



**MISSION OF THE  
HAWTHORNE  
CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE**

*To act as a spokesperson for the business and professional community and translate into action the group thinking of its members.*

*To render specific services to members and the community as a whole.*

All businesses within and around the City of Hawthorne are invited to join the Chamber and participate in its various community events.

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All Chamber members are welcome to attend the General Board meetings held the first Wednesday of every month at 8 am at the Chamber office.

**May & June 2008**

**38th Annual Installation of Officers and  
Civic Awards Presentation**

***OUR SUCCESS IS YOUR SUCCESS!***

**Thursday June 19, 2008**

**Hawthorne Memorial Center**

**3901 West El Segundo Boulevard, Hawthorne**

**Registration 11:00 am · Program At 12:00 pm**

*Contact the Chamber Office for Ticket  
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**\*\*No Mixer in May due to the Annual K9 Dinner**

**\*\*No Mixer in June due to the Annual Chamber Installation**

**July Mixer— Shafaa Halal, Thursday July 17th, 12211 Hawthorne Blvd.**

**All Mixers Start at 5:30 pm. Networking, Food, Prizes and More!**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hawthorne is moving forward. We need to count our Blessings!

New Businesses are moving in faster than we can count.

Our purpose in life is to please God not people, and that is why our city is flourishing. The City Council makes it a point to have a prayer before each and every meeting and PRAYER CHANGES THINGS!

The way you see your life shapes your life. How you define life determines your destiny. Your perspective will influence how you invest your time, spend your money, use your talents and value your relationships. (We

don't see things as they are, we see them as we are; by Anais Nin)

Since I am Blessed to be the President of the Hawthorne Chamber, I feel I must as a Christian encourage every person that I speak and write to.

The Hawthorne chamber wants to encourage businesses to get involved with our mixers (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month) and committee's. We need business to commit to having our mixer's at their business.

Mixers help you get acquainted with other businesses in our community. We do encourage our city to purchase products and services which will boost

revenues.

Please don't forget our Installation Luncheon on June 19, 2008, 12:00pm (noon) sharp at the Memorial Center.

Patricia Donaldson,  
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## NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 CURRENT NEWS New Cell Phone Laws

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**New Cellular Phone Laws That Go Into Effect July 1, 2008 from the Department of Motor Vehicles Website at [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov)**

Two new laws dealing with the use of wireless telephones while driving go into effect July 1, 2008. Below is a list of Frequently Asked Questions concerning these new laws.

**Q: When do the new wireless telephone laws take effect?**

A: The new laws take effect July 1, 2008.

**Q: What is the difference between the two laws?**

A: The first prohibits all drivers from using a handheld wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle, (Vehicle Code (VC) §23123). Motorists 18 and over may use a "hands-free device." Drivers under the age of 18 may NOT use a wireless telephone or hands-free device while operating a motor vehicle (VC §23124).

**Q: What if I need to use my tele-**

**phone during an emergency, and I do not have a "hands-free" device?**

A: The law allows a driver to use a wireless telephone to make emergency calls to a law enforcement agency, a medical provider, the fire department, or other emergency services agency.

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**CURRENT NEWS** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2**Q: What are the fines(s) if I'm convicted?**

A: The base fine for the FIRST offense is \$20 and \$50 for subsequent convictions. With the addition of penalty assessments, the fines can be more than triple the base fine amount.

**Q: Will I receive a point on my driver license if I'm convicted for a violation of the wireless telephone law?**

A: No. The violation is a reportable offense, however, DMV will not assign a violation point.

**Q: Will the conviction appear on my driving record?**

A: Yes, but the violation point will not be added.

**Q: Will there be a grace period when motorists will only get a warning?**

A: No. The law becomes effective July 1, 2008. Whether a citation is issued is always at the discretion of the officer based upon his or her determination of the most appropriate remedy for the situation.

**Q: Are passengers affected by this law?**

A: No. This law only applies to the person driving a motor vehicle.

**Q: Do these laws apply to out-of-state drivers whose home states do not have such laws?**

A: Yes.

**Q: Can I be pulled over by a law enforcement officer for using my handheld wireless telephone?**

A: Yes. A law enforcement officer can pull you over just for this infraction.

**Q: What if my phone has a push-to-talk feature, can I use that?**

A: No. The law does provide an exception for those operating a commercial motor truck or truck tractor (excluding pickups), implements of husbandry, farm vehicle or tow truck, to use a two-way radio operated by a "push-to-talk" feature. However, a push-to-talk feature attached to a hands-free ear piece or other hands-free device is acceptable.

**Q: What other exceptions are there?**

A: Operators of an authorized emergency vehicle during the course of employment are exempt, as are those motorists operating a vehicle on private

property.

