

“Fast Facts News”
*a bi-monthly overview of government issues & offerings for members of the
Carpinteria Valley Chamber of Commerce (CVCC)*
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***The Healthcare Bill-Will it Affect Your Carpinteria Business?** Join thousands of concerned small & large business owners by joining the American Benefits Council & the National Federation of Independent Business *during a live NATIONAL WEBCAST, “Healthcare Discussion,” Mon., Apr. 26, @ 7 am (PDT).* To participate, please RSVP to Walter Mullan @ wmullan@uschamber.com.

***Free Enterprise-Is It Worth Saving?** US Chamber Officer, Stan Anderson invites Carpinteria business leaders/entrepreneurs to an informative luncheon & presentation, slated for **Mon., Apr. 26, 11:45 am-1:15 pm @ the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, 801 South Victoria #200.** Anderson will discuss how the US Chamber is working with small to large businesses, academic leaders, trade associations & government leaders to enhance the **US Chamber’s New Free Enterprise Zone.** Please RSVP to Brendan Huffman @ Brendan@HuffmanPA.com or call (818) 763-2373 to make a \$10 reservation.

*****Business-After-Hours Mixer:**** This month’s networking opportunity will be held at the office of **Dr. Page Hudson, 5565 Carpinteria Ave., #26, Wed., Apr. 28.** Join dozens of company leaders & plan to promote your business, **5:30-7:30 pm.** Fiesta Theme! Delicious goodies featured, no host bar, raffle prizes galore, members \$5 & non-members \$10 admission fee. Info: Maxine@carpinteriachamber.org.

*****State of the Community Breakfast:**** ‘The Carpinteria Valley Chamber’s ‘must attend’ local event held @ **Rincon Beach Club & Catering, 3805 Santa Claus Ln., Thurs., Apr. 29, 7:30-9:00 am, will feature** Board Supervisor, **Salud Carbajal & Carpinteria Mayor, Gregg Carty,** as they update attendees about our City & County. Community opinion leaders are sure to attend, so the space is limited. **RSVPs are a must by Apr. 22. CVCC members pay only \$20 & \$25 for non-members to attend.** Call 684-5470x10 or send an email to Maxine@carpinteriachamber.org, to reserve your seat.

***FREE Energy-Retrofit Summit:** The County of Santa Barbara, the Housing & Community Development Department, the California Energy Commission & the Workforce Investment Board will feature a **FREE lunch & open house@ the Cabrillo Pavilion, 1118 E. Cabrillo Blvd., in SB, Fri., May 7, 8 am-4 pm.** Information at the summit will ensure that our area is prepared to meet the growing demand for home energy retrofit. **The event will be paired with contractor education & small business support program information.** Please contact Victoria Sanchez with questions @ v.sanchez@sbcsocialserv.org or call (805) 641-4431 to RSVP.

***Assistance for Your Business-Just in Time:** Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger recently signed an executive order establishing the **Governor’s Office of Economic Development (GoED),** to help businesses acquire the **direction, information & resources they need to invest, succeed & expand in California.** GoED is currently open for business & can be contacted toll-free @ **877-345-4633.** You may also log onto www.business.ca.gov for more information.

*****Measure J:**** CVCC members & local business owners, with questions about this upcoming June 8 ballot measure, are urged to visit www.YESonMeasureJ.com & www.citizensagainstpardon.org, You may also send email questions to: lm.rivas@venocoinc.com, (Venoco, Inc.) & to: info@citizensagainstpardon.org, (CAP).

For comments or questions about the information above go to: ibnkist@cox.net.