

## I-5 Freeway Widening Update



The I-5 Corridor Improvement Project includes widening the freeway from the Orange County line to the I-605 interchange.

Design plans for the Valley View segment in La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs, and Cerritos were completed last year and the project was awarded to Security Paving over this past summer. Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-November.

The improvements include the addition of one general purpose lane and one high occupancy vehicle lane in each direction. Construction within La Mirada involves the reconstruction of the Valley View Avenue bridge. The new bridge will span the widened freeway and the railroad crossing located to the south of the freeway. Firestone Boulevard north and south of the freeway will be realigned to accommodate the freeway widening.

"The Valley View Avenue bridge will be reduced to a single lane in each direction for an extended period of time beginning in early 2017," says Public Works Director Mark Stowell. "Motorists are encouraged to begin considering alternate routes.

For more information on the I-5 Corridor Improvement Projects, visit [I-5info.com](http://I-5info.com) or call (855) 454-6335.



## La Mirada Encourages Disaster Preparedness

The City of La Mirada is joining the Ready Campaign and Citizen Corps to encourage households, businesses, and communities to prepare and plan for emergencies.

Businesses can do much to prepare for the impact of the many hazards they face in today's world including natural hazards and widespread serious illnesses; human-caused hazards including accidents, acts of violence, and acts of terrorism; and technology-related hazards such as the failure or malfunction of systems, equipment or software.

Ready Business is a group that assists businesses in developing a preparedness program with tools to create plans that address the impact of many hazards. This website utilizes a five-step all hazards approach. The five steps in developing a preparedness program are Program Management; Planning; Implementation; Testing and Exercises; and Program Improvement. For more information on the business preparedness plan, visit [Ready.gov/business](http://Ready.gov/business).

Businesses are also encouraged to join La Mirada's Disaster Preparedness Steering Committee (DPSC). The DPSC promotes a coordinated community-wide approach to emergency preparedness and planning efforts by providing education and training to members of residential and business communities.

For more information or to have your business added to the DPSC distribution list for upcoming meetings, contact the La Mirada Public Safety Department at (562) 902-2960.

## Local Businesses Recognized by County Sanitation Districts

Four La Mirada businesses have been named "Good Corporate Citizens" by the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County for 2015. La Mirada firms receiving the award include Georgia Pacific, Solid State Devices, Union Oil Company of California, and Suburban Water Systems.

This is the eighth consecutive year Solid State Devices has received the award: seventh consecutive year Suburban Water Systems has received the award; and third consecutive year Georgia Pacific and Union Oil Company of California have received the award.

These La Mirada businesses achieved full compliance with all Sanitation Districts' industrial waste requirements for the 2015 calendar year. They met limits for wastewater discharge for at least one year, maintained their environmental equipment, and fulfilled all permit requirements.

This is the twentieth year of the "Good Corporate Citizens" recognition program and it has assisted in increasing compliance with the Sanitation Districts' regulations. The Sanitation Districts are a partnership of 23 independent special districts serving about 5.7 million people in 78 cities and unincorporated territory within Los Angeles County. The Sanitation Districts provide economically sound, cost effective wastewater and solid waste management, and in the process convert waste into resources such as reclaimed water, energy, and recycled materials.

For more information about the recognition and the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles, visit [lacsdc.org](http://lacsdc.org).

# La Mirada Launches New Service Request System, Smartphone App "My La Mirada"



The City of La Mirada recently launched "My La Mirada", the smartphone application and web portal for businesses and residents to access local services. My La Mirada enables users to submit, track, and view service requests through their smartphones or online.

Businesses can submit a variety of service requests and report issues such as graffiti, trash and debris, parking violations, broken street signs, abandoned property, public records requests, and more using one convenient system. Requests and issues are delivered to City staff and are tracked from start to finish. Users have the option to receive notifications, real-time status updates, and comments on the submitted requests.

My La Mirada enhances communication between businesses and City staff. In-app widgets provide information about local news, events, public facilities, and more.

The "My La Mirada" smartphone app can be downloaded for free from the Apple App Store and Google Play. Service requests can also be submitted online at [cityoflamirada.org](http://cityoflamirada.org).

For more information on the "My La Mirada" system, visit [cityoflamirada.org](http://cityoflamirada.org) or call (562) 943-0131.



## BOE Business Resources

The State Board of Equalization (BOE) is responsible for tax administration and fee collection in the state of California. The BOE oversees four broad areas: sales and use taxes, property taxes, special taxes, and acting as an appellate body for franchise and income tax appeals (which are collected by the Franchise Tax Board).

The BOE offers free workshops, expos, and seminars to educate and assist businesses. Workshops and seminars are

offered on a variety of topics including Record Keeping for Small Businesses, Basic Sales & Use Tax/Tax Return Prep, Internet/Home-Based Business, and Manufacturing Exemption/GO-Biz Tax Credits. Registrations for these events can be accessed by visiting [boe.ca.gov](http://boe.ca.gov) and clicking the "Speakers Bureau & Tax Seminars" link.

For additional information or assistance, visit the Norwalk District Office at 12440 E. Imperial Highway, Ste. 200, Norwalk, CA 90650-8397 or call (562) 466-1694.

## La Mirada Property Values Continue to Rise



Property values in La Mirada have grown by more than 4.5 percent during the past year according to a recent report by the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office. La Mirada's assessed value increase between 2015-16 and 2016-17 was \$265 million, and total city-wide assessed value reached its highest mark ever at \$6,051,859,016. The increase in value is attributed primarily to the Assessor's adjustment pursuant to Proposition 13 and re-assessments of property that were sold prior to January 1, 2016. The new figures were part of the 2016 Assessment Roll released by the Assessor's Office.

For more information, contact the City's Economic Development Team at (562) 943-0131.

## La Mirada welcomes the following new businesses:

ADL  
15900 Imperial Hwy.

National Auto Parts  
14379 Industry Cir.

Business Efficiency Solutions, LLC  
14752 Beach Blvd., #123.

New Dental Supply Inc.  
14747 Artesia Blvd. STE 5K

Ca Eyebrow Threading Beauty Salon  
14561 Telegraph Rd.

Pei Chen  
15843 1/2 Imperial Hwy.

Melanie Raquel Photography  
14817 Crossroads Rd.

Trademax International Corp.  
14101 Rosecrans Ave. Unit H

Midwest Capital Consulting  
4752 Beach Blvd. Ste. 202

Woudenberg Enterprises  
14923 Desman Rd.

