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BRAVO Awards Honor the *Great Eight*

The City of Bellflower will honor eight worthy recipients at the 20th annual BRAVO Awards held on Thursday, February 6th, 2014.

The award winners are as follows:

L.A. County Sheriff's Dept. Deputy James Colbert, L.A. County Deputy Probation Officer Michael Drayer, L.A. County Sheriff's Dept. Deputy Chuck Gonzalez, L.A. County Sheriff's Dept. Chief Tom Laing, L.A. County Sheriff's Dept. Deputy Will Tawdi, Russell Thompson, L.A. County Fire Inspector Brent Times, Marinus Zwaan, and two high school essay contest winners, Sidney Gao and Eileen Tovar.

The BRAVO Awards will feature Keynote Speaker U.S. Navy SEAL Lieutenant Commander Rorke T. Denver and co-anchor of NBC4 News Colleen Williams will host as Master of Ceremonies. In addition, the Los Angeles County Fire Department Honor Guard and the Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby will participate in the program.

A special presentation will be held in honor of the Granite Mountain Hot-shot's 19 firefighters who died June

30, 2013 at Yarnell Hill, Arizona. Kevin Woyjeck, 21, will be remembered as a hard worker who wanted to follow in the footsteps of his father, Los Angeles County Fire Department

Capt. Joe Woyjeck.

The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the William and Jane Bristol Civic Auditorium (16600 Civic Center

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Colbert



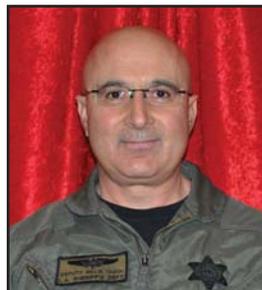
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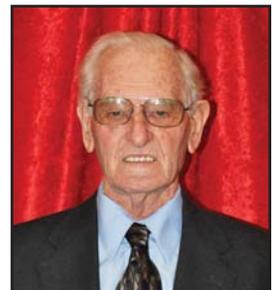
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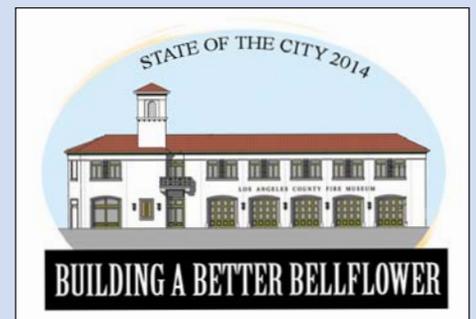
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Bellflower Highlights Business Community

Mayor Ray Dunton will present Bellflower's State of the City address on Thursday, February 20 at 11:30 a.m. in Simms Park Auditorium (16614 South Clark Ave.)

Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at Bellflower City Hall or Simms Park. Themed "Building a Better Bellflower," the luncheon will highlight recent accomplishments and forecast future City projects for the new year.

For more information call (562) 804-1424, ext. 2267.



**City Hall Closed
Monday, February 17
Presidents' Day observed**

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Civic Auditorium (16600 Civic Center Dr., Bellflower) and is free and open to the public.

The BRAVO Awards, which stands for Bellflower Recognizes Acts of Valor and Outstanding Service, honor residents who acted in support of public safety. The BRAVO Awards ceremony is funded entirely through sponsorships from area businesses and individuals, and is one of the City's most prestigious honors. For details call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2267.



Commander Denver Keynote Speaker



Colleen Williams Program Host



Gao



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Book Sale!



Saturday, February 1, 2014
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Community Room - Brakensiek Library
9945 E. Flower St. Bellflower, CA 90706

Sponsored by:
The Friends of the Bellflower Library
<http://friends-of-the-bellflower-library.com/>

Have You Been A 24:7 DAD Today?

Get the fathering skills you need!

Love Note Classes Dates
(5:00 pm - 7:00 pm)

- Tuesday, February 4, 2014
- Tuesday, February 11, 2014
- Tuesday, February 18, 2014
- Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Kingdom Causes Bellflower
16429 Bellflower, CA 90706

For more information:
Jason Barnette - 562-804-2189



Treat Your Valentine to a Great Dinner During *Dine Bellflower* February 13th-15th

The Bellflower Chamber of Commerce is giving out free movie tickets as part of its *Dine Bellflower* Valentine's Day event. Choose from

one of Bellflower businesses (listed) and spend \$25 from February 13th-15th and receive one free ticket. Spend a minimum of \$35 and receive

two tickets. Be sure to turn your receipt for in exchange for the free movie tickets at the Chamber of Commerce office in Downtown Bellflower at 16730 Bellflower Blvd. no later than Wednesday, February 19th. *Supplies are limited.*

Interested in Becoming the Next *Miss Bellflower*?

