

# WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

October 6, 2016



## COMING UP:

October 12, 2016

Planning  
Commission  
Meeting

October 19, 2016

City Council  
Meeting

Oct. 22-23, 2016

Norco Rolling  
Devils Wheel  
Chair Basketball  
Tournament

October 24, 2016

Norco  
Community Town  
Hall Meeting

October 25, 2016

EDAC Meeting



## The Weekly Spotlight

### CITY OF NORCO ATTENDS LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES

Mayor Bash and City Council Members Hanna and Hoffman, as well as City Manager Okoro and selected staff, attended the League of California Cities Annual Conference & Expo, held in Long Beach, October 5-7. This conference is an excellent opportunity to learn of best practices and innovative programs from other California municipalities, as well as be updated on critical new legislation affecting local jurisdictions.



## CITY MANAGER UPDATE

### CITY RECEIVES NOTICE OF EPA GRANT AWARD

The City has been notified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of a \$485,000 water infrastructure grant. Under the award agreement, the City will be able to spend \$485,000 of federal EPA funds towards the design, install and commission a hypochlorite disinfection system, an arsenic removal system, and a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system which will improve drinking water quality and reliability. The City is required to provide matching funds of \$508,404. This federal funding is being provided through a Congressionally Mandated Projects appropriation championed for the City of Norco by Honorable Congressman Ken Calvert. Congratulations to City staff for carefully navigating through the mountain of paperwork required to finally secure this important funding for the City of Norco.

### MOSQUITO SPRAY TREATMENTS IN THE CITY OF NORCO

The Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District will perform adult mosquito spray treatments on October 7th, 2016, to lower the mosquito population affecting recreational and residential areas along the Santa Ana River in the City of Norco. The spray application will be conducted between the hours of 3:00 am to 6:00 am at the Norco Naval Base. Please see attached images for exact spray route.

The District will treat these areas with Aqua-Reslin (EPA Reg. 432-796), which is approved for use in mosquito control by the US EPA. The District has worked to use Integrated Pest Management Practices in these areas, and the majority of their efforts focus on preventing mosquito breeding and killing mosquito larvae before they become flying adults. However, due to elevated trap counts, the District has decided that adult mosquito control via truck mounted ground fogger is the best means to control the current mosquito populations in these areas. Signs, informing the public of the District's activities, were posted on October 4th, 2016, in the areas that will be sprayed. Information regarding the treatment will be posted [here](#). If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the District at (951) 340-9792.

# DID YOU KNOW?

THE CITY OF  
NORCO IS  
NOW ON

## TWITTER



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TO STAY IN  
THE LOOP &  
RECEIVE  
COMMUNITY  
NEWS, ALERTS  
AND EVENT  
INFORMATION

## CITY CLERK UPDATE

### FIRST MEETING OF THE NORCO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



On Tuesday, October 11, 2016, 4:30 p.m. at Norco City Hall, the Norco Youth Advisory Council will hold its first meeting. All nine members will be given the Oath of Office, will select a chair, vice chair and secretary, and receive introductory information from City management staff. This group of students is incredibly talented and we look forward to the contributions they will be making to the community and the needs of our youth. Welcome!

### NORCO COMMUNITY TOWN HALL MEETING

The Lake Norconian Club Foundation will host the Norco Community Town Hall Meeting on Monday, October 24, 2016 at Nellie Weaver Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. Residents will hear updates from public safety personnel, regional agencies, community organizations, and more. Mark your calendars!



### ELECTRONIC RECORDS DAY – OCTOBER 10, 2016

One of the principal duties of the City Clerk's Office is to preserve and ensure the integrity of the public record through proper execution, recording and archiving. In observance of Electronic Records Day next week, the City Clerk's Office has the following tips for residents from the Council of State Archivists for preserving personal digital records:

#### Personal Files:

- Focus on your most important files, such as resumes, school papers, financial spreadsheets, letters, maps, and family histories. Focus your efforts on those with long-term value.
- Print out your most critical files to protect them against loss. Doing so increases the chances that your documents and images will remain accessible and allows you to focus upon backing up and copying/migrating files that cannot easily be printed out (e.g., databases, video files).
- Create multiple copies of the files and manage them in different places. Doing so will keep your information safe even if your computer crashes. Use automatic backup programs (either cloud or local) to ease the burden.
- Organize your files by giving individual documents descriptive file names. Creating a directory/folder structure on your computer will help you organize your files. Write a brief description of the directory structure and the documents for future reference. Remember that someone else may need to make sense of them in the future.
- Storage media have limited life spans, so you can't just file and forget. Make sure to check your files once a year or so to ensure they are still readable. Keep track of the formats and media you use, so you are prepared to move the files forward as computer systems change.
- Convert important files to a universal output format such as plain text (.txt), Rich Text Format (.rtf), or PDF/A (a form of PDF designed to support long-term preservation). These formats are less likely to be inaccessible in the future. Identify files in obsolete formats for conversion as soon as possible.

