



Business Connection

CITY OF SOUTH GATE

February 2017

South Gate Welcomes PWS-The Laundry Company

On Saturday, January 21, 2017, PWS – The Laundry Company (PWS) with the assistance of the South Gate Chamber of Commerce hosted their grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for their company’s headquarters and new SpinCycle Laundry Lounge, located at 12010-12020 Garfield Avenue.

Founded in 1968, PWS is the largest distributor of commercial laundry equipment and commercial laundry replacement parts in the United States. Additionally, PWS is the nation’s premier developer of new laundromats and broker of existing laundromats. With offices in South Gate, Redwood City, San Diego and representation in Nevada, PWS exclusively sells Speed Queen washers and dryers and parts from all major manufacturers. The opening of SpinCycle Laundry Lounge marks its 3,000th Laundromat. The Laundromat features the industry’s latest equipment technologies, along with upscale furnishings and amenities.

The City appreciates the investment PWS is making in our community. Since PWS decided to relocate its headquarters to South Gate, they have demonstrated a genuine commitment to the City of South Gate by completely renovating a city block, commissioning a piece of public art, contributing funds to the Hollydale Library for a renovation project, and providing our residents with a state-of-the-art Laundromat. PWS commissioned a 55-foot mural titled *Azalea Pride* by artist Don Lamkin, which highlights iconic images and former businesses of South Gate.

Welcome PWS to the South Gate business community!



Welcome New Businesses!

SpinCycle Laundry Lounge
12010 Garfield Avenue

NH Tax Service
3338 Tweedy Blvd.

99¢ Plus Discount Store
8100 California Avenue

Illusive Studios
10444 California Avenue

B & B Electronics, Inc.
10920 Garfield Avenue

Calendar of Events

City Council Meetings

February 14th & 28th at 6:30pm
City Hall Council Chambers
8650 California Avenue

Planning Commission Meeting

February 7th at 7:00pm
City Hall Council Chambers
8650 California Avenue

South Gate Chamber of Commerce

General Board Meeting
February 16th at 10:00am
3350 Tweedy Blvd.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

City of South Gate Economic Development Division

8650 California Ave., South Gate, CA 90280
Business Hours: Monday—Thursday 7am-5:30pm

Website
www.cityofsouthgate.org/business

Phone
(323) 563-9535

Email
ecodev@sogate.org

Mobile App
South Gate Connect



Business Watch Program

The South Gate Police Department launched a Business Watch Program that provides businesses with crime prevention strategies and techniques they can apply to help reduce crime in and around their business. The purpose of the Program is to create a strong communication network and understanding among businesses and the South Gate Police Department. The Program will provide a forum to share information concerning crime prevention methods, concepts, technology, and expertise. In return, business owners will have the opportunity to get to know each other and work together in a program of mutual assistance.



The program goals are the following:

- Educate businesses on how to be observant and aware of any suspicious activity or individuals.
- Empower employees at the front end of the business to become a great resource for Crime Prevention.
- Provide education and information to business proprietors to help reduce crime in targeted areas.
- Preserve our business centers and eliminate conditions that give rise to crime.
- Encourage business owners to utilize security measures to the fullest extent in order to deter crime.

If you are interested in participating in the next Business Watch Program meeting, please contact Sara Meza-Medrano, Crime Prevention Specialist at (323) 563-5465 or by email at smezamedrano@sogate.org.

Help Keep our Community Safe

On December 2, 2016, a fire broke out in a warehouse, known as Ghost Ship, and killed 36 people in Oakland, California. The fire broke out during an underground electronic music show that had no permits, in a warehouse that had illegally been turned into several housing units. At the time of the fire, the warehouse did not have a business license nor permits for housing or special events.



In light of such a tragedy, the City urges residents and businesses to be the City's "eyes and ears" and report unpermitted uses, illegal conversions, code violations and suspicious activity. If you see something you know shouldn't be allowed—or someone's behavior that doesn't seem quite right—please report it.

If you believe that there is a violation or suspicious activity in your neighborhood or near your business, call the Code Enforcement 24-hour Anonymous Hotline at (323) 563-9598. You may also call the Code Enforcement office Monday- Thursday 7am to 6pm at (323) 563-9558. Your call will be confidential. The City will then schedule an inspection and give the property owner an opportunity to correct the violation.



Suspicious activity should be reported to the South Gate Police Department at (323) 563-5436. If there is an emergency, call 9-1-1.

Together we can help keep our community safe!

RESOURCES FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Free Business Workshops

Offered by the:
Small Business Development Center

All workshops are held at:
El Camino College
13430 Hawthorne Blvd.
Hawthorne, CA 90250

Accounting: The Basics of the Language of Business

February 15th - 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Instagram for Businesses

February 16th - 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Social Media and Marketing

February 28th - 10:00am - 12:00pm


More Info: 1-866-588-7232
smallbizla.org

 **South Gate Chamber of Commerce**
Business Resource Center
(323) 567-1203
www.southgatecc.org


 **Tweedy Mile Business Association**
(323) 564-8233
www.tweedymile.org

 **Business License/
Special Event Permits/
Change of Ownership**
(323) 563-9527
www.cityofsouthgate.org

 **HubCities Consortium**
One-Stop Career Center
(323) 586-4700
www.hubcities.com

 **Bulky Item Pick-Up**
(800) 774-0222

 **Report Illegal Dumping**
(323) 357-5802

 **Report Graffiti Hotline**
(800) 430-8455