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STORM PREPARATION IS KEY

The City of South Gate continuously works to ensure that it is ready to respond in the event of a severe winter storm. There are important steps for residents and business owners to take at home and in their businesses. With El Niño expected to bring heavy rainfall this winter season, it becomes increasingly important to prepare, prepare, prepare! The following list illustrates some tips and pointers that all residents and business owners should take in order to prepare for the arrival of El Niño:

- Clean out all gutters, ditches and drainage systems
- Discuss evacuation procedures with family members and employees
- Create an emergency kit, today! You may include items such as radio, flashlight, food, water, first aid kit, and cash. Don't forget about your pets.
- Keep sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, lumber and other emergency building materials handy for waterproofing, especially if you have experienced problems before. Residents and business owners can obtain up to 5 sandbags from the following locations:
 - Fire Station #54 (4867 Southern Ave.) can provide sand bags and sand can be obtained
 - from South Gate Park
 - Fire Station #57 (5720 Gardendale Ave.) can provide sand bags and sand can be obtained from Hollydale Park
- Regularly listen to weather forecasts and public service announcements during the storm season
- Purchase or renew your flood insurance policies
- Check your car. Make sure your car's tires have good tread and that your windshield wipers work well. Your headlights should always be on in the rain!
- Don't risk your life. During significant storm events, avoid waterways, flood control channels, which can all rapidly swell and become extremely dangerous.



Welcome New Businesses!

Carramax
 Delite Nail and Spa
 Isabella's Flower Shop and Party
 Libreria Café San Miguel
 Quality Body Shop
 South Gate Foot Spa

Calendar of Events

City Council Meetings

January 12th & 26th at 6:30pm
 City Hall Council Chambers
 8650 California Avenue

Tweedy Mile Association General Member Meeting

January 12th at 12pm
 Traffic School
 4126 Tweedy Blvd.

South Gate Chamber of Commerce General Member Meeting

January 19th at 10am
 Chamber of Commerce
 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

Phone
 (323) 563-9535

Email
ecodev@sogate.org

Mobile App
 South Gate Connect

For additional ways to stay informed and prepared for the expected storms of El Niño this winter, please visit the City of South Gate's website at: www.cityofsouthgate.org or e-mail us at PWengineering@sogate.org.



Get Engaged with Social Media!

Interact with the City and gain useful information through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Please go 'Like' and 'Follow' us now!

Free Tax Credit Workshops

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) will host a series of free workshops across California designed to help businesses apply for the California Competes Tax Credit (CCTC). The CCTC is an income tax credit available to businesses that want to come to California or stay and grow in California. This program is open to any business planning to create new full-time jobs in the state, regardless of size or location.



The CCTC application period starts January 4, 2016, with \$75 million in tax credits available. The deadline to submit applications is January 25, 2016, at 11:59 p.m. The online application can be accessed at www.calcompetes.ca.gov.

If you have any questions regarding the workshops or application process, please contact the Go-Biz office at (916) 322-4051 or send an email to CalCompetes@gov.ca.gov.

Award Winning Recycling Facility in South Gate

South Gate is home to Interior Removal Specialist, Inc. (IRS Demo), an award winning recycling facility that provides commercial interior demolition and recycling services. Currently, the company guts existing buildings and removes the interior non-structural elements. For instance, when a tenant occupying the 50th floor of a high rise building vacates, the tenant will hire IRS Demo to remove walls, ceilings and flooring so that the next tenant can remodel the space.



What sets IRS Demo apart from other demolition companies is their ability to recycle, almost anything! They are the only demolition contractor that recycles ceiling tile and carpet, office furniture and one of three demolition contractors that recycles drywall in the region.

IRS Demo offers a unique donation program to local and international charities and non-profits. Every month, they donate between 30 and 100 tons of recovered items. To date, they have donated more than 8,000 tons of materials, and kept all of those useable materials out of landfills. As a result, they have been featured on television shows such as Ellen's Design Challenge and The History Channel. They have also won awards including, the Los Angeles County Green Leadership Award and the very first Innovation Award given out by the International Solid Waste Association.

IRS Demo provides nearly 300 jobs to local residents. Most of their employees commute directly from their homes to the demolition jobsites; and nearly 60 employees report to the South Gate facility located at 8990 Atlantic Avenue.

Through regular facility tours and educational seminars given to local and international audiences, IRS Demo is educating people about true diversion and environmental stewardship.



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

Business Loans 101
Tuesday, January 12th
3pm to 5pm

Small Business Orientation
Wednesday, January 13th
9:00am to 10:00am

Marketing 101
Thursday, January 14th
3:00pm to 5:00pm

Federal/State Payroll Tax Seminar
Wednesday, January 20th
9:00am to 3:00pm


More Info: (562) 938-5020
www.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