**DRIVERS 18 AND OVER**

Drivers 18 and over will be allowed to use a "hands-free" device to talk on their wireless telephone while driving. The following FAQs apply to those motorists 18 and over.

**Q: Does the new "hands-free" law prohibit you from dialing a wireless telephone while driving or just talking on it?**

A: The new law does not prohibit dialing, but drivers are strongly urged not to dial while driving.

**Q: Will it be legal to use a Bluetooth or other earpiece?**

A: Yes, however you cannot have BOTH ears covered.

**Q: Does the new "hands-free" law allow you to use the speaker phone function of your wireless telephone while driving?**

A: Yes.

**Q: Does the new "hands-free" law allow drivers 18 and over to text message while driving?**

A: The law does not specifically prohibit that, but an officer can pull over and issue a citation to a driver of any age if, in the officer's opinion, the driver was distracted and not operating the vehicle safely. Sending text messages while driving is unsafe at any speed and is strongly discouraged.

**DRIVERS UNDER 18****Q: Am I allowed to use my wireless telephone "hands-free"?**

A: No. Drivers under the age of 18 may not use a wireless telephone, pager, laptop or any other electronic communication or mobile services device to speak or text while driving in any manner, even "hands-free." EXCEPTION: Permitted in emergency situations to call police, fire or medical authorities (VC §23124).

**Q: Why is the law stricter for provisional drivers?**

A: Statistics show that teen drivers are more likely than older drivers to be involved in crashes because they lack driving experience and tend to take greater risks. Teen drivers are vulnerable to driving distractions such as

talking with passengers, eating or drinking, and talking or texting on wireless devices, which increase the chance of getting involved in serious vehicle crashes.

**Q: Can my parents give me permission to allow me to use my wireless telephone while driving?**

A: No. The only exception is an emergency situation that requires you to call a law enforcement agency, a health care provider, the fire department or other emergency agency entity.

**Q: Does the law apply to me if I'm an emancipated minor?**

A: Yes. The restriction applies to all licensed drivers who are under the age of 18.

**Q: If I have my parent(s) or someone age 25 years or older in the car with me, may I use my wireless telephone while driving?**

A: No. You may only use your wireless telephone in an emergency situation.

**Q: Will the restriction appear on my provisional license?**

A: No.

**Q: May I use the hands-free feature while driving if my car has the feature built in?**

A: No. The law prohibits anyone under the age of 18 from using any type of wireless device while driving, except in an emergency situation.

**Q: Can a law enforcement officer stop me for using my "hands-free" device while driving?**

A: For drivers under the age of 18, this is considered a SECONDARY violation meaning that a law enforcement officer may cite you for using a "hands-free" wireless device if you were pulled over for another violation. However, the prohibition against using a handheld wireless device while driving is a PRIMARY violation for which a law enforcement officer can pull you over.

The two laws were the result of SB 1613 and SB 33, authored by Assemblyman Joe Simitian and signed into law by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in September 2006.

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## HAWTHORNE HAPPENINGS

### 4th annual Teen Challenge/Mayor Larry Guidi Car Show July 12, 2008, 10 am - 3 pm

The event will be held on Southbound Hawthorne Blvd in the City of Hawthorne (between El Segundo Blvd & 135th, just north of Rosecrans Blvd.)

Trophies will be given in the categories: Best of Show, Euros/Tuners, Original & Custom Cars, Low Riders, Classics, Hot Rods, Muscle Cars, Trucks, Euros/Tuners, SUV, Rat Rods, Bicycles, Motorcycles, Club Participation, Under Construction Plaque

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### South Bay Environmental Excellence Development (SEED) Awards

The South Bay Business Environmental Coalition (SBBEC) is hosting its annual SEED awards ceremony to recognize local businesses, organizations and individuals who have made significant efforts to help the environment. The SBBEC is actively seeking nomi-

nees for these awards. Interested businesses should contact Douglas Krauss with the Hawthorne Public Works Department at 310-349-2987 or visit the SBBEC's website for an application at [www.sbbec.org](http://www.sbbec.org).

The awards program serves to promote environmental awareness and achievement in the local community, especially among businesses. Many companies are unaware that many of the things they do in the normal course of business are very helpful to the environment. Whether it is recycling, or reducing air emissions, or conserving water, these activities should be recognized.

Please contact Douglas Krauss or the SBBEC website to nominate someone for these awards. Nominations are due by June 30th and the awards ceremony will be held September 24, 2008.



