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Best National Night Out Spirit Wins Gift Card

Love taking photos of your friends and family having fun? Join your neighbors in celebrating public safety during the annual National Night Out (NNO) on Tuesday, August 5th. Many Bellflower residents are ready to mingle at neighborhood block parties and meet local first responders to talk about crime prevention ideas. For those who are new to Bellflower or are not attending a block party, Hollywood Sports Park will be hosting a large party open to the public!

This year, the annual Mobile Team consisting of Members of Bellflower's City Council, Sheriff's deputies, firefighters and City staff members will visit prearranged block parties throughout the City between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Sheriff's deputies, Community Service Officers and fire fighters will stop to talk with residents, distribute informational materials and commemorative gifts and take photos with party-goers.

In addition to the annual meet-and-greet, this year the Public

Safety team will encourage all attendees to show their Bellflower NNO spirit and post their best party photos on Twitter.

To enter the NNO photo contest, snap a photo that shows neighborhood comradery and post it to Twitter using the #BellflowerNNO no later than Friday, August 8th by 5:00 p.m. The top three winning photos will each receive a \$50 gift card to a local restaurant (Fronk's, Hambone's and Firehouse Chefs).

Hollywood Sports Park is located at 9030 Somerset Blvd. Bellflower, CA 90706. For info about the NNO public party call (562) 867-9600. For info about the Mobile Team, call Taylor Morgan at (562) 925-0124.

Bellflower NNO Spirit Photo Contest



Win a \$50 gift card to a local restaurant



Top 3 winning photos showing best NNO spirit will each win a \$50 gift card Photos must be tweeted no later than Friday, August 8th by 5:00 p.m. using #BellflowerNNO

Tweet & Win



Classic Cars Come to Town

The 16th Annual Bellflower Boulevard Car Show has entertained the community for many years and this year, the event is expecting an even larger line-up with more than 250 show cars! Co-hosted by the Bellflower Noon Lions and the City of Bellflower, the event is set for Saturday, September 6th from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and will feature food vendors, entertainment, and hundreds of car enthusiasts. Cars will be exhibited along Bellflower Blvd. and span from Flora Vista Street to Park Street.

The event is free and open to the public. To register your vehicle for a non-reserved space, a \$25 registration fee is required prior to August 15th (\$40 after 8/15) or for a reserved space, a \$35 registration fee is required prior to August 15th (\$45 after 8/15). Vendor booths sized 10'x10' are also available. All car show exhibitors will receive a commemorative plaque and t-shirt. For more information visit www.bellflowercarshow.com or call (562) 645-3208.

Mark Your Calendar

City Hall Closed Monday, Sept. 1st

In observance of Labor Day

Bellflower: Saving Lives Together

Every 2 seconds someone in the United States needs blood. The need is constant and there is an urgent need for donations this season. City of Bellflower's Annual Blood Drive has is set for Thursday, August 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Green Room, City Hall (2nd floor).

Many first-time donors come to their donation with a fear of needles but most find the donation process is easy and relatively painless. Here are some tips to help you make it through your first donation.

Keep your eye on the prize!

Focus on the lives you may be helping to save by donating blood. One pint can save up to three lives... just a slight pinch and it's over in seconds!

Know what to expect. Make yourself familiar with the donation process – this will help you feel prepared for each step.

Indulge in distraction. You don't have to look at the procedure. Listen to music, read a book, talk with our staff or just close your eyes and relax.

Share your fear. When you arrive for your blood donation, tell the person who greets you that you are afraid

of needles. Staff will be there to talk with you and assist you during your donation.

Bring moral support. Many donors enjoy donating with a friend both for the moral support.

If you choose to donate, it is important to get good night's sleep and drink lots of extra water or fluids before the donation. Your diet also affects the quality of a blood donation, so be sure to eat iron rich foods like spinach, beans, raisins, fish, poultry, red meat, or even fortified cereal. Please be sure to bring your driver's license or two other forms of identification with you along with a list of any medications you are taking.

To make a donation appointment, call Wendy Thomas at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2266 or visit www.redcross.org sponsor code COB (City of Bellflower). Walk-ins are welcome but may be asked to wait.

Modified from www.redcross.org



**American
Red Cross**

Bellflower Symphony Orchestra Presents
**Summer Concert at
Caruthers Park**
Saturday, August 23 • 7:00 p.m.
Free concert at the park
10500 Flora Vista St. Bellflower, CA
For information call (562) 867-4871



The City of Bellflower hosted the Grand Opening Ceremony for the newest Downtown eatery Firehouse Chefs on July 25th. Owner Eddie Sell thanked his supporters, provided food samples and raffled off t-shirts, hats and gift certificates. Sell announced the full menu is available and new website is now active.

www.firehousechefsfoodanddrink.com

Summer Events Bring Out Crowds

Bellflower continues to draw families outdoors with the the Food Trucks & Flicks and Streetfest concert series. The warm weather enticed over 1,500 residents (& Minions!) to come out and enjoy the movie *Despicable Me 2* at the latest food truck gathering on Friday, July 25th. Prior to the movie start, a special video highlighting Bellflower restaurants was revealed and is now available to view on City of Bellflower's YouTube channel. Restaurants participating in the video include:

Bell Hana Sushi (562) 925-5100

Bellko Korean BBQ (562) 925-2271

Firehouse Chefs (562) 866-3454

Flour Street Bakery (562) 925-6204

Fronk's (562) 804-2222

Hambone's Bar & Grill (562) 920-5200

Johnny Rebs' (562) 866-6455

Marino's Restaurant (562) 867-4225

Nacho's Mexican Food (562) 867-8582

The Nest (562) 804-5097

The final two Food Trucks & Flicks events are Friday, August 8th (*The Lego Movie*) and 22nd (*Frozen*); both events begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Center Plaza (16521 Adenmoor Ave).