The competition is beginning soon and the initial orientation has just passed (January 25th) but it's not too late to register. The registration deadline is set for Saturday, March 1st and the contestants will compete on Friday, April 4th at Hosanna Chapel in Downtown Bellflower. Competitors range in age from 13-21 years old and are divided into two sections.

Teens ages 13-16 years compete for Miss Teen Bellflower and ages 17-21 compete for the title Miss Bellflower. To enter, ap-

plicants must live, attend school or church, or work in the City of Bellflower. Certain exceptions do apply and are decided by the Miss Bellflower Committee.

Rehearsals and workshops are held every Friday from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. and also on Saturdays from 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at Simms Park. The workshops are ongoing and will continue until March 29th. The last re-

hearsal is scheduled on Thursday, April 3rd. For additional information or for event details, call Janna Enkhorn at (619) 403-1368.



Participating businesses include four downtown eateries: Catalina's Little Kitchen, Hambone's, Johnny Rebs', and Subway. Denny's, King Taco, Lee's Sandwiches, McDonald's, and Norm's on Lakewood Blvd, along with Starbucks on Bellflower, and Papa John's on Rosecrans are all participating. The deal is also honored at four stores with perfect gifts for your valentine: Atlas Loan & Jewelry, Joy's Massage Therapy, Kinfolk's Country Store, and White House Florist.

Make Valentine's Day memorable and *Dine Bellflower*.

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- Bellko Korean BBQ & BellHana Sushi on ground floor

For more info about floorplans or financing, call HQT Homes at (562) 445-8080 or visit www.hqthomes.com

Help Stop Housing Discrimination

The Fair Housing Foundation is currently recruiting volunteers for the discrimination tester program. The next training is set for Thursday, February 20 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and will be held at Walter Ehlers Community Center located at 8150 Knott Avenue, Buena Park, CA 90621. Attendees who complete the training are eligible for stipends of \$10-\$200 per test that they complete. We accept all races, ethnicities, disabilities, ages, and bilingual volunteers are a plus in all languages. We are currently in need of male volunteers.

Volunteers must:

1. Must speak, read & write English fluently
2. Must be over 18+ years old
3. Cannot have been arrested in the past ten years
4. Must attend and pass the training
5. Must have reliable transportation

Assemblymember Garcia Gets Active in her District

Join Cristina Garcia for a community "Walk and Talk" on Saturday, February 1, 8:00 a.m., at Riverview Park, 10500 Somerset Blvd. in Bellflower.

While taking a leisurely stroll, all walkers will have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss issues

of importance with their state representative, Assemblymember Garcia.

To help those in need, Assemblymember Garcia's office will also be taking donations of new socks and underwear and travel sized toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.) that will be distributed to the homeless and those in need.

The walk begins at 8:00 a.m. sharp!

Additionally, Garcia will open her office doors and welcome the community to tour their new office location and meet the district staff. Learn about constituent services and current legislative ongoings.

The District Open House will be held Thursday, February 6 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at 8255 Firestone Blvd. Ste. 203, Downey, CA 90241. For the open house event, district staff will be accepting a variety of children's books for donation.

For more information or to RSVP call Dennise Silva at (562) 861-5803.



The tester must maintain confidentiality, remain objective and be able to accurately document information. To RSVP call (800) 446-FAIR ext. 1103 and email your resume to MTorres@FairHousingFoundation.com

Bellflower Symphony Orchestra Night at the Opera

Saturday, February 1, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Free admission for members
or Bellflower residents

Donation recommendation:
\$12 Adult - \$10 Student/Senior

For info call (562) 867-4871

Bristol Civic Auditorium
16600 Civic Center Dr.,
Bellflower

The Annual 2014 Recycling Calendar Available at City Hall

The City of Bellflower's 2014 Used Oil Recycling and Pollution Prevention Calendar is available to residents in February free of charge. The calendar features artwork created by local fifth-grade students. Calendars can be picked up at Bellflower City Hall, but supplies are limited. For info call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2249.