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## HAWTHORNE HAPPENINGS by Bob Cawley, Parts & Service Director

### MUCH TO CELEBRATE AT SOUTH BAY FORD LINCOLN MERCURY!

It has been a challenging but very rewarding spring for Gary Premeaux and the team at South Bay Ford Lincoln Mercury! With the closing of Don Kott Ford and Don Kott Lincoln Mercury, combined with the consolidation with our sister store Ford West, we have had to reopen our facility on Hawthorne Blvd. and increase our staff to handle the business. These moves, combined with the continued support of our customers, have helped us become Ford Motor Companies largest servicing dealer in California. That's right;

**Hawthorne, California is home to the #1 Servicing Dealer in California!**

To accompany this wonderful achievement, we have a few other accolades to share. We were awarded the 2007 President's Award from Ford Motor Company. This prestigious award is based upon customer satisfaction and overall productivity. Less than 10% of the dealers nationwide are given the honor. We will be formally receiving the award on June 18<sup>th</sup> during a luncheon held at the dealership.

On a more individual level, we just honored 5 Service Technicians for achieving their Ford Master Technician status. This is a very arduous process that takes several years and a lot of perseverance on the part of the Technician. These men stand at the pinnacle of their profession and we are very

proud of them. We now have 11 Master Technicians on our staff. That number puts us among the top 3 dealers in the state for Ford Master Technicians.

Members of our Parts and Service Staff will also be attending a special banquet in their honor this month for outstanding customer service in 2007. We will be the largest group honored that night with 5 recipients. Our own Frank Parra, a 12 year employee of South Bay Ford Lincoln Mercury, will be recognized as the top Service Advisor in California!

Congratulations to all these wonderful team members and a huge THANK YOU to all our faithful customers in the South Bay. You make it all possible!

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## CANDIDATES FOR 2008-2010 CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are pleased to present the following slate of candidates, six of whom will be elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawthorne Chamber beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2010.

Exercise your voting privilege! Please vote for no more than six (6) candidates and return your ballot to the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce office no later than 5:00 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 2008. Ballots may be mailed or hand delivered to the Hawthorne Chamber office located at: 4444 El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, Ca 90250. Candidates are listed in alphabetical order by last name.

If you have not yet received your ballot contact the chamber office.

**Reza Fakoufar**- Reza is the owner of Hank's Bistro, a full service restaurant and catering service. He has been in Hawthorne for over twenty-five years, and has catered numerous events for the city and the Chamber of Commerce. Reza would be honored to serve as a Board Member for the Hawthorne Chamber, and has offered his restaurant for Chamber mixers on several occasions. He truly cares about our community and will strive to bring to the table exactly what the Chambers looking for, strong leadership for our City!

**Larry Franklin**- Larry has been a member of the Hawthorne Chamber for the past nine years, and has served as a member of the Board and Treasurer for the last eight. He has represented several agencies in the city of Hawthorne, including Hawthorne Savings, Commercial Capital Bank, and WAMU, and currently represents Bay Cities National Bank. Larry welcomes the opportunity to serve on the Board for another term.

**Hamid Haque**- Hamid is the owner of SHAFAA Restaurant in Hawthorne. He is a successful Restaurant Owner (in business from 1998 to present), an entrepreneur and an Aerospace engineer by profession. He has over 35 years experience in development and program management of a large number of systems which are vital for the defense of our nation, and has earned a Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering (MSME) from the University of Washington. Hamid has also completed Executive Marketing Courses from the UCLA Anderson School of Management. Over the years he has developed a close relationship with local businesses and the Aerospace Industry.

**Don Harris**- Don has been an agent for Farmers Insurance since 1977. He has been at his current location on Hawthorne Boulevard since 1989, serving the citizens of Hawthorne and surrounding communities with their insurance needs. Don has

served on the Board of Directors of the Hawthorne Chamber since 2003, and was President of the Board from 2004 – 2006. During his term as president, Don worked to re-establish the Chamber's relationship with City Hall and considers this to be one of the major accomplishments of his presidency. He has supported the Board as Immediate Past President and will continue to do so if elected to the Board.

**Bill Hassin**- Bill is the owner of Auto Acceptance and KIG Properties, which has served the needs of the community for over 20 years. He has done his best to support the Hawthorne Chamber in sponsoring events throughout the years. Bill has participated in the Relay for Life, K-9 Bar-B-Q, Home Depot Child Safety Awareness Day, Hawthorne Cleaning Day and the Hawthorne Christmas Parade. Being in Hawthorne for over 20 years, Bill feels that he knows what our community needs, and he would be more than happy to serve on the Hawthorne Chamber Board of Directors to support an organization that continues to strive on making Hawthorne be all that it can be!

**Brenda Lacy-Roberts**- Brenda is a prominent real estate sales agent in the South Bay community of Los Angeles County and has been serving this area for the past nine years. She is the recipient of numerous sales awards with the Century 21 system, including the Quality Service Award, the Master's Award and Million Dollar Club. She is very active in the City of Hawthorne and currently serves as Secretary of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Hawthorne Lion's Club, a member of the Hawthorne Kiwanis Club, and is active with the Bodger Park Neighborhood Association. Brenda received her undergraduate degree from the University of Redlands and completed graduate work at California State University, Los Angeles. She has provided more than 20 years of service to the underserved communities of Los Angeles to children, adolescents and adults and will continue in that effort.

