Malarkey Roofing Products (Malarkey), located at 9301 Garfield Avenue, is a residential and commercial roofing manufacturer and supplier that began operating in South Gate in 2003. Headquartered in Portland, Oregon, Malarkey has expanded over the years to include production facilities in South Gate and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Since its establishment in 1956, Malarkey has been a family owned business that has consistently valued innovation and is dedicated to provide products that are committed to sustainability through long-term solutions.

At the February 14, 2017 City Council meeting, Mayor W.H. (Bill) De Witt presented a recognition plaque to Malarkey Roofing Products for contributing to the economic well-being of the City and demonstrating a strong commitment to the vitality of South Gate’s business climate.

Malarkey Roofing Products has contributed to our community by:
- Achieving the Waste Diversion from Landfill Certification from GreenCircle Certified, LLC, demonstrating responsible recycling and reuse of materials to achieve 92% of waste diversion from landfill thresholds.
- Donating roofing materials for the proposed South Gate Community Resource Center (former Courthouse) and Sports Center Reroofing Project valued at approximately $175,000.
- Major employer in the City - 128 employees, with 8% living in South Gate.

Thank you Malarkey Roofing Products for your outstanding and invaluable contributions to the South Gate community!

New Façade Improvement Grant for Business Owners

The City is offering a Commercial Façade Improvement Grant to property and/or business owners to do façade/exterior improvements to commercial buildings located in South Gate. The maximum grant amount is $30,000 per property. Participants must provide a 20% financial contribution towards the façade improvements of the building. Both the grant funds and the participant’s funds would be applied towards the façade improvements for a total of $36,000.

Grant funds may be used to pay for improvements, and building plan check and permit fees associated with the rehabilitation work proposed under the Program. Interior improvements are not eligible.

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In order for a commercial property to be eligible to receive the grant, they must meet the following requirements:

- Commercial building must be dilapidated or blighted
- Business must be located within a CDBG eligible area (visit the City website to view eligibility map at www.cityofsouthgate.org/business)
- Storefront must be visible from the street

Eligible Exterior Improvements include:
Awnings, decorative improvements, doors, fencing, signage, lighting, landscaping, paint, windows and other items subject to approval.

The City will recommend specific improvements based on site analysis and architectural design recommendations. Improvements are not eligible if they are simply maintenance of the current façade. Additionally, all signage on the property to be rehabilitated must be brought up to conformance and maintained in conformance with the City’s Sign Ordinance.

For more information, please contact Marina R. Urias, Management Analyst at murias@sogate.org/(323) 563-9535, Monday - Thursday 7am - 5:30pm. Closed Fridays.

### New CA Law for Business Owners

Assembly Bill (AB) 1245, extends to all employers the requirement to electronically submit employment tax returns, wage reports, and payroll tax deposits to the Employment Development Department (EDD) beginning January 1, 2017. Electronic filing and paying offers employers many benefits including:

- Increased data accuracy in comparison to paper forms.
- Protected data through encryption that is more secure than paper forms.
- Reduced cost of printing, mailing, and document storage.
- Elimination of lost mail.

AB 1245 will be phased-in over a two-year period to offer employers ample time to prepare. The new law extends electronic filing and payment requirements to employers on the following timelines:

- January 1, 2017 - Employers with 10 or more employees.
- January 1, 2018 - All employers.

Employers can file and pay electronically online with a simple one-time enrollment in the EDD’s e-Services for Business website. There is no cost to enroll and use e-Services for Business, and no specialized software is required. Over 35 percent of California employers already use this system; approximately 20 other states use a similar system for tax reporting obligations. The EDD is committed to supporting employers as they transition to fulfilling this new state requirement. For employers who may be unable to electronically file and pay, a hardship waiver application will be available.

For more information visit www.edd.ca.gov/e-Services_for_Business or contact the Small Business Development Center of Long Beach at (562) 938-5100/www.longbeachsbdc.org.