Grand Prize:

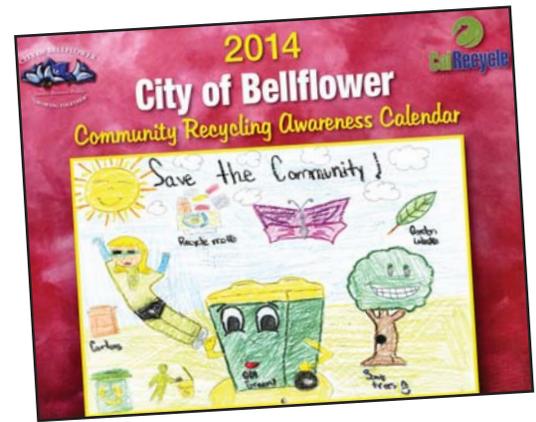
Andrea Hernandez Perales
Ernie Pyle Elementary School

Other Winners:

Rodrigo Padilla
Albert Baxter Elementary School
Tlalleli Salinas
Ramona Elementary School
Dalia Valenzuela
Washington Elementary School
Alissa Gonzalez
Albert Baxter Elementary School
Joy Fahmy
Washington Elementary School
Desiree Guerra & Barbara Tellez
Thomas Jefferson Elementary School

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Melanie Lopez
Stephen Foster Elementary School
Nayari Vasquez-Rodriguez
Stephen Foster Elementary School
Emma Kay Stobaugh
Stephen Foster Elementary School
Elijah Zollinger
Stephen Foster Elementary School
Kenneth Barrera
Thomas Jefferson Elementary School
Abby Marie Gonzalez
Lindstrom Elementary School





PitchHit&Run™

The City of Bellflower will host a free Scotts Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run Competition at
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, 2014
Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.
at T. Mayne Thompson Park

Pitch, Hit and Run is the Official Skills Competition of the MLB. This program is designed to provide youngsters with an opportunity to compete, free of charge, in a competition that recognizes individual excellence in core baseball/softball skills. Competitors are divided into four age groups: 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, and have the opportunity to advance through four levels of competition, including Team Championships at Major League ballparks and the National Finals at the 2014 MLB All Star Game. The individual Pitching, Hitting, and Running champions in each age group at the Local Competition will be awarded and advance to the Sectional Level of Competition. All participants must bring a copy of their birth certificate and fill out a registration/waiver form prior to the start of the competition. For questions concerning the competition, please contact:
Event Coordinator David Soto at 562-866-5684, or at dsoto@bellflower.org.

Library Events

Clifton M. Brakensiek Library
9945 E. Flower St. Bellflower, CA 90706
(562) 925-5543

Reading With Dogs

Thursday, February 6
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Free & open to the public

Practice your reading skills by reading to a Therapy Dog from Beach Animals Reading with Kids (BARK)! Beginning readers are welcome.

Teen Wednesdays

Every Wednesday in February
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Free & open to the public

Hey teens, join us every Wednesday for board games, video games, movies, art activities, tasty snacks, and so much more! Stop by, because there is something different every week! For grades 6-12.

BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 9 TO 18 ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER

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www.bellflowertheater.org
In cooperation with Music Theater International
and the City Of Bellflower Parks and Recreation

Bellflower's Restaurants Take the Spotlight



Above: On January 29th, Chris Burrous (right) from KTLA Channel 5 News interviewed Kenny "Hambone" Hamilton, owner of Hambone's Restaurant for a future segment of *Burrous' Bites*. Burrous travels to meet a KTLA viewer at their favorite hole-in-the-wall restaurant and gives it a try. Hambone's will be featured in an upcoming episode in late February. (approx. date)



Above: U.S. based Korean Food Foundation has selected Bellko Korean BBQ as 1 of 50 restaurants in the Western United States which promotes Korean culture through cuisine. Restaurant owner Jackie Kim (right) hosted a lunch reception for the Foundation representatives on January 14th.



Above: Denny's Restaurant (17230 Lakewood Blvd.) hosted a Grand Slam Opening to celebrate their dining room remodel on January 16th. Manager/staff gave away free meals & prizes.

Class Registration Now Enrolling Online

Exciting news! Online registration will be available for most Bellflower Parks and Recreation classes beginning Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. for residents and on Wednesday, February 12 at 9:00 a.m. for non-residents. Online registration can be accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from any computer. It's quick, convenient, and simple to use.

To check for available classes, go to <http://activenet.active.com/bellflower-recreation> to set up an account for yourself or your entire household.

There is no charge to set up an account and by setting up an account, you can register for classes, view class details, pay with a credit card, print payment receipts, and view schedules for your entire household.

You enter your information one time, and each time you return to register for a new class, your information remains in the system...no more repetitive forms to fill out.

You must be 18 years old to set up an account and have a valid e-mail address. In-person registration is still open. For more information visit the City's website at www.bellflower.org.