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TO STAY UP TO DATE ON COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

WATCH CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECORDINGS ON VIMEO



VIDEO LINKS CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY WEBSITE

## CITY CLERK UPDATE CONT.

Electronic files are much more fragile than paper records, and their long-term survival requires attention and planning. These tips can help you better preserve your personal digital collections.



### Digital Images:

- Back up and copy/migrate your images as outlined above
- Organize them as you create them. It is much harder to identify thousands of images as time passes. Photo management software can help, but remember that software will eventually go obsolete. Make sure you can understand your photos without it.
- In addition to facing the threats outlined above, image files are often compressed, which reduces file size but can permanently remove some visual information. Save important images either uncompressed or with lossless compression. Good choices format choices include TIFF (.tif), and JPEG2000 (.jp2).
- The resulting files are often quite large, so treat them as “master copies” and create GIF (.gif) or JPEG (.jpg) “use copies” to share via e-mail or the Web.
- You can also print out your images. To ensure that your images last for decades, order prints from a lab that will place them on an archival medium.

## HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

### WELCOME TO NORCO!



Andy Alvir has been hired as a Recreation Aide for the Senior Center. Mr. Alvir has vast experience in electricity and electronics and is a U.S. Navy Veteran. Mr. Alvir has previous work experience in helping the Senior Center through the County of Riverside’s WEX program.



Nadine Wahhab is a new Nellie Weaver Hall Attendant. Ms. Wahhab is currently a student at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona majoring in Accounting. Ms. Wahhab has several years’ experience providing customer service to individuals while volunteering at Heights Christian Summer Camp and interning at United Catholics Federal Credit Union.

**SAVE THE DATE**



**NORCO ROLLING DEVILS WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

**OCT. 22<sup>ND</sup>-23<sup>RD</sup>**

**RILEY'S GYM**



**NORCO COMMUNITY TOWN HALL MEETING**

**OCT. 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**NELLIE WEAVER HALL**

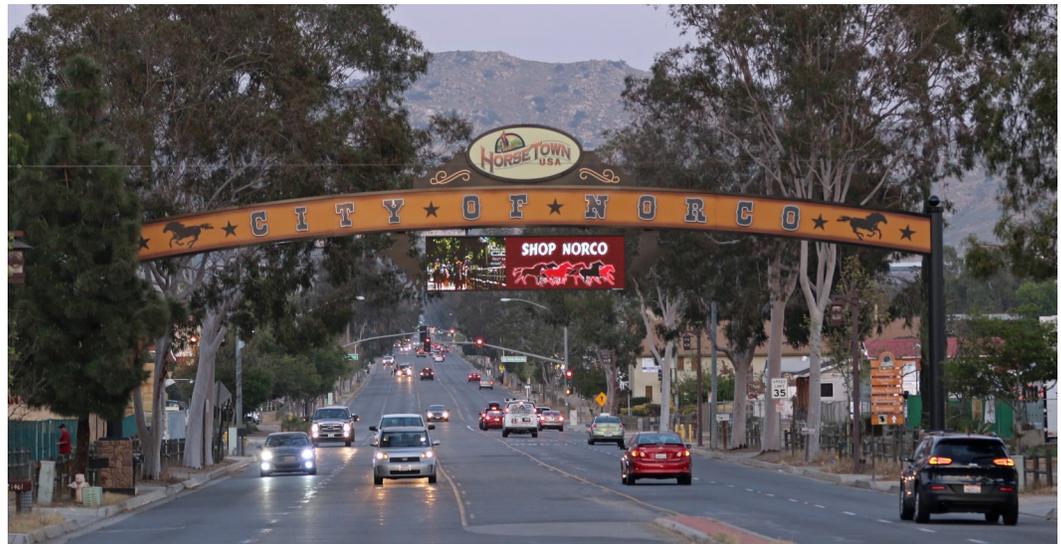
**HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE CONT.**

**THE CITY IS HIRING**

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
Senior Center	Recreation Aide – Party Partners – Part-Time/On-Call Recreation Leader II – Part-Time/Temporary
Parks and Recreation	Youth Sports Recreation Coordinator – Part-Time Maintenance Worker Trainee (GIEC) – Full-Time Maintenance Worker Trainee (GIEC) – Part – Time Driver/General Labor Assistant – Part – Time Nellie Weaver Hall Attendant(s) - Part – Time/On-Call Recreation Aide Floater – Part – Time Recreation Aide/Gym Attendant – Part-Time
Wee People	Recreation Aide (Wee People) – Part - Time
Animal Control	Animal Care Technician

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY SIXTH STREET SIGN!**



The Sixth Street Gateway Sign, a project of the Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC), just celebrated its first full year of operation. By most accounts, it is an attractive piece of public art that celebrates Norco’s Western heritage while promoting local businesses and community events. It has also been financially sustainable, with revenues far exceeding expenses.

# DID YOU KNOW?

THE CITY OF NORCO LAUNCHED A FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER



LIKE THE PAGE FOR INFO ON LOST PETS, PETS FOR ADOPTION AND SHELTER NEWS, ALERTS AND EVENTS

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE CONT.

