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Kick off the Holiday Season at the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

The City of Bellflower will once again bring holiday cheer to Downtown Bellflower when it hosts the 14th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 5th beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Residents and adjacent communities are welcome to attend the seasonal celebration that will take place in Downtown Bellflower at Friendship

Square located at 16615 Bellflower Blvd. The family-friendly event is free and will provide complimentary refreshments, as well as, complimentary peach cobbler donated by Johnny Rebs' Restaurant. Coffee and hot cocoa will be provided by Starbucks.

Santa Claus is scheduled for a special appearance and will arrive during the program to meet with children

one-on-one to take their holiday wishes! The Mayfair High School Vocal Ensemble will entertain attendees with a special performance of holiday songs.

There will also be a rink for scooters and skates (children are encouraged to wear a helmet to enter the rink), along with the Bellflower Recreation In Motion (BRIM) program, and holiday crafts.

For more information about the City's holiday festivities call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2261.



City Hall Holiday Closures

Christmas Eve - Dec 24

Christmas Day - Dec 25

New Year's Eve - Dec 31

New Year's Day - Jan 1

Sponsor BRAVO Awards Today

The City of Bellflower is currently accepting sponsorships for the upcoming BRAVO Awards on Thursday, February 5th, 2015. Sponsorship levels vary from smaller individual gifts to corporate donations.



Michael Cooper, former Los Angeles Laker and current WNBA coach with the Atlanta Dream will serve as the Keynote Speaker.

The BRAVO Awards honor individuals for acts of valor, heroism and outstanding service in support of public safety. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the William and Jane Bristol Auditorium inside Bellflower City Hall at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA. Sponsorship packets are available at City Hall or can be downloaded at www.bellflower.org.

Find a Perfect Fit at *Alterations By Cathy*



The love of tailoring led Cathy Nichols to open her own business, **Cathy's Alterations**, in Kiosk C on Belmont St. in Downtown Bellflower. Nichols offers many services such as hemming of pants, skirts, jackets, sleeves, waist, and more. She provides 1-2 hour same-day service and is open Tuesdays - Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Office Christmas Mixer
December 11th, 2014
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
16730 Bellflower Blvd.

Come enjoy an evening of food, drinks and great conversation as we celebrate the holidays!

Sponsored By: ServiceMaster Professional Home & Disaster Cleaning Service

Jacky's \$1 Store
Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting
December 18th, 2014
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
16900 Lakewood Blvd.#301

Christmas Tree Fire Prevention

Decorating homes and businesses is a long standing tradition during the holiday season. Unfortunately decorations increase the chance of fire. A few simple Christmas tree and holiday decoration fire safety tips are provided below to ensure a Happy Holiday season.

CHRISTMAS TREES & DECOR

- When selecting your live Christmas tree, choose a fresh one with green needles.

- Recut the trunk at least two inches above the old cut to allow it to continue to pull moisture into its foliage.
- Check the water levels daily.



- Avoid placing any tree, live or artificial, or decorations near a heater outlet, wood stove or fire-place.

- Never leave a lighted tree unattended.

- Be sure to choose decorations that are flame resistant/retardant.
- Properly install your lights - do not overload electrical outlets.
- Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe.

Modified from www.calfire.ca.gov

Civic Chorus Sings Holiday Favorites

The Bellflower Civic Chorus presents its holiday musical favorites December 12th through the 14th "Sing Noel" plays at the William Bristol Civic Auditorium, 16600 Civic Center Drive, on Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. General Admission is \$5 and parking is free. For tickets call (562) 866-4664.

Holiday Baskets & Toy Donation

If you're looking for ways to help needy families during the upcoming Christmas holiday, or if you know of a family that needs help, the Bellflower Holiday Food Basket Program is here for you!

Individuals, service clubs, churches and school organizations can help by donating food items or gift certificates to local supermarkets. Another option during the holidays is to "adopt" a family. The Volunteer Center will provide details of the family you "adopt" and you create the baskets or purchase gifts based on the information received. More than 300 of Bellflower's neediest families benefit from the annual program.

To get involved or to make a donation, stop by the Bellflower Volunteer Center at 16614 S. Clark Avenue or call Cindy at (562) 925-9003.

Suggested items to donate:

- New unwrapped toy
- Canned goods
- Non-perishable packaged food
- Grocery store gift certificate

For info visit www.bellflower.org

Remember the Last Time You Rode a Bike

Where did you go? How far did you go? Why did you choose a bicycle?... Now is the time to help identify how to improve bicycling conditions in the City. A Pop-Up Open House is set for Friday, December 5 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in Downtown Bellflower (at the Christmas Tree Lighting event).



HELP US
**IMPROVE
BICYCLING**

IN BELLFLOWER AND PARAMOUNT

Whether you chose to ride for a commute, to run an errand, for recreation, or for health and fitness, the City of Bellflower is looking to improve your outdoor experience! The Bike and Trail Master Plan is a collaborative effort of the Cities of Bellflower and Paramount and the Southern California Association of Governments to promote bicycling as a safe and attractive transportation choice. The Plan is supported by a Sustainability Planning Grant from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and will allow both cities to apply for state grant funds to implement projects and programs that will improve the safety of bicycle riders in the area and increase the number of people choosing to ride bicycles.

