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Fronk's Moves Downtown

*Speciality Burgers & Barbecue Find a New Home
Next Door to Cafe Camellia French Cuisine*

Fronk's is the latest addition to the variety of restaurants popping up along Bellflower Blvd. bringing new energy to the Downtown atmosphere and making it easier for area residents to satisfy their late night cravings.

Fronk's Burgers & Barbecue recently relocated from Alondra Blvd. to a brand new building at 16922 Bellflower Blvd. adjacent to Cafe Camellia. Fronk's serves up one-of-a-kind burger and barbecue entrees and has over 800 reviews on the social media site Yelp.

For the past several weeks, Fronk's has been open and working to train newly hired staff for the larger location. The City of Bellflower has scheduled a Grand Opening Ceremony to

recognize all project participants who contributed to the design and construction of the building.

The Grand Opening is set for Thursday, March 6th at 4:00 p.m. and will take place in the front courtyard of Fronk's. Food samples and refreshments will be served. Both Fronk's and Cafe Camellia will be open for business. For details call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2249 or visit www.bellflower.org.



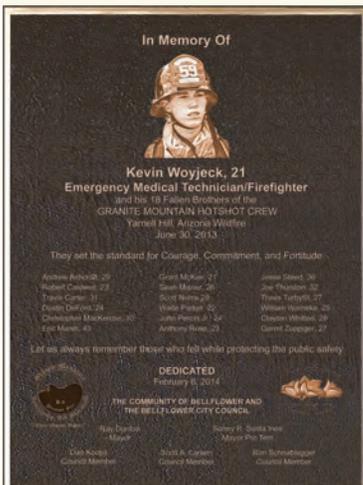
Mayor Focused on Business Community

Bellflower residents and staff listened as Mayor Ray Dutton presented Bellflower's State of the City address on February 20th at Simms Park.

Themed "Building a Better Bellflower," the luncheon highlighted many recent accomplishments regarding public safety, repurposing of open space, the City's departmental reorganization with the creation of the Economic Development Department, and especially focused on the changing of the business community beginning with the Downtown Bellflower landscape.

An audience of over 200 attendees listened in as the Mayor identified future projects and a growing interest in Bellflower by larger national and international companies looking to expand.

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Hotshot Crew Honored with Plaque Presentation at BRAVO

Bellflower City Council Members presented a bronze plaque to Los Angeles County Fire Department Chief Daryl L. Osby and local Fire Captain Joe Woyjeck in memory of the members of Granite Mountain Hotshot Crew who died in the Yarnell Hill fire (Arizona). Kevin Woyjeck, son of Captain Woyjeck, was one of the firefighters lost. The plaque is on display in the City Hall lobby and will be eventually installed at the L.A. County Fire Museum.

Please Note
Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 9

Coffee With the Captain

Want to discuss public safety concerns over a cup of coffee? If so, you're just in luck! The Lakewood Station Commander Captain Merrill Ladenheim is inviting the public to a morning meet and greet on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., at the Starbucks located at 14301 Bellflower Blvd. in the City of Bellflower.



Captain Ladenheim and his staff will be available for any questions regarding public safety in Bellflower and look forward to meeting local residents to say hello.

For info call Lieutenant Timothy Milliman at (562) 925-0124.

Networking Open House

The Bellflower Chamber of Commerce invites Chamber Members and area business owners to come join the fun at the St. Patrick's Day themed Networking Open House event on Thursday, March 13 at Hollywood Sports Park (9030 Somerset Blvd, Bellflower) from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. It's a great chance to meet other business owners and build relationships within the community. Green goodies will be served and be sure to wear green for good luck in 2014!



Fair Housing Workshop

The Fair Housing Foundation will be holding a Landlord Workshop at the Brakensiek Library at 9945 E. Flower St. from 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. Learn how to seek prospective tenants, the rental process, credit checks and become educated about Fair Housing Laws and your rights/responsibilities as a landlord or property management professional. This workshop is free and open to the public. For info or to RSVP call 1-800-446-FAIR.



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(562) 944-4716

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Rotary Club and Caring Connections Go Shoe Shopping at Payless

The Shoe Shopping Event held by the Rotary Club of Bellflower was greatly successful on Saturday, February 8th. They partnered with Caring Connections and were able to provide shoes and socks for 63 underprivileged children in the Bellflower Unified School District.

Caring Connections and school counselors identified students who were bussed to the PayLess Shoe Store (in Norwalk,

CA) and fitted for a new pair of shoes. Additionally, the students were also treated to donuts, juice and milk!



