



# Business Connection

CITY OF SOUTH GATE

June 2018

## South Gate Police Business Watch Program

The City's Police Department recently launched the Business Watch Program to provide business owners and employees with crime prevention strategies and techniques they can apply to help reduce crime. The Program will help establish partnerships among businesses, the South Gate Police Department, and other organizations that represent business interests. In addition, the Program will allow business owners to take an active part in preventing and reducing crime by sharing information, raising awareness, and improving communications.

### The goals of the Business Watch Program include:

- Improve communication between business owners and the South Gate Police Department.
- Provide education and information to business owners to help reduce crime in targeted areas.
- Educate business owners and employees how to be observant and aware of any suspicious activity or individuals.
- Encourage business owners to utilize security measures to the fullest extent in order to deter crime.



### How does the Business Watch Program work?

The South Gate Police Department offers training for business owners and employees free of charge on a variety of topics including reporting suspicious activity, shoplifting, and robbery prevention. The Program coordinates Business Watch meetings on a regular basis to discuss local crime trends and concerns, and establishes communication among businesses in a specific area.

To learn more about the Business Watch Program, contact the Business Watch Coordinator at (323) 563-5465 or via email at [marodiriguez@sogate.org](mailto:marodiriguez@sogate.org). The City encourages all business owners to participate in the Business Watch Program. Together we can make a difference!

### Crime Prevention Tips:

The following safety tips can help you reduce your chances of becoming a victim:

- Secure all points of entry at your business. Many criminals will use roof vents, ducts or roof access doors to gain entry.
- Have a trusted professional audit your security: locks, alarms, doors, windows and walls (thin walls can be a good entry point).
- Exterior lights deter thieves; keep lights on or have motion activated lights in dark areas.
- Do not leave money in your store overnight.
- Do not make deposits on a regular interval, consider alternating your schedule.

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## Welcome New Businesses!

**85<sup>th</sup> Bakery Cafe**  
5831 Firestone Blvd.

**7-11 Store**  
10840 Garfield Avenue

**Gloss Boutique**  
2725 Tweedy Blvd.

**Sanluz Boutique**  
9840 Bowman Avenue

**Prius Hybrid Repair Shop**  
9533 Atlantic Avenue

**The Sherwin-Williams Company**  
5820 Firestone Blvd #100

## Calendar of Events

### City Council Meetings

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

### Planning Commission Meeting

June 19th at 7:00pm  
City Hall Council Chambers  
8650 California Avenue

### South Gate Chamber of Commerce

#### General Board Meeting

June 21st 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](http://www.cityofsouthgate.org/business)

Phone  
(323) 563-9535

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

Mobile App  
South Gate Connect



## Crime Prevention Tips Continued...

- Advertise a policy of cooperating with local law enforcement and prosecuting all shoplifters.
- Teach employees to be aware of persons who are loitering or behaving in a suspicious manner.
- To heighten awareness of would-be thieves, greet all customers; make on-going contacts with customers in your business
- Audit inventory to identify losses. Do not overlook the possibility of embezzlement or internal thefts. Employees make up a significant percentage of annual loss in businesses.
- Maintain key control. Know who has keys to your business; collect keys from those who leave employment.

## Coming Soon - South Gate Plaza

On June 12, 2018, the City Council approved a mixed use project that will consist of a 5 story building with 91 market rate residential units and commercial suites at the southwest corner of Tweedy Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue. The development will include two levels of commercial and office uses facing the Atlantic Avenue frontage, and residential units on the upper three levels facing Pinehurst Avenue.



The residential apartment building will incorporate a modern architectural style, making use of materials such as smooth finish stucco, metal coping, vision glass, exterior wood siding and exposed precision block. The building forms a private landscaped amenity courtyard on the third floor to serve as its focal point with features such as laundry facilities, community room and gymnasium for the benefit and use of building residents.

The residential building will consist of 23 one-bedroom units, 50 two-bedroom units, and 18 three-bedroom units. The main commercial building measuring 10,386 square feet faces Atlantic Avenue and backs-up to the proposed residential parking structure. Approximately 3,760 square feet of office space will be provided in two suites located on the second level above the main commercial building. The anchor tenant building measuring 213,540 square feet will be on the corner of Tweedy Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue. There will be two smaller freestanding commercial buildings measuring 4,053 and 7,744 square feet on the northwest and southern perimeter respectively of the proposed development. It is anticipated that this project will be completed by Fall 2019.



## 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

**Make Your Website Work for You**  
June 21st at 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**How to Estimate Start-Up Costs and Cash Flow**  
June 21st at 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

**Marketing 101**  
June 21st at 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Networking 101- 15**  
**Second Elevator Pitch**  
June 26th at 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm


**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