### SHOPPING SPREE

According to the UCR School of Business Administration’s Center for Economic Forecasting & Development, taxable sales in the Inland Empire continue to break records, fully recovered from the depth of the Great Recession experienced in 2009 ([See graph](#)). Fundamentals remain strong in the Inland Empire economy, and the City of Norco consistently registers per capita taxable sales that are considerably higher than Riverside County, the State of California and most neighboring municipalities. The fact that Norco over-performs in a robust regional economy is an important marketing message as Economic Development staff reaches out to prospective businesses.

### TARGET PRACTICE

Consistent with the City’s Strategic Plan goals, Economic Development staff has begun developing marketing messages tailored to specific industries and uses (e.g. hotels, restaurants, retail). Staff is also exploring new software and other resources that may assist in targeting the most Norco-appropriate companies with effective messages that are reinforced by repeated communications. In an increasingly competitive marketplace, more sophisticated tools for attracting prospective businesses is essential, and staff is conducting research on how to achieve this in a cost-effective manner.

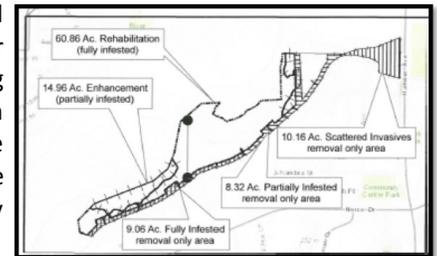
## PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE

### SANTA ANA RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT – ARUNDO REMOVAL

The Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RCRCD) will be conducting an Arundo removal program similar to the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) project that was done a few years ago. The goal is to restore native habitat along the Santa Ana River west of Hamner Avenue to north of the intersection of Shadow Canyon Circle and Sunset Court. The project consists of removing invasive, non-native bamboo-like plants known as Arundo.

The restoration project will begin in late October of this year and will continue through 2021. The project time frame includes monitoring and re-evaluation annually. To start, the work will include bulldozing and chipping plant stalks during a four to six week period which may periodically increase noise levels during the day for homes immediately adjacent to the river. The project will also include a replanting program of native plants and trees, improving food and shelter for native wildlife.

During the subsequent four years, the project area will be monitored for re-growth of invasive plants and for water quality. To prevent re-growth, targeted spraying of any re-sprouting giant reed plants will be done with a specially approved herbicide that does not harm wildlife and is approved for use by the EPA. Please note the land where the project is being done is owned by RCRCD and has the USACOE approval.



An informational meeting with RCRCD and City staff has been scheduled for residents who are adjacent to the water shed and equestrian groups who use the riverbed in the restoration area noted on the map below. The meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2016, at 5:00 PM, Norco City Hall, Conference Rooms A&B.

SAVE THE DATE

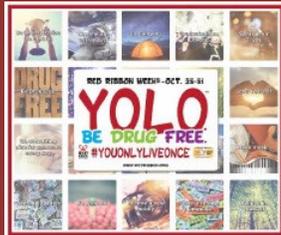
Career Day & CTE Expo



CAREER DAY & CTE EXPO

OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

NORCO COLLEGE



NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK

CONTEST DEADLINE: OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>

FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

12 – 4 P.M.

PROMENADE PARK

## PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE CONT.

### CALLING ALL YOUTH BASKETBALL PLAYERS!

Moms and Dads...want to keep your child active? The Youth Basketball Fall/Winter League registration period is now open! Register [online](#) or register in person at the Parks and Recreation office located at 2870 Clark Avenue, Norco, Monday-Thursday 10am-3pm. Please keep in mind, online registration is a two-step process; payment and form submission. For more information or assistance, please contact (951) 270-5632, Monday-Thursday 8am-6pm or email the Sport Coordinator at [jcarper@ci.norco.ca.us](mailto:jcarper@ci.norco.ca.us)

### SANTA'S HELPERS NEED YOUR HELP!

The Horsetown Parade of Lights and Christmas Festival Committee is seeking monetary sponsors to assist with the costs associated with this year's community event! Through generous donations, participants will be able to enjoy the Christmas Festival from 9a.m.-9p.m. with food and craft vendors, holiday train, skating rink, bouncer, live entertainment, rock wall, Santa's Workshop and much more! If you would like to sponsor this event, please [fill out this form](#) and submit to the Parks and Recreation office with your contribution. Santa and his helpers thank you!

### STARGAZERS, SAVE THE DATE!

Be sure to attend this free event on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Corydon Staging Area.

### CREEPY FUN HALLOWEEN MAKEUP WORKSHOP

Fall is here and Halloween is sneaking up behind you! Come join in for some spooky make-up fun at the special effects Halloween Makeup Workshop for tweens and teens ages 11-17 on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 11a.m. – 1p.m. at the Norco Community Center located at 3900 Acacia Ave, Norco 92860.

During this 2 hour workshop, each participant will learn creepy techniques to give their Halloween costume the extra detail it needs. This workshop fee is \$15 plus the cost of supplies. Participants must purchase their own supplies. Supply list is posted on the website and will be sent out via email to registered participants. Cost of supplies should not exceed \$18. Waiver must be signed at registration. Registration takes place from Monday-Thursday, 10am-3pm at the Parks and Recreation office, at 2870 Clark Ave., Norco, CA. 92860. For more information regarding this workshop please call (951)272-1619 or [click on this link](#).

