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MAYOR'S MOMENT

Last month on Wednesday, November 9, I had the honor of serving with seven other individuals on Congressman Tom Latham's Military Academy Nomination Selection Committee. As a group, we interviewed 16 outstanding young men and women who want to serve their country by becoming an officer in one of our services. As one would expect, the competition level was extremely keen with each having incredible resumes. I commended all of the applicants for their willingness to serve this great nation and pointed out to them that less than 1% of today's society serves in the military. That fact in itself makes a statement as to the caliber and patriotism of those who applied.

Members of Congress may nominate applicants who meet the eligibility requirements established by law. Senators nominate from applicants in their entire state while Representatives nominate from applicants domiciled in their congressional districts as constituted at the time of their election. Out of the 16 candidates that qualified to be interviewed by Congressman Latham, two of them were from Norwalk: Lucas Kordick and Alec La Velle. I can tell you these two young men represented themselves and Norwalk in a superb manner. Lucas is currently a Freshman at Iowa Lakes Community College and Alec a Senior a Norwalk HS. To give you an example of just the academic competition, Lucas had a 3.79 GPA ranking him 22/183 in the Class of 2011 and Alec's GPA is currently 3.76 putting him 11/161 in the Class of 2012.

The biggest take-away that I got from this experience is that we have some great American citizens, like Lucas and Alec, that will be outstanding leaders for this country in the future. Actually, they have already demonstrated strong leadership skills through their academics, sports and extra curricular activities. I commend Lucas and Alec for who and what they are and wish them the best as they pursue their military careers! As you enjoy the holiday season with family and friends, please be safe and have a very merry Christmas and happy New Year!



Mayor Doug Pierce

GOT EXTRA TRASH?

The holiday season is upon us. If you have extra trash that does not fit in your garbage tote, stickers are available to put out extra bags or boxes. These can be purchased at City Hall or Scott's Grocery Store at the cost of \$1.00 per bag/box. If you have a large item to dispose of \$5.00 stickers are available.

Would you like to have a second recycling tote? A second recycling tote can be ordered through Metro Waste Authority at 244-0021. There is a yearly fee of \$25.00 payable to Metro Waste Authority and a \$25.00 delivery fee or you can pick the tote up at no cost.

If your garbage or recycling tote have broken lids or get damaged this winter they can be replaced or repaired by calling Waste Management Dispatch at 265-5267. During the winter months, it is possible that while dumping the totes they fall into the garbage truck. If this happens the driver typically calls dispatch to let them know that the tote needs replaced. If your tote disappears during the winter months you can call 265-5267, Waste Management Dispatch, to verify that they have a work order to replace the tote.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE WINTER SEASON

Snow is going to find its way to central Iowa sooner or later. Hopefully later. When it does arrive, here is the City of Norwalk's Snow Ordinance to help guide you through the winter season. All snow emergencies are posted on the City's web page, www.ci.norwalk.ia.us. **SNOW ORDINANCE (in effect as soon as snow emergency is declared until snow emergency is lifted.)**

69.10 SNOW REMOVAL (PARKING) No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley or City-owned off-street parking area during any snow emergency. When predictions or occurrences indicate the need, the Public Works Director or his/her designee shall initiate a snow emergency and inform the news media to publicize the snow emergency. The snow emergency shall remain in effect until the Public Works Director or his/her designee declares it over.

135.12 DUMPING OF SNOW (STREET) It is unlawful for any person to throw, push, or place or cause to be thrown, pushed, or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks or driveways onto the traveled way of a street so as to obstruct gutters, or impede the passage of vehicles upon the street or to create a hazardous condition therein; except where, in the cleaning of large commercial drives in the business district it is absolutely necessary to move the snow onto the street temporarily, such accumulation shall be removed promptly by the property owner or agent. Arrangements for the prompt removal of such accumulations shall be made prior to moving the snow.

136.03 REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE AND ACCUMULATIONS (SIDEWALK) It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within seventy-two (72) hours, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

PARKS & RECREATION – UPCOMING REGISTRATIONS

Adult Basketball Open Gym – Now until full • **Snowman Contest** – Dec. 1 to Mar. 31 **Women's Volleyball** – Dec. 12 to Dec. 23 • **Coed Volleyball** – Dec. 12 to Dec. 23 **Lakewood Craft Club** – Dec. 26 to Jan. 6

OPALS – Potluck Lunch All are invited, age 55 or older, to attend a potluck dinner to enjoy and socialize with the Park and Recreation staff. Meat, tableware and coffee/beverage are provided. Dust off the cookbooks and be creative to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share with everyone. Let us know your email address and we will send out reminders with what meat we plan to have on that day. Time 11:30am–1:00pm. Dates: Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 2. Place: Norwalk Public Safety Building

BASKETBALL OPEN GYM Shoot hoops or play a pick up game with friends or family. Bring clean tennis shoes for the floor. Only residents in the Norwalk school district are eligible to participate. No registration required, just show up and play. Time: 3–5 pm. Location: Oviatt gym. Adult cost: \$1.00. Youth cost: \$.50. Days: Sundays. Dates: Dec. 4, 11, 18; Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT Stop by the library and enjoy an evening of Bingo and tasty treats. Bring munchies or snacks to share with all and we will provide the beverage. All ages are invited to participate. Bingo callers will be the Norwalk Lion Club Members. Registration: Phone call to office by Friday prior to the Sunday. Time: 6–8pm. Location: Norwalk Easter Public Library. Cost: .25/card or 3 cards for .50; Days: 1st Sunday of each month. Dates: Dec. 4, Feb. 5, Mar. 4

ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL GAMES Pick-up basketball games will be offered for adults. Please bring clean tennis shoes to wear for the games. This program is only for residents who live in the Norwalk School District. Registration is required. Program Dates: Dec. 7, 14; jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28. Time: 7–9:00pm. Location: Middle School Gym. Registration: Now until full. Cost: \$28.00 for Norwalk residents; \$32.00 for Non-residents. Maximum number of participants: 40

CRAFT CLUB This program is for children in 3rd through 5th grades at Lakewood. The children meet Dec 8 after school to make special arts and crafts projects. Registration: Dec. 26 to Jan. 6. Time: 3:15–4:15pm. Location: Art Room at Lakewood. Cost per class: \$10.00 for Norwalk residents; \$11.50 for non-residents. Min/Max: 6/20

EARLY OUT WEDNESDAYS Back by popular demand! Again this year we will offer afternoon early out field trips to various attractions in and around the metro area. The trips are held on the early out Wednesday of the month (Oct.–Feb.). These "early out" trips are for kids in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade. Our staff will have an activity for the kids from 12:00–1:00pm and then we will board the bus. Important: Snacks are not included in the price of the activity; if your child needs a snack, additional money

needs to be sent with them. Time: Leave 1:00pm and return by 4:30pm. Location: Leave from Lakewood Elementary School. Parents, please pick student up from school no later than 4:30pm. Fee: Varies by trip (see below). Registration: Varies by trip (see below). Min/Max: 20/50. Dec. 7 Movie Day at Jordan Creek. Take pleasure in a movie at Jordan Creek Town Center. Movie will be PG. Registration Dates: Nov. 21 to Dec. 2. Cost \$10.00 residents; \$11.50 non residents. Jan. 25 Ice skating at Metro Ice. Enjoy an afternoon of ice-skating at the Metro Ice Sports Facility. Be sure you bring plenty of warm clothes (mittens, hats) and long socks. Registration dates: Jan. 9 to Jan. 20. Cost: \$10 residents; \$11.50 non-residents.

SNOWMAN CONTEST Friends and Family Eighth Annual Snowman Contest. This contest will run Dec. 1 through the end of March. Take a picture of your snowman with its creators and send it to the Parks and Recreation office. Be sure to include names, ages and phone numbers of the participants. Photos may be printed in the Parks and Rec Fall/Winter Brochure. Concession stand bucks will be awarded to the top place finisher.

ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL – A & B LEAGUE. Two separate leagues are offered for coed volleyball. The A league is considered a power league, while B league is considered a recreation league. Each league will be limited to 6 teams. Officials will be provided for each game. Please register as a team. You need a minimum of 6 players with a maximum of 10. This league is a first come, first serve basis until it is full. Registration dates: Dec. 12–23. Program Dates: Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; Mar. 5. Days: Monday. Times: 7:30–8:15–9:00pm. Location: Norwalk Middle School. Cost per team: \$75.00 (up to 10 players). Min/Max # of Teams: 4/12

ADULT WOMEN'S WINTER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE Join a couple of friends and come out and enjoy an evening of volleyball. This league will play on Sunday nights at the Norwalk Middle School. This league will be self-officiating. Please register as a team. Dates: Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12. Registration: Dec. 12–Dec. 23. Times: 6:00–7:00pm. Cost per team: \$30.00 (up to 10 players). Min/Max: 4/8.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

Christmas Tree Pick Up is scheduled for January 4 and January 11. A *Compost It!* sticker is required. All lights and decorations must be removed from the tree. Trees set out after 7am on January 11 will not be collected.



CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2011

Dec. 1 – City Council meeting 6:30pm, City Hall
Dec. 21 – Trash pick up 7:00am
Dec. 23 – Christmas Holiday, CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Dec. 5 – Water bill payment due date
Dec. 7 – Trash pick up 7:00am
Dec. 7 – Parks & Rec Commission meeting, 6:30pm, Police Station
Dec. 12 – Library Board of Trustees 6:30pm, Norwalk Easter Library
Dec. 14 – Trash & Recycling pick up 7:00am
Dec. 14 – Planning & Zoning meeting 5:30pm, City Hall
Dec. 15 – City Council meeting

6:30pm, City Hall

Dec. 21 – Trash pick up 7:00am
Dec. 23 – Christmas Holiday, CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Dec. 26 – Christmas Holiday, CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Dec. 27 – Water Notice Due Date
Dec. 28 – Trash & Recycling pick up 7:00am
Dec. 28 – Water Service Disconnects
Dec. 28 – Tentative Planning & Zoning meeting 5:30pm, City Hall

JANUARY 2012

Jan. 2 – CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Jan. 4 – Water bill payment due date
Jan. 4 – Christmas tree pick-up 7:00am. *Compost It!* sticker required
Jan. 4 – Trash pick up 7:00 am
Jan. 4 – Parks & Rec Commission meeting, 6:30pm, Police Station
Jan. 5 – City Council meeting 6:30pm, City Hall
Jan. 9 – Library Board of Trustees 6:30pm, Norwalk Easter Library
Jan. 11 – Trash & Recycling pick up 7:00 am

Jan. 11 – Christmas tree pick up 7:00am. *Compost It!* sticker required
Jan. 11 – Planning & Zoning meeting 5:30pm, City Hall
Jan. 18 – Trash pick up 7:00am
Jan. 19 – City Council meeting 6:30pm, City Hall
Jan. 25 – Trash & Recycling pick up 7:00am
Jan. 25 – Water Notice Due Date
Jan. 25 – Tentative Planning & Zoning meeting 5:30pm, City Hall
Jan. 26 – Water Service Disconnects

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