The overall transportation system can function more smoothly if riding a bicycle is made to be a safer and more attractive option, because traffic congestion would decrease.

In addition, economic benefits include reduced reliance on automobile ownership, reduced health care costs for society, and increased community vitality. For details call (213) 236-1913.

CR&R Holiday Info



TRASH:

There will be no collection on Thursday, Dec. 25th or Thursday, Jan. 1st. Service will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week. (e.g. Wednesday's route will be collected Thursday)

STREET SWEEPING:

There will be no sweeping on Thursday, Dec. 25th or Thursday, Jan. 1st.

CR&R will provide **FREE Christmas Tree recycling** services beginning Friday, Dec. 26th - Saturday, Jan. 10th

Remove stand, lights and ornaments, and place your tree on the curb next to your trash container on trash day. If your tree is more than 10' tall, be sure to cut it in half.

For more info: (562) 944-4716

Adult/Senior Excursion

Pechanga Casino

Temecula, CA

Friday, January 16, 2015

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Fee: \$10 - includes deluxe transportation & \$5 in free play
Register at Thompson Park by Friday, January 2, 2015

INFO: (562) 866-8614



WORK AROUND TOWN

City of Bellflower

16600 Civic Center Dr. Bellflower
(562) 804-1424 ext. 2240
www.bellflower.org

Sound Technician (P/T 20-25 hrs)
Parks & Recreation Department
\$9.12 - \$11.08/Hr.

Applications due: Open until filled

Operating the auditorium's audio equipment, which includes a Phonic (Sonic Station 32) sound mixing board. Place/strike monitors and/or equipment and audio cables including safety taping in position for stage use and when requested at off-site city events. Assist with civic auditorium operations, supervision and maintenance of facilities. Assist with enforcement rules, regulations, and operating policies. Inspect civic auditorium and/or equipment; report necessary repairs. Answer questions and provide info to the public. Complete logs/reports as required.

High School diploma or equivalent. College theater courses or volunteer experience is desirable. May be required to work weekends, evenings, holidays/special events.

Firehouse Chefs Food and Drink

16530 Bellflower Blvd. Bellflower
(562) 866-3454

Server & Bartender

Range: \$9/Hour (P/T)

A new restaurant on Bellflower Blvd. owned and operated by firemen. We serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. There is a full bar and live music on weekends as well as karaoke nights twice a week.

Hiring servers with at least 6 months experience and bartenders with at least a year experience. Must have a food handlers card, positive attitude, and ready to be a part of the Firehouse Chefs family. Evening and weekend shifts are available.

Library Events

Clifton M. Brakensiek Library
9945 E. Flower St. Bellflower,
CA 90706

Holiday Movie Marathon

Wednesday, December 24
Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Free & open to the public

Join us for a double dose of
holiday cheer with two holiday
classic movies!



Reminder

All County of Los Angeles
Public Libraries are closed
November 27-28th
for Thanksgiving

Present Holiday Show Ticket Stub, Receive Special Dining Discount

The Youth Cultural Arts Foundation (YCAF) welcomes the community to celebrate the season with a festive 20-minute melodrama at the Bellflower Theater. In conjunction with the performance, the City of Bellflower has partnered with YCAF to bring back the annual Bellflower Restaurant Promotion Program. Present your ticket stub to a participating restaurant and receive a special dining discount anyday through December 21. Restaurants include: Bell Hana Sushi, Bellko Korean BBQ, Catalina's Lil Grill, Firehouse Chefs, Flour Street Bakery, Fronk's,

Hambone's Bar and Grill, Johnny Rebs', Nachos Mexican Restaurant, Omega Burger, and Subway.

The holiday show runs every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through December 21st at the Bellflower Theater located at 9831 Belmont St., Bellflower. Tickets are \$3.00 each and can be purchased at the door or at Bellflower City Hall (16600 Civic Center Dr. Bellflower, CA 90706).

Showtimes are listed below

Fridays: 7:00 p.m., 7:45 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. *Special Friday Dec. 5th shows: 5:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 1:00 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 4:00 p.m. & 4:45 p.m.

Sundays: 2:00 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 5:00 p.m. & 5:45 p.m.

For details about the holiday show call the Bellflower Theater at (562) 867-3524 or for restaurant promotion information call Annika Miyashiro-Ruiz at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2249.



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CITY OF BELLFLOWER DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

Children's HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 13, 2014
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
"Visits with Santa"
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

This event will take place at
John S. Simms Park
16614 S. Clark Ave.
(562) 866-7510

FREE

Crafts, Holiday Activities, Refreshments and Much More!

PLEASE NOTE: Gifts are not distributed at this event.

KIDZ LOVE SOCCER

Drop off your kids for
a few hours on the
weekend so you can
make some time for
last minute holiday
shopping or surprise
your *Soccer Star* to a
fun-filled weekend
camp during Winter
Break from school!



Days/Dates	Ages	Times	Fee
Dec 20-21	4 ^{1/2} -6 years	2:00-5:45pm	\$58
Sat-Sun	7-10 years	2:00-5:45pm	\$58

Location: Basketball Gym at Simms Park

To register, call the Bellflower
Parks & Recreation at (562)
866-7510 or register online at
www.bellflower.org

www.kidzlovesoccer.com