### GEORGE INGALLS EQUESTRIAN EVENT CENTER

DATE:	EVENT:	TIME:	EVENT DETAILS:
10/06	Community Barrels	5 p.m. – 10 p.m.	Moreno Arena
10/08	Modjeska Mavericks Gymkhana Event	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Clark Arena
10/08	L.R.R.P. Ranger Association Memorial Service	10 a.m.	George Ingalls Veterans Memorial Plaza
10/08-10/09	International Rare and All Breed Dog Show	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Pikes Peak Park Upper Utility Field
10/02	California High School Rodeo	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Moreno Arena
10/10-10/12	Open Recreational Riding	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Clark Arena

# NORCO NEWS

THE CITY OF  
NORCO  
COMMUNITY  
VIDEO TOUR  
IS NOW LIVE



WELCOME



THINGS TO DO



ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT

VIEW THE  
VIDEOS ON THE  
CITY WEBSITE TO  
TAKE A VIRTUAL  
TOUR THROUGH  
NORCO:  
HORSETOWN  
USA

## PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE CONT.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS! COMING SOON TO THE EVENT CENTER:

- October 15<sup>th</sup>: Saddle Sore Riders Progressive Dinner Ride is staging out of Parking Lot 3 from 3 p.m. – 11 p.m. and a Scavenger Ride on 10/29 staging out of Parking Lot 2.
- October 22<sup>nd</sup>: Norco High GRIDIRON BINGO NIGHT at Nellie Weaver Hall.
- October 24<sup>th</sup>: Town Hall Meeting hosted by The Lake Norconian Club Foundation
- October 25<sup>th</sup>: LMD #4 Meeting @ Nellie Weaver Hall, 7 p.m.
- October 29<sup>th</sup>: Norco Horsemen’s Association Kids Play Day at Clark Arena
- October 30<sup>th</sup>: California High School Rodeo at Moreno Arena

### ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES STATS: SEPTEMBER 2016

ADOPTIONS	REDEMPTIONS	STRAY INTAKES	LICENSES ISSUED	DONATIONS
34	18	56	589	\$854.56

### PET OF THE MONTH: OCTOBER 2016

Honey came in as a stray. She is a super sweet girl who loves people. She seems to get along with other dogs and would make a great jogging or hiking companion. Come visit her soon. She is spayed, with shots and ready to go!  
Available for \$28.



## FISCAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATE

### BILL PROCESSING

Staff mailed out 1,915 utility bills to Group 4 customers and assessed penalties to 318 delinquent accounts totaling \$5,895. We also mailed out 229 delinquent notices and billed for tag fees totaling \$3,664 to Group 3 utility customers that had not paid their bill on time.

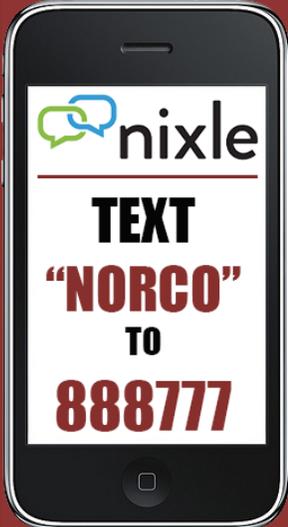
### BUSINESS LICENSE AND CASH RECEIPTS

There were 12 new business license applications received during the week and 24 renewal applications totaling \$4,040. Staff processed a combined total of 1,584 cash receipts from the building counter, Parks and Recreation, utility customers and other miscellaneous accounts receivables totaling \$858,356. The City received gas tax totaling \$43,983; General Fund property taxes of \$52,009; 1<sup>st</sup> time homebuyer principal payment of \$22,820; \$48,339 from Balboa for the loan payment on Silverlakes; \$35,206 from Balboa for rent for Silverlakes as well as the parking lot; \$25,243 from Hampton Inn and \$34,536 from Fairfield for TOT; \$40,049 from RCTC for Measure A

### MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

A total of 18 miscellaneous accounts receivable invoices were sent to individuals/agencies totaling \$78,432. Miscellaneous accounts receivable invoices are sent to bill for EMS services, hydrant meter billing, damage to City property, encroachment permits, loan payments, trash billing to California Rehabilitation Center and any other services provided by the City other than utility billing and business licenses.

