpster bins) will increase significantly. During the presentation it was reported that the City's "Manure Management Strategy" is nearly complete and addresses many of the issues and challenges that the City is facing. The Manure Management Strategy will be reviewed by the Community Services Commission this month and by the City Council in June.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building & Safety Division: The City of Norco is joining with communities across America to celebrate Building Safety Week, May 6 – 12, 2007. Local activities during Building Safety Week include an open house scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 p.m. at City Hall. The general public is invited to get involved in these activities to learn more about the work of the City of Norco.

## PUBLIC WORKS

Besides the obvious aesthetic improvement, the new street signs which feature Norco's City seal, installed around the City have an intense reflective nature. The materials the signs are made of require no electricity to be seen at night. They do this by reflecting the ambient light as well as the light from the vehicles' headlights back to the driver. Since the signs require no electricity (internal lamps) to be seen at night the City saves money on electrical costs. The signs are also designed with extremely rugged mounting hardware. This makes them far less likely to be torn off the mast arms.

### OUT WITH THE OLD...



### ... IN WITH THE NEW!



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the time between April 16 and April 30, 2007 the Norco Fire Department responded to the following incidents:

- 3 Fire Calls
  - 62 EMS Calls
  - 2 Hazardous Condition Calls
  - 3 Service Calls
  - 8 Good Intent Calls
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- 79 Total Calls**

The "Junk Your Clunker" drive has started and all residents are encouraged to clean up their properties starting with the removal of all non-operable vehicles or vehicle parts. We are unable to pick up motor homes but cars, trucks, tractors and other car parts are welcome. Contact Code Compliance at 737-8097 to make arrangements to have the vehicles removed.

In keeping with this "clean up" campaign all residents are asked to remove all combustible vegetation that could be considered a fire hazard. The freeze this last winter killed many plants that will add to a fire and possibly aid in the spread of a fire should one occur. Old lumber and other ordinary combustible material that is no longer usable should also be removed and discarded. Arrangements can be made with Waste Management at 280-5400 to have a bulky waste pick-up to take the unwanted materials to the dump. There are also designated dump days where residents can take waste materials for disposal.

Some newer homes in the southeast portion of the City are required to maintain the slopes and hillsides behind their homes. If you live in an area where the hillsides are covered with grass and there has never been any maintenance in those areas, you should check with City Hall and determine if you are responsible for clearing the vegetation and maintaining the hillsides. If a fire starts on your property and spreads to neighboring properties, you may find that you are liable for any damages caused by the fire. Before we get into our hotter summer months, clear the vegetation and make your neighborhood a safer place.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 4 P.M.**

*City Council / Redevelopment Agency  
Budget Workshop*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 30**

**6 P.M. IN CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOMS**

*Combined City Council / Parks and Recreation Commission  
Ingalls Park Master Plan Workshop*

## FISCAL & SUPPORT SERVICES

### FY 2007/08 Budget:

Progress is being made in the preparation of both the General Fund and the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program budgets. A budget workshop will be conducted for City Council on Wednesday May 16th at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. In preparation for this workshop, each department has met with the City Manager and Director of Fiscal and Support Services to present their proposed budget requests. Significant time is being devoted to preparing and presenting a realistic and balanced General Fund budget to the City Council.

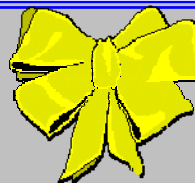


### **2007 Splash Festival**

**Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. — 3 p.m. at the Crossings at Corona (off the I-15 at Cajalco). Go to the Western Municipal Water District web site for**

**information on this fun-filled event to promote water conservation and in celebration of Water Awareness Month.**

<http://www.wmwd.com/splashfest.htm>



### **ARMED FORCES YELLOW RIBBON MONTH May 2007**

**Each year, we Americans honor the brave and dedicated men and women of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and National Guard during the month of May. They serve our nation with dignity, courage, and pride in duty stations throughout the world. The yellow ribbon has been a support symbol since the Civil War. The words of Penne Laingen, one of the first Americans to express support for our troops by displaying a yellow ribbon, still ring true today, "I'm standing and waiting and praying. . . and one of these days, Bruce is going to untie that yellow ribbon. It's going to be out there until he does."**