Belmont Court Project Receives Recognition

The City is proud to announce it's Economic Development Department has been honored with a CALED Award of Merit for the Belmont Court Project. This award honors projects that display collaboration between public and private partners to achieve improvement for a community. Belmont Court has redefined and reinvigorated our Downtown with quality new homes and two excellent restaurants, and the City is pleased to receive the award on behalf of all the partners involved.

CALED, the California Association for Local Economic Development, is a professional organization that supports agencies involved in the attraction and retention of businesses. Every year, CALED honors organizations that achieve success in Economic Development through its Awards of Excellence program.

For additional info contact City Hall at (562) 804-1424.

The Arc Walk for Independence 2014

A one or three mile Walk to raise funds for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Saturday, March 22, 2014

*Registration: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremonies: 8:00 a.m.

Walk Starts at: 8:30 a.m.

Stonewood Center

251 Stonewood St. Downey, CA 90241

Free Breakfast!

Courtesy of Acapulco Restaurant



*Registration: \$15.00 per person & children under 10 are free

Let Loose at *Las Vegas Night*

The Bellflower Soroptimist Club and Noon Lions Club are teaming up to host the annual "Las Vegas Night" on Saturday, March 29th at Simms Park located at 16614 Clark Ave. The fun filled event will raise funds to support charities within our community.

The dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and a \$25 ticket presale gets you through the door (\$30-the night of the event)! In addition to great door prizes and

good company, tickets will include a delicious dinner and \$100 Gambling "Funny Money." Casino action begins at 6:00 p.m. and continues through 10:00 p.m.

For additional info and/or tickets contact Jerry Miller at (562) 925-5005



Feed Food Bank Offers Assistance

Residents Don and Jean Prey, with the support of Parkcrest Church are working to help feed those in need. A free monthly food bank, scheduled for Saturday, March 22nd from 11:00 a.m. to noon, will be open to needy residents in the local community. Parkcrest Church is based in the City of Lakewood at 6236 Woodruff Ave. Lakewood, CA 90713. For more info about how to receive goods or to donate call (562) 867-7497.

WORK AROUND TOWN

City of Bellflower
16600 Civic Center Dr.

Bellflower, CA 90706

(562) 804-1424 • www.bellflower.org

Applications available at City Hall



Lifeguard I (Part-Time)

Deadline: March 7, 2014

\$10.48 - \$11.00 - \$11.55 - \$12.13 - \$12.73/Hr.

Responsible for the safety & rescue of facility patrons at the Bellflower Aquatic Center. Lifeguards perform emergency care as necessary, observe swimmers, enforce regulations, and perform related work as required.

Recreation Leader I- Regular (Part-Time)

Deadline: March 7, 2014

\$9.02 - \$9.47 - \$9.95 - \$10.44 - \$10.97/Hr.

Seeking energetic, enthusiastic and creative individuals for part-time positions in the Parks and Recreation Department. Ideal candidates must possess effective and cooperative communication and interpersonal skills, and have the ability to relate to a diverse group of people.

Recreation Leader I - BRIM (Part-Time)

Deadline: March 7, 2014

\$9.02 - \$9.47 - \$9.95 - \$10.44 - \$10.97/Hr.

Assists, plans and coordinates recreational activities for youths on a roving community recreation program (B.R.I.M.). Duties include instruction of arts and crafts, physical activities, tournaments, games, and special events.

Fitness 19 - Bellflower

9044 Alondra Blvd.

Bellflower, CA 90706

(562) 867-1919



Trainers (4 positions available)

Applications available at Fitness 19 Bellflower

Bright Now! Dental

17615 Lakewood Blvd.

Bellflower, CA 90706

(562) 408-1447



Office Receptionist

Responsible for the scheduling patient appointments and calling patient referrals to solicit services. Applications available at the Bellflower office.



Prepared for the Job Market?

The California Employment Development Department (EDD) has many resources and programs for residents and businesses in Bellflower.