In addition, the Summer Streetfest concert series continues this week on Thursday, July 31st on Bellflower Blvd. *Instant Replay* will play at 6:30 p.m. and will entertain through the night until 9:30 p.m. Entrance is free and be sure to bring a lawn chair and enjoy the summer evening.

The August 14th concert will kick off with the *80z All Stars* and the *Doo Wah Riders* will close the series on August 28th.

For more information call (562) 804-1424, ext. 2261.

WORK AROUND TOWN

Pizza Hut

9118 Alondra Blvd. Bellflower
www.4hutjobs.com

Customer Service Representative 2 - (P/T) positions available

This position is responsible for food handling, customer interaction, and managing phone lines.

Olive Crest

17800 Woodruff Ave. Bellflower
(562) 866-8956

Wraparound Facilitator (F/T)

Facilitate Wraparound process for Child and Family Teams. Maintain highly coordinated communication with all family members, system partners, and other individuals involved in the life of the child and family. Guide the Child and Family Teams in the development of Plans of Care and Crisis and Safety Plans according to Wraparound timelines. Bilingual English & Spanish preferred.

Read more at:

www.socialservice.com/jobdetails.cfm/65742/Wrap-Around-Facilitator

St. John Bosco High School

13640 S. Bellflower Blvd. Bellflower
www.bosco.org

Advancement Data Analyst (F/T)

The candidate will be primarily responsible to provide the institutional advancement team with the expertise to acquire, manage, manipulate, analyze and report data, primarily having to do with donor and potential donor information. BA/BS degree in a related field (or experience exceeding the requirements of degree). Minimum of 2 years' experience in a data analyst role within an educational or other nonprofit environment. Visit St. John Bosco website for details.

Back to School

Backpack & School Supplies Drive
Donations must be received by August 29

The Bellflower Volunteer Center is working with the community groups, residents, schools and organizations to provide backpacks and school supplies to the most needy children in the Bellflower Unified School District.

Suggested items: Durable backpack, Pencil box/bag, Pens, Pencils, Erasers, Crayons, Colored pencils, Markers, Paper, Dividers, Notebooks, Binders, Glue sticks, Rulers, Dictionary. *Please include new items only.



Bellflower Volunteer Center
16610 S. Clark Avenue
(562) 925-9003

Steal the Spotlight at YCAF's 15th Annual Talent Show

The Youth Cultural Arts Foundation (YCAF) has announced key dates for young Southern California residents interested in auditioning for its 15th Anniversary Talent Show.

The annual event has become one of the longest running and most successful talent showcases in the region. Participants are divided into two age groups: 6-12 & 13-18. The three



highest-scoring acts in each division are presented a trophy and cash prize. This year, over \$2,000 in cash prizes will be awarded on stage.

This celebration of young talent draws a strong Hollywood presence. Notable artists who have previously participated include Christopher Lloyd, Veronica Cartwright, Julie Andrews, Debbie Allen, Alimi Ballard,

Wilmer Valderrama and Kevin Spacey.

George Pennacchio, Entertainment Reporter for ABC7 Eyewitness News will serve as Master of Ceremonies. All varieties of Southern California talent between the ages of 6-18 are encouraged to audition.

Key dates for the 15th Anniversary YCAF Talent Show are as follows:

Auditions

August 5th at 6:30 p.m.

(one parent must be present)

Semi-final show

August 9th at 7:30 p.m.

15th Anniversary Talent Show

September 27th at 7:30 p.m.

All listed events will take place at the William & Jane Bristol Auditorium, located inside Bellflower City Hall - 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower CA 90706. To register or to submit an inquiry, call YCAF at (562) 867-3524 or email staff@bellflowertheater.org.



9055 Artesia Boulevard
Bellflower, CA 90706
(562) 866-8800



GRAND OPENING

Come in to enjoy free food, entertainment, and gifts from our sponsors, but remember this offer is only good on August 7th!

FOOD: Subway from 4-8pm **ENTERTAINMENT:** DJ Gary from 3-8

VENDORS: • It Works Body Wraps • Rockstar • Vitamin Shoppe • Herbalife



Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting at 4:30pm, along with presentations from Dignitaries.

GIVEAWAYS TO ALL MEMBERS!!



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- PF Black Card® Key Tag!

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FREE AUGUST EVENTS

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

Bubblemania!

Saturday, Aug. 2 • 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

See an amazing "bubbleologist" create unbelievable soap bubble art! Have fun learning about and interacting with bubbles of all shapes and sizes. Open to children of all ages. Sponsored by the *Friends of the Bellflower Library*.

Teen Manga Club

Every Wednesday • 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of discussing your favorite anime and manga, playing anime bingo and trivia games, and much more! Ages 12+

We Tell Stories Theater Troupe - 'Let Them Eat Books'

Saturday, Aug. 16 • 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of classic literature and poetry from the We Tell Stories theater troupe. This fun and captivating performance, "Let Them Eat Books," introduces children to classic literature through the art of storytelling and audience interaction. Open to children ages 5+. Sponsored by the *Friends of the Bellflower Library*.



The City of Bellflower's BRIM Program made their 54th appearance this year at the Virginia Avenue Widening Celebration on July 23rd. Mayor Sonny R. Santa Ines and fellow City Council Members discussed details about the street completion, future neighborhood projects and planted two Australian Willow trees in honor of the new avenue.



SAVE THE DATE

EMOTIONS PRESENTS

2ND ANNUAL

CAR SHOW

@ BELLFLOWER High School

AUGUST 2014 30TH

CAR CLUBS SOLO RIDERS

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

15301 McNab Ave. Bellflower, CA 90706