



## Building Better Business Connections

Local businesses are the driving force in the local economy and provide a quality of life for the citizens they serve. For these reasons, the City of South Gate is committed to assisting in the success of our business community, and increasing communication with business owners. To achieve this goal, we (the city) are reaching out to you (the business owner) through this monthly newsletter to make businesses aware of the many resources and services available to them. The newsletter will be published on a monthly basis, and include a variety of features including business tools, zoning and planning updates; legislative issues concerning the business community and workforce. Our monthly newsletter is available to you on the City's website at [www.cityofsouthgate.org/business](http://www.cityofsouthgate.org/business). To subscribe to receive the newsletter via email visit [www.cityofsouthgate.org/list](http://www.cityofsouthgate.org/list), and register



## Shining a bright light on the Tweedy Mile Business District!

South Gate recognizes the connection between an aesthetically pleasing atmosphere and a flourishing business environment. In *light* of this, the City Council approved installation of decorative street tree lights on Tweedy Boulevard from State Street to Hunt Avenue; a corridor commonly known as the Tweedy Mile Business District! Construction is under way and will be completed in late November 2015.



By installing decorative street tree lighting on approximately 171 street trees, the City of South Gate (City) aims to enhance the visual appeal and attractiveness of the Tweedy Mile Business District and provide an inviting place that can attract new businesses and enhance a patron's shopping experience. The lights will enhance pedestrian experience and visual appeal of the district by creating a comfortable, attractive and walkable environment, inadvertently attracting more shoppers. The Tweedy Mile Tree Lighting Project will create an attractive environment that will evoke a sense of pride for South Gate residents and all who work and shop in the Tweedy Mile Shopping District.

Join the South Gate City Council for the official unveiling and lighting ceremony on Thursday, November 19th at 5pm on Tweedy Blvd., between San Antonio Avenue and San Carlos Avenue (street closure). The event will have live music, arts and crafts, free pumpkin pie, photobooth, and a free raffle to win gift cards to restaurants and stores on Tweedy Blvd.

## Welcome New Businesses!

Delite Nail & Spa  
 Hollydale Mini Mart  
 HoneyD Salon  
 Magic Sun Flowers  
 My Style Clothing Store  
 Taco Bell  
 Tony's Towing  
 Tweedy Hair Studio  
 Reyes Carved Frame  
 Smog of Orange County  
 Streamline Collision  
 South Gate Pack'n Ship, LLC  
 Wireless Phone Center

## Calendar of Events

**Tweedy Blvd. Tree Lighting Ceremony & Community Event**  
 November 19, 2015 from 5pm - 7pm  
 On Tweedy Blvd., between San Antonio Ave. and San Carlos Ave.  
 (street closure)

**City Council Meetings**  
 November 10th and November 24th  
 City Hall Council Chambers  
 at 6:30pm

**Tweedy Mile Association**  
**General Member Meeting**  
 November 3, 2015 at 12pm  
 Weaver Leland Library

**South Gate Chamber of Commerce**  
**General Member Meeting**  
 Postponed

## 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](http://www.cityofsouthgate.org/business)

Phone  
 (323) 563-9535

Email  
[ecodev@sogate.org](mailto:ecodev@sogate.org)

Mobile App  
 South Gate Connect



## South Gate Business Recognized by Senator Ricardo Lara

Glasswerks Inc. was awarded the Excellence in Business Award by Senator Ricardo Lara in recognition for their contributions to the community. They are strong supporters of local public safety agencies through their donations of glass for training purposes, and work closely with Southern California Edison to support their Energy Efficiency Programs. Senator Lara honored Glasswerks Inc. during the 2015 Excellence in Business Award Ceremony in Long Beach on October 1, 2015.



Glasswerks Inc. is a leading commercial and architectural glass fabricator that opened its headquarters in South Gate in 2009. As a result of their business expansion efforts, they have two locations in the city (2323 Firestone Blvd. and 8600 Rheem Avenue), and have approximately 350 employees. They specialize in glass products and services, such as laminated glass; bullet resistant and hurricane proof glass; glass doors and entry systems. Glasswerks Inc. estimates to sell over 68 million pounds of glass this year. Congratulations to Glasswerks, Inc.!

## Business Sign Permit Process

Are you a business owner and would like to obtain a sign permit? Follow these five simple steps:

- STEP 1** – Download the Sign Permit Application and Site Plan Sample at [www.cityofsouthgate.org/Planning](http://www.cityofsouthgate.org/Planning).
- STEP 2** – Complete the application and draft three (3) copies of plans showing elevations, image of sign and site plan.
- STEP 3** – Submit the application with three (3) copies of plans and payment of \$69 for design review to the Planning Division. The Planning Division will take approximately one (1) week to review your application, providing the application is complete and satisfies all requirements.
- STEP 4** – After Planning Division approval, you will need structural and electrical approval from the Building & Safety Division. Submit two (2) sets of plans to the Building & Safety Division and pay the plan check fee based on the valuation of the sign(s). The Building & Safety Division will take approximately two (2) weeks to review your plans.
- STEP 5** – Upon structural/electrical sign permit approval, the business owner's contractor must pick-up the permit and pay the fee balance. Sign permits are only issued to licensed contractors.

Please keep in mind that the following signs are prohibited: portable, folding, A-Frame, other similar type signs and roof signs. Temporary signs, such as banners and windows signs are only allowed for ninety (90) days.

If you have any further question or would like assistance, you can visit the Planning Division at 8650 California Avenue, South Gate, CA 90280 on Monday-Thursday from 7:30am - 5:30pm or contact the Planning Division at (323) 563-9514.

South Gate Connect

### South Gate Connect App

Did you know the City has a smart phone app? The "South Gate Connect" app allows residents and businesses to request city services such as tree trims, graffiti removal and other services. Download it for FREE today!



## RESOURCES FOR YOUR BUSINESS

### Free Business Workshops

#### Business 101

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015

#### Marketing 101

Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015

#### Small Business Orientation

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015

#### How to Estimate Start-Up Cost & Cash Flow

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

#### All workshops are held at:

El Camino College  
13430 Hawthorne Blvd.  
Hawthorne, CA 90250

**Time:** 3:00pm to 5:00pm

**Cost:** Free

**More Info:** (562) 938-5020

[www.smallbizla.org](http://www.smallbizla.org)

### South Gate Chamber of Commerce

Business Resource Center  
(323) 567-1203  
[www.southgatecc.org](http://www.southgatecc.org)

### Tweedy Mile Business Association

(323) 564-8233  
[www.tweedymile.org](http://www.tweedymile.org)

### Business License/ Special Event Permits/ Change of Ownership

(323) 563-9527  
[www.cityofsouthgate.org](http://www.cityofsouthgate.org)

### HubCities Consortium

One-Stop Career Center  
(323) 586-4700  
[www.hubcities.com](http://www.hubcities.com)

### Bulky Item Pick-Up

(800) 774-0222  
[www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

### Report Illegal Dumping

(323) 357-5802

### Report Graffiti Hotline

(800) 430-8455