**April 30 – May 4, 2007**

**Wee People** began a new session this week. Staff focused on animals of the spring season, such as frogs, birds, and bears. During circle time, our older children began learning their graduation songs. Story time included books such as “Brown Bear, Brown Bear” and “Froggy Learns to Swim”. Children made paper plate frogs, birds from blades of grass, and hand print bears. Parents received their cookie dough from our fundraiser on Friday. Scholastic Book orders were placed on Friday as well.

**Wee Twos** took advantage of the great weather and held circle time outside this week. During craft time, children made a May calendar for their parents and a cereal necklace to enjoy after their day of fun. Staff taught children how to play musical instruments during recess. Once children grasped how to make noise, staff took the children on a marching band walk around the community center field.



**Kids Club & Kids Zone** is celebrating April showers bring May flowers. Crafts included a May mural with hand print butterflies and hand print flowers made of colorful paint. Other crafts included tissue flowers and coffee filter flowers. The kids made a mess, but had a lot of fun doing it with the raised flower painting. The children used shaving cream mixed with paint to create a puffy flower. Kids Zone took their weekly field trip to Chuck-E-Cheeses.

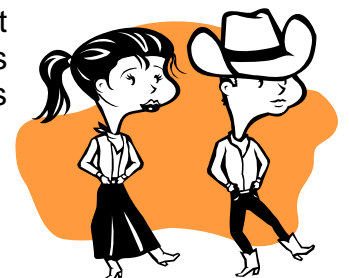
**T.G.I.F.** reviewed their “Fruit and Vegetable Challenge.” The kids have eaten 115 fruits and vegetables this past month. They still have a long way to their goal of 540 fruits and vegetables. Our kids sure do love football, so our staff taught the kids fundamentals of two-hand touch football, such as throwing, catching, and plays. After a long afternoon of playing football, children relaxed and watched the inspiring movie, “Radio.” Snack was pink lemonade and fruit cocktail.

**Kids Night Out** will learn some survival skills when they come on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Before they watch the movie “Swiss Family Robinson,” the staff will teach the children some valuable safety precautions, such as what to do in an earthquake and/or fire, and then let them practice. To make their night even more fun, the children will be given the scenario as shown in the “Swiss Family Robinson” movie and be able to make their fort out of chairs, blankets, and tables! They will be able to watch the movie from their forts and eat some delicious popcorn!



## 4th Annual Grand ‘Ol Barn Dance

The Grand ‘Ol Barn Dance is scheduled this Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Nellie Weaver Hall. The performing band will be Jim Brooks and his Ranch Hands...The Fiddlin’ Steel Guitar Band. Jim says his band will perform the very best classics and then some. The Norco Lions Club will host the Saloon & Grub for this dance. Doors to open at 6 p.m. with music and dancing from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10 per person. Don’t miss this great community event.









# MAY, JUNE & JULY ARE "JUNK YOUR CLUNKER" MONTHS

**DO YOU HAVE AN OLD CLUNKER IN YOUR YARD?  
... WANT TO GET RID OF IT?  
DON'T WANT TO PAY TO HAVE IT HAULED OFF?  
*HAVE WE GOT A DEAL FOR YOU!***

During the months of May, June & July 2007, you can have your old clunkers (autos, trucks, horse trailers or boat trailers) hauled away from your property **FREE OF CHARGE!**

If you live within the City of Norco borders, and have the pink slip for that old clunker, simply call (951) 737-8097 between the hours of 1-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and let City staff do the rest. We will pick up your clunker, running or not! If you do NOT have the pink slip, we can still do it, but it may take us just a little longer.

Be the first on your block to "Junk Your Clunker!" Do your part to make Norco a beautiful, safe place to live. Call and say, "I want to junk my clunker!"

**DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE!  
CALL (951) 737-8097 TODAY!**

This Program is sponsored by  
the City of Norco and the  
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