

# BUSINESS REPORT

## BUSINESS COMMUNITY UPDATE

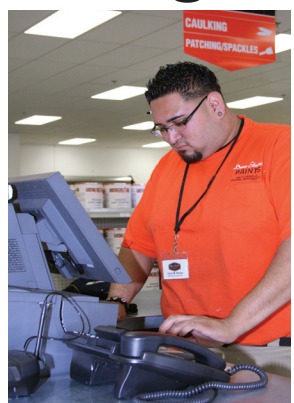


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### Getting the Job Dunn in Norwalk



Victor Ramos, sales associate trainee in action.

Dunn-Edwards Paints, a century-old institution in painting and supplies, celebrated the opening of store #145 in Norwalk's Paddison Square. The president and CEO, Michael J. Badar, attended the ribbon cutting ceremony that included food from Tommy's Burgers, visits from City Council, the Chamber of Commerce and performances by the Norwalk-Santa Fe Springs Saints Cheerleaders.

The company headquarters are in Los Angeles and include a combination of family-owned and employee-owned businesses in California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. The 100th employee-owned store will open this year and as of 2001, Dunn-Edwards was the largest employee-owned paint manufacturer in the U.S. with nearly 1,800 employees. They have manufacturing facilities in both Los Angeles and Tempe, AZ.



One of the biggest impacts Dunn-Edwards makes to the paint industry is its water-based paint. They are one of the first companies to remove Ethylene Glycol (EG), a hazardous substance and toxic air contaminant, from its water-based paints. As the City of Norwalk moves closer to being the greenest city in the nation, this fact is essential for keeping resident homes as environment-friendly as possible.

Dunn-Edwards caters to the professional painter plus the average consumer and provides a complete line of premium architectural paint, supplies and equipment. The business itself provides new job opportunities for residents and locals and their presence in the newly remodeled Paddison Square is a welcome addition to the City.

### Norwalk's Newest Starbucks Features Drive Thru



Pictured above are Regional Director Rose Hunt, Store Manager Tina Proctor, and Luz Enriquez Assistant Store Manager.

On January 18, Norwalk officials visited the newly opened Starbucks store located at the corner of Rosecrans Ave. and Shoemaker Ave. Rose Hunt, Starbuck's Regional Director, accepted the Community Spotlight Certificate on behalf of the company with the rest of the new Starbucks' team. The new Starbucks has all the amenities that come standard with this international coffee chain and a feature not commonly found at other Starbucks.

The store occupies the northeast corner of Rosecrans Ave. and Shoemaker Ave. Since it was built on a large enough piece of property, the new Starbucks comes equipped with a drive-thru. The possibility of a drive thru was one of the major features that attracted Starbucks to the site when they were considering locations. Drive-thrus are becoming an increasingly important component to Starbuck's future development and one that is more often sought by customers.



The new store is approximately 1,500 square feet, and the fifth Starbucks store in Norwalk. This addition will help alleviate the massive customer flow experienced at their other Norwalk locations.



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### The Seventh Annual Municipal Green Building Conference & Expo

Date: Thursday, April 17, 2008

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Lunch provided.)

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** Southern California Gas Company's Energy Resource Center  
9240 Firestone Blvd., Downey, CA 90241

To register go to [www.socalgas.com/erc](http://www.socalgas.com/erc)

*Feature keynote speaker:*  
*Van Jones, Esq.*

*Ella Baker Center for Human Rights and Green for All*

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The Los Angeles Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council and The Gas Company™ present the Seventh Annual Municipal Green Building Conference and Expo: Securing a Sustainable Southland. Come discover the benefits of building green at the only education and demonstration forum specifically designed for Southland municipalities and the regional design community.

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- Consider how to "green" existing buildings, effecting the "triple bottom line".

The Gas Company offers a variety of energy-related seminars as part of its commitment to provide its business customers with exceptional service. We hope you will join us for this important educational opportunity.

**Reminder:** Check out Friday's post-conference LEED® for New Construction Technical Review offered by the U.S. Green Building Council.

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