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IN THE  
LOOP



ROAD  
CLOSURES  
SAFETY  
HAZARDS  
SEVERE  
WEATHER



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## PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

	ADDRESS:	DESCRIPTION:
<b>POTABLE MAIN LINE REPAIRS</b>	First Street/ Corona Avenue	Contractor Wach's discovered an inoperable and leaking valve while performing routine valve exercising. The 8" gate valve that ties in a 14" transmission main to the 8" distribution main was replaced.
<b>POTABLE SERVICE LINE REPAIRS:</b>	2389 Reservoir Avenue	Replaced copper gasket on corporation stop that had failed.
	1080 Second Street	Installed new ¾" straight stop. Crews do this without having to perform a shutdown of the service line. The old valve is threaded off and while under full pressure and flow, the new valve is "jumped" on.
	3569 California Avenue	Vacuum excavated poly service line and repaired with full circle clamp.
<b>COLLECTION SYSTEM</b>	Old Hamner Lift Station	Removed debris and cleared dry well.
	Corona Lift Station	Washed down wet well to breakdown buildup of solids.
	Valley View Lift Station	Washed down wet well to breakdown buildup of solids. Disassembled pump and cleared of debris. Re-primed and restored normal operation
	Lift Station 9	Confined space entry was performed to allow for crew members to remove plug that was put into place to divert flow from Norco's lift station. Diversion boards were then installed to direct all flow to the lift station.
<b>STREETS</b>	Hidden Valley Parkway/ I15	Assisted Cal Fire with oil spill that had covered left turn pocket to on ramp of freeway.
	Various	2 tons cold mix asphalt, potholes filled on the following streets: Corydon Avenue, Clark Avenue, Crestview Avenue, and Temescal Avenue
	Eighth Street/ Crestview Avenue	Reinstalled bike lane sign
	Third Street	Graffiti covered under 15 freeway overpass
	North Drive	Graffiti covered on wall at Crestview Avenue
	Corona Avenue	Graffiti covered on sewer lift station and concrete barriers at Sedona Lane
<b>TREES</b>	2440 Crazy Horse Lane	Large fallen tree branch cut and removed
	Corydon Avenue/ Vine Avenue	Large fallen tree branch cut and removed
	Pedley Avenue	Low hanging limb trimmed to improve visibility of stop sign at Seventh Street
<b>TRAIL FENCE</b>	Fifth Street/ Temescal Avenue	Damaged line post and four rails removed to mitigate safety hazard.
	2929 Valley View Avenue	One end post and two rails replaced
<b>WEED ABATEMENT AND DEBRIS:</b>	4193 Bluff Street	Illegally dumped mattress and couch removed.
	Rocky View Road/ Oak Ridge Circle	Flood control channel between properties from Norco Drive to Alhambra Street cleared of weeds, debris, and trees.
<b>OTHER</b>	3794 California Avenue	After receiving reports of meter box tampering, it was discovered that an illegal connection to the water service was made. The device was removed and the service was severed to prevent any future attempts.

THE 2016  
GENERAL  
ELECTION IS  
ON TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 8



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OCTOBER 24

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MICHAEL NEAL  
(909) 261-2770

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

### BUILDING DIVISION

Permit Applications:	19	(3 commercial, 16 residential)
Building Permits Issued:	15	(1 commercial, 14 residential)
Valuation of Construction:		\$ 55,446.00
Building Fees Collected:		\$ 3,666.65
Field Inspections:	46	
Stop Work Notices:	2	

### CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

	2015	2016
Total Cases:	313	264
Open Cases:		55
New Cases:		4
Cites Issued:		3
Closed Cases:		7
Yard Sign Removal:		18

### OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

Joint Inspections:	1 with Sheriff's Dept.; 1 with Animal Control Division
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### PLANNING DIVISION

#### APPROVED SPECIAL EVENTS

6/1/16 – 12/1/16	Temporary food and service modulars (SilverLakes)
7/27/16 – 10/27/16	Temporary storage cont., CSRA 2727 Hamner Ave.
10/1/16 – 10/31/16	Pumpkin patch, 3523 Hamner Ave.
9/29,10/28,11/27-2016	Car show, Bob's Big Boy, 3621 Hamner Ave.
10/8/16	Fall festival, Leaps & Bounds, 4211 Valley View Ave.

#### PROJECT REVIEW BOARD

	2 meetings
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#### NEW APPLICATIONS

Conditional Use Permit	(1 commercial, 1 residential)
Pre-PRB request	Commercial building

#### SURROUNDING JURISDICTIONS

**EASTVALE** – 10/3/16 – The City issued a Notice of Availability for a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for proposed Eastvale Crossings, a 218,100 square-foot commercial center with a 192,000 square-foot anchor store, gas station, and retail pads. The public comment period for the DEIR is from October 3, 2016 to November 17, 2016 and comments can be submitted to City of Eastvale, 12363 Limonite Avenue, Eastvale, CA 91752. The DEIR is available for review at Eastvale City Hall (address above) and a copy is also available for review at Norco City Hall, Planning Division.

**City of Norco  
Council &  
Commissions  
Schedules**

City Council  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Wednesday of the  
Month  
7 PM  
Council Chambers

Planning  
Commission  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of  
the Month  
7 PM  
Council Chambers

Parks & Recreation  
Commission  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the  
Month – Bimonthly  
6:30 PM  
Council Chambers

Streets, Trails and  
Utilities Commission  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the  
Month – Bimonthly  
7 PM  
Council Chambers

Historic Preservation  
Commission  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the  
Month – Bimonthly  
4 PM  
Council Chambers

Economic  
Development  
Advisory Council  
(EDAC)  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Each  
Month  
8:15 AM  
City Hall  
Administration

**NORCO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT K/9 TRIALS**

Come join us on Saturday, November 5, 2016, at the George Ingalls Equestrian Center, in the City of Norco!