For Residents:

- CalJOBS** – Free web-based job listings and tools. Tools include résumé/letter builder, job market trend, training providers, and professional self-assessments
- Veteran's Program** – For veterans seeking assistance with employment services/applying military benefits
- Youth Employment Opportunity Program (YEOP)** – For at-risk youth ages 15-25 seeking assistance with educational goals, advising, and employment services
- Trade Adjustment Assistance** – For workers who has lost their jobs due to outsourcing of labor. Affected workers may be eligible for paid training by EDD.
- Unemployment Insurance** – Online and Phone services to assist with filing claims/ sending messages
- Workshops** – A wide variety of workshops available

For Businesses/ Employers:

- CalJOBS** – For employers to post job listings and search for résumés at no costs
- Fidelity Bonding Program** – This program helps protect against possible fraudulent acts to alleviate employers' concerns in hiring ex-offenders and at-risk applicants
- Work Opportunity Tax Credit** – For employers hiring individuals in a targeted group (e.g. veterans receiving food stamps or with service connected disability)
- EDD facilities** – Available to recruit/hold interviews

For more information, contact the Norwalk Workforce Services at (562) 929-9107. Or visit our office at 12715 S. Pioneer Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

If you missed it... Bellflower's State of the City



Above: Michelle Rosales and Brandon Rodriguez from the Youth Cultural Arts Foundation perform at the luncheon.



Above: The audience learns of upcoming events and City efforts to attract new retail businesses and restaurants.



Few Highlights from the Presentation

New Los Angeles Fire Museum: Fire engines and equipment will occupy the first floor and a banquet center (max. 300 people) will take the second floor. Approx. \$4.5 million investment - 12,000 sq. ft.

Corte Bella: Mesa Verde Development will build 30 new residential units on the old Bellwood Hospital site. Approx. \$7 million investment.

Golden Corral: Golden Flower Partnership invested approx. \$8 million at the vacant Norm Reeves dealership to build a new Golden Corral restaurant.

Dog Park: Large dog and small dog enclosures adjacent to Hollywood Sports Park and will connect to the Bike Path/Walking Trail. Approx. 14,500 sq. ft. total.

Food Trucks & Flicks: Back again this summer 4 bi-weekly events at the Town Center Plaza. Approx. 3800 in attendance. **Streetfests** are also returning with 4 bi-weekly events in Downtown Bellflower. Approx. 4800 in attendance.

City Ventures: The new project will consist of 67 multi story owner-occupied residential units with 7000 sq. ft. of commercial space. Energy efficient units will be installed. Approx. \$20 million investment.

Kaiser Permanente: (not pictured) Installed 3700 solar panels – enough to power more than four full floors. Approx. \$10 million investment.

Curly's site: (not pictured) New retail & office space 9,300 sq.ft. commercial center.

Habitat for Humanity: (not pictured) Greater Los Angeles Area Headquarters set to relocate south of the 91 fwy. along Artesia Blvd. within a 6-acre site.



Entire presentation can be viewed at www.bellflower.org



March Library Events

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

Zumba

Every Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Free & open to the public

Get energized and healthy with Zumba!

This instructor led class welcomes participants of all levels. Don't forget to bring water and a towel. For teens and adults. Sponsored by *Friends of the Bellflower Library*.

Teen Wednesdays

Every Wednesday

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Free & open to the public

Hey teens, join us 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.

Spring Basket Program

Help us provide spring baskets for our most needy families!

"Adopt a Child" - We will provide you details of the child you "adopt," and you can create a basket based on the information to drop off at the Volunteer Center

OR

Donate items for a basket! (by April 1st)



For more info contact Cindy Van Meeveren at (562) 925-9003
Volunteer Center is located at Simms Park at 16614 S. Clark Ave. Bellflower

City of Bellflower Parks & Rec Activities

Thompson Park Garden Club

2nd Tuesday of the month - first meeting March 11
12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Free & open to the public

Looking for adults (18+ yrs.) who have an interest in gardening. Share plant cuttings, garden tips and display your blooms. Will feature occasional guest speakers and demonstrations by professionals. For info call Kay Erns at (562) 920-2983.

Pitch, Hit & Run - Thompson Park

Sunday, March 16
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Free & open to the public

Pitch, Hit & Run is the official skills competition of the MLB. This program is designed to provide boys and girls, ages 7-14 yrs., an opportunity to challenge their baseball/softball skills in a fun and free supervised competition. For more info or to register call David Soto at (562) 866-5684 or email dsoto@bellflower.org

THOMPSON PARK PLAYGROUND OPENING CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, MARCH 20 - 3:30 PM TO 4:30 PM

BRING YOUR CHILDREN, AGES 0-5, TO TRY OUT THE NEW PLAY STRUCTURE, GLIDER, SWINGS, SPINNER, AND CLIMBING TUNNEL.

BEFORE CONSTRUCTION **NEW PLAY AREA**

What: Playground Opening Celebration
When: Thursday, March 20, 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM
Where: Thompson Park
14001 South Bellflower Boulevard
Bellflower, CA 90706

EVENT WILL FEATURE FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES AND HEALTHY SNACKS AND DRINKS.