

# Business Report



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## You Can Help Someone Find A Job!

Norwalk's Department of Social Services is requesting that residents inform the department of any job openings at businesses in Norwalk and surrounding cities. The information will be followed up and posted for public viewing on the Social Services job board located at 11929 Alondra Blvd. The information will greatly help residents find a job in the local area. To contact Social Services, please call (562) 929-5544.



## Renew Business Licenses To Avoid Penalty



Norwalk businesses are reminded that all non-renewed business licenses expired on December 31, 2006 and renewal fees must be paid on or by Wednesday, January 31 to avoid penalty charges. Starting Thursday, February 1, a penalty fee of 5 percent plus 0.5 percent interest shall be added to each business license that remains unpaid on the first day of each month after the due date.

Renewals can be made either by mail or in person. When making a payment, please bring or mail the signed and completed renewal form along with the payment. Acceptable forms of payment are cash, check, or credit card (MasterCard or VISA only).

All retail, wholesale, and manufacturing business owners must submit their renewal form along with a completed annual statement of gross receipts form, which was enclosed with their 2006 renewal. Renewals cannot be processed if this form is not provided. If one is not received or was misplaced, please call (562) 929-5713 to request a form reprint. To obtain a business license in person, please go to the Finance Department at Norwalk City Hall, located at 12700 Norwalk Blvd. Room 5.



## Business Beautification Applications Now Available

The City of Norwalk Community Promotion Commission is inviting all businesses to participate in the 2007 Business Beautification Contest. Businesses will be judged based on their general appearance, maintenance, use of landscaping, neighborhood impact, and creativity. Winners will receive Business Beautification certificates and gift certificates from Lowes Home Improvement Center. The deadline to return completed applications is April 20. For more information, please contact the Community Information Office at (562) 929-5735.

### City of Norwalk Community Promotion Commission Official Business Beautification Contest Application

**DEADLINE: April 20, 2007**

For Business Beautification Award nominations, please choose one category:

- Most Improved    Religious Building    Lending Institution    Restaurant    Institutional Building  
 Industrial Building    Commercial Building    Retail Center    Service Station    Special Recognition

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address & Cross Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Return entry form to: **Community Promotion Commission Home & Business Beautification Contest Awards** Norwalk City Hall, Room 1, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650.

The nomination form for business beautification awards is printed above. Previous award winners from last year are not eligible for nomination. For more information, please call (562) 929-5735. All nominations must comply with City of Norwalk building codes.

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# An Enlightening Seminar Hosted by the Chamber of Commerce

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The Hispanic Business Development Committee, (HBC), a division of the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce looks out for the welfare of small businesses in the area. A survey taken among small business owners revealed that many view their high electric bills as an impediment to business growth. As a result, the committee joined with Southern California Edison, (SCE) to host a free program about replacing regular light bulbs with low-energy-consuming ones resulting in lower electric bills. SCE also performed a Free Energy inspection in which they recommended further changes that require a financial investment.

The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce and HBC are hosting a seminar in February featuring the Small Business Administration, SCE, and local contractors to discuss inexpensive renovation to save electricity costs. Small businesses wanting to save money from inefficient electrical, heating, refrigeration (restaurants and food markets), and air conditioning systems should attend this free, bilingual seminar.

The Seminar is on Tuesday February 6, from 2p.m. to 5p.m. in the Southern California Edison conference room, 9901 Geary Ave., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670. To sign-up and receive information, call the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce at (562) 864-7785.

## Overview of Presenters

**Southern California Edison (SCE)** will explain incentives and rebates customers may receive when they participate in SCE's program. The amount of the discount depends on each small business.

**Small Business Administration (SBA)** is a government agency that provides support services for small businesses. You will be able to speak with Business Counselors at the seminar; describe your business needs and determine what steps are necessary to apply for low-interest capital loans for remodeling your electric, plumbing and electrical systems. SBA has arranged for banks and loan officers to be present to meet with you.

**Norwalk Chamber of Commerce & HBC** will provide assistance by having contractors from the refrigeration, electrical and plumbing fields available to answer your questions about the costs involved in making the necessary changes.

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