Every year, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department K9 Team invites law enforcement agencies from all over the state and country to come and compete in a K9 competition hosted in the County of Riverside. Dog and handler teams compete in a two-day competition designed to test narcotic detection, evidence location, protection, agility and obedience. For law enforcement agencies, these competitions are instrumental in the further education of K9 teams by comparing training programs and team performance.

The 21st Annual Riverside County Sheriff's Department K9 Trials date, open to the public, will be on Saturday, November 5th 2016, in the City of Norco. The competition will be held at George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center located at 3737 Crestview Dr., Norco CA 92860. [Click here](#) for more information can be found here.

**2016 Riverside County Sheriff's Department  
21<sup>st</sup> Annual K9 Trials**

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**• 800AM – 500PM FREE ADMISSION**

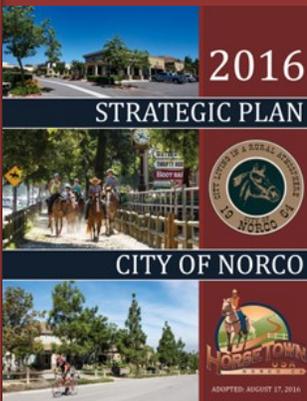
**George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center  
3737 Crestview Drive, Norco Ca. 92860**

- ★ Public Safety Fair
- ★ Food Vendors
- ★ Kids Activities
- ★ Raffles
- ★ Shirt & K9 Items for Sale
- ★ Meet and Greet with the K9 Teams

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Or email us at [Trials@riversidesheriffk9team.com](mailto:Trials@riversidesheriffk9team.com)

# NORCO NEWS

THE NORCO CITY COUNCIL RECENTLY APPROVED & ADOPTED THE CITY'S 2016 STRATEGIC PLAN



VIEW THE PLAN ON THE CITY WEBSITE TO READ ABOUT THE POSITIVE DIRECTIONS THE CITY OF NORCO IS HEADED IN

## FIRE DEPARTMENT/CAL FIRE UPDATE

### RED FLAG WARNING

Riverside County Fire Department has issued a Fire Weather Watch in effect until Saturday afternoon due to a combination of low humidity, warm temperatures and gusty northeast winds in the Inland Empire and Santa Ana Mountains. Any fires that develop will likely spread rapidly. Immediately call 9-1-1 if you encounter an emergency situation.

### INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, the Engine Crew from station 47 joined the Riverview Roadrunners for "International Walk to School Day." International Walk to School Day began in 1997, and has grown to be a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. The event promotes healthy habits, a clean environment, safety awareness, and is fun for all involved!



### WEE PEOPLE

The Engine Crew from Station 47 visited Wee People Play School on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> to present a Public Education Program. Firefighters displayed the engine and spoke with students about fire safety.



### EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS

Southern California is earthquake country and shaking can happen at any time. The time to prepare is now. Riverside County is home to three of the most active faults in California, including the San Andreas, Elsinore and San Jacinto Faults. Riverside County residents and businesses are urged to plan for what to do before, during and after an earthquake.

The Great California Shakeout is coming on Oct. 20. At 10:20 a.m., practice your earthquake response plan by getting into the drop, cover and hold on position for three minutes. This is also an ideal time to talk about earthquake preparedness with your family. More information on the Shakeout can be found online at [Shakeout.org/california/](http://Shakeout.org/california/).

#### BEFORE:

- Create an emergency kit with water, food and other essential items that will sustain your family for three to seven days. Plan for one gallon of water per person, per day.
- Secure large, heavy furniture to the walls in your home (a good rule is to anchor any furniture over 4 feet tall). Look for other potential hazards during earthquakes (including heavy wall art).

**Norco City Hall**

2870 Clark Avenue  
Norco, CA 92860  
Monday – Thursday  
8am to 6pm

**City Hall  
Development  
Related Services**

Public Counters:  
Building, Planning,  
Engineering  
Monday – Thursday  
10am to 4pm\*

**Parks & Recreation  
Public Counter**

Monday – Thursday  
10am to 3pm\*

Online class registration  
is available 24/7

**Sheriff Substation  
Public Counter**

Monday – Thursday  
10am to 2pm

**Fire Administration**

3902 Hillside Avenue  
Norco, CA 92860  
Monday – Thursday  
10am to 2pm

**Animal Control/  
Animal Shelter**

98 Sixth Street  
Norco, CA 92860  
Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday  
9am to 6pm  
Saturday  
10am to 4pm  
Closed on Monday,  
Friday, Sunday and Hol-  
idays

Call dispatch for  
emergencies  
(951) 371-1143

\*Appointments are  
available upon request

**FIRE DEPARTMENT/CAL FIRE UPDATE CONT.**

- Create a family communication and reunification plan. Make sure everyone in your family knows what to do. Get a wallet-sized version of a family plan [here](#).
- Residents are encouraged to get involved with volunteer programs, such as a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) or Medical Volunteer Program.
- Register cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses with the County’s Early Warning Notification System at [RivCoReady.org/EWNS](http://RivCoReady.org/EWNS) to receive critical and time-sensitive alerts on active emergency situations.