**David LaSalle**- David has been the Director of Hope is Helping, a non-profit 501c3 in the city of Hawthorne for over five years. He has participated in the State of the City's luncheons for over 4 years. David has dedicated a larger portion of his career to economic development and community development as an operations manager at FAME Renaissance, an economic development subsidiary of 1<sup>st</sup> African Methodist Church in Los Angeles, and prior projects in Detroit, MI leading the effort to provide re-training and job placement for displaced Auto Workers for a measurable improvement in the employment environment.

David has a strong belief that private, public and community partnerships are essential for the health and growth of the city, and will provide any assistance he is able. David has found a second home within the City of Hawthorne having attended many of the events and gaining a continuing appreciation for the energy and potential for the city.

**Alexandre Monteiro**- Alex has a BA and MA in Education and Counseling with a Pupil Personnel Services Credential from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. A Native of Cape Verde Island, Alex arrived in the United States 24 years ago. For the past eighteen years, he has consistently worked with schools, social service agencies and community groups in assuring that underprivileged children receive adequate physical and mental health services, and support structures that positively affect their academic achievement. At the present time, Alex is the President and Chief Executive Office of the Moneta Gardens Improvement, Inc. (MGI), a non-profit organization serving the underprivileged families and children of Hawthorne, and the Chief Administrator for the South Bay Universal Child Development Center, which is also a non-profit organization dedicate to provide early childhood education to our children of Hawthorne.

**Rev. Dr. Tyrone Partee**- Rev. Tyrone is presently the Senior Pastor of Olivet Lutheran Church, and has been for the last six years. Four years ago he was active in organizing the Holly Park Homeowners Association. Rev. Tyrone is a member of both the Hawthorne Kiwanis Club and the Hawthorne Lions Club, and was the President of the Hawthorne-Lawndale Minister's Association in 2005. Presently he is very active in the greater Los Angeles community, serving on the Board of Directors for One Church-One Child of Los Angeles, an adoption ministry program organized through denominational and non-denominational churches. Rev. Tyrone is now finishing his first term on the Board for the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce and is looking forward to serving a second term.

**Frank Ponce**- Frank plays a significant role in the city of Hawthorne, where he owns an apartment building, and helps others buy and sell apartment buildings in Hawthorne. Landlords provide the most important service - a roof over people's heads. Frank also educates landlords on how to select good tenants, and how to rid their buildings of criminal and undesirable elements. Frank believes a good city begins with the landlords because they are the ones who chose who will live in their buildings. It is his goal to help the City of Hawthorne become a better city one building at a time.

**THE HAWTHORNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE*****OUR SUCCESS IS YOUR SUCCESS!***

Dear Community Member,

On behalf of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, I would like to invite you to be a sponsor for our **38<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation of Officers and Civic Awards Presentation**. The Installation will be held Thursday, June 19, 2008, at the Hawthorne Memorial Center, located at 3901 West El Segundo Boulevard, Hawthorne, CA 90250. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. and the program begins at noon. The **Ned Chaffee** and **Citizen of the Year** Awards will be presented, the new Chamber Board members will be introduced, and outgoing Board members will be thanked for their services to our Chamber and our community.

Four levels of sponsorship are available:

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This is **YOUR** Chamber of Commerce, and your participation makes all the difference as we build our future together.

Please mark your calendar and join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our Chamber and continue building a prosperous future together in Hawthorne. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Chamber office at 310.676.1163.

The Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce Thanks You for Your Support!

Patricia Donaldson, President

Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce

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### May Events

- 5/7/08 - Chamber Board meeting, 8 am, Chamber Office
- 5/10/08 - *Happy Mother's Day*
- 5/13/08 - City Council Meeting, 6 pm, Hawthorne City Hall
- 5/15/08 - BBQ Dinner for Hawthorne Police K9 Unit, 5 pm, Hawthorne Memorial Center
- 5/26/08 - Memorial Day
- 5/27/08 - City Council Meeting, 6 pm, Hawthorne City Hall

### June Events

- 6/4/08 - Chamber Board meeting, Special Time., 12 noon, location to be announced
- 6/10/08 - City Council Meeting, 6 pm, Hawthorne City Hall
- 6/19/08 - 38th Annual Chamber Installation and Civic Awards Presentation, Hawthorne Memorial Center
- 6/24/08 - City Council Meeting, 6 pm, Hawthorne City Hall

### July Events

- \*\*7/8/08 - Chamber Board meeting, 8 am, Chamber Office
- 7/12/08 - Teen Challenge/Mayor Guidi Car Show
- 7/17/08 - July Mixer, Shafaa Halal, 12211 Hawthorne Blvd.

List your community or business events here  
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