**DURING:**

- Drop, cover and hold on during the shaking.
- If driving, pull to the side of road and stop until shaking stops.
- If driving, do not take cover under overpasses or bridges.
- If you smell gas, evacuate the area.
- Do not handle or drive over downed power lines.

**AFTER:**

- When the shaking stops, look around. If there is a clear path to safety, leave the building and go to an open space away from damaged areas.
- If you are trapped, do not move about or kick up dust.
- If you have a cell phone with you, use it to call or text for help.
- Tap on a pipe or wall or use a whistle, if you have one, so that rescuers can locate you.
- Once safe, monitor local news reports via battery-operated radio, TV, social media, and cell phone text alerts for emergency information and instructions.
- Be prepared to “Drop, Cover, and Hold on” in the likely event of aftershocks.

In the event of an earthquake, the County of Riverside Emergency Management Department will provide emergency information and instructions via the media, social media and mass notification channels. Visit [RivCoReady.org](http://RivCoReady.org) and [@RivCoReady](https://twitter.com/RivCoReady) on Twitter for valuable preparedness information, including information on how to build an emergency kit.

RESIDENTS  
RECEIVE  
THREE FREE  
BULKY WASTE  
PICKUPS  
PER YEAR



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INFORMATION

SIGN UP FOR  
MORE NEWS  
AND ALERTS  
ON THE CITY  
WEBSITE



## FIRE DEPARTMENT/CAL FIRE UPDATE CONT.

### HAZMAT/ FIRST RESPONDER REFRESHER COURSE

On October 6, 2016, Fire Captain Don Camp of Station 57, taught a HazMat/First Responder Awareness Refresher training for City of Norco Public Works employees. The course covered topics, such as, identifying possible HazMat incidents, how to isolate the area, and proper notification protocol.



<b>RESPONSE ACTIVITY - NORCO</b> <i>Incidents Reported Between 9/28/16 to 10/4/16</i>	
False Alarm:	6
Com Fire:	1
Medical:	25
Standby:	2
Public Service Assist:	1
Traffic Collision:	2
Vehicle Fire:	1
<b>INCIDENT TOTAL:</b>	<b>38</b>

<b>RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT - NORCO</b> <i>09/29/16 – 10/05/16</i>	
<b>Plan Reviews</b>	<b>Total</b>
All Plan Reviews	11
<b>Inspections</b>	<b>Total</b>
Annuals	5
New Construction	4
Re-Inspections	12
Weed Abatement	4
<b>Meetings and Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Special Inspection/Event	1

## What is a Hardened Home?

Construction materials and the quality of the defensible space surrounding it are what gives a home the best chance to survive a wildfire. Embers from a wildfire will find the weak link in your home's fire protection scheme and gain the upper hand because of a small, overlooked or seemingly inconsequential factor. However, there are measures you can take to safeguard your home from wildfire. While you may not be able to accomplish all the measures listed below, each will increase your home's, and possibly your family's, safety and survival during a wildfire.



### ROOFS

Roofs are the most vulnerable surface where embers land because they can lodge and start a fire. Roof valleys, open ends of barrel tiles and rain gutters are all points of entry.

### EAVES

Embers can gather under open eaves and ignite exposed wood or other combustible material.

### VENTS

Embers can enter the attic or other concealed spaces and ignite combustible materials. Vents in eaves and cornices are particularly vulnerable, as are any unscreened vents. New vents have been developed that prevent flame and embers from getting through to the attic.

### WALLS

Combustible siding or other combustible or overlapping materials provide surfaces or crevices for embers to nestle and ignite.

### WINDOWS and DOORS

Embers can enter gaps in doors, including garage doors. Plants or combustible storage near windows can be ignited from embers and generate heat that can break windows and/or melt combustible frames.

### BALCONIES and DECKS

Embers can collect in or on combustible surfaces or the undersides of decks and balconies, ignite the material and enter the home through walls or windows.

To harden your home even further, consider protecting your homes with a residential fire sprinkler system. In addition to extinguishing a fire started by an ember that enters your home, it also protects you and your family year-round from any fire that may start in your home.

All suggestions and requirements are based on State Codes and Regulations, specifically the California Building Code Chapter 7A, California Fire Code, and Title 14 Fire Safe Regulations. Contact your local fire and building department for specific requirements or recommendations for your community.

## Tour a Wildfire Ready Home

**Home Site and Yard:** Ensure you have at least a 100-foot radius of defensible space (cleared vegetation) around your home. Note that even more clearance may be needed for homes in severe hazard areas. This means looking past what you own to determine the impact a common slope or neighbors' yard will have on your property during a wildfire.

Cut dry weeds and grass before 10 a.m. when temperatures are cooler to reduce the chance of sparking a fire.

Landscape with fire-resistant plants that have a high moisture content and are low-growing.

Keep woodpiles, propane tanks and other non-vegetative combustible materials away from your home and other structures such as garages, barns and sheds.

Ensure that trees are far away from power lines.

**Roof:** Your roof is the most vulnerable part of your home because it can easily catch fire from wind-blown embers. Homes with wood-shake or shingle roofs are at high risk of being destroyed during a wildfire.

Build your roof or re-roof with ignition resistant materials such as composition, metal or tile. Block any spaces between roof decking and covering to prevent ember intrusion.

Clear pine needles, leaves and other debris from your roof and gutters.

Cut any tree branches within ten feet of your roof.

**Vents:** Vents on homes are particularly vulnerable to flying embers.

All vent openings should be covered with 1/8-inch to 1/4 inch metal mesh. Do not use fiberglass or plastic mesh because they can melt and burn.

Attic vents in eaves or cornices should be baffled or otherwise protected to prevent ember intrusion (mesh is not enough).

**Windows:** Heat from a wildfire can cause windows to break even before the home ignites. This allows burning embers to enter and start internal fires. Single-paned and large windows are particularly vulnerable.

Install dual-paned windows with one pane of tempered glass to reduce the chance of breakage in a fire.

Consider limiting the size and number of windows in your home that face large areas of vegetation.

**Inside:** Keep working fire extinguishers on hand. Install smoke alarms on each level of your home and in bedrooms. Test them monthly and change the batteries twice a year.

**Address:** Make sure your address is clearly visible from the road.



**Decks:** Surfaces within 10 feet of the building should be built with ignition resistant, non-combustible, or other approved materials.

Ensure that all combustible items are removed from underneath your deck.



**Garage:** Have a fire extinguisher and tools such as a shovel, rake, bucket and hoe available for fire emergencies.

Consider installing weather stripping around and under door to prevent ember intrusion.

Store all combustibles and flammable liquids away from ignition sources.

**Driveways and Access Roads:** Driveways should be built and maintained in accordance to the state and local codes to allow fire and emergency vehicles to reach your house.

Consider maintaining access roads with a minimum 10-foot clearance on either side of the traveled section of the roadway and allowing for two-way traffic.

Ensure that all gates open inward and are wide enough to accommodate emergency equipment.

Trim trees and shrubs overhanging the road to allow emergency vehicles to pass.

**Fencing:** Consider using ignition resistant or non-combustible fencing to protect your home during a wildfire.

**Eaves and Soffits Protection:** Eaves and soffits should be protected with ignition resistant or non-combustible materials.

**Rain Gutters:** Screen or enclose rain gutters to prevent accumulation of plant debris.

**Water Supply:** Consider having multiple garden hoses that are long enough to reach any area of your home and other structures on your property. If you have a pool or well, consider a pump.

**Patio Cover:** Use the same ignition resistant materials for patio covering as a roof.

**Walls:** Wood products, such as boards, panels or shingles, are common siding materials. However, they are combustible and not good choices for fire-prone areas.

Build or remodel with ignition resistant building materials, such as stucco, fiber cement, wall siding, fire retardant, treated wood, or other approved materials.

Be sure to extend materials from foundation to roof.

**Chimney:** Cover your chimney and stovepipe outlets with an approved spark arrestor non-combustible screen with openings no smaller than 3/8 inch and no larger than 1/2 inch to prevent embers from escaping and igniting a fire.

Make sure that your chimney is at least 10 feet away from any tree branches.

# READY, SET, GO!

## Create Your Own Wildfire Action Plan

Now that you've done everything you can to protect your house, it's time to prepare your family. Your **Wildfire Action Plan** must be prepared with all members of your household well in advance of a fire.

Use these checklists to help you prepare your Wildfire Action Plan. Each family's plan will be different, depending on their situation.

Once you finish your plan, practice it regularly with your family and keep it in a safe and accessible place for quick implementation.

## GET READY

### Prepare Your Family



- Create a **Family Disaster Plan** that includes meeting locations and communication plans and practice it regularly. Include in your plan the evacuation of large animals such as horses.
- Have fire extinguishers on hand and train your family how to use them.
- Ensure that your family knows where your gas, electric and water main shut-off controls are and how to use them.
- Plan several different evacuation routes.
- Designate an emergency meeting location outside the fire hazard area.
- Assemble an emergency supply kit as recommended by the American Red Cross.
- Appoint an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact so you can communicate with family members who have relocated.
- Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers posted near your phone and in your emergency supply kit.
- Keep an extra emergency supply kit in your car in case you can't get to your home because of fire.
- Have a portable radio or scanner so you can stay updated on the fire.

— A QUARTERLY EVENT —

NORCO COMMUNITY  
**TOWN HALL**  
M E E T I N G

**MONDAY** **OCT. 24**  
**6:30 P.M.**  
NELLIE WEAVER HALL  
3737 CRESTVIEW DRIVE

**B E I N F O R M E D**

Hear updates from City staff, regional agencies, community organizations and more! Residents will be allowed to ask questions as time allows after each presentation. Town Hall Meetings will be hosted by various community organizations.

\*Doors open at 6 P.M.

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# L.R.R.P. Ranger Association Reunion

Norco, CA

October 6, 7, 8, 2016



## Memorial Service

October 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM

George Ingalls Veterans Memorial Plaza

George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center, Norco CA

ALL WELCOME

Info: